



An Islam Primer: 1. Islam's Holy Prophet

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As a rich, diverse and therefore complex faith, such a short series of lectures cannot do full justice to Islam. This is readily acknowledged. Instead, these lectures have a modest aim: to encourage awareness of the basic tenets of Islam and to support improved dialog between Christians and their Muslim friends, colleagues and neighbors.

This first talk considers Islam's Holy Prophet, Muhammad, in the light of the historical and cultural context of his life.

The second talk in this series considers [the Qur'an](#).