

Muslim Account of Muhammad and Revelation

1. Little known about Muhammad's (pbuh) religion before he was 35 years old.
2. It is said he had never worshipped idols.
3. 605 CE the draperies outside the Ka'ba took fire.
4. Torrential rain then badly affected the building.
5. Muhammad injured his shoulders carrying stones.
6. The black stone needed resetting.
7. There was rivalry risking violence as to who should do it.
8. Somebody suggested leaving the matter to God as to who came to work first.
9. Muhammad did, and regarded as honest he decided what to do.
10. Muhammad put a cloth on the ground and put the stone on it.
11. The chiefs of all the city tribes together lifted the stone in the cloth.
12. Muhammad placed the stone in its proper place.
13. This was in one of the angles of the building.



14. From this time Muhammad became more spiritual.
15. During Ramadan he went to the 'Ghar-i-Hira' or the cave of research.
16. In his fifth year of retreat, when 40, an angel told him to recite. He was asleep.
17. He was worried but Kadijah, his wife, reassured him.
18. There was a three year gap until another revelation, and then others followed. Revelations came when awake.
19. Muhammad taught belief in One Transcendent God, in Resurrection and the Last Judgement. He proclaimed charity.
20. He told friends to learn the Qur'an by heart as it was received.