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The Prophet (peace be upon him) taught the religious rulings little by little. The Prophet (peace be upon him) would explain the most important of matters first followed by the lesser important matters. The Prophet (peace be upon him) did so in order for the information to be easily understood and memorised by the listeners.



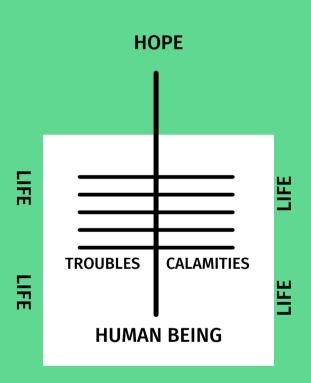




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DRAWINGS/DIAGRAMS



In one instance, the Prophet (peace be upon him) drew a square and then drew a line in the middle of it and let it extend outside the square and then drew several small lines attached to that central line. Thereafter said: This is the human being, and this, (the square) is his lease of life, encircles him from all sides (or has encircled him), and this (line), which is outside (the square), is his hope, and these small lines are the calamities and troubles (which may befall him), and if one misses him, another will snap (i.e. overtake) him, and if the other misses him, a third will snap (i.e. overtake) him. [Bukhari]







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BEING CONCISE

The Prophet (peace be upon him), when teaching his companions, was considerate of their time and readiness to receive his advice and learn from him. By being brief and reasonable, the Prophet (peace be upon him) avoided bringing boredom to his companions (may Allah be pleased with them all).







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STORIES AND HISTORY



The Prophet (peace be upon him) would frequently teach his companions by narrating stories and events to them of the previous nations. This would give the best results in guiding his audience and would gain the interest and attention of the companions (may Allah be pleased with them all).





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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



The companions would ask questions to the Prophet (peace be upon him) about various subjects that they wanted to learn. The Prophet Muhammad encouraged companions to ask questions as we find the ahadith such as: "Verily, the only cure for ignorance is to ask questions."





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REFERRING TO OTHERS

The Prophet (peace be upon him), at times, would refer a question to one of his companions to train them in addressing and answering similar issues.





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