



Core Curriculum

1 God, Religion and Islam: An Introduction

1.5 **A Brief Introduction to the Prophet Muhammad (s), the Prophet of Islam**

Question: What is a Hanif?

Answer: A person in the Arabian Peninsula who rejected idolatry and followed the religion of Abraham.

Question: What was the purpose of the Qur'an?

Answer: To change people's beliefs and attitude about God and teach them how to lead the good and moral life.

Question: Did pre-Islamic Arabs believe in Allah?

Answer: Yes they believed in God as the creator of the universe (Allah), however they also believed that He had children and had partner gods who ran the universe.

Question: Does the Qur'an acknowledge Old Testament Prophets?

Answer: Yes

Question: Does the Qur'an acknowledge the Torah and Gospel?

Answer: Yes, although it believes some of it may have been changed by people. The Qur'an is therefore a corrective to the tampering of the texts.