

The Prophet's birth

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

The Year of the Elephant was the year of the birth of the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*), without any known disagreement among biographers.

Birthday: It was definitely Monday; the evidence is that when asked about Sawm (Fast) on Monday, the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) replied:

“That is the day on which I was born, and the day on which I received the Message (or on which Revelation was sent down to me).”¹

The month and date of his birth (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) are controversial.

- An opinion says on the twelfth of Rabi` Al-Awwal.
- A second opinion says on the eighth.
- A third opinion says in Ramadhaan.
- A fourth opinion says on the twenty-seventh of Rajab, which is the least likely to be correct.

¹ Related by Muslim on the authority of Qatadah