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570		Born	Born														Birth of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (Year Miladi)
571	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	Death of Prophet's Father Abdullah
572	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
573	3	3	3	Born	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
574	4	4	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
575	5	5	5	2	Born	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
576	6	6	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	Death of Prophet's Mother Aminah
577	7	7	7	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
578	8	8	8	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
579	9	9	9	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
580	10	10	10	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
581	11	11	11	8	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
582	12	12	12	9	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
583	13	13	13	10	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
584	14	14	14	11	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
585	15	15	15	12	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
586	16	16	16	13	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
587	17	17	17	14	12	Born	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
588	18	18	18	15	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
589	19	19	19	16	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
590	20	20	20	17	15	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
591	21	21	21	18	16	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
592	22	22	22	19	17	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
593	23	23	23	20	18	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
594	24	24	24	21	19	7	Born	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	H.Asma bint Abubakr born. Lived 100 years (Mishkat P556).
595	25	25	25	22	20	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	Marriage of H.Khadijah to Prophet. (Ibn Kathir). Medical reasons prefer age as she gave birth to five more children.
596	26	26	26	23	21	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
597	27	27	27	24	22	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
598	28	28	28	25	23	11	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
599	29	29	29	26	24	12	5	Born	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	H.Zainab bint Muhammad ﷺ born to H.Khadijah
600	30	30	30	27	25	13	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
601	31	31	31	28	26	14	7	2	Born	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
602	32	32	32	29	27	15	8	3	1	Born	-	-	-	-	-	-	H.Ruqayya bint Muhammad ﷺ born to H.Khadijah
603	33	33	33	30	28	16	9	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	H.Umm Kulsoom bint Muhammad ﷺ born to H.Khadijah
604	34	34	34	31	29	17	10	5	3	2	Born	Born	-	-	-	-	H.Aisha Born. She was 10 years younger than H.Asma
605	35	35	35	32	30	18	11	6	4	3	1	1	Born	-	-	-	Kabaa wa rebuilt by Quarysh. H.Fatimah bint Muhammad ﷺ born to H. Khadijah
606	36	36	36	33	31	19	12	7	5	4	2	2	1	-	-	-	
607	37	37	37	34	32	20	13	8	6	5	3	3	2	-	-	-	
608	38	38	38	35	33	21	14	9	7	6	4	4	3	-	-	-	
609	39	39	39	36	34	22	15	10	8	7	5	5	4	-	-	-	Prophet often visits Cave of Hira.
610	40	40	40	37	35	23	16	11	9	8	6	6	5	-	-	-	Year Nabawi (Nabuwat Prophethood bestowed on Muhammad). First Revelation of Quran was revealed.
611	1	41	41	38	36	24	17	12	10	9	7	7	6	-	-	-	H.Aisha accepts Islam among first 20 (Ibn Hisham, Ibn Ishaque, Ibn Kathir Al-Sira al-Nabawiyya Vol1 Eng Pg 329)
612	2	42	42	39	37	25	18	13	11	10	8	8	7	Born	-	-	H. Umar accept Islam

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613	3	43	43	40	38	26	19	14	12	11	9	9	8	1	Born	-	Open Preaching by Prophet Muhammad. Usama bin Zayed bin Harith was 20 years when prophet died (Mishkat P585)
614	4	44	44	41	39	27	20	15	13	12	10	10	9	2	1	-	
615	5	45	45	42	40	28	21	16	14	13	11	11	10	3	2	-	
616	6	46	46	43	41	29	22	17	15	14	12	12	11	4	3	-	
617	7	47	47	44	42	30	23	18	16	15	13	13	12	5	4	-	
618	8	48	48	45	43	31	24	19	17	16	14	14	13	6	5	-	Year of Persecution, Abubakr plan going to Ethiopia, Ibn Ad-Daghina offers protection. See sunnah.com/bukhari:3905
619	9	49	49	46	44	32	25	20	18	17	15	15	14	7	6	-	Splitting of the Moon 54:46
620	10	50	Death	47	45	33	26	21	19	18	16	16	15	8	7	-	H.Khadijah died at the age of 50 (not 65) (Ibn Kathir Al-Sira al-Nabawiyya Vol1 Eng Pg 190, bit.ly/39o9rqC). Abu Talib died.
621	11	51		48	46	34	27	22	20	19	17	17	16	9	8	-	
622	12	52		49	47	35	28	23	21	20	18	18	17	10	9	-	
623	13	53	-	50	48	36	29	24	22	21	19	19	18	11	10	-	Ibn Kathir hadith mention with Bakra (Virgin) for H.Aisha marriage. H.Asma was married to H.Zubair and she was pregnant during Hijrah. H.Aisha playing with dolls during marriage incorrect, rather she participated in battles.
624	1	54	-	51	49	38	30	25	23	22	20	20	19	12	11	Born	Migration to Madinah. Mahr of Aisha by Abubakr on behalf of Prophet. Marriage of H.Aisha to Prophet in Shawwal. Abubakr, Amir and Bilal fell severly ill, H.Aisha attended to them. H.Aisha was good in Quran, Hadith, Fiqh, Geneology, Poetry, History and many other Skills (Al Bidayah Wan Nihayah)
625	2	55	-	52	50	39	31	26	24	23	21	21	20	13	12	1	Battle of Badr, H.Aisha participate in Badr. See sunnah.com/muslim:1817 . Marriage of H.Fatimah to H.Ali. Marriage of H.Umm Kulsoom to H.Usman.
626	3	56	-	53	51	40	32	27	25	Death	22	22	21	14	13	2	H.Aisha participate in Battle of Uhad serving water. See sunnah.com/bukhari:4064 . Prophet told H.Aisha to take care of child Bashar as his father died in Uhad. H.Abdullah bin Umar not allowed in Uhad as he was 14 years.
627	4	57	-	54	52	41	33	28	26	-	23	23	22	15	14	3	
628	5	58	-	55	53	42	34	29	27	-	24	24	23	16	15	4	Battle of Ahzab. IFK not related to H.Aisha (bit.ly/3z9YcL5).
629	6	59	-	56	54	43	35	Death	28	-	25	25	24	17	16	5	
630	7	60	-	57	55	44	36	-	29	-	26	26	25	18	17	6	
631	8	61	-	58	56	45	37	-	30	-	27	27	26	19	18	7	Fatah Makkah (Conquest of Makkah).
632	9	62	-	59	57	46	38	-	31	-	Death	28	27	20	19	8	H.Abu Bakr performs Hajj.
633	10	63	-	60	58	47	39	-	32	-	-	29	28	21	20	9	Prophet performs Hajj (Hajjatul Wida). H.Aisha was good in Medicine she learnt from visiting delegations when Pophet was sick. H.Aisha corrected Fatima bint Qays for no maintenance after divorce (sunnah.com/muslim:1481a), corrected Abdur Rahman that dead do not hear (sunnah.com/muslim:932c).
		Lived 63 yrs	Lived 50	Lived 63	Lived 83	Lived 63	Live 100	Lived 29	Lived 60	Lived 23	Lived 27	Lived 64	Lived 29	Lived 82	Lived 68	Lived 68	

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Aisha’s age at marriage

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It is said that Hazrat Aisha was six years old when her nikah was performed with Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in Makkah, and nine years old when she moved in to live with her husband in Madina after Hijra.

This piece of misinformation has led to the wrong view that child marriage has the sanction of Islam. It must be noted that establishing the authenticity of hadiths, the narrators’ circumstances and the conditions at that time have to be correlated with historical facts. There is only one hadith by Hisham which suggests the age of Hazrat Aisha as being nine when she came to live with her husband.

Many authentic hadiths also show that Hisham’s narration is incongruous with several historical facts about the Prophet’s life, on which there is consensus. With reference to scholars such as Umar Ahmed Usmani, Hakim Niaz Ahmed and Habibur Rehman Kandhulvi, I would like to present some arguments in favour of the fact that Hazrat Aisha was at least 18 years old when her nikah was performed and at least 21 when she moved into the Prophet’s house to live with him.

According to Umar Ahmed Usmani, in Surah Al-Nisa, it is said that the guardian of the orphans should keep testing them, until they reach the age of marriage, before returning their property (4:6). From this scholars have concluded that the Quran sets a minimum age of marriage which is at least puberty. Since the approval of the girl has a legal standing, she cannot be a minor.

Hisham bin Urwah is the main narrator of this hadith. His life is divided into two periods: in 131A.H. the Madani period ended, and the Iraqi period started, when Hisham was 71 years old. Hafiz Zehbi has spoken about Hisham’s loss of memory in his later period. His students in Madina, Imam Malik and Imam Abu Hanifah, do not mention this hadith. Imam Malik and the people of Madina criticised him for his Iraqi hadiths.

All the narrators of this hadith are Iraqis who had heard it from Hisham. Allama Kandhulvi says that the words spoken in connection with Hazrat Aisha’s age were tissa ashara, meaning 19, when Hisham only heard (or remembered), tissa, meaning nine. Maulana Usmani thinks this change was purposely and maliciously made later.

Historian Ibn Ishaq in his Sirat Rasul Allah has given a list of the people who accepted Islam in the first year of the proclamation of Islam, in which Hazrat Aisha’s name is mentioned as Abu Bakr’s “little daughter Aisha”. If we accept Hisham’s calculations, she was not even born at that time.

Some time after the death of the Prophet’s first wife, Hazrat Khadija, Khawla suggested to the Prophet that he get married again, to a bikrun, referring to Hazrat Aisha (Musnad Ahmed). In Arabic bikrun is used for an unmarried girl who has crossed the age of puberty and is of marriageable age. The word cannot be used for a six-year-old girl.

Some scholars think that Hazrat Aisha was married off so early because in Arabia girls mature at an early age. But this was not a common custom of the Arabs at that time. According to Allama Kandhulvi, there is no such case on record either before or after Islam. Neither has this ever been promoted as a Sunnah of the Prophet. The Prophet married off his daughters Fatima at 21 and Ruquiyya at 23. Besides, Hazrat Abu Bakr, Aisha’s father, married off his eldest daughter Asma at the age of 26.

Hazrat Aisha narrates that she was present on the battlefield at the Battle of Badar (Muslim). This leads one to conclude that Hazrat Aisha moved into the Prophet’s house in 1 A.H. But a nine-year-old could not have been taken on a rough and risky military mission.

In 2 A.H, the Prophet refused to take boys of less than 15 years of age to the battle of Uhud. Would he have allowed a 10-year-old girl to accompany him? But Anas reported that he saw Aisha and Umme Sulaim carrying goatskins full of water and serving it to the soldiers (Bukhari). Umme Sulaim and Umme Ammara, the other women present at Uhud, were both strong, mature women whose duties were the lifting of the dead and injured, treating their wounds, carrying water in heavy goatskins, supplying ammunition and even taking up the sword.

Hazrat Aisha used the kunniat, the title derived from the name of a child, of Umme Abdullah after her nephew and adopted son. If she was six when her nikah was performed, she would have been only eight years his senior, hardly making him eligible for adoption. Also, a little girl could not have given up on ever having her own child and used an adopted child’s name for her kunniat.

Hazrat Aisha’s nephew Urwah once remarked that he was not surprised about her amazing knowledge of Islamic law, poetry and history because she was the wife of the Prophet and the daughter of Abu Bakr. If she was eight when her father migrated, when did she learn poetry and history from him?

There is consensus that Hazrat Aisha was 10 years younger than her elder sister Asma, whose age at the time of the hijrah, or migration to Madina, was about 28. It can be concluded that Hazrat Aisha was about 18 years old at migration. On her moving to the Prophet’s house, she was a young woman at 21. Hisham is the single narrator of the hadith whose authenticity is challenged, for it does not correlate with the many historical facts of the time.