

# Ali Information

After the death of Muhammad many Muslims could not agree on who should be the first caliph. The group that would later become known as the Shia Muslims believed that Ali ibn Abi Talib (Ali) should be given the role.

Ali was Muhammad's cousin and he later became his son in law when he married Muhammad's daughter, Fatimah. He is said to be the only person to be born in the Kaaba in Mecca which some consider to be the most holy place in the world.

When Muhammad received one of his messages from Allah, Ali, who was only twelve years old, was the first male to convert to Islam.

Ali fought in numerous battles alongside Muhammad and was given the special job of being the protector of Muhammad. During one night he even pretended to be Muhammad asleep in bed so that Muhammad could safely escape from those trying to kill him. This night is called Laylat al-Mabit.



The Shia Muslims believed that the person to lead after Muhammad should be Ali and they argued that Muhammad had wanted Ali to succeed him. They also believed that the caliph should be chosen by god and be a direct relation of Muhammad.

When Muhammad died Ali concerned himself more with the washing of Muhammad's body ready for the burial instead of focusing on who should be the next leader. He was devoted to Muhammad to the very end.