

Holy Quran- The Word of Allah

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Discussion

- What is the significance of the Holy Quran?
- What is the difference between the Holy Quran and the Books of other major world religions?
- What type of information and knowledge is contained in the Holy Quran?



What is the Holy Qur'an?



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Introduction to the Holy Quran. Play from
0:58 to 3:51 minute mark

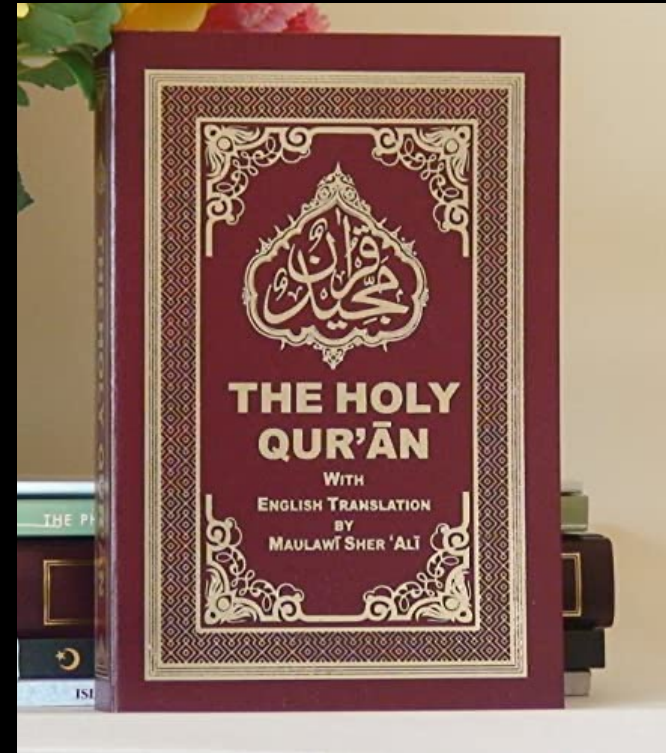


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What is the Holy Quran?

- A compilation of the verbal revelations given to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) over a period of 23 years
- It is the Word of Allah ta'ala and contains complete guidance for mankind
 - Lays down the law and commandments, provides codes for moral and social behavior and contains a comprehensive religious philosophy
- Divided into 114 Surahs or Chapters and a total of 6348 verses
- Has remain unchanged for the past 1400 years
 - Allah ta'ala says in Chapter 15, verse 10, "Surely it is We Who have revealed the Exposition, and surely it is We Who are its guardians."



Importance of the Holy Quran



- The Holy Quran provides all of the teachings that we as Muslims need to follow in our day-to-day lives
- It contains information about Allah ta'ala, His attributes and man's relationship to Him
- Also contains directives for Muslims, historical accounts of certain prophets and civilizations, arguments for accepting Muhammad (saw) as a genuine Prophet, warnings for disbelievers and glad tidings for the believers
- Not only does the Quran contain knowledge about the past but it also contains knowledge about the present and future relating to all subject matters (science, politics, warfare, etc.)



Importance of the Holy Quran



- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated in his Friday Sermon on December 16th, 2011, “Mothers and fathers should inculcate children to read the Quran regularly with due care and supervision. **The parents’ concerns should not be limited to finishing the first reading of the Quran, rather children should be continually supervised to read it regularly.**”
- He also stated, “The Promised Messiah (as) said: ‘The Holy Quran does not simply require that having given up evil, man should assume he has attained excellence. Rather, it wants to define man with supreme excellences and high morals and that his actions and deeds involve sympathy and welfare of mankind. The consequence of which should be that Allah the Exalted is pleased with him.’ If a believer truly loves the Quran, he tries to attain such a standard himself and would also try and take his children to it. There is no distinction in avoiding evil and such should not be our aim. We should keep our targets high. **Effort to adopt every virtue mentioned in the Quran would create a pure society which Islam wants to establish** and would also silence those who raise objections at Islam day in and day out.”



Importance of Following the Commandments of the Holy Quran

- Huzoor (aba) also stated, “The Promised Messiah (as) wrote: ‘Remember the Holy Quran is a fountainhead of real blessings and a source of salvation. Those who do not practice on the Quran, it is their own fault. One group among those who do not practice upon it is that which does not have faith in it; they do not consider it to be the Word of God. These people remain very remote. **However, how regrettable and astonishing it is if those who believe that it is the Word of God and is a healing formula of salvation do not practice on it.** Many among them have not even read it in their entire lives. Thus, the example of people who are negligent and careless about the Word of God is like a person who knows that such and such spring is extremely pure and sweet and fresh and its water is an elixir and heals many ailments, he has certain knowledge of this yet, in spite of this knowledge and in spite of being thirsty and embroiled in many ailments he does not go near it. How unfortunate and ignorant of him. He should have drunk from this spring and having satiated from its delicious and healing water cherished it. Yet, in spite of being aware of this he is as distant from it as an unaware person.’” (December 16, 2011 Friday Sermon)



Promised Messiah (as) on the Holy Quran

- “The Holy Quran is not matchless merely on account of the beauty of its composition, but is matchless on account of all its excellences which it claims to comprise and that is the truth, for whatever proceeds from God Almighty is not unique only on account of one quality but on account of every one of its qualities. **Those who do not accept the Holy Quran as comprehensive of unlimited eternal truths and insights, do not value the Quran as it should be valued.** A necessary sign for the recognition of the holy and true Word of God is that it should be unique in all its qualities, for we observe that whatever proceeds from God Almighty is unique and matchless even if it is only a grain of barley, and human powers cannot match it. Being matchless means being unlimited, that is to say, a thing can be matchless only when its wonders and qualities are unlimited and have no end. As we have just stated, this characteristic is found in everything created by God Almighty.” (Karamat-us-Sadiqin, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 7, pp. 60-62)



The Promised Messiah (as)'s Love for the Quran



- “I call Allah to witness that the Holy Quran is a rare pearl. Its outside is light and its inside is light and its above is light and its below is light and there is light in every word of it. It is a spiritual garden whose clustered fruits are within easy reach and through which streams flow. Every fruit of good fortune is found in it and every torch is lit from it. Its light has penetrated to my heart and I could not have acquired it by any other means. **And Allah is my Witness that if there had been no Quran I would have found no delight in life.** I find that its beauty exceeds that of a hundred thousand Josephs. I incline towards it with a great inclination and drink it into my heart. It has nurtured me as an embryo is nurtured and it has a wonderful effect on my heart. My self is lost in its beauty. It has been disclosed to me in a vision that the garden of holiness is irrigated by the water of the Quran, which is a surging ocean of the water of life. He who drinks from it, comes to life; indeed, he brings others to life.” (A’ina-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza’in, Vol. 5, pp. 545-546)



Significance of Surah Fatiha

- The Holy Prophet (saw) called Surah Fatiha Ummul Quran (Mother of the Quran).
- The Promised Messiah (as) has compared Surah Fatiha to a rose.
- In seven verses, it covers all the subjects of the Holy Quran. It is the introduction or thesis of the Quran.
- It covers two main topics: **the attributes of Allah and the relationship between Allah and humanity.**
- The flow and message is so perfectly ordered as the Surah starts by introducing us to the attributes of Allah and then emphasizes how humanity should ask Allah for help and what path we should follow to attain the pleasure of Allah.

