

THE GLORIOUS QUR'AN

From Revelation To Recitation & Beyond

THE QUR'AN, ITS NAMES & TITLES

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WHAT IS THE QUR'AN?

Linguistically the Qur'an means something which gathers, as in written statements which gathers words and letters. Others say, it was termed so because the Qur'an gathers the fruit of all previous revelation. It combines stories, commands, glad tidings for the good doers and warnings for the evil doers. Furthermore, the Glorious Qur'an is 'matloo', meaning that is recited often.

The Qur'an is the word of Allah Ta'ala which was brought down by Hazrat Jibreel عليه السلام and revealed on the heart of the messenger Muhammad ﷺ over a period of twenty-three years. The first revelation took place in the cave of Hira in Makkah Mukarramah. It is a unique miracle which indicates towards the truthfulness of his prophethood. The Qur'an, which has one hundred and fourteen Surahs (chapters), begins with Surah Al-Fatihah and ends with Surah An-Naas. Al-Qur'an brought to an end the revelation of heavenly books, revealed to the messenger, Muhammad ﷺ who was the last and final messenger. It was the culmination of all the past laws and came to sound the final word and testament for humanity till the end. *(Waseelatul Ghufraan fi Uloomil Qur'an)*

THE DEFINITION OF THE QUR'AN

The technical definition of the Qur'an:

المنزل على الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم المكتوب في المصحف المنقول إلينا نقلا متواترا بلا شبهة

Translation: "That word of Allah which was revealed on Rasulallah ﷺ (in its precise wording and meaning). It is written in the Mushaf (recorded book). It has reached us from him ﷺ without any doubt with 'Tawatur' (such a large number of people narrate it that they cannot connive on a lie without a doubt) (both in writing and verbally)." *(Uloomul Qur'an – Hazrat Mufti Mubammad Taqi Usmani Sabib – Pg.25)*

The Qur'an is a divine blessing to mankind in this world and the hereafter, through its recitation, listening to it, learning it, teaching it and propagating its message. The Quran is the final revealed message which complements and completes earlier revealed scriptures,

The Qur'an is a message from Allah to the whole of Mankind. It is a timeless miracle that is unique. No

human being, individually or collectively, can produce anything like it. It is a book of guidance for mankind until the day of Qiyamah, both in one's individual life and as a community.

When you read the Qur'an, it is as if Allah is speaking to you. The Qur'an was a living reality in the time of the companions, transforming them into leaders of mankind and continues to inspire people around the globe.

NAMES OF THE QUR'AN

The Qur'an has numerous Titles and Names.

Allamah Abul Ma'ali (Rahimahullah) has enumerated fifty-five (55) names of the Qur'an. Some other scholars have mentioned more than ninety (90) names. However, these are titles that are appended to the original name like, Al-Kareem, Al-Hakeem, Al-Majeed, etc. That's how this number was reached. Otherwise in essence the Qur'an has five names:

- 1) Al-Qur'an – The recitation. This name is mentioned in the Qur'an seventy three 73 times.
- 2) Al-Furqan – The Criterion that differentiates between belief and disbelief, truth and falsehood, good and evil. This name is mentioned four (4) times.
- 3) Az-Zikr – The Reminder. This signifies that the Qur'an is a guidance and a remembrance of the purpose of life, the history of past nations and the description of heaven and hell. This name is mentioned fifty-five (55) times.
- 4) Al-Kitab – The Scripture. This name is mentioned seventy-seven (77) times.
- 5) At-Tanzeel - Sent down. This shows the unique status of the Qur'an in that it is from Allah. It is mentioned in one-hundred and forty (140) verses. (*Uloomul Qur'an – Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani Sahib – Pg.23*)

SOME TITLES OF THE QUR'AN

- Al Karim – The Bounteous, Noble or Honorable
- Al Hakim – The Full of Wisdom
- Al Majid – The Glorious
- Al Azeem – The Great or Sublime
- Bushra – Glad tiding
- Nazir - Warner
- Nur – Light
- Huda – Guidance
- Rahma – Mercy
- Mubarak – Blessed
- Ilm - Knowledge
- Al-Urwah al-Wuthqa -Trustworthy Handhold
- Haqq - The Truth
- Habl Allah - The Rope of Allah
- Bayan lin-nas – A plain statement for mankind
- Munadi - The Call
- Nur Mubin - Manifest Light
- Muhaymin – That which confirms the truth and falsehood [of previous scriptures]
- Adl - Justice
- Sirat Mustaqim- Straight Path
- Basa'ir – Insights
- Kalamullah - Word of Allah

- Hakim - That which ordains what is lawful and unlawful
- Maw'izah – Admonition
- Balagh - The Message
- Shifa - Healing
- Qayyim - The Straightener
- Ahsan Al-Hadith - Best Statement
- Sidq - Truth
- Tadhkirah - Reminder
- Ajaab – Wonderful
- Qawl Fasl - The Discerning Word





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