The Qur'an

An Evaluation of the Muslim Claims

Before criticizing any book, one should read it and get to know it. However, the Qur'an is not an easy book to understand.

A Topical Study of the Our'an is a helpful starting point to get an overview on its major topics.

The Muslim claims about the Qur'an concentrate around the topics of

- <u>Textual Integrity</u> (today's text is exactly the same as recited by Muhammad)
- Logical Consistency (no contradictions within the Qur'an).
- Miraculous Features
 - Supernatural Eloquence
 - o Scientific statements far ahead of its time
 - Numerical miracles
 - o Prophecies

An overview article touching on many of the above issues:

The Alleged Divine Origin of the Qur'an: [Part 1], [Part 2] (off site)

Comparing the best arguments for Christianity and Islam:

The Resurrection Versus the Our'an In the Light of Logic

Further issues in need to be investigated are

- Incompleteness and Incoherence of the Our'an
- Is the Ouran Preserved? examines a theo-logical problem
- Abrogation in the Our'an
 - Abrogated Verses Of the Ouran
 - Abrogation in the Koran
 - The Problem of Abrogation in the Ouran
 - Abolishing what Satan proposes? A Fresh Look at the Reason for Abrogation in the Quran
 - Promise and fulfillment in the Bible (in contrast to abrogation)
 - Biblical Consummation versus Islamic Abrogation: [Part 1], [Part 2]
 - Various articles with information and thoughts on the issue of **abrogation**: [*], [*], [*], [*], [*], [*]
- Sources of the Qur'an
 - Legends, Myths and Fables incorporated into the Qur'an
 - The Foreign Vocabulary of the Qur'an
- The interpretation of the Qur'an
 - Themes in the Our'an (teachings of the Our'an on various topics)
 - What the Our'an says about the Bible (overview page)
 - Commentary on individual passages (an alternative Tafsir)
 - E. M. Wherry's Comprehensive Commentary on the Qur'an
- Different Versions of the Our'an
- Issues regarding Translation of the Qur'an
 - Translations of the Koran (history, overview) [also as PDF]
 - Translating the Our'an
 - Is The Our'an Translatable? Early Muslim Opinion
 - Assessing English Translations of the Our'an

Miscellaneous topics:

- Differences of Shi'a perspective regarding the Qur'an
- Chronological order of passages in the Quran, cf. Summary of Qur'an details

Muslim arguments and presentations:

- <u>Ulum al Quran: An Introduction to the Sciences of the Qur'an</u> (Ahmad von Denffer)
- What makes Muslims believe that the Our'an is not written by Prophet Muhammad?

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