

The Quran means Recitation:

The word "Quran" means "that which is recited; or that which is dictated in memory form."

The Quran is the **Word and Book** of Allah the Almighty revealed on the holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ through Angel Jibrael or Wahi in Arabic approximately in 23 years.

The word Quran has been entitled by Allah the Almighty. This word has been used approximately 70 times in the Quran. No other name of any sacred book has been mentioned in the text of that book.

The authenticity of the Quran is based on the proclamation of Holy Prophet Muhammad a. He was the only who can bear the burden of revelation. Whoever testifies his Prophet-hood only he believes in the authenticity of the Quran.

Yusuf Estes a prominent Muslim scholar who was a missionary Christian priest converted to Islam. He has written a book 'Why do Priests and Preachers accept Islam'. In this book he has mentioned the significant points which attract a Non Muslim towards the Quran. They have been summarized as follows:

Only One Version - Arabic:

There are no different versions of the Quran in the Arabic language, only different translations and of course, none of these would be considered to hold the value and authenticity of the original Arabic Recitation. The Quran is divided up into 30 equal parts, called "Juz" (parts) in the Arabic language. These are learned by Muslims from their very early beginnings as children.

Memorized by Millions - Entirely:

The important thing to keep in mind about the Quran is the memorization and transmission of the actual "Recitation" just as it came to Muhammad, peace be upon him, from the Angel Gabriel and was learned and memorized by his companions and they in turn, passed it down to their followers and continued in this way until we see today, over 10,000,000 (ten million) Muslims who have committed the entire Quran to memory. This is not a small feat. After all, how many other generations, in the original language, without a single change in even one sentence?

Each Muslim Has "Quran" Memorized:

All Muslims have memorized a portion of the Quran in the Arabic language, as this is an important part of their daily prayers. Many Muslims have memorized large portions of the Quran from one tenth to one half to all of the entire Quran, and all in the original Arabic language. It should be noted, there are over one and a half billion (1,500,000,000) Muslims worldwide and only about 10% are Arab, all the rest are learning the Quran in Arabic as a second language.

God Speaks in First Person to Mankind in Quran:

The Quran contains clear statements from Almighty God (Allah) and it is Him speaking to all of us in the first person. He tells of us our own creation, the creation of all that is the universe and what has happened to those before us and what is to become of us if we do not take heed of the warnings clearly spelled out in His Revelation. He speaks also to Muhammad, peace be upon him, to show that Muhammad, peace be upon him, is not making this

up himself and even chastises Muhammad, peace be upon him, for making human assumptions rather than waiting for revelation in matters (ie.; surah At-Tahreem and surah Abasa).

The Quran mentions itself:

The Quran refers to itself as "The Quran" (The Recitation) and mentions that it is to all mankind and jinn (another creation of Allah, similar to humans in that they could make choices as to whether or not they would obey Allah's Commandments, and they existed before humans).

The Quran describes Allah's nature exactly:

The Quran is clear on who God is and who He is not. There is no room left for doubt after reading the Quran in the Arabic language: Allah is One. He is the only, Creator, Sustainer and Owner of the Universe. He has no partners. He has no relatives; wives, children or offspring. He is like His creation and He does not need it for His existence, while all the time the creation is totally dependent on Him. His attributes are clearly spelled out as the epitome of each and every one. He is for instance, the All-Knowing; the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing the All-Forgiving; the All- Loving; the All-Merciful; the Only One God. There is never a contradiction to this found anywhere in the Quran.

The Quran challenges readers:

The Quran makes the clear challenge, that if you are in doubt about it - then bring a book like it. Also, to bring ten chapters like it and then finally, to bring one single chapter like it. 1400 years - and no one has been able to duplicate it's beauty, recitation, miracles and ease of

memorization. Another challenge for the unbelievers to consider;

“If this (Quran) were from other than Allah, you would find within it many contradictions.”

And yet, another challenge offered by Allah in the Quran is for the unbelievers to look around for evidences. Allah says He will show them His signs within themselves and on the farthest horizons.

Scientific Miracles in the Quran:

The scientific miracles of the Quran could not have been understood at that time, yet today we take for granted the many things included in the revelation of the Quran. It is the only book that can pass the scientific test of modern age. The Quran does not require confirmation from science yet it is a miracle for all the times. This era is known as the era of Science. The facts of nature that have been explored by the science have already been mentioned in the Quran. Only the Creator of this world could have told these facts 14 centuries ago. Dr. Maurice Bucaille a famous scientist converted to Islam has mentioned this fact in his book. The Quran is the only book that speaks in language of Science. Some of the miraculous facts have been mentioned as follows:

- The formation of embryo with minute details in the womb of the mother.
- Deep seas partitions; waters that do not mix.
- clouds and how they make rain and how lightning is caused by ice crystals.
- Formation of the earth's mountains deep underground.

- Orbits of planets and stars and moons and even the mention of space travel (surah 55:33).
- Everything has been created from water.
- The literal meaning of Munir.
- The expanding Universe.
- Big Bang and Big Crunch