

# Introduction to Qur'an

## The Book of Allah (AL-QUR'AN)

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- The compilation of Qur'an
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- The intelligibility of Qur'an
- Qur'an, the book of principle guideline (Details in Sunnah)



# The title of Qur'an

- ❖ **Al-Kitab** :The only book among all the books in the World which deserve to be called a book is the Holy Qur'an.
- ❖ **Al-Furqan** : The Criterion: which can distinguish between truth and falsehood.
- ❖ **Al-zikr** :The advice

# The definition of Qur'an

(القرآن هو المنزل على الرسول المكتوب في المصاحف المنقول إلينا نقلاً متواتراً بلا شبهة)

The word of Allah that were revealed to His Messenger ﷺ, written in books and narrated continuously to us without any doubt.



# Content of Qur'an

- **114 chapters/ *Suras***
- 6666/6236 verses
- 30 Parts/ juz
- 14 sujud
- 7 manazil
- 558 Ruku



# The authenticity of Qur'an

- "Say if all humankind and all Jinns were together to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could not produce the like thereof, even if they backed up each other with help and support" 17/88
- "Do people imagine that this Qur'an is not from Us, and that you, O Prophet are falsely attributing to us? Tell them that if they are speaking truly they should produce ten surahs resembling the Qur'an, and that they are free to call on the aid of anyone but God in so doing." (11:13)
- "And you (O Muhammad) did not recite any book before this, nor you were able to transcribe one with your right hand. In that case, indeed those who talk vanity could have doubted." (29:48).



# History of Scriptures

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- Civilizations are build on books
- Vast majority of human civilizations are built fundamentally from books
- In the 9th century there civilizations were built on Greek epic poet [Homer- Iliad & Odyssey] these are the greatest works of western civilizations
- Greek civilizations are fundamentally derived from Ho



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- • For Hebrew it's the Torah became the fundamental book for western and European civilizations
- • Bible became the fundamental book first in Greek then in Latin
- • For English people it was the King James Bible
- • For Arabs there wasn't a book in the Arabic language until the Qur'an





# Compilation Of Quran

- • They began to collect and set the criteria
- • Criteria is each piece of Quran must be brought and had written in the presence of Prophet with two witnesses
- • It took them while but they did it
- • They made into one compilation written on gazelle skin( Leather)
- • Previously it was written on shoulder blades of Camels, Ribs, Stones, and Wood
- • They compiled into one Quran
- • Umar kept it and later on gave it to his daughter Hafsa
- • At the time of Usman the third caliph, there was a Dispute in Azerbaijan regarding differences In recitations of the Quran • There was no standardized writing of Quran



## *Facts About Qur'an*

Total chapters: 114.

Total verses: 6600+.

Total words: 86,430.

Total letters: 323,760.

First revelation: 610 C.E.

Last revelation: 632 C.E.



## Transmission of the Qur'an



## *Qur'an Manuscripts*

Script : Italic Kufi

Dimension : 50 x 36 cm

Copying date : 1st / 2nd centuries

Surah name : Surat al Kahf

Verses number : Part of 17 to 27 and part of 28



Comparing the ancient manuscripts of the Quran with our current copies  
No Change in number of chapters, verses or words!



# Conclusion

1. Entire Quran is Preserved through memory in each generation from Muhammad's (s) to ours.
2. Written copies copied from the original Quran of Muhammad (s) still exist for verification and authentication
3. Any copying errors by the copyist is caught and corrected by the memorizers of the Quran
4. Any mistake in recitation by a memorizer is corrected by fellow memorizer & by written copies of the Quran
5. Multi-layered system of check and balance to protect Quran from getting corrupted (this check and balance system is lacking for any other book, religious or secular!)
6. Quran is recited from memory by Muslims in the daily prayers.
7. Entire Quran is recited and listened to by Muslims once each year during the month of Ramadan (Fasting)
6. Allah is the ultimate preserver of the Quran