



Introduction to the Holy Quran

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- The Holy Quran is the literal word of Allah (swt), divinely revealed to Muhammad ﷺ through the angel Jibreel (as). It starts from Surah Al-Fatiha and ends with Surah An-naas.

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الْذِكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَفِظُونَ (الحجر: 9)

Allah SWT has said, “We ourselves, have sent down the Dhikr (The Quran), and we are there to protect it.”

- Basic knowledge:**

- Verses: 6236, Ruku: 558, Chapters: 114, Makki: 86, Madni: 28, Para: 30

- Beliefs about the Holy Quran:**

- It is the literal word of Allah
- Revealed by Allah
- Protected from Alteration
- It begins with Surah Al-Fatiha and ends with Surah An-Naas.

Etiquettes of reciting

Be in the state of cleanliness and do *Wudhu* (Ablution).

Sitting facing the *Qiblah*

Covering the head.

Use right hand when holding the Quran.

Read *Taa'wwuz* and *Tasmiyah* before starting of reciting.

Read with Tajweed rules.

Do not speak while reciting it.

Try to understand what you are reading.

I'jaz-ul-Quran

- I'jaz is an Arabic word, translated as Miracle.
- **Miracle:**
 - An act beyond human power, an impossibility
 - Comes to challenge people in a matter they have mastered
- I'jaz-ul-Quran (Excellence of Holy Quran) means no human word or speech can match Quran in its content or form and proving the Quran as merely the word of Allah SWT.
- Hazrat Moosa's Miracles
- Hazrat Esa's Miracles

Hazrat Moosa's Miracles

وَأَنَّ الْقِعَدَاتِ كُلَّمَا رَأَاهَا تَهَزُّ كَانَهَا جَانٌ وَلَيْ مُدِيرًا وَلَمْ يُعِقِبْ يَأْمُوسِي أَقْبِلَ وَلَا تَخَفْ إِلَّا كَمِنَ الْأَمِينِ (القصص: 31)

And: ‘Throw down your staff!’ And when he saw it wriggling as if it were a snake, he turned his back [to flee], without looking back. ‘Moses! Come forward, and do not be afraid. Indeed you are safe.’

فَأَلْقَى مُوسَى عَصَاهُ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَلَقْفُ مَا يَأْفِكُونَ - فَأَلْقَى السَّحْرَةُ سَاجِدِينَ (الشَّعْرَاءُ: 45, 46)

Moses threw down his staff and it was swallowing what they had faked. And the magicians fell down prostrating.

Hazrat Esa's Miracles

وَرَسُولًا إِلَى بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ أَنِّي قَدْ جَعَلْتُكُمْ بَاعِيَةً مِّنْ رَّبِّكُمْ أَنِّي أَخْلَقُ لَكُمْ مِّنَ الظِّئِنِ كَهْيَةً أَلَطَّيْرٍ فَأَنْفُخْ فِيهِ فَيَكُونُ طَيْرًا يَأْذِنُ اللَّهُ وَأَبْرِئُ الْأَكْمَهَ وَالْأَبْرَصَ وَأُحْيِ الْمَوْتَىٰ يَأْذِنُ اللَّهُ وَأَنْيَسْكُمْ بِبَيَانَاتٍ كَلُوبَنَ وَمَا تَدَّخَلُونَ فِي بُيُوتِكُمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ (آل عمران: 49)

And [make him] a messenger to the Children of Israel, [who will say], 'Indeed I have come to you with a sign from your Lord in that I design for you from clay [that which is] like the form of a bird, then I breathe into it and it becomes a bird by permission of Allah. And I cure the blind and the leper, and I give life to the dead - by permission of Allah. And I inform you of what you eat and what you store in your houses. Indeed in that is a sign for you, if you are believers.

I'jaz-ul-Quran

- Muhammad's ﷺ miracle challenged the language art of the Arabs.

وَإِن كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَى عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّنْ مِثْلِهِ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَ كُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ (البقرة:23)

And if you are in doubt as to that which We have revealed to Our servant, then produce a chapter like it and call on your witnesses besides Allah if you are truthful.

فَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلُوا وَلَنْ تَفْعَلُوا فَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ الَّتِي وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ أُعِدَّتُ لِلْكَافِرِينَ (البقرة:24)

But if you fail, as you are sure to fail, then guard yourselves against the Fire whose fuel is people and stones, prepared for the unbelievers.

Conti.

- The Book free from all doubts
ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ (البقرة: 2)
- The Book safe from all changes
إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الْذِكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَفِظُونَ (الحجر: 9)
- The Book effective on Human Hearts
- The Book of Historical Events
- The Book easy to learn and Memorize
- The Most read Book in the world
- The Most Researched Book
- (There are more than Two Lac *Tafaseer* of Holy Quran in different languages)

Rights of the Holy Quran

Believing (ایمان لانا)

Reciting (تلات کرنا)

Understanding (سمجھنا)

Acting Accordingly (عمل کرنا)

Conveying to others (دوسروں تک پہنچانا)



The Collection and Compilation of Holy Quran

We have sent down this Dhikr (Quran) and we are there to protect it. (Al-Hijr:9)

**WHY HAS ALLAH SWT
TAKEN THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF PROTECTING THE HOLY
QURAN?**

Periods of compilation (1st)

- **Prophetic Period** ﷺ
• **Memorizing** (The Prophet's companions used to memorize the Holy Quran.)
• **Writing**
• There were almost 40 scribes تَبِينٌ (ج), of Prophet ﷺ who used to write down every revelation.

Writing Materials

- Al Adeem :Leather
- Al Riqa: Pieces of thin animal skin
- Al Asab:Palm-Leaf stalk.
- Al Aqtab:Wooden wide tablet.
- Al Karanif :Palm-stem or branch
- Al Aktaf: camel shoulder bone
- Al lihkaf:Stone tablets

رَمَضَانُ الرَّحْمَنِ
بِالْأَسْمَاءِ الْمُكَفَّلَةِ
رَمَضَانُ الْأَذْيَمِ
رَمَضَانُ عَلِيِّ الْعِلْمِ
رَمَضَانُ مَالِمِ
رَمَضَانُ سَلِيمِ

رَمَضَانُ الْأَكْمَلِ
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Periods of compilation (2nd)

- Abubakar's Period عبد صدیقی
 - **Reason:** The Battle of Yammah and martyrdom of 70 Huffaz-e-Quran
 - Hazrat Umar's advice to Hazrat Abubakar about compilation.
 - Hazrat Zaid bin Sabit (r.a) was given the responsibility of compilation.
 - “If Abu Bakr had ordered me to shift a mountain among the mountains from one place to another it would not have been heavier for me than this ordering me to collect the Qur'an.”
- **Process of compilation:**
 - Hazrat Zaid and Umar RA used to check it with their memory.
 - Two witnesses were required to testify that this was written Infront of Holy Prophet ﷺ and he ﷺ confirmed it.

Periods of compilation (3rd)

إِنَّ الْقُرْآنَ أُنزَلَ عَلَى سَبْعَةِ أَحْرُفٍ فَاقْرُءُوهُ مَا نَهَا مَاتَيَسَرَ

The Prophet ﷺ said, “The Quran has been revealed in **seven different ways**, so recite it in the way that is easier for you.”

- **Usamn's Period** عبد عثمانى
- **Reason:** Conflict among the Muslims about the correct dialect of Holy Quran.
- Persia and Syria were conquered by the Muslims and Islam spread outside Arabia.
- People of Kufa → Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas'ood
- People of Syria → Hazrat Ubayy bin Ka'ab
- **Hazrat Huzaifah bin Yaman** was engaged in Jihad in Azerbaijan and Armenia, where he noticed that differences were arising among people about the correct recital of the Quran.

Conti.

- Hazrat Usman RA appointed a committee headed by Hazrat Zaid bin Sabit RA for preparing five, seven or eight standard copies of Holy Quran.
- The Committee was consisted of:
 - i. Zaid bin Sabit RA
 - ii. Abdur Rehman bin Haris bin Hisham RA
 - iii. Abdullah bin Zubair RA
 - iv. Sa'ad bin Aas RA
- The Holy Quran was compiled in Quraish dialect.

قرآن مجید جو حضرت عثمان بن عفان رضی اللہ عنہ نے لکھا

Quran Majeed written by Hazrat Usman Bin Affan (RA)



قرآن مجید کا یہ نسخہ جیزہ (مصر) میں محفوظ ہے یہ نسخہ حضرت عثمان بن عفان رضی اللہ عنہ نے تحریر فرمایا تھا اور یہ خط کوفی میں تحریر ہے اس نسخہ کے 1087 ورق (سفحات) چیز اور ان کا سائز 57×68 سنتی میٹر ہے اور سطح وہ کم تعداد پارہ (۱۲) ہے اس کی ہو تجھائی 40 سنتی میٹر ہے اور وزن 80 کلوگرام ہے یہ کبھی سیاہی سے تحریر کیا گیا ہے یہ قرآن ناقول سے خالی ہے

Questions

- Why was Holy Quran not compiled into a single book in the life of Holy Prophet ﷺ?
- Why did Hazrat Usman RA ordered to burn the copies of Holy Quran except Mushaf-e-Usmani?

وفي رواية عن سعيد قال: سمعت عليّ بن أبي طالب كرم الله وجهه يقول: يا معاشر الناس اتقوا الله وإياكم والغلو في عثيـان، وقولكم حراق مصاحف، فوالله ما حرقها إلا على ملأ من أصحاب رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم.

وعنه رضي الله عنه قال: لو كنت الوالي وقت عثيـان لفعلت في المصاـحف مثل الذي فعل عثيـان.

- Why Hazrat Zaid bin Thabit RA was given the responsibility of compilation while other great companions were present?