Question 1: Revelation and its kinds

Defination

“**Waḥy** ([Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language): وحي‎,  also spelled **wahi**) is the Arabic word for [**revelation**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revelation). In Islamic belief, revelations are [God](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/God_in_Islam)'s Word delivered by his chosen individuals – known as [Messenger prophets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apostle_(Islam)) – to mankind. In [Islam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam), the [Quran](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quran) is considered a wahy given to the Islamic prophet, [Muhammad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muhammad).

It follows from the foregoing discussion that the revelation the Holy Prophet receives from Allah is of two different kinds:

(i) the **revelation of the Quran**, the Holy Book, named in the Islamic terminology as al-wahy al-matluww (the recited revelation i.e., the revelation which can be recited in the prayers). This kind of revelation is confined to the verses of the Holy Quran and is written verbally in its folds.

(ii) the revelation received by the Holy Prophet from time to time to let him know the pleasure of Allah in day -to-day affairs and the details of the principles laid down in the Holy Quran with their correct interpretation. This kind of revelation is called al-wahy ghair-al-matluww (the unrecited revelation). This kind of revelation is not conveyed to the people verbally. It has been demonstrated through the sayings and acts of the Holy Prophet.

**Stages of Revelation**

**First stages**

The Qur’an the speech of Allah was written on the ‘lauh al Mahfoodh” pr the the preserved tablet, which is with Allah, all praise to be Him. The Lauh al Mahfoodh is the Tablet upon which all of things that will happen from the creation of the Heavens and Earth, until the end of time are written.

**Second stage**

From the Lauh alMahfoodh , Allah revealed the Qur’aan to the lower heavens in a place called “ The House of Honour” (Ala Bayt al izz. This revelation occurred in Ramadaan on the Night of Decree (Layla tal Qadar).

**Third Stage**

The final stage of revelation was allude to by ibn Abbas’ in this stage, Jibraeel brought those portions of the Qur’an which Allah commanded him to bring.

**Forms of Revelation:**

There is not clear information about the form of revelation in the Quran. We receive information about the issue from the Prophet. We can list those forms as follows:P  
 **True dreams**. The following is stated in a hadith reported from Hazrat Aisha: “The first revelation that came to the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) was the true dream. Each dream the Messenger of Allah saw turned out to be true.”

**Wahi received in his heart:**  The angels of revelation brought the revelation to his heart...  
**come in the shape of human being:** Gabriel, the angel of revelation, addressed the Messenger of Allah disguised as a human being. It was the easiest type.   
**ringing of bell:**  The angel of revelation came down with a sound like a gong or bell and delivered the revelation. It was the hardest type for the Prophet. The angel was not visible. When the revelation ended, the Prophet remembered the words. That type of revelation was usually related to the verses that expressed warning and threat.  
 **come in his own shape:** Gabriel came down in his own appearance. That kind of revelation occurred twice: One in Mount Hira, the other in the Ascension (Miraj)...  
**talk direct with Allah:** The revelation that was received directly from Allah without the intermediary of the angel in the Ascension. The Messenger of Allah received the revelation about the five daily prayers like that.   
 **behind the veil:** The revelation that the Prophet received from behind the veil.