

pure worship of Allah alone (Tawhid), fundamental beliefs (Aqidah), morality, and stories of the prophets and previous generations. Madani surahs deal mostly with laws of governing Islamic state and its citizens in every aspect of life, and also with perfection of some ritual worship.

**The Quran is a unique book.** Its theme, style, order, and arrangement of information is unlike any other book. Readers are likely to notice that diverse kinds of materials exist side by side. It may seem confusing to a new reader as it will navigate through different topics and at times may seem to change from one topic to another without any notice or indication. Each verse stands on its own just as the paragraphs do.

**The Quran does not relate history or stories** in a conventional sense. The Quran narrates many narratives in brief and at times in details including stories of previous Prophets. Whenever the Quran brings up a snap shot of history, it is for a reason. That reason may be correcting what was related in other religious books, or to derive a lesson, or demonstrate an example.

**The Quran is not a book of science but it relates signs** for the curious and hungry mind to contemplate. One may find many signs indicating well established scientific facts like embryology; origin of universe; earth's shape; earth, sun and planetary rotation; continuous expansion of the universe, every living being made of water and many others. No established scientific fact is ever in contradiction with the signs related in the Quran.

**In the Quran, God at times refers to Himself** in 1<sup>st</sup> person singular (I, My, Mine), third person (He, His, Himself) and at times 1st person plural (We, Our or Us). In Arabic, it is as correct to use the plural when speaking of one person as it is to use the singular. But the plural is used for respect and glorification, and no one is more deserving of respect and glorification than God. So the singular is used to

affirm the fact that He is One and has no partner or associate, and the plural is used to affirm His glory and majesty. May He be exalted.

**The Quran at times gives details** about a topic and at times gives little details about a topic. At times, the background and circumstances under which particular verses containing orders or rules were revealed have not been mentioned. But keep in mind God didn't just send His final revelation but He sent along with it the final Messenger Prophet Muhammad, who had lived according to that complete guidance and gave us the details of the complete guidance by practice and instruction.

## FINALLY

We invite all our sisters and brothers in humanity to go online or to go to a nearby mosque and pickup a translation of the message of the Holy Quran and find out what is inside the last and final revelation/testament of God.

## WHERE TO GET A COPY OF THE QURAN

**Please visit a mosque near you.**

Call toll free: 1.877.949.47523 or 1-800-662-ISLAM  
Online: [www.quranexplorer.com/quran/](http://www.quranexplorer.com/quran/) or  
[www.quran.com](http://www.quran.com) or  
[www.whyislam.org/listen-to-the-quran/](http://www.whyislam.org/listen-to-the-quran/)

**Your local mosque: Masjid An-Noor**  
1300 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport, CT-06605,  
203-579-2211 or [www.masjidan-noor.com](http://www.masjidan-noor.com)

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## A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT TO EXPLAIN THE HOLY BOOK OF ISLAM

## SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE QURAN

The Quran is the Last and Final Revelation/Testament from God through Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) for all.

The Quran is the primary source of Islamic information.

The Quran is a complete guide covering all aspects of life and Hereafter.

The Quran is the inimitable and unique Arabic Speech or Word of God revealed orally to Prophet Mohammad (pbuh) by angel Gabriel in wording and meaning, which has been preserved in memory (by memorization) and in writing and reached us by numerous authentic continuous (mutawatir) transmissions.

## BRIEF HISTORY

**REVELATION:** The Quran was revealed orally to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) gradually over 23 years through angel Gabriel. This revelation began in one night known as the Night of Decree (Laylat Al-Qadr) in the month of Ramadan (9th month of Islamic calendar) when Prophet Muhammad was about 40 years old and ended with his death at age sixty three.

Gradual revelation made memorizing, writing, and understanding the revelations easier for the Prophet's