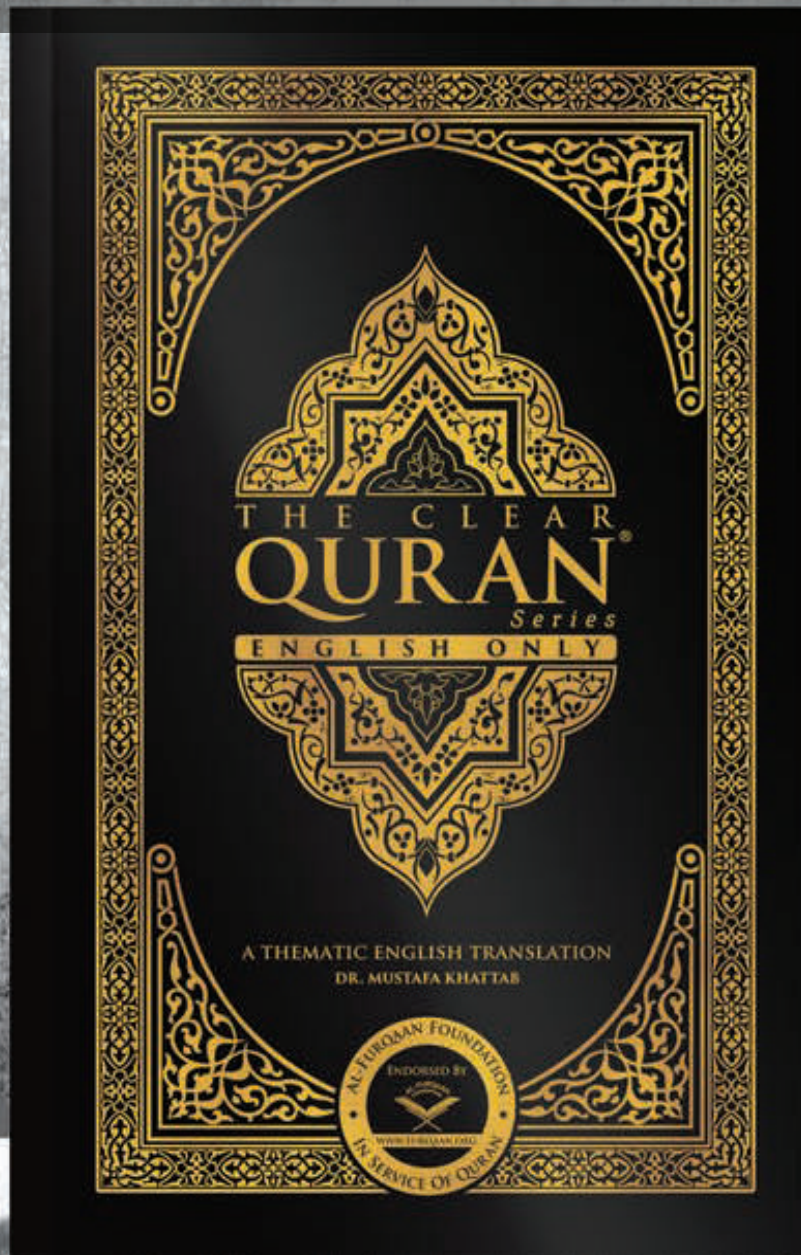


THE QURAN

The Final Revelation to Mankind



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What is the Quran?

The Word of God

The Quran is the literal word of God, The Almighty (Allah in Arabic), revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) through the Angel Gabriel.

"The revelation of this Book is from God—the Almighty, All-Wise."
The Clear Quran 39:1

Guidance for Mankind

"The Quran was revealed as a guide for humanity with clear proofs of guidance and the standard 'to distinguish between right and wrong'.
The Clear Quran 2:185

It provides direction to help mankind judge between right and wrong, without which, man would surely be in loss.

The Final Revelation

The Quran is the last scripture revealed by Almighty Allah (God), confirming what little truth remains in parts of previous scriptures and refuting and correcting fabrications and additions which have crept into current day versions of such scriptures.

"O you who were given the Book! Believe in what We have revealed—confirming your own Scriptures—before We wipe out 'your' faces..."
The Clear Quran 4:47

How was the Quran Revealed?

The Quran was revealed to Muhammad (peace be upon him) and exists in the language in which it was revealed – Arabic. However, the translation of the meaning of the Quran is available in many languages. The Quran was not sent down as a complete book in one revelation; rather, the revelation spanned a period of 23 years. For this reason, it is essential to know in what circumstances the verses were revealed, in order to have a proper understanding of the Quran; otherwise, its teachings could be misunderstood.

How do I know that it is from God?

Preservation

The Quran is the only religious sacred text that has been in circulation for a lengthy period, and yet remains as pure as the day it was revealed. Nothing has been added, removed or modified from it, since its revelation over 1400 years ago.

"It is certainly We Who have revealed the Reminder, and it is certainly We Who will preserve it."
The Clear Quran 15:9

Not only has the Quran been preserved in written form, but also in the hearts of men, women and children. Today, millions of people have memorized the Quran from cover to cover.

Scientific Miracles

The Quran does not contradict modern science but rather,

supports it. One of the most remarkable aspects about the Quran is that it contains many verses which accurately describe natural phenomenon in various fields such as embryology, meteorology, astronomy, geology and oceanography. Scientists have found its descriptions incredibly accurate for a book dating back to the 7th century.

"We will show them Our signs in the universe and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that this 'Quran' is the truth. Is it not enough that your Lord is a Witness over all things?"
The Clear Quran 41:53

In fact, many of the scientific miracles mentioned in the Quran have been discovered only recently, through the modern advancement of technological equipment. Consider the following:

- The Quran gives a detailed description of the development of the human embryo. These details were unknown to the scientific community until recent times.
- The Quran states that the astronomical objects (stars, planets, moons etc...) were all formed from clouds of dust. Previously unknown, this fact has now become an undisputed principle of modern cosmology.
- Modern science has discovered the existence of barriers that allow two seas to meet yet maintain their own temperature, density and salinity.

These signs of God were clearly stated in the Quran more than 1400 years ago.

Uniqueness

Ever since its revelation, no person has been able to produce a single chapter like that of the Quran in its beauty, eloquence, splendour, wisdom, prophecies, and other perfect attributes.

"And if you are in doubt about what We have revealed to Our servant, then produce a sūrah like it and call your helpers other than God, if what you say is true."
The Clear Quran 2:23

The people that rejected Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) failed this challenge, even though they were extremely eloquent in the language of the Quran. This challenge remains unanswered to this very day.

No Contradictions

When people write, they are bound to make mistakes such as spelling and grammar, contradictory statements, incorrect facts, omission of information, and other various errors.

"Do they not then reflect on the Quran? Had it been from anyone other than God, they would have certainly found in it many inconsistencies."
The Clear Quran 4:82

The Quran has no contradictions whatsoever – be it in scientific explanations of the water cycle, embryology, geology and cosmology; historical facts and events; or prophecies.

Couldn't Muhammad have Authored it?

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was known in history to be illiterate; he could not read nor write. He was not educated in any field that could account for neither the scientific and historical accuracy, nor the literary beauty of this magnificent Book.

The precision of historical recounts of previous peoples and civilizations mentioned in the Quran is also too great to be authored by any man.

"It is not 'possible' for this Quran to have been produced by anyone other than God." *The Clear Quran 10:37*

Purpose of Revelation

To Believe in One True God

"Your God is 'only' One God. There is no God 'worthy of worship' except Him—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful." *The Clear Quran 2:163*

The most important topic mentioned throughout the Quran is the belief in the One, True God. God informs us that He has no partner, no son, no equal, and that none has the right to be worshipped except Him alone. Nothing is comparable to God and none of His creation resembles Him. The Quran also rejects the notion of attributing human qualities and limitations to God.

To Reject All False Gods

"Worship God 'alone' and associate none with Him." *The Clear Quran 4:36*

Since Allah alone is the only One worthy of worship, false deities and false gods must be rejected. The Quran also rejects the notion of attributing divine qualities to anyone or anything other than Allah.

To Narrate the Stories from the Past

The Quran contains many narratives with beneficial lessons, including the true stories of previous Prophets such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jesus and Moses. Of these stories, Allah says,

"In their stories there is truly a lesson for people of reason." *The Clear Quran 12:111*

To Remind Us of the Day of Judgement

This Noble Book reminds us that everyone will taste death and will be held accountable for all their actions and sayings:

"We will set up the scales of justice on the Day of Judgment, so no soul will be wronged in the least...." *The Clear Quran 21:47*

To Fulfill the Intended Way of Life

Importantly, the Quran teaches that the purpose of life is to worship God alone, and live one's life according to the way of life prescribed by Him. In Islam, worship is a comprehensive term that includes all actions and sayings (whether private or public) that Allah loves and is pleased with. Therefore, by doing what Allah commands, a Muslim is worshipping God and fulfilling his purpose in life. The following are examples of worship from the Quran:

To pray:

"O believers! Bow down, prostrate yourselves, worship your Lord, and do 'what is' good so that you may be successful." *The Clear Quran 22:77*

To give charity:

"... And spend in charity—that will be best for you. And whoever is saved from the selfishness of their own souls, it is they who are 'truly' successful." *The Clear Quran 64:16*

To be honest:

"Do not mix truth with falsehood or hide the truth knowingly." *The Clear Quran 2:42*

To be modest:

"O Prophet!" Tell the believing men to lower their gaze and guard their chastity. And tell the believing women to lower their gaze and guard their chastity." *The Clear Quran 24:30-31*

To be thankful:

"And God brought you out of the wombs of your mothers while you knew nothing, and gave you hearing, sight, and intellect so perhaps you would be thankful." *The Clear Quran 16:78*

To be just:

"O believers! Stand firm for justice as witnesses for God even if it is against yourselves, your parents, or close relatives. Be they rich or poor,..." *The Clear Quran 4:135*

To be patient:

"And be patient! Certainly God does not discount the reward of the good-doers." *The Clear Quran 11:115*

To do good:

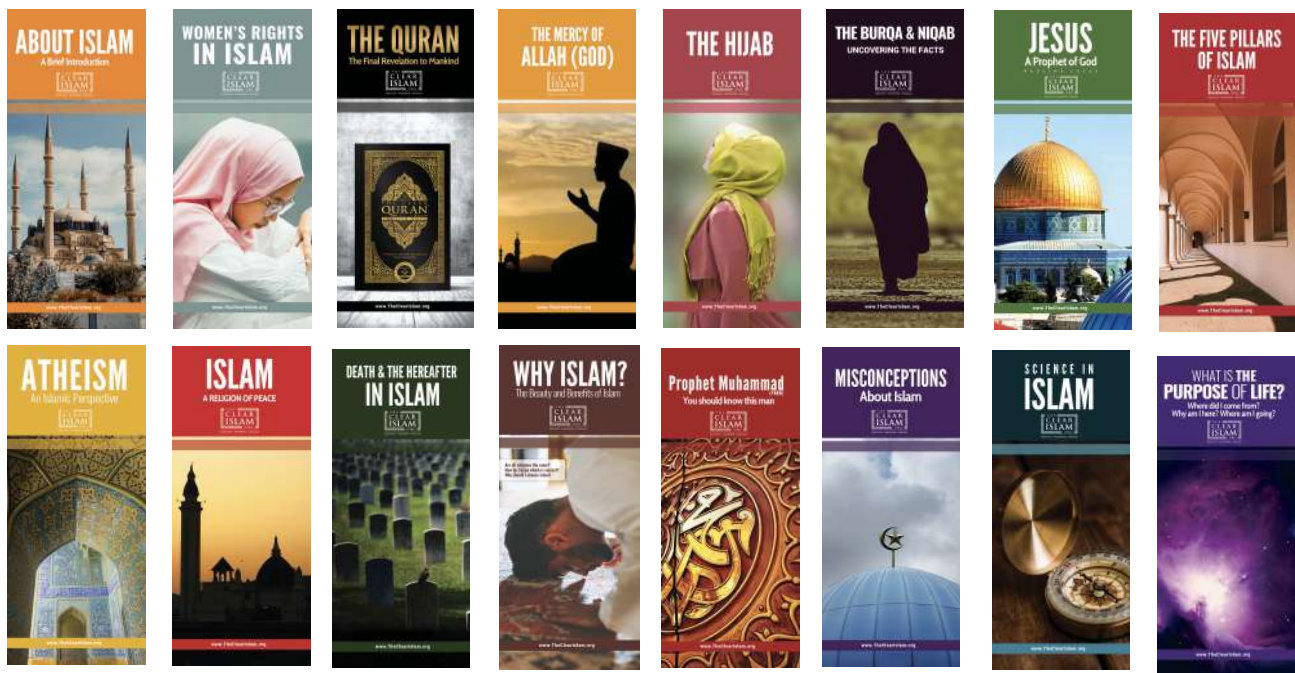
"God has promised those who believe and do good 'His' forgiveness and a great reward." *The Clear Quran 5:9*

Conclusion

In summary, the Quran teaches mankind how to worship the One True God, hence fulfilling their true purpose in life, and attaining success in both this world and the next.

"Surely We have revealed to you the Book 'O Prophet' with the truth for humanity. So whoever chooses to be guided, it is for their own good. And whoever chooses to stray, it is only to their own loss." *The Clear Quran 39:41*

Don't you owe it to yourself to at least read this Noble Book?



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