

# Qur'an theory

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1. Its Mode Of Revelation, Its Compilation In The Early Years Of Islam, Its Structure And Major Themes
2. Its Authority And Place In Islamic Beliefs, Its Relationship With Other Sources Of Knowledge



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# Mode of revelation

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- (25: 32) And Those Who Disbelieve Say: Why Is The Qur'an Not Revealed Unto Him All At Once? (It Is Revealed) Thus That We May Strengthen Thy Heart Therewith; And We Have Arranged It In Right Order.
- (42: 51) And It Was Not (Vouchsafed) To Any Mortal That Allah Should Speak To Him Unless (It Be) By Revelation Or From Behind A Veil, Or (That) He Sends A Messenger To Reveal What He Will By His Leave. Lo! He Is Exalted, Wise.
- (2: 97) Say (O Muhammad, To Mankind): Who Is An Enemy To Gabriel! For He It Is Who Has Revealed (This Scripture) To Thy Heart By Allah's Leave, Confirming That Which Was (Revealed) Before It, And A Guidance And Glad Tidings To Believers;
- (81: 19-25) 19. That This Is In Truth The Word Of An Honoured Messenger, 20. Mighty, Established In The Presence Of The Lord Of The Throne, 21. (One) To Be Obeyed, And Trustworthy; 22. And Your Comrade Is Not Mad. 23. Surely He Beheld Him On The Clear Horizon. 24. And He Is Not Avid Of The Unseen. 25. Nor Is This The Utterance Of A Devil Worthy To Be Stoned



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1. (Muslim 160) A'isha, The Wife Of The Messenger Of Allah (S) Reported: The First (Form) With Which Was Started The Revelation To The Messenger Of Allah Was The True Vision In Sleep. And He Did Not See Any Vision But It Came Like The Bright Gleam Of Dawn....'
2. (Muslim 174) Zirr B. Hubaish Narrated It On The Authority Of 'Abdullah (That The Words Of Allah): " Certainly He Saw Of The Greatest Signs Of Allah" (Al-qur'an, Liii. 18) Imply That He Saw Gabriel In His (Original) Form And He Had Six Hundred Wings.
3. (Bukhari 3215) Aisha: The Prophet (S) Said: '...And Sometimes The Angel Comes To Me In The Shape Of A Man And Talks To Me, And I Understand And Remember What He Says."
4. (Bukhari 3215) Aisha: Al Harith Bin Hisham Asked The Prophet, "How Does The Divine Inspiration Come To You?" He Replied, "In All These Ways: The Angel Sometimes Comes To Me With A Voice Which Resembles The Sound Of A Ringing Bell, And When Thi S State Abandons Me, I Remember What The Angel Has Said, And This Type Of Divine Inspiration Is The Hardest On Me ...."
5. (Muslim 178) It Is Narrated On The Authority Of Abu Dharr: I Asked The Messenger Of Allah (S) : Did You See Thy Lord? He Said: (He Is) Light; How Could I See Him?
6. (53: 8-15) 8. Then Be Drew Nigh And Came Down. 9. Till He Was (Distant) Two Bows Length Or Even Nearer, 10. And He Revealed Unto His Slave That Which He Revealed. 11. The Heart Lied Not (In Seeing) What It Saw. 12. Will Ye Then Dispute With Him Concerning What He Sees? 13. And Verily He Saw Him, Yet Another Time 14. By The Lote Tree Of The Utmost Boundary, 15. Nigh Unto Which Is The Garden Of Abode.



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## Time Of The Prophet (S)

- (Tirmidhi 2714) Zaid Bin Thabit: "I Entered Upon The Messenger Of Allah (S) While There Was A Scribe In Front Of Him, And I Heard Him Saying: 'Put The Pen On Your Ear, For That Is More Conducive To The Scribe Remembering.'"
- (Bukhari 3810) Qatada: Anas Said, "The Qur'an Was Collected In The Lifetime Of The Prophet (S) By Four (Men), All Of Whom Were From The Ansar: Ubai, Mu`adh Bin Jabal, Abu Zaid And Zaid Bin Thabit." I Asked Anas, "Who Is Abu Zaid?" He Said, "One Of My Uncles."
- (Bukhari 3806) `Abdullah Bin `Amr: I Heard The Prophet (S) Saying, "Learn The Recitation Of Qur'an From Four Persons: Ibn Mas`ud, Salim, The Freed Slave Of Abu Hudhaifa, Ubai And Mu`adh Bin Jabal."
- Memorisers Of Qur'an: Four Caliphs, `Abdur-rahman Ibn `Auf, Zubayr Ibn Al-`awaam, Mu'aath Ibn Jabal, `Ubay Ibn Ka'b, Zayd Ibn Thaabit, Abu Zayd, `Abdullah Ibn `Amr ...



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Time Of Abu Bakr (R)

(Bukhari 4986) **Zaid Bin Thabit:** Abu Bakr As-siddiq Sent For Me When The People Of Yamama Had Been Killed (I.E., A Number Of The Prophet's Companions Who Fought Against Musailima). (I Went To Him) And Found `Umar Bin Al- Khattab Sitting With Him. Abu Bakr Then Said (To Me), "`Umar Has Come To Me And Said: "Casualties Were Heavy Among The Qurra' Of The Qur'an (I.E. Those Who Knew The Qur'an By Heart) On The Day Of The Battle Of Yamama, And I Am Afraid That More Heavy Casualties May Take Place Among The Qurra' On Other Battlefields, Whereby A Large Part Of The Qur'an May Be Lost. Therefore I Suggest, You (Abu Bakr) Order That The Qur'an Be Collected." I Said To `Umar, "How Can You Do Something Which Allah's Apostle Did Not Do?" `Umar Said, "By Allah, That Is A Good Project." `Umar Kept On Urging Me To Accept His Proposal Till Allah Opened My Chest For It And I Began To Realize The Good In The Idea Which `Umar Had Realized." Then Abu Bakr Said (To Me). 'You Are A Wise Young Man And We Do Not Have Any Suspicion About You, And You Used To Write The Divine Inspiration For Allah's Messenger (s). So You Should Search For (The Fragmentary Scripts Of) The Qur'an And Collect It In One Book." By Allah If They Had Ordered Me To Shift One Of The Mountains, It Would Not Have Been Heavier For Me Than This Ordering Me To Collect The Qur'an. Then I Said To Abu Bakr, "How Will You Do Something Which Allah's Messenger (s) Did Not Do?" Abu Bakr Replied, "By Allah, It Is A Good Project." Abu Bakr Kept On Urging Me To Accept His Idea Until Allah Opened My Chest For What He Had Opened The Chests Of Abu Bakr And `Umar. So I Started Looking For The Qur'an And Collecting It From (What Was Written On) Palm Stalks, Thin White Stones And Also From The Men Who Knew It By Heart, Till I Found The Last Verse Of Surat At-tauba (Repentance) With Abi Khuzaima Al-ansari, And I Did Not Find It With Anybody Other Than Him. The Verse Is: 'Verily There Has Come Unto You An Apostle (Muhammad) From Amongst Yourselves. It Grieves Him That You Should Receive Any Injury Or Difficulty..(Till The End Of Surat-baraa' (At-tauba) (9.128-129). Then The Complete Manuscripts (Copy) Of The Qur'an Remained With Abu Bakr Till He Died, Then With `Umar Till The End Of His Life, And Then With Hafsa, The Daughter Of `Umar.



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## Time Of Uthman (R)

(Bukhari 4987) Anas Bin Malik: Hudhaifa Bin Al-yaman Came To `Uthman At The Time When The People Of Sham And The People Of Iraq Were Waging War To Conquer Arminya And Adharbijan. Hudhaifa Was Afraid Of Their (The People Of Sham And Iraq) Differences In The Recitation Of The Qur'an, So He Said To `Uthman, "O Chief Of The Believers! Save This Nation Before They Differ About The Book (Qur'an) As Jews And The Christians Did Before." So `Uthman Sent A Message To Hafsa Saying, "Send Us The Manuscripts Of The Qur'an So That We May Compile The Qur'anic Materials In Perfect Copies And Return The Manuscripts To You." Hafsa Sent It To `Uthman. `Uthman Then Ordered Zaid Bin Thabit, `Abdullah Bin Azzubair, Sa'id Bin Al-as And `Abdurrahman Bin Harith Bin Hisham To Rewrite The Manuscripts In Perfect Copies. `Uthman Said To The Three Quraishi Men, "In Case You Disagree With Zaid Bin Thabit On Any Point In The Qur'an, Then Write It In The Dialect Of Quraish, The Qur'an Was Revealed In Their Tongue." They Did So, And When They Had Written Many Copies, `Uthman Returned The Original Manuscripts To Hafsa. `Uthman Sent To Every Muslim Province One Copy Of What They Had Copied, And Ordered That All The Other Qur'anic Materials, Whether Written In Fragmentary Manuscripts Or Whole Copies, Be Burnt.



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## Time Of Mu'awiyah Bin Abi Sufyan

- Due To The Increasing Converts To Islam And The Difficulties To Read The Qur'an By The Non Arab And Arab Children
- Umayyad Dynasty
- Introduction Of Syntactical Marks Like Fatha, Kasra, Dwamma, Soukoun, Tanween, Madd Among Others.

## Time Of Abdul Malik Bin Marwan

- Problem Of Differentiating Between The Alphabets Of The Arabic Language
- Umayyad Dynasty
- Introduction Of Dots Above And Below The Arabic Alphabets.



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# structure of the quran

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- 114 Surah / Chapters
- Starting With Surah Al Faatiha – Ending With Surah An Naas
- Rules Of Tilaawah Either At Start Or End Of Qur'an
- Du'a Khatmul Qur'an At End Of Qur'an
- 30 Juz / Siparah / Parts
- Each Juz Into 4 Quarters
- 540 Ruku'
- 6236 Verse + 112 ((114 - 2 = 112) No Basmallah In Surah Tawbah + Basmallah Of Faatiha Is Included In The Surah)
- 7 Manazil
- 4 Quarters (Faatiha – Maidah / An'am – End Bani Israil / Kahf – End Ahzab / Saba – Naas)
- 14 Sajdah Tilaawat



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# Major themes of the quran

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- Allah – No Polytheism – Only Monotheism
- Man As Individual – Creation Of Man, Vicegerent
- Man In Society – Social Order, Human Relationship Among Religions
- Nature – Environment, Animal, Things Of Nature
- Prophethood And Revelation – Mission, Examples, Superiority
- Eschatology – Death, Life After Death In Qabr And Aakhirah
- Satan And Evil – Declared Enemy, Waswasa
- Emergence Of Muslim Community – Spreading Islam With Wisdom
- Shar'iah – What IS Halal And Haram, Criminal Law, Family Law, Business Law
- Spirituality – Ihsaan, Akhlaaq, Good Manners



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# Authority and place in Islamic beliefs

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- (2: 2) This Is The Scripture Whereof There Is No Doubt, A Guidance Unto Those Who Ward Off (Evil).
- (17: 88) Say: Verily, Though Mankind And The Jinn Should Assemble To Produce The Like Of This Qur'an, They Could Not Produce The Like Thereof Though They Were Helpers One Of Another.
- (6: 155) And This Is A Blessed Scripture Which We Have Revealed So Follow It And Ward Off (Evil), That Ye May Find Mercy
- (2: 185) The Month Of Ramadan In Which Was Revealed The Qur'an, A Guidance For Mankind, And Clear Proofs Of The Guidance, And The Criterion (Of Right And Wrong).
- (3: 32) Say: Obey Allah And The Messenger. But If They Turn Away, Lo! Allah Loves Not The Disbelievers (In His Guidance).
- (3: 132) And Obey Allah And The Messenger, That Ye May Find Mercy.
- (33: 36) And It Becomes Not A Believing Man Or A Believing Woman, When Allah And His Messenger Have Decided An Affair (For Them), That They Should (After That) Claim Any Say In Their Affair; And Whoso Is Rebellious To Allah And His Messenger, He Verily Goes Astray In Error Manifest.
- (12: 108) Say: This Is My Way: I Call On Allah With Sure Knowledge, I And Whosoever Followeth Me Glory Be To Allah! And I Am Not Of The Idolaters.
- (15: 9) Lo! We, Even We, Reveal The Reminder, And Lo! We Verily Are It's Guardian.



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# Relationship with other sources

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- Qur'an (5: 47) Whoso Judges Not By That Which Allah Hath Revealed; Such Are Indeed The Disbelievers.
- Hadith (59: 7) And Whatsoever The Messenger Giveth You, Take It. And Whatsoever He Forbids, Abstain (From It).
- Ijma' (4: 59) O Ye Who Believe! Obey Allah, And Obey The Messenger And Those Of You Who Are In Authority; And If Ye Have A Dispute Concerning Any Matter, Refer It To Allah And The Messenger
- Qiyas / Ijtihaad (10: 16) Say: If Allah Had So Willed I Should Not Have Recited It To You Nor Would He Have Made It Known To You. I Dwelt Among You A Whole Lifetime Before It (Came To Me). Have Ye Then No Sense?
- Qur'an With All Other Sources (16: 89) And (Bethink You Of) The Day When We Raise In Every Nation A Witness Against Them Of Their Own Folk, And We Bring Thee (Muhammad) As A Witness Against These. And We Reveal The Scripture Unto Thee As An Exposition Of All Things, And A Guidance And A Mercy And Good Tidings For Those Who Have Surrendered (To Allah).



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