

# INTRODUCTION TO QURANIC SCIENCES

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# Why Quranic Studies?

- Islam's greatest miracle
- Legacy of Prophet
- Impacted lives of Muslims and non-Muslims alike
- Continues to impact our lives today
- While the Quran is a uniting factor for Muslims, it is also a point of division

# Scope of Study

- Familiarize ourselves with the Quran
- Information about the Quran and study of information derived from the Quran
- General details
  - Names, chapter arrangement, connected letters
- History of Quran
  - Occasions of revelation, compilation, recording, scribes
- Recitations
  - Etiquettes of recitation, Tajwid, Variant readings (Qira'at)
- Miracle
  - Protection of the Quran, Inimitability (Ijaz), Eloquence, Quranic predictions

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَشِفَاءٌ لِمَا فِي  
الْصُّدُورِ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

- O Mankind! There has indeed come to you and **admonition from your Lord** and a **healing** for what is in the chests and a **guidance** and a **mercy** for the believers (Quran 10:57)

رسول الله: فضل القرآن على سائر الكلام كفضل الله على سائر خلقه

- “The eminence of the Quran over other speech is like the eminence of God over his creation”

خيركم من تعلم القرآن وعلمه

- “The best of you are those who learn the Quran and teach it to others”

# The Language of the Quran

- Prophets and messengers sent with language of their people

وما ارسلنا من رسول الا بلسان قومه ليبين لهم

“And We did not send any messenger but with he language of his people, so that he may explain to them clearly.” Quran 14:4

انا انزلناه قرانا عربيا لعلكم تعقلون

“Indeed We have revealed it an Arabic Quran that you may understand.” Quran 12:2

- Quran Universal book.
- Can it be translated?
- Prayer must be in Arabic.

# Foreign Words in the Quran

- Scholars have noticed words of non-Arabic origin. Words which do not have Arabic roots, do not follow Arabic guidelines.
- (Hebrew (Jahanam), Abyssinian (Awab), Aramaic (Rabb) , Greek (Injil), Coptic (Bataain))
- Muslims discovered these words while studying Quran
- Just because they are found in another language does not make them less Arabic (languages constantly changing)
- By the time of Quranic revelation, these words had assimilated into Arabic language.
- Quranic impact on Arabic language
  - Shifted oral culture to writing culture

# Etymology of “Quran”

- Tabari: Qara'a - (to read)
- Al-Ash'ari: Qarana - (to combine)
- Al-Shafi'i: Prophet noun just like Towrat & Injil
- Al-Fara': Qara'in - (to resemble) because verses resemble one another
- Ibn Faris: Qarya - (that which collects) –village
- Other- Qur' - (to extract )– extract information, ponder

# 5 Known Names of the Quran

- Quran - 58x

- انه لقران كريم

- Indeed it is an honored Quran (Waqia: 56:77)

- Furqan (criterion)– 7x

- تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا

- Blessed is He who sent down the Furqan upon His servant that he may be a warner to the nations (al-Furqan, 25:1)

- Kitab- 250x

- (الم) 1( ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

- Alif lam Mim, This Book, there is no doubt in it, is a guide to those who guard against evil (al-Baqara, (2:1-2)

- Dhikr (remembrance)- 55x

- إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

- Surely, We have revealed the Reminder and We will most surely be its guardian (Al-Hijr, 15-9)

- Tanzil (revelation)–146x

- وَإِنَّهُ لَتَنْزِيلُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

- And most surely this is a revelation from the Lord of the worlds (Al-Shu'ara, 26:192)



# Divisions of the Text

- Parts (Juz') – 30
- Chapter (Sura) – 114
  - Bismillah to next Bismillah with exception of Towba (ch 9)
  - Shortest Sura 4 verses
  - Longest Sura 286 verses
- Verse (Aya) 6,236
  - Longest verse 130 words (2:282)
  - Shortest verse 1 word (55:64) مدهامتان

# Verses of Prostration

- 4 verses have mandatory prostration

- Sajda (32:15)
- Fusilat (41:38),
- Najm (53:62),
- Alaq (96:19)

-Can only recite while on spiritual purity

-Cannot touch the words of the Quran except on spiritual purity

# Quranic Revelation

- Quran revealed through revelation (Wahy) at age 40
  - First few verses of Surat Al-Alaq
  - Words of Quran would be revealed onto the heart of the Prophet
  - Hadith Qudsi is also from God, in the words of Prophet.
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- Names for Revelation
  - Tanzil, Inzal (sending down)
  - Ila', Talaqqi (infusion)
  - Qira'a, Tilawa (reading, recital)