

Purpose of Revelation

To Believe in One True God

“And your god is One God. There is no god but He, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.” Qur’an 2:163

The central theme emphasised throughout the Qur’an is the belief in the One, True God. It declares that God has no partner, no son, no equal, and that He alone is worthy of worship. God is beyond comparison, and none of His creation bears any resemblance to Him. The Qur’an also refutes the idea of ascribing human attributes or limitations to God.

To Reject All False Gods

“And worship Allah and associate none with Him.”
Qur’an 4:36

Since God alone is the only One deserving of worship, all false gods and deities must be rejected. The Qur’an also denies attributing divine qualities to anyone or anything other than God.

To Narrate the Stories from the Past

The Qur’an includes numerous narratives with valuable lessons, featuring the true accounts of previous Prophets such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus. Regarding these stories, God says:

“Indeed in their stories, there is a lesson for men of understanding.”
Qur’an 12:111

To Remind us of the Day of Judgement

It reminds us that every soul will experience death and be held accountable for their words and actions:

“We shall set up scales of justice for the Day of Judgment, so that not a soul will be dealt with unjustly in the least..”
Qur’an 21:47

To Fulfil the Intended Way of Life

The Qur’an teaches that the ultimate purpose of life is to worship God alone and to live in accordance with the way of life He has ordained. In Islam, worship is a broad and encompassing concept that includes all actions and words, whether public or private, that are loved and approved by Allah. By obeying Allah's commands, a Muslim not only fulfils the essence of worship but also realises their true purpose in life. The following are examples of worship as highlighted in the Qur’an:

To pray: “O you who believe! Bow down and prostrate yourselves and worship your Lord, that you may succeed.”
Qur’an-22:77

To give charity: “...And spend, it is better for your souls; and whoever is saved from the greediness of his soul, these it is that are the successful.”
Qur’an 64:16

To be honest: “Cover not Truth with falsehood, nor conceal the Truth when you know (what it is).”
Qur’an 2:42

To be modest: “Say to the believing men that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty. And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty.”
Qur’an 24:30-31

To be thankful: “And Allah has brought you forth from the wombs of your mothers-- you did not know anything-- and He gave you hearing and sight and hearts that you may give thanks.”
Qur’an 16:78

To be just: “O you who believe! Stand firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor...”
Qur’an 4:135

To be patient: “And be patient, for indeed, Allah does not allow to be lost the reward of those who do good.”
Qur’an 11:115

To do good: “Allah has promised to those who believe and do good deeds (that) they shall have forgiveness and a mighty reward.”
Qur’an 5:9

Conclusion

In summary, the Qur’an guides humanity on how to worship the One True God, thereby fulfilling their ultimate purpose in life and achieving success in both this world and the Hereafter.

“Verily, We have sent down to you (O Muhammad) the Book for mankind in truth. So whosoever accepts the guidance, it is only for his own self; and whosoever goes astray, he goes astray only for his own loss.” Qur’an 39:41

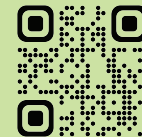
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The Qur'an

The Final Revelation to Mankind



What is the Qur'an?

The Word of God

The Qur'an is the verbatim and literal word of God, revealed through the Angel Gabriel to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

“The revelation of The Book is from God, the Mighty, the Wise.” Qur'an 39:1

Guidance for Mankind

The Qur'an is “a guidance for mankind... and the distinction (between right and wrong).” Qur'an 2:185

It provides spiritual, moral, and legal guidance to help individuals and communities live with righteousness, compassion, and justice.

The Final Revelation

The Qur'an is the final, complete, and divinely preserved revelation from God. It affirms the truths of previous scriptures, fulfills their prophecies, and rectifies the distortions and alterations that have crept into them over time.

“O you who have been given the Scripture! Believe in what We have revealed confirming what is (already) with you...” Qur'an 4:47

How was the Qur'an Revealed?

The Qur'an was revealed in Arabic to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in stages over 23 years.

The Revelations would address various events, questions, and challenges faced by the Prophet, and, by extension, the Muslim community.

These revelations were memorised and meticulously recorded by the Prophet's companions. Today, billions read the Qur'an and millions have memorised it.

How do I know that it is from God?

Preservation

The Qur'an stands as an unparalleled phenomenon in human history, holding the distinction of being the most widely read and memorised book of all time. No other book has been preserved in such a unique manner, with its words carefully passed down through both oral and written traditions for over 1400 years.

Today, countless ancient manuscripts and inscriptions of the Qur'an exist worldwide, while millions of men, women, and children from diverse cultures and languages have memorised the same Qur'anic text.

Scientific Miracles

The world of science belongs to the category of the 'created signs of God,' while His Divine Speech belongs to the 'revealed signs of God.' It is not surprising, therefore, that each time there is a breakthrough in unraveling the universe, our certainty increases that the One who created the universe is indeed the One who revealed the Qur'an.

The Qur'an contains over 6,000 verses with over 70,000 words and yet it is a fact that not a single verse contradicts any established scientific fact.

Consider the following:

- The Qur'an addresses a wide range of topics that align with modern scientific discoveries, including the Big Bang theory, the expanding universe, the orbital movement of celestial bodies and the early universe as "smoke."
- The Qur'an also mentions geological and biological phenomena such as the role of mountains, the origin of life in water, and the duality in creation, the uniqueness of fingerprints, the skin's role in pain sensation and describes the precise and accurate sequence of human embryonic development. These recent discoveries were clearly stated in the Qur'an 1400 years ago.

“We have, without doubt, sent down the Message; and We will certainly guard it (from corruption)”

Qur'an 15:09

“We shall show them Our Signs in the Universe and within their ownelves, until it becomes clear to them that this is the Truth.”

Qur'an 41:53

Uniqueness

Since its revelation, no one has been able to produce even a single chapter comparable to the Qur'an in its unparalleled beauty, eloquence, depth of wisdom, fulfilled prophecies, and other flawless attributes.

Despite their eloquence in the Arabic language, those who rejected the Prophet Muhammad failed to meet its challenge, which remains unanswered to this day.

“And if you are in doubt as to that which We have revealed to Our servant, then produce a chapter like it and call on your witnesses besides Allah if you are truthful.”

Qur'an 2:23

Its unparalleled language, rhythm, rich imagery, innovative prose, and masterful vocabulary establish it as a work of divine perfection, recognised even by the Arabs of its time as beyond human origin.

No Contradictions

When humans write, they are prone to errors, including spelling and grammar mistakes, contradictory statements, factual inaccuracies, omissions of information, and other inconsistencies.

The Qur'an is entirely free of internal and external contradictions, whether in cosmology, biology, geology, history, archaeology etc. Its coherence across diverse topics and its alignment with established facts, underscore its divine origin.

Couldn't Muhammad have authored it?

Firstly, the Prophet Muhammad was illiterate; he could neither read or write. Secondly, every book reflects the knowledge available to its author at a specific time, which becomes outdated as new information emerges, requiring revisions or rewrites. No human has ever written a book with absolute perfection or certainty of knowledge. Writers typically focus on specific subjects but it is impossible for anyone to cover a vast range of topics with both depth and accuracy.

“And this Qur'an is not such as could ever be produced by other than Allah.”

Qur'an 10:37

“Had it been from other than Allah, they would surely, have found in it (the Qur'an) many contradictions.”

Qur'an 4:82