

Some Important Teachings of the Holy Qur'an

Unity of God

'Say, "He is Allah, the One; Allah, the Independent and Besought of all."
(Ch.112: Vs.2-3)

Belief in all prophets

'...all of them [the believers] believe in Allah, and in His angels, and in His Books, and in His Messengers, saying, "We make no distinction between any of His Messengers;"' (Ch.2:V.286)

Freedom of religion

'There should be no compulsion in religion.'
(Ch2:V.257)

Respect for all religions

'Surely, the Believers, and the Jews, and the Christians and the Sabians - whichever party from among these truly believes in Allah and the Last Day and does good deeds - shall have their reward with their Lord, and no fear shall come upon them, nor shall they grieve.' (Ch.2:V.63)

Equal opportunities for men and women

'Surely, men who submit themselves to God and women who submit themselves to Him, and believing men and believing women, and obedient men and obedient women and truthful men and truthful women, and men steadfast in their faith and steadfast women, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their chastity and women who guard their chastity, and men who remember Allah much and women who remember Him - Allah has prepared for all of them forgiveness and a great reward.'
(Ch.33:V.36)

Sanctity of life

'...whosoever killed a person...it shall be as if he had killed all mankind; and whoso gave life to one, it shall be as if he had given life to all mankind.' (Ch.5:V.33)

Truth

'O ye who believe! be strict in observing justice, being witnesses for the sake of Allah, even though it be against yourselves or against parents and kindred. Whether he be rich or poor, Allah is more regardful of them both than you are. Therefore follow not low desires so that you may be able to act equitably. And if you conceal the truth or evade it, then remember that Allah is well aware of what you do.' (Ch.4:V.136)

Justice

'O ye who believe! be steadfast in the cause of Allah, bearing witness in equity; and let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be always just, that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah. Allah is aware of what you do.'
(Ch.5:V.9)

Charity

'If you give alms openly, it is well and good; but if you conceal them and give them to the poor, it is better for you; and He [Allah] will remove from you many of your sins. And Allah is aware of what you do.'
(Ch.2:V.272)

Humanity

'Verily Allah enjoins justice, and the doing of good to others; and giving like kindred.'
(Ch.16:V.91)



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The Holy Qur'an

A Guidance For All Mankind

What is the Holy Qur'an?

The Holy Qur'an is the holy book of Islam and is a source of guidance for all mankind. It contains 30 parts and 114 chapters.

The Holy Qur'an stresses the unity of God and affirms the truth of all prophets. It also acknowledges that all revealed scriptures were true at their original source. This is a unique feature of the Holy Qur'an and provides a solid foundation for genuine dialogue and understanding between followers of different faiths.

The Holy Qur'an endorses aspects of earlier teachings that are timeless and apply to all mankind and supplements those teachings with further guidance, thereby making it a comprehensive code of life and source of knowledge for all people. Its eternal teachings remain as

relevant today as they were at the time of their revelation more than 1400 years ago.

The Holy Qur'an covers an amazing range of topics that deal with all aspects of our lives be they social, economic, scientific, political or inter-religious. The breadth and depth of its teachings reflect the infinite knowledge of Allah (Arabic for the One God) and touch upon history, human biology, nature, evolution, genetics, nuclear power, astronomy, life in other parts of the universe and many other subjects. However the Qur'an is not a book of science or general knowledge as such, but it is a book that implores man to develop his knowledge, to search for truth and thereby enhance his awareness of and relationship with Allah.

Has the Holy Qur'an Changed Since its Revelation?

No. One of the unique features of the Holy Qur'an is that it is the only Divine scripture in which the text has remained completely unchanged since it was revealed. This preservation of text was promised by God in the Holy Qur'an and is unique to it.

'Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian.'
(Holy Qur'an, Ch.15:V.10)

During the lifetime of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) the entire text of the Holy Qur'an was written down and committed to memory by thousands of Muslims, a practice that has been followed ever since. This is also one of the ways by which the text of the Holy Qur'an has been preserved in its original form.

Who Wrote the Holy Qur'an?

The Holy Qur'an was not authored by any person. It was revealed by Allah (through the Angel Gabriel) in the Arabic language to Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) over a period of 23 years.

Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), as was common among the Arabs of his time, had no schooling and was unable to read or write. When he received the verbal revelation of the Holy Qur'an, he used to dictate the words to his appointed scribes. This is how the entire text of the Holy Qur'an was transcribed within the lifetime of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).



Is the Holy Qur'an Just for Muslims?

No. The Holy Qur'an states that it is '... a guidance for the righteous' (Ch.2:V.3) and 'a guidance for mankind' (Ch.2: V.186).

This means that all those who seek truth with a pure heart will find the Holy Qur'an to be a rich source of guidance.

The teachings of the Holy Qur'an set out the key principles in every sphere of life. The Qur'an provides complete guidance on how man can achieve the object of his creation and explains the basis upon which he will be judged in his next life.

An enormous amount of knowledge and meaning is compacted into each verse, word and indeed each vowel. At the same time the Holy Qur'an uses

expressions that are rich in allegory and teeming with symbolism.

It discusses spiritual and intellectual subjects by way of narratives and in parables, the objectives of which are equally applicable to the past, present and future. Its poetic style makes it easy to read and memorise.

Every concept, principle and law necessary for man's ethical, moral, intellectual and spiritual development has been expounded in the Holy Qur'an.

The Holy Qur'an also reaffirms the fundamental principle of freedom of religion for all, leaving man free to accept or reject its guidance with accountability to Allah alone.

An Excellent Prayer

The first chapter of the Qur'an, Al-Fatihah (stated below), contains the essence of the teachings of the whole of the Qur'an.

*'In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.
All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds,
The Gracious, the Merciful,
Master of the Day of Judgement.
Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help.*

Guide us in the right path -

The path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings, those who have not incurred displeasure, and those who have not gone astray.'

It is recited as part of the daily prayers by Muslims throughout the world, reminding them of the bounties of Allah.



Chapter Al-Fatihah in Arabic

Some Translations of the Holy Qur'an

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has translated the text of the Qur'an into more than 65 languages including Bangla, Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Korean, Japanese, Persian, Russian, Swahili and Yoruba. It has also published the translation of the Qur'an in Braille.



From left to right: The Qur'an in Braille, Chinese and French translation.