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WHY BELIEVE IN THE QURAN ??

The Qur'an informs us that God sent clear proofs with his messengers

"We sent our messengers with clear signs..."
[Chapter 57 Verse 25]

The Prophets were given miracles by God as evidence of their Prophethood, and to bring mankind to faith. Some examples of miracles include Moses parting the sea and Jesus healing the sick. However these miracles were performed in the distant past.

Believers have to accept them purely on the basis of faith. The Qur'an is the ultimate miracle of Prophet Muhammad^(pbuh). What makes the Qur'an different from all the other miracles is that it is a miracle which everyone can experience for themselves. today, simply by opening a Qur'an and reading it.

NON-MUSLIM SCHOLARS OPINION ON QURAN

WILLIAM GRAHAM



The Orientalist scholar William Graham, stated that the Qur'an is perhaps the only book, religious or secular, that has been memorised completely by millions of people.

(William Graham, Beyond the Written Word, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1993, p. 80)



KENNETH CRAGG

Bible scholar Kenneth Cragg reflects that: This phenomenon of Qur'anic recital means that the text has traversed the centuries in an unbroken living sequence of devotion. It cannot, therefore, be handled as an antiquarian thing, nor as a historical document out of a distant past. The fact of hifdh (Qur'anic memorization) has made the Qur'an a present possession through all the lapse of Muslim time and given it a human currency in every generation, never allowing it's relegation to a bare authority for reference alone.

(Kenneth Cragg, The Mind of the Qur'an, London: George Allen & Unwin, 1973, p. 26.)

INTRODUCTION TO THE Qur'an

This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah.
Al-Quran (3:67)

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WHAT IS THE QURAN



Imagine how much more amazing a book would be if God Himself authored it, surely it would be the greatest book ever produced. Moreover, imagine that God answers all the important questions that human beings have about life, such as why we are here and what happens to us after we die.

Finally, imagine if God authored this book with you in mind, a book that addresses you as an individual.

WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO READ SUCH A BOOK?

The Qur'an is exactly that book. The word "Qur'an" means "recitation". Indeed one of the many things that make the Qur'an unique is that it claims to be the literal speech of God. Muslims believe that the Qur'an was dictated to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), by God Almighty through the angel Gabriel over 1,400 years ago. The Qur'an was not revealed all at once but rather gradually over a period of 23 years during the lifetime of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

The Qur'an's impact on the world is immeasurable. Although the Qur'an was revealed in 7th century Arabia, it contains a universal message for the whole of mankind. Because of the Qur'an, there are over 1.5 billion Muslims in the world today - nearly a quarter of humanity. They are people of all races, nationalities and backgrounds.

WHAT DOES THIS QURAN TEACH?

The overall message of the Qur'an is the same message that God revealed to all of the prophets from Adam (pbuh) down to the last Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). If I were to summarize it in a succinct manner, the topic of the Qur'an is the human relationship with the Creator, and his beautiful creation.



The Qur'an engages its audience by inviting us to ponder some rational, logical questions which we can use to arrive at a conclusion, not only about our origin, but the origin of everything that exists in the entire universe.

THE QURAN'S CORE MESSAGE

The message of the Qur'an is to believe in one God and his guidance is the ultimate guidance, for God has the ultimate wisdom, power, and knowledge. And God alone is the ultimate authority and should be obeyed without qualification, obedience that is based not just on fear or reward but on the love of God.

WHAT ARE IT'S MAIN THEMES

Belief in Allah the God Almighty

The essence of the Islamic monotheism is captured in its 112th chapter. You can think of this chapter of the Qur'an as the manifesto of monotheism in Islam.

*Say, 'He is God the One, God the eternal.
He begot no one nor was He begotten.
No one is comparable to Him.'
[Chapter 112]*

Stories of the Prophets and past nations

The Qur'an informs us that every nation on earth has, at some point in its history, been sent a messenger by God. Every messenger sent by God to mankind, from the very first Prophet Adam, all the way to the final Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), came with the same core message of monotheism: worship the one true God, our Creator, and not false gods.

*"We sent a messenger to every community,
saying, 'Worship God and shun false gods.'
[Chapter 16 Verse 36]*

Life in Hereafter

The word Hereafter appears in the Holy Quran 118 times and refers to the rewards and punishments that each human will receive on the Day of Judgement according to his deeds.

Purpose of Life

*"I did not create jinn and humans
except to worship Me..
[Chapter 51 Verse 56]*

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