



INTRODUCTION TO THE QURAN

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OUTLINE

- ❖ Our Beliefs about the Quran
- ❖ The Need for Divine Guidance
- ❖ Types of Wahy
- ❖ Makki and Madani Surahs
- ❖ Structure of the Quran
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WHAT MUSLIMS BELIEVE ABOUT QURAN

- ❖ Word of Allah
- ❖ Revealed on the Prophet (ﷺ)
- ❖ Current version in the exact same form as was revealed



THE NEED FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE

- ❖ We believe Allah has sent us in this world for:
 - ❖ Make the best use of this world and the things in it
 - ❖ Do this keeping in mind what pleases Allah and what Allah does not like
- ❖ How humans acquire knowledge:
 - ❖ Senses (Five senses, i.e., eyes, ears etc.,)
 - ❖ Reasoning
 - ❖ Divine revelation (Wahy)
- ❖ Limitations of senses and reasoning
- ❖ Wahy comes beyond reasoning
- ❖ Not necessary that everything communicated through Wahy be compulsively comprehended through reasoning



- ❖ Inspiration, e.g., in a dream
- ❖ Speech hidden away (when Allah spoke to Musa AS)
- ❖ **Words sent through a special messenger (Jibril AS) from God ..
The Quran**



- ❖ Hearing the Wahy (like a bell)
- ❖ Jibril AS would appear in human form and convey the Wahy
- ❖ Jibril AS would appear in actual form
- ❖ Jibril AS convey in his heart
- ❖ Conversation with Allah



TIMES AND ORDER OF REVELATIONS

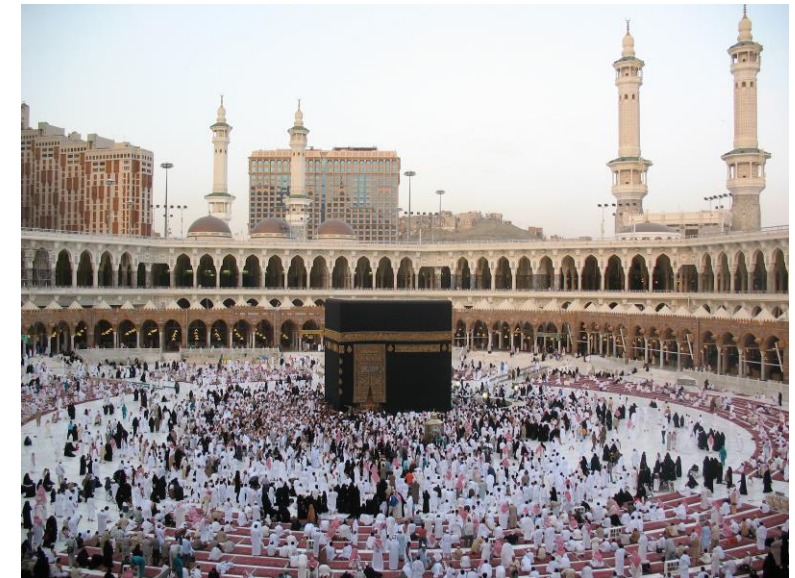
- ❖ Revealed periodically (Unlike Tourah which was revealed all together to Prophet Musa AS)
- ❖ Over a period of 23 years
- ❖ Started at 40 years of the Prophet (ﷺ), 13 years in Makkah and 10 years in Madinah
- ❖ Order
 - ❖ Revelation (cannot be 100% sure of each and every Surah and verse)
 - ❖ In Quran (Divine compilation intact to this day)



CHARACTERISTICS OF MAKKI AND MADANI SURAHS

❖ Starting Revelations - Makki Surahs

- ❖ Small Surahs
- ❖ High level language, generally rhythmic
- ❖ Consists mostly of subjects: Oneness of God, Prophethood,, Day of Judgement, and Resurrection



❖ Later Revelations – Madani Surahs

- ❖ Long Surahs
- ❖ Descriptive and long explanations
- ❖ Consists mostly about Law, Rules of Life etc.,



❖ Poetry or Prose?

- ❖ Neither... But Divine Orations
- ❖ Situational and Contextual
- ❖ Repetitions of some stories, but highlights in different manner

❖ Surah (Divine)

- ❖ Literal meaning – boundary around a city
- ❖ Each Surah is like a City
- ❖ 114



STRUCTURE OF THE QURAN

- ❖ Ayah - Verses (Divine)
 - ❖ Literal meaning – Sign
 - ❖ Types of Ayah – Makki (revealed before migrating to Madinah), Madani (After migration)
- ❖ Ahzaab or Manzil
 - ❖ 7 divisions
 - ❖ Existed during time of the Prophet (ﷺ)
 - ❖ To complete the recitation of full Quran in One week

STRUCTURE OF THE QURAN

❖ Juz

❖ Parts

❖ Divided into 30 parts for convenient

❖ No any significance

❖ Ruku

❖ Introduced later

❖ Generally to complete a subject

❖ Read in one Rakaah in Salaah

Name of 30 Paras		
Para	Arabic Pronounce	English Pronounce
01	آلَمْ	Alaf Lam Meem
02	سَيَقُولُ	Sayaqool
03	تِلْكَ الرُّسُلُ	Tilka'l Rusull
04	لَنْ تَنَالُوا	Lan Tana Loo
05	وَالْمُحْصَنَاتِ	Wal Mohsanat
06	لَا يُحِبُّ اللَّهُ	La Yuhibbullah
07	وَإِذْ أَسْمِعُوا	Wa Iza Samiu
08	وَلَوْ أَنَّا	Wa Lau Annana
09	قَالَ الْمَلَأُ	Qalal Malao
10	وَأَعْلَمُوا	Wa A'lamu
11	يَعْتَزُّونَ	Yatazeroon
12	وَمِمَّنْ دَابَّةٌ	Wa Mamin Da'abat
13	وَمَا أُبْرِئُ	Wa Ma Ubrioo
14	رَبِّمَا	Rubama
15	سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي	Subhanallazi
16	قَالَ أَلَمْ	Qal Alam
17	أَقْتَرَبَ	Aqtarabo
18	قَدْ أَفْلَحَ	Qadd Aflaha
19	وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ	Wa Qalallazina
20	أَمِنْ خَلْقٍ	A'man Khalaq
21	أَتَنْتَ مَا أَوْحَى	Uthi Ma Oohi
22	وَمَنْ يَقْنُتْ	Wa Manyaqnut
23	وَمَا لِي	Wa Mali
24	فَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ	Faman Azlam
25	إِلَيْهِ يَرُدُّ	Elahe Yuruddo
26	حُمْ	Ha'a Meem
27	قَالَ فَمَا خَطْبُكُمْ	Qala Fama Khatbulcum
28	قَدْ سَمِعَ اللَّهُ	Qadd Sami Allah
29	تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي	Tabarakallazi
30	عَمَّ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ	Amma Yatasa'aloon

RESOURCES TO UNDERSTAND THE QURAN

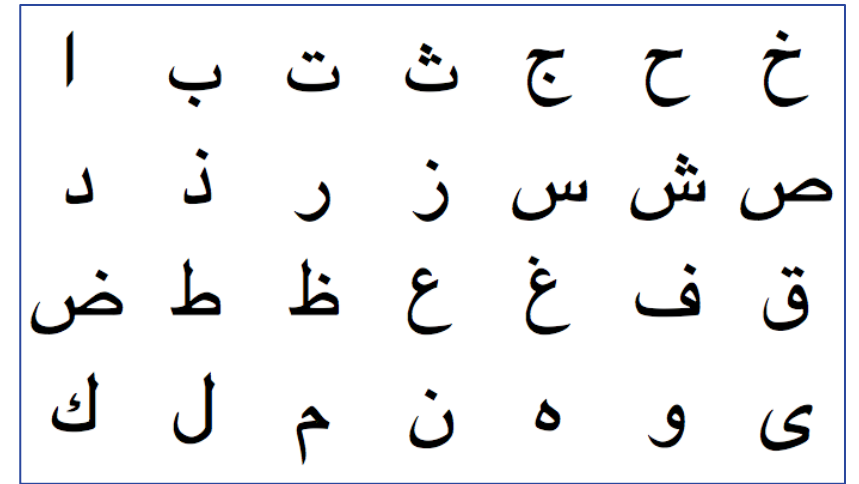
- ❖ Internal Resources
- ❖ External Resources



INTERNAL RESOURCES

❖ Language

- ❖ Highly linguistic
- ❖ The pure language of Arabs
- ❖ Where there are not other sources, understanding the language is pivotal



❖ Organization

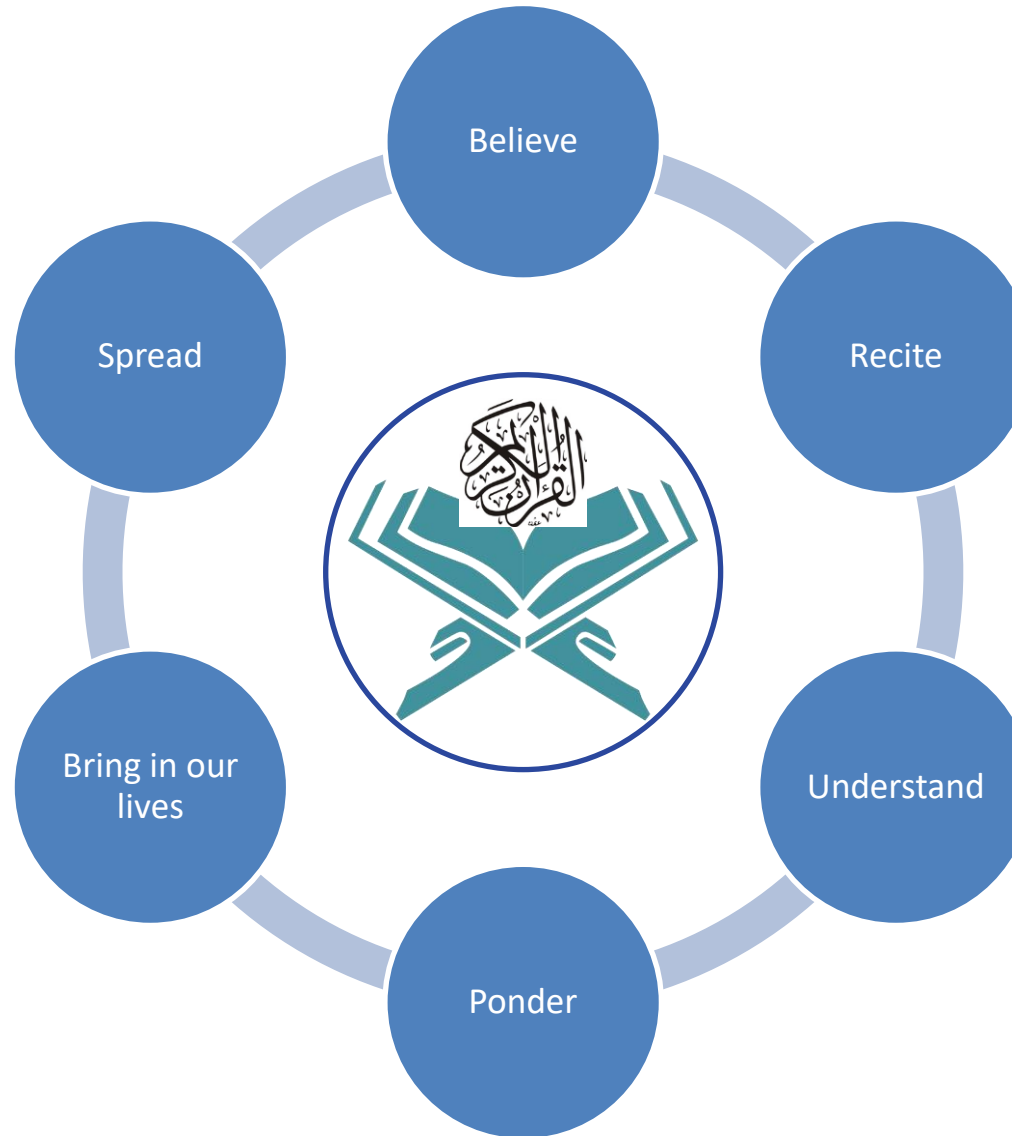
- ❖ Very important to understand macro and micro levels
- ❖ Organization and Relationship between Surahs
- ❖ Organization and Relationship between Ayahs

❖ Cross References from Quran



- ❖ Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ)
- ❖ Ahadith and Saying and Actions of Sahabah
- ❖ Context of Revelation
- ❖ Old books revealed to previous prophets
- ❖ History
- ❖ Deliberation and Deduction
- ❖ Tafaasir

RIGHTS OF THE QURAN





جَزَاكَ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا



May Allah reward you with goodness