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## The Qur'an

1985

the qur'ān orientalism and the encyclopaedia of the qur'ān brings into sharp relief established attitudes of western academia toward the qur'ān especially as evidenced in the only extant multi volume reference work on the qur'ān in english brill s encyclopaedia of the qur'ān page 4 of cover

## *The Qur'an, Orientalism and the Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an*

2009

while the hebrew bible and the new testament are understood to be related texts the sacred scripture of islam the third abrahamic faith has generally been considered separately noted religious scholar gabriel said reynolds draws on centuries of qur anic and biblical studies to offer rigorous and revelatory commentary on how these holy books are intrinsically connected dust jacket

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## The Qur'an

1993

anglican bishop kenneth cragg 1913 2012 was one of the world s foremost scholars of islamic and christian theology his books on the qur an and arab christianity including the event of the qur an and the tragic in islam and the call of the minaret became classics in their field cragg

served in academic and ecclesiastical posts in jerusalem beirut cairo nigeria and the united states in addition to serving as the warden of st augustine college in canterbury he was the author of thirty five books john I esposito is university professor and professor of religion and international affairs and of islamic studies at georgetown university he is also founding director of the prince alwaleed bin talal center for muslim christian understanding in the walsh school of foreign service

## **Reading the Qur'an**

2017-02

in this well informed book readers discover a compassionate bridge one that invites non muslims and believers alike to learn about islam from its sacred source the qur an at this crucial moment in history when fear and suspicion abound regarding islam this book steers a clear and balanced course using specific excerpts from the qur an the author provides information on the fundamentals of islam as well as debunks the myths associated with it

## **The Qur'an and the West**

2015-12-28

a timely addition to the literature on the holy book of islam this translation provides both the original arabic verse as well as extensive explanations and interpretations in modern english additional commentary is offered on the social and historical aspects of islam as well as the existence and unity of god the concept of resurrection and other theological complexities several special glossaries detailing the names of god and qur an vocabulary are also included

## ***Muhammad in the Qur'an***

2001

this volume examines the writings of ten muslim intellectuals working in

the muslim world and the west who employ contemporary critical methods to understand the qur an their work points to a new trend in muslim interpretation characterised by a direct engagement with the word of god while embracing intellectual modernity in a global context the volume situates and evaluates their work and responses to it among muslim and non muslim audiences

## **Introducing the Qur'an**

2004

from the foreword this concordance of the qur an in english satisfies a paramount need of those and there are millions of them who have no command of the arabic language and yet desire to understand the qur an the benefit derivable from english translations of the sacred book is in principle limited because first the qur an is not a book but a collection of passages revealed to muhammad over a period of about twenty three years and second because the qur an is not really translatable this does not mean that the qur an should not be translated it does mean that translations lose much in tone and nuance let alone the incommunicable beauty grandeur and grace of the original the main distinction of hana kassis s concordance in my view is that it utilizes the semantic structure of arabic vocabulary itself in revealing the meaning of the qur an on any given issue point or concept a reader who looks in the index of this concordance for a word which he has encountered in reading an english translation of the qur an the word pride for example is directed immediately to the roots of the arabic qur anic terms for pride at the entries for these arabic roots all the derivative forms are shown and the verses of the qur an in which they appear are there listed in translation i am confident that any person who is sincerely interested in understanding the qur an and appreciating the nuances of its diction and shades of its meaning can satisfy his need more fully with this book than in any way short of developing a real command over the arabic language itself fazlur rahman professor of islamic thought university of chicago

## The Qur'an with Annotated Interpretation in Modern English

2008

this book challenges the dominant scholarly notion that the qur ān must be interpreted through the medieval commentaries shaped by the biography of the prophet muhammad arguing instead that the text is best read in light of christian and jewish scripture the qur ān in its use of allusions depends on the biblical knowledge of its audience however medieval muslim commentators working in a context of religious rivalry developed stories that separate qur ān and bible which this book brings back together in a series of studies involving the devil adam abraham jonah mary and muhammad among others reynolds shows how modern translators of the qur ān have followed medieval muslim commentary and demonstrates how an appreciation of the qur ān s biblical subtext uncovers the richness of the qur ān s discourse presenting unique interpretations of 13 different sections of the qur ān based on studies of earlier jewish and christian literature the author substantially re evaluates muslim exegetical literature thus the qur ān and its biblical subtext a work based on a profound regard for the qur ān s literary structure and rhetorical strategy poses a substantial challenge to the standard scholarship of qur ānic studies with an approach that bridges early christian history and islamic origins the book will appeal not only to students of the qur an but of the bible religious studies and islamic history

## *Modern Muslim Intellectuals and the Qur'an*

2006-01-26

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## **A Concordance of the Qur'an**

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the qur an believed by muslims to be the word of god was revealed to the prophet muhammad 1400 years ago it is the supreme authority in islam and the living source of all islamic teaching recognized as the greatest literary masterpiece in arabic it has nevertheless remained difficult to understand in its english translations this new translation is written in a contemporary idiom that remains faithful to the original making it easy to read while retaining its powers of eloquence read your lord is the most bountiful one who taught by the pen who taught man what he did not know the qur an believed by muslims to be the word of god was revealed to the prophet muhammad 1400 years ago it is the supreme authority in islam and the living source of all islamic teaching it is a sacred text and a book of guidance that sets out the creed rituals ethics and laws of the islamic religion it has been one of the most influential books in the history of literature recognized as the greatest literary masterpiece in arabic it has nevertheless remained difficult to

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## **The Qur'an and Its Biblical Subtext**

2010-06-10

the qur an is regarded by muslims as the direct word of god timeless and unchanged it is used not only for prayer and worship but as a path which can lead the believer to a closer understanding of the essence of their relationship with god in this thought provoking considered study of the scripture of islam mona siddiqui explores the big themes of prophecy law sin and salvation from her dual position as a believer and a scholar

## **A Concordance of the Qur'an**

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## ***The Qur'an***

2005-05-12

this english translation of the qur an is a compilation of the muslim faith s final revelation from god to mankind through the last prophet muhammad peace be upon him the qur an has a wealth of information both worldly wisdom and intellectual concepts providing a code of life for humankind generally and muslims in particular indeed the qur an s miracle lies in its ability to offer something to non believers and everything to believers this book is introduced by mr faisal fahim some books by mr faisal the hadiths the quran and the science the quran with

scientific facts the bible the qu ran and science the holy scriptures examined in the light of modern knowledge the mystery of god s evidence they don t want you to know of the quran the final evidence with scientific facts they dont want you to know holy bible and jesus for dummies the bible the quran and science the complete infidel s guide to the koran the history biographies science evidences and the truth about moses jesus muhammad holy bible science and jesus for dummies they dont want you to know did muhammad and jesus exist all the books are available on createspace com amazon com

## **How To Read The Qur'an**

2014-07-03

the connectivity fostered by globalization coupled with the increased tension generated by the tragedies of september 11th and other terrorist atrocities have created an intellectual hunger on both sides of the divide between the west and the islamic world americans europeans and others in the west want adequate and reliable information about islam and the muslim world but what they get is often misleading distorted and sensationalized to offset this those of us who know something about these subjects have been working overtime to correct the inaccuracies and to stop the flow of misinformation many religious leaders and scholars in the muslim world are on a similar quest they want to know how people in non muslim countries learn about islam the qur an and the fundamentals of muslim faith and practice because they too are fully aware of the falsehoods and fabrications that often pass for the truth in many american and european media outlets whether news media or social media even more urgently they seek to present a counter narrative to the perverse and corrupted versions of islam preached by groups like the taliban al qaeda isis and boko haram hope this book will be helpful in their efforts

## **The Qur'an**

2010-04-08



the holy qur an is the word of god whose truth was revealed to muhammad by the angel gabriel it is divided into 14 suras or chapters and was traditionally transmitted by word of mouth

## **The Meaning of the Holy Quran**

2013-08

the quran is the sacred text of islam for muslims it is the word of the one god the quran was revealed to the last prophet muhammad محمد from the year 610 until his death in 632 by the angel gabriel جبريل according to the quran allah is the author of all the sacred books of the three monotheistic religions that are islam christianity and judaism he thus revealed the gospel to the penultimate prophet jesus and the torah to the prophet mooses thus we read in verse 3 of surah 3 it is he who has sent down the book the quran to you muhammad with truth confirming what came before it and he sent down the taurat torah and the injeel gospel however islam considers that with the exception of the quran all holy books have been falsified by man verse 75 of surah 2 goes in this direction well do you hope moslems that such people the jews will share the faith with you while a group of them after hearing and understanding the word of allah falsified it knowingly this present work is an english translation of the meaning of the verses of the qur an by abdullah yusuf ali

## **The Qur'an**

2020

this is an english translation of the central religious text of islam which muslims believe to be a revelation from god allah it is widely regarded as the finest work in classical arabic literature the quran is divided into chapters surah in arabic which are then divided into verses ayah muslims believe that the quran was verbally revealed by god to muhammad through the angel gabriel jibril gradually over a period of approximately 23 years beginning on 22 december 609 ce when muhammad was 40 and concluding in 632 the year of his death muslims regard the quran as

the most important miracle of muhammad a proof of his prophethood and the culmination of a series of divine messages that started with the messages revealed to adam and ended with muhammad the word quran occurs some 70 times in the text of the quran although different names and words are also said to be references to the quran

## **The Holy Qur'an**

2000

the present volume is the work of 25 scholars who represent various specializations important to the study of the qur an including arabic language comparative semitic linguistics paleography epigraphy history rhetorical theory hermeneutics and biblical studies the starting point of this work was a series of five international conferences on the qur an at the university of notre dame over the academic year 2012 13 although the commentaries contributed during those conferences have been carefully edited to avoid repetition readers of the qur an seminar commentary will find that the 50 passages selected for inclusion in this work include many of the most important and influential elements of the qur an including q 1 al fatiha q 2 30 39 the angelic prostration before adam q 2 255 the throne verse q 3 7 the muhkamat and mutashabihat q 4 3 polygamy and monogamy q 5 112 15 the table al ma ida from heaven q 9 29 fighting the people of the book and the jizya q 12 the story of joseph q 24 45 the light verse q 33 40 the seal of the prophets q 53 the satanic verses q 96 including the passage often described as the first revelation q 97 the night of qadr q 105 the companions of the elephant q 112 on god and the denial of a divine son the collaborative nature of this work which involves a wide range of scholars discussing the same passages from different perspectives offers readers with an unprecedented diversity of insights on the qur anic text

## **The Qur'an**

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it expands on numerous aspects of the quran all of which point to its

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magnificence as signified by the apt title the author discusses everything from the methodology of studying the qur an to its characteristics qualities and the manners with which one should approach it it is much like a user s manual that opens up a world of knowledge and facts about the qur an for all audiences this book is an invaluable companion to the qur an and one which serves to remind us of its eminence and its superiority to all other books by discussing a series of seemingly miscellaneous topics the author manages to create a whole picture of the qur an which surpasses any other guide of this academic nature

## **The Koran (Al-Qur'an)**

2017-12-14

this small book contains the most essential passages of the holy quran translated into clear english a must read book for non muslims and muslims alike are you curious about islam new to islam this is the perfect book trying to introduce a friend to islam this makes a great gift the quran is the direct word of god it contains guidance mercy and healing this book provides the most read quran chapters translated into modern english the heifer 62 those who believe and those who are jewish and the christians and the sabeans any who believe in god and the last day and act righteously will have their reward with their lord they have nothing to fear nor will they grieve monotheism 1 4 in the name of god the gracious the merciful 1 say he is god the one 2 god the absolute 3 he begets not nor was he begotten 4 and there is nothing comparable to him the opening 1 7 1 in the name of god the gracious the merciful 2 praise be to god lord of the worlds 3 the most gracious the most merciful 4 master of the day of judgment 5 it is you we worship and upon you we call for help 6 guide us to the straight path 7 the path of those you have blessed not of those against whom there is anger nor of those who are misguided

## **The Qur'an Seminar Commentary / Le Qur'an Seminar**

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a revelatory account of early islam s great diversity by the world s leading scholar of early qur anic manuscripts there is no one better placed than françois déroche to write the history and tell the story of how the quran went from words uttered by muhammad to inviolable canonical scripture this is a meticulous lucid and fascinating book shawkat toorawa yale university according to muslim dogma the recited and written text of the qur an as we know it today scrupulously reflects the divine word as it was originally sent down to muhammad an examination of early islamic sources including accounts of prophetic sayings all of them compared with the oldest qur anic manuscripts reveal that plurality was in fact the outstanding characteristic of the genesis and transmission of the qur an both textually and orally by piecing together information about alternative wordings eliminated from the canonical version that gradually came to be imposed during the first centuries of islam françois déroche shows that the qur an long remained open to textual diversity not only did the faithful initially adopt a flexible attitude toward the qur anic text an attitude strikingly at odds with the absolute literalism later enforced by muslim orthodoxy but muhammad himself turns out to have been more concerned with the meaning than the letter of the divine message

## ***The Magnificence of the Qur'an***

2006

the qur an is the centralised holiest and most important text within the religion of islam muslims believe that the qur an is the divine word of allah swt revealed to the blessed prophet muhammad pbuh through the arc angel jibril gabriel the qur an is not a religious text that you read and simply put back on the bookshelf the qur an is a guide for muslims and constructs how they live their lives entirely it is a text that muslims base their lives around following what instructions allah swt has set for them believed to be the only religious text that has not been at all altered in any way this spiritual guide is sacred to muslims and has blessed them immensely all muslims aim to learn and read the qur an often from a young age for a prosperous future on the path of islam

## Quran

2015-03-10

an essential introductory text for the study of the qur an its content and its place in muslim society an insightful and authoritative introduction to the book at the heart of muslim life written by a well known islamic scholar examines the doctrines contained in the qur an providing a comprehensive explanation of their significance to individual muslims and the societies in which they live surveys the key themes of the qur an its most significant historical interpretations and some of the most significant figures who transmitted and taught the sacred scripture over the centuries considers the influence of the qur an on all major aspects of muslim society including personal relationships popular culture law art and architecture political movements science and literature helps the reader to understand the qur an while throwing a much needed light on what it means to be a muslim

## The One and the Many

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this book is one of the many islamic publications distributed by mustafa organization throughout the world in different languages with the aim of conveying the message of islam to the people of the world mustafa organization is a registered organization that operates and is sustained through collaborative efforts of volunteers in many countries around the world and it welcomes your involvement and support its objectives are numerous yet its main goal is to spread the truth about the islamic faith in general and the shi a school of thought in particular due to the latter being misrepresented misunderstood and its tenets often assaulted by many ignorant folks muslims and non muslims organization s purpose is to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge through a global medium the internet to locations where such resources are not commonly or easily accessible or are resented resisted and fought

## **The Quran**

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## ***The Story of the Qur'an***

2008

the qur an in islam is held in the highest esteem considered the uncreated eternal word of god which was transmitted to muhammad through angel gabriel word for word it is believed to be the perfect replica of the original qur an called the mother of the book which is well guarded in heaven muslims believe and argue that the qur an is the only authentic perfectly preserved revelatory address to humanity whereas all the previous scriptures have become thoroughly corrupt however in this

book dr shin exposes the frailty of such claims and shows how the qur an is a melting pot of various mythologies judeo christin scriptures syriac homilies rabbinic and even heretic literature how it has been worked on revised corrected and how it has gone through five different standardizations he also shows the textual variations in the earliest quranic manuscripts this book is an invaluable source that offers a precise and reasonable analysis of the qur an it is essential reading for all those who wish to understand the relationship between islam and the religious context of late antiquity

## **The Holy Quran and the Sciences of Nature**

2017-05-16

the bible and the qur an provides an overview of all the figures and groups who are mentioned in both the bible and the qur an principal focus centres on the similarities and differences between the presentations of these characters in the two texts with special emphasis placed on how they appear in the islamic text references are also included to how many of the individuals groups discussed are treated in other islamic sources each figure or group includes 1 a list of relevant qur an passages 2 a description of how the individual group is presented in the islamic texts 3 questions and issues to consider 4 suggestions for further readings an introductory section provides a basic orientation to the qur an and other islamic sources

## **The Qur'an**

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the glorious qur an is god s divine book of guidance for all mankind and the contemporary qur an is an english translation of the glorious qur an written in simple modern english for the reading pleasure of everyone who understands english this translation is named the contemporary qur an for three main reasons firstly because the qur an is always relevant at all times hence it must be read and understood in the context of how its message can be related with and applied to the modern and

contemporary setting that we live in today secondly because the passages are translated contextually instead of literally to bring out their meaning clearer and more accurately and finally because wherever applicable the interpretation takes into account of relevant historical and scientific facts that have only been made available by recent advancements in science and technology other than helping muslims and new converts to gain better understanding of the meaning of god s literal words the contemporary qur an also strives to address the most fundamental question asked by non muslims about the qur an and islam which typically is how do you prove that the qur an is truly god s words and how can i be convinced that islam is the true religion to follow the following approaches were taken to address this question 1 in the book s foreword section i discussed about my own experience in seeking the truth and how i applied simple logic to show that islam stands out from the other religions 2 through irrefutable historical and scientific evidence that have been proven by recent advancements in science and technology i impressed on how impossible it is for the qur an to be authored by a mortal especially so for someone who lived in the 7th century and i also briefly explained how its linguistic beauty is a miracle that can never be rivaled until the end of time 3 i also showed passages from the qur an that islam is a truly universal religion for all which transcends race and ethnicity as it places very high emphasis on social justice for all there is no racial supremacy in islam everyone is equal in the sight of god and will be solely judged by their true faith and piety towards him and the good deeds that they do a true religion must have this universal feature because everyone is equal before his her creator god cannot be god if he practices racial discrimination 4 through my footnotes on certain selected verses i endeavored to make non muslims see that there is actually nothing wrong with islam even though many of its followers and nations are besieged with woeful conditions mired by corruption and disunity the problem is not with islam but with muslims themselves who taint its beauty with their ignorance and over emphasis on rituals that are not authentically prescribed by islam but are instead products of culture and tradition that have been blindly inherited from earlier generations because of this they become occupied with many unprescribed acts of worship until they unwittingly neglect the more important social responsibilities that have been commanded by god to address such as the pursuit for quality education and equality before the



law even worse some tarnish and betray islam simply because of their hypocrisy that is brought out from their insatiable greed for worldly gains in summary the qur an is truly a book of divine guidance for mankind which should not be ignored as it addresses the real concerns and challenges faced by every society at all times and the contemporary qur an is truly special in its own distinctive way which sets it apart from other english qur an translations as it aims to help us see islam as a well balanced religion in living a blessed life in this world and emerge victorious in the next life to come if its true concept and teachings are properly understood and adhered to

## **Why Qur'an?**

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considered in islam to be the infallible word of god the qur an was revealed to the prophet muhammad by the archangel gabriel in a series of divine revelations over many years after his first vision in the cave in 114 chapters or surahs it provides the rules of conduct that remain fundamental to muslims today most importantly the key islamic values of prayer fasting pilgrimage and absolute faith in god with profound spiritual guidance on matters of kinship marriage and family crime and punishment rituals food warfare and charity through its pages a fascinating picture emerges of life in seventh century arabia and from it we can learn much about how people felt about their relationship with god and their belief in the afterlife as well as attitudes to loyalty friendship race forgiveness and the natural world it also tells of events and people familiar to christian and jewish readers fellow people of the book whose stories are recorded in the gospels and torah here we find adam moses abraham jesus and john the baptist among others who are regarded like muhammad to be prophets of the muslim faith

## **An the Noble Qur**

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islam and its past jāhiliyya late antiquity and the qur an brings together

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scholars from various disciplines and fields to consider islamic revelation with particular focus on the qur an the collection provides a wide ranging survey of the development and current state of qur anic studies in the western academy it shows how interest in the field has recently grown how the ways in which it is cultivated have changed how it has ramified and how difficult it now is for any one scholar to keep abreast of it chapters explore the milieu in which the meccan component of the qur an made its appearance the general question is what we can say about that milieu by combining a careful reading of the relevant parts of the qur an with what we know about the religious trends of late antiquity in arabia and elsewhere more specifically the issue is what we can learn in this way about the manner in which the polytheists of the qur an related to the jewish and christian traditions were they godfearers in the sense familiar from the study of ancient judaism it looks at the qur an as a text of late antiquity not just considering those features of it that could be seen as normal in that context but also identifying what is innovative about it against the late antique background here the focus is on the believers rather than the polytheists the volume also engages in different ways with notions of monotheism in pre islamic arabia this collection provides a broad survey of what has been happening in the field and concrete illustrations of some of the more innovative lines of research that have recently been pursued

## **The Bible and the Qur'an**

2018-02-08

the qur an is believed by muslims to be the final word of god revealed to humanity through prophet muhammad speaking to all humans for all times this nature of islam s holy book brings along a continuous study of it so that its injunctions are reinterpreted according to constantly changing times and conditions of our world this book presents such interpretations from a respected muslim scholar who explains verses for the modern age gülen is well informed of the classical exegetical discipline nevertheless in this book he keeps his explanations short and to the point not to tire away readers the book does not cover all the verses of the qur an but selected ones those relate most to the human

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existence on earth life after death and stories revealed in the holy book

## **The Contemporary Qur'an**

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a new updated edition of this modern classic in religious publishing capturing the complexity power and poetry of the early suras of the qur an approaching the qur an presents brilliant translations of the short hymnic chapters or suras associated with the first revelations to the prophet muhammad these early suras contain some of the most powerful prophetic and revelatory passages in religious history offering the vision of a meaningful and just life that anchors the faith of one fifth of the world s inhabitants in addition to these translations michael sells provides an introduction to the qur an commentaries on the suras a glossary of technical terms and discussions of the auditory nature and gender aspects of the arabic text an ideal resource for students and interested lay readers this third edition also includes a new full sura and associated commentary a new preface and a thoroughly updated bibliography

## **The Qur'an**

2009

in the qur an a pious muslim hears god s voice guiding and encouraging consoling and reproaching promising the righteous mercy and eternal bliss while threatening the wicked with wrath and eternal torment for muslims the qur an is the word of god which has entered human time to shape history according to muslim sources the angel gabriel revealed himself to prophet muhammad in 610 ce while he was in prayerful retreat in a cave on mount hira outside mecca it is said that in this initial meeting the angel gabriel pressed muhammad so vehemently that he felt he was being choked the qur an states that the angel then commanded recite in the name of your lord who created created man from a blood clot recite for your lord is most magnanimous who taught by the pen taught man that which he did not know qur an 96 1 5 muslims

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claim that god warned prophet muhammad we shall surely lay upon you weighty speech and enjoined him to rise up through most of the night in prayer and remember fervently what he was told to be the lord of the east and the west qur an 73 5 and 73 8 for muslims this weighty speech marked prophet muhammad as the last messenger of god to humankind this event was to have a great impact on the course of human history the qur an is said to have been communicated to prophet muhammad in two ways muslims believe that it was communicated through the angel gabriel these communications were revealed in small portions single verses groups of verses and entire chapters or suras over a period of twenty to twenty two years the qur an for muslims is not only words that can be uttered heard and recorded it is also the heavenly archetype of which the recited and written qur an is only an earthly copy the qur an in its heavenly archetypal form is for muslims the source of divine revelation throughout human history and is eternally preserved by god it is the covenant of god with humankind which he established with the children of adam when they were but ideas or essences in the divine realm prophet muhammad also professed to have experienced this heavenly qur an in addition to having been the recipient of revelation he would experience a profound spiritual state shivering on a hot summer day or sweating on a cold winter day hearing sounds like the ringing of a bell these sounds transformed themselves in his consciousness into human words which he memorised and had recorded muslims also believe that the qur an was also sent down in part to prophet muhammad s heart on the night of determination qur an 44 3 and 97 1 a blessed night for all muslims this event sanctified his life and made prophet muhammad an example for muslims to follow in the qur an god asked am i not your lord and those who chose to worship god affirmed as lord responded with the words yes we bear witness qur an 7 172 the qur an is the seal and testimony to this covenant its message is for muslims a powerful affirmation of divine lordship and muslim commitment the qur an as an earthly text has been inextricably bound to muslim history it served as an answer to the problems of the arab society in prophet muhammad s time the qur an was also a response to prophet muhammad s questions about the meaning of human life and the mystery of creation and was closely linked to the history of the nascent muslim community in mecca and later in medina many of the qur anic verses are said to have been revealed in answer to specific questions or

life situations the answers given are seen by muslims to be general principles moral imperatives or precepts applicable to all times and places the family of the prophet which the qur an directly addressed see qur an 33 32 is seen by muslims to be a model for all families and all societies in the world

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the quran is the central religious text of islam which muslims believe to be a revelation from god allah it is widely regarded as the finest work in classical arabic literature the quran is divided into chapters surah in arabic which are then divided into verses ayah muslims believe that the quran was verbally revealed by god to muhammad through the angel gabriel jibril 6 7 gradually over a period of approximately 23 years beginning on 22 december 609 ce when muhammad was 40 and concluding in 632 the year of his death muslims regard the quran as the most important miracle of muhammad a proof of his prophethood and the culmination of a series of divine messages that started with the messages revealed to adam and ended with muhammad the word quran occurs some 70 times in the text of the quran although different names and words are also said to be references to the quran according to the traditional narrative several companions of muhammad served as scribes and were responsible for writing down the revelations shortly after muhammad s death the quran was compiled by his companions who wrote down and memorized parts of it these codices had differences that motivated the caliph uthman to establish a standard version now known as uthman s codex which is generally considered the archetype of the

quran known today there are however variant readings with mostly minor differences in meaning the quran assumes familiarity with major narratives recounted in the biblical scriptures it summarizes some dwells at length on others and in some cases presents alternative accounts and interpretations of events the quran describes itself as a book of guidance for mankind 2 185 it sometimes offers detailed accounts of specific historical events and it often emphasizes the moral significance of an event over its narrative sequence hadith are additional oral and written traditions supplementing the quran from careful authentication they are believed to describe words and actions of muhammad and in some traditions also those closest to him in most denominations of islam the quran is used together with hadith to interpret sharia islamic law in a small number of denominations only the quran is used as a source during prayers the quran is recited only in arabic someone who has memorized the entire quran is called a hafiz quranic verse ayah is sometimes recited with a special kind of elocution reserved for this purpose called tajwid during the month of ramadan muslims typically complete the recitation of the whole quran during tarawih prayers in order to extrapolate the meaning of a particular quranic verse most muslims rely on exegesis or tafsir

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