



QURANIC SCIENCES 1/10

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What is the meaning of "Qur'an"?

What is Quran?

Most Authentic Book

Most Oppressed Book

Most Read Book

Least Understood Book

Best Selling Book

Worst implemented Book

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ
أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا

This Quran guides to the straightest way. It gives glad tidings of the great reward to the believers who do good deeds (17:9)

وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا
الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا

And the Messenger cried out: o my lord! surely my people have treated this Quran as a forsaken thing. (25:30)

Place of Quran in Islam

- Last book in the series of the Divine revelation
- Islamic primary sources
 1. **Quran:** The word of God (most authentic)
 2. **Sunnah:** The words, actions and approvals of a Masoom (as)
- Other: Aql & Ijmaa

The Real Teachers of Quran

هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ إِنَّمَا هُوَ خَطٌّ مَسْتُورٌ بَيْنَ الدَّفْتَيْنِ لَا يَنْطِقُ بِلِسَانٍ
وَلَا يُدَبِّرُ لَهُ مِنْ تَرْجُمانٍ وَ إِنَّمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنْهُ الرَّجَالُ. (خطبه/125)

Maula Ali (as): The Qur'an is a book, covered, between two flaps, and it does not speak. It should therefore necessarily have an interpreter. Men alone can be such interpreters.

ذَلِكَ الْقُرْآنُ فَاسْتَنْطِقُوهُ، وَلَنْ يَنْطِقَ، وَلَكِنْ أَخْبِرْكُمْ عَنْهُ
(Khutbah 198)

Maula Ali (as): That is Quran, make it speak, however it will not speak to you, but I will inform you about it.

What is Quran?

إِذَا التَّبَسَّتْ عَلَيْكُمْ الْفِتْنُ كَقَطْعِ اللَّيْلِ الْمُظْلِمِ فَعَلَيْكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ؛ فَإِنَّهُ شَافِعٌ مُشْفِعٌ وَمَاحِلٌ مُصَدِّقٌ. وَمَنْ جَعَلَهُ أَمَامَهُ قَادَهُ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ وَمَنْ جَعَلَهُ خَلْفَهُ سَاقَهُ إِلَى النَّارِ وَهُوَ الدَّلِيلُ يَدُلُّ عَلَى خَيْرِ سَبِيلٍ... وَ لَهُ ظَهْرٌ وَبَطْنٌ،... ظَاهِرُهُ أُنِيقٌ وَبَاطِنُهُ عَمِيقٌ. لَهُ نَجُومٌ وَعَلَى نَجُومِهِ نَجُومٌ، لَا تُحْصَى عَجَائِبُهُ وَلَا تُبْلَى غُرَائِبُهُ، فِيهِ مَصَابِيحُ الْهُدَى وَمَنَارُ الْحُكْمِ.

Prophet Muhammad (saww): 'When tribulations befall upon you like the utter darkness of the dark night, then you must seek refuge in Quran. Indeed Quran is an intercessor whose intercession will be granted and a complainer whose complain will be accepted. Whoever makes it his/her leader(guide), it will lead to the Paradise and whoever leaves it behind it will throw in the Fire'. ...

Nahjul Balaghah Sermon 198

Homework: Read and reflect on the last part of sermon 198 Nahjul Balagha

- <http://www.al-islam.org/nahjul-balagha-part-1-sermons/sermon-198-allah-knows-cries-beasts-forest%E2%80%A6>

What are the Quranic Sciences?

- All the Sciences (subjects) related to the understanding of Quran e.g. Revelation of Quran, Compilation of Quran, Naasikh, Mansookh, Muhkam, Mutashabih etc.
- Quranic Sciences are the prerequisites of the Quranic exegesis/Tafseer.
- The term 'Uloom ul Quran', came to be known in 430 AH (Zarqani, Manahil)

Milestones

- **In the early Islamic era**
 - Imam Ali AS 1.
 - Abdullah bin Abbas RZ
 - Abdullah bin Masood RZ
 - Ubai bin Ka'b RZ
- **In later period**
 - Aban bin Taghlib (D. 141)
 - Khalil bin Ahmad Farahidi (D.170)

Some Resources

- al-Burhan fi Uloom il Quran (Zarkashi, 8th century)
- al-Itqan fi Uloomil Quran (Siwti, 911AH)
- Alaa ur Rahmaan (Muhammad Jawad Balaghi)
- Manahil ul Quran (Zarqani)
- al-Bayan fi Tafsiril Quran (Ayatullah Khui)
- al-Tamheed fi Uloomil Quran (Ayt. Hadi Marefat)

Discussion

1. How Quran can save us ?
2. Why it is not saving the Muslims
Hint: **Khawarij**

Names of the Noble Quran

- Quran بل هو قرآن مجيد
- Furqan تبارك الذى نزل الفرقان على عبده
- Kitab كتاب أنزلناه اليك
- Zikr هذا ذكر مبارك
- Tanzeel تنزيل من الرحمن الرحيم
- Mushaf

The meaning of 'Quran'

- Derived from Qar'a=collection
- Derived from Qara'a= the recited one

- Allama Tabatabai: قوله <إن علينا جمعه وقرآنه> ... القرآن هاهنا مصدرٌ كالفرقان و الرجحان، و الضميران لِلْوَحْيِ، و المعنى: لا تَعْجَلْ بِهِ، إِذْ عَلَيْنَا أَنْ نَجْمَعَ مَا نُوحِيهِ إِلَيْكَ بِضَمِّ بَعْضِ أَجْزَائِهِ إِلَى بَعْضٍ و قَرَأْتَهُ عَلَيْكَ

The Adjectives of Quran

—Majid-Glorious

—Karim-Noble

—Hakim-Wise

—Azim- Great

—Aziz- Substantial

—Mubarak- Blessed

—Mubin- Manifest

—Qayyim- Upright

—Bashir- Giver of the glad tiding

—Nazir- Warner

Why in Arabic?

- The regional language was Arabic (Q.14/4)
- Unique features of Arabic Language
 - Eloquence
 - Broadness **يبين الالسن ولا تبينه الالسن**
 - The Language of Paradise

Fiqh Issues

- **Touching Quran-** The actual text cannot be touched without ritual purity i.e. Wudhu, Ghusl etc.)
- **Virtual Quran-** Has the same credibility as of Physical Quran, however, to touch the screen etc. ritual purity is not required.
- **Reciting in special status-**
 - The Surahs containig Wajib Sajda should be avoided.
 - Other Surahs could be recited but without touching the actual text
- **Disposal-**
 - Placing in clean water, burying in safe place or using any other appropriately respectable manner.

Thank You

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NEXT SESSION: 04/21/2015

Subject: Refer to the Session Plans