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As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum, Dear Readers!

This issue marks the 10 year anniversary of Al-Hilāl Children’s magazine. And what better way to celebrate than a theme about the Holy Qur’ān? The Qur’ān is described as a healing, a mercy and is the actual word of God revealed to the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) through the Angel Gabriel. It has guidance for every walk of life, every issue and circumstance, filled with prophecies about the future, and lessons from the past. As Muslims we respect our Holy book and honor it above all others. But showing respect to the Holy Qur’ān does not mean we leave it high on a shelf or wrapped in a beautiful cover, rarely opened.

The Holy Qur’ān is meant to be recited, often and aloud. In this commemorative extended issue, children have written about their favorite verses or story, how they respect and show preference to the Qur’ān and what they have learned from it.

In Shā’ Allah, you will enjoy reading this issue as much as our editorial team has enjoyed compiling it. May the next 10 years of Al-Hilāl prove to be fruitful and blessed and inspire even more young writers and readers.

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The Holy Qur'ān

In the light of the verses of the Holy Qur'ān

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وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّمَّنْ مِثْلِهِ ۚ وَادْعُوا أَهْلَ كُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

And if you are in doubt as to what We have sent down to Our servant, then produce a Chapter like it, and call upon your helpers beside Allah, if you are truthful. [2:24]

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أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ ۗ قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّثْلِهِ ۚ وَادْعُوا مَنِ اسْتَضَعْتُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ
[10:39] Do they say, 'He has forged it?' Say, 'Bring then a Sūrah like unto it, and call for help on all you can besides Allah, if you are truthful.' [10:39]

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قُلْ لِّئِنِ اجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ كَانَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا

Say, 'If mankind and the Jinn gathered together to produce the like of this Qur'ān, they could not produce the like thereof, even though they should help one another.' [17:89]

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أَفَلَا يَتَدَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ وَلَوْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ لَوَجَدُوا فِيهِ اخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا

Will they not, then, meditate upon the Qur'ān? Had it been from anyone other than Allah, they would surely have found therein much disagreement. [4:83]

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وَمَا كَانَ هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ أَنْ يُفْتَرَىٰ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنْ تَصْدِيقَ الَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَتَفْصِيلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ مِنْ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

And this Qur'ān is not such as might be devised by any one except Allah. On the contrary, it fulfils that which is before it and is an exposition of the Law of God. There is no doubt

about it. It is from the Lord of the worlds. [10:38]

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شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ

The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination. [2:186]

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وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ الْقُرْآنُ جُمْلَةً وَاحِدَةً كَذَلِكَ لِنُثَبِّتَ بِهِ فُؤَادَكَ وَرَتَّلْنَاهُ تَرْتِيلًا

And those who disbelieve say, 'Why was not the Qur'an revealed to him all at once?' We have revealed it thus that We may strengthen thy heart therewith. And We have arranged it in the best form. [25:33]

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فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

And when thou recitest the Qur'an, seek refuge with Allah from Satan the rejected. [16:99]

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وَإِذَا قُرِئَ الْقُرْآنُ فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ وَأَنْصِتُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

And when the Qur'an is recited, give ear to it and keep silence, that you may be shown mercy. [7:205]

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أَوِمِّرِ الصَّلَاةَ لِدُلُوكِ الشَّمْسِ إِلَىٰ غَسَقِ اللَّيْلِ وَقُرْآنَ الْفَجْرِ إِنَّ قُرْآنَ الْفَجْرِ كَانَ مَشْهُودًا

Observe Prayer at the declining and paling of the sun on to the darkness of the night, and the recitation of the Qur'an in Prayer at dawn. Verily, the recitation of the Qur'an at dawn is specially acceptable to God. [17:79]

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لَوْ أَنْزَلْنَا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ عَلَىٰ جَبَلٍ لَّرَأَيْنَهُ خَاشِعًا مُّتَصَدِّعًا مِّنْ خَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَالُ لِنُصَرِّبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

If We had sent down this Qur'an on a mountain, thou wouldst certainly have seen it humbled and rent asunder for fear of Allah. And these are similitudes that We set forth for mankind that they may reflect. [59:22]

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إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّذِينَ هُمْ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا
Surely, this Qur'an guides to what is most right; and gives to the believers who do good deeds the glad tidings that they shall have a great reward. [17:10]

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إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian. [15:10]

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We Want to Hear
from You!!!

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Excellence of the Holy Qur'an

Belief in the Unseen



The Qur'ān explains clearly that there will be no Prophet who will bring a law-bearing Book after the advent of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). He is sent for the benefit of all mankind. The Qur'ān has guidance for entire mankind with manifest signs and it is the law sent by Allah until the day of Judgment. It

distinguishes between truth and falsehood. A believer should focus on the teachings of the Qur'ān and reflect over them while reciting it. The Khalifatul-Masih V explained that the standards of Qura'nic guidance are varying. This guidance is a continuous process, it is a universal and timeless book. It is essential for the righteous to adhere to all of the Holy Qur'ān's fine points and teachings. Adherence to all of the Qura'nic teachings alone can make us worthy of taking this teaching to others. So that we can tell the rest of the world that the way they have opted for, leads to destruction. Unfortunately, the un-Islamic practices of Muslims today are giving the enemies of Islam opportunities to raise objection against the Qur'ān. The Qur'ān was revealed in the month of Ramaḍān and is a source of guidance. Muslims should inculcate those standards of guidance which the Qur'ān has stated and try to find the person who came to give guidance with sincerity of heart. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) remarked on the sad aspect of those who considered the Qur'ān to be Word of God but did not put its teaching in practice. He likened them to those who in spite of being thirsty do not go to a water spring which is sweet and pure and has healing properties. He said Muslims know that the

Qur'ān is the key to all success, yet they do not put its teaching in practice. He said, today not only do many Muslims not reflect on the Holy Qur'ān, but the majority of Muslims do not even pay attention while reading it. Their religious leaders incite their followers against Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani (peace be on him), even though the Qur'ān clearly states that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is Khātamun-Nabiyyīn—the Seal of all the Prophets, not the last prophet. If only they would ask what was the Promised Messiah's (peace be on him) claim!



The first step to attain the way to guidance is belief in the unseen, this is one of the first few things we read in the Holy Qur'an. Believing in the unseen is a source of spiritual development. It takes a person to the ways of guidance, finding Allah, understanding His teachings and

developing a connection with Allah. This can only happen if the Qur'ān is recited regularly as well as practiced on. The Qur'ān gives commandments to practice virtues and to shun evil. One practical display of belief in the unseen is observance of Ṣalāt. Those who are granted steadfastness in belief in the unseen may experience some weak phases in Ṣalāt, but they continue to offer Ṣalāt without wavering and remain resolute in their belief. Belief in the unseen means we believe in all of the Holy Qur'ān's prophecies. (Friday Sermon 20 August 2010)



Fill in the Blanks

Find the answers in the Khutba on the previous two pages.
Ages 7 - 9 (do #1, #2, #3); Ages 10 - 12 (do #1, #2, #3,
#4, #5); Ages 13 - 14 (do all)

1. Who was the Holy Qur'ān sent for? Until when is it the law sent by Allah?

A.
B.

2. What should a believer do with the Holy Qur'ān?

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3. How can we show that we believe in the unseen?

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4. When can we earn the right to take the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān to others?

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5. What can Muslims do to prevent enemies of Islam from raising objections against the Qur'ān?

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6. What does the Khalifatul-Masih mean by “the guidance of the Holy Qur’ān is a continuous process”?

7. What analogy did the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) use to describe most Muslims and the Holy Qur’ān?



By: Sister Sumaira Bajwa, Silver Spring, MD

So said the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him):

Ḥaḍrat ‘Auf bin Mālik Ashji relates, I was standing with the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) for Ṣalāt. He recited Sūrah Al-Baqarah. On every verse referring to mercy, he paused and sought Allah’s mercy and on every verse referring to punishment, he paused and sought protection from punishment. (Abū Dawūd, Kitābuṣ-Ṣalāt)

Ḥaḍrat Ḥudhaifa mentions the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) used to say Subḥānallāh wherever God’s glory was referred. (Muslim, Kitābuṣ-Ṣalāt)

My Favorite Verse from the Holy Qur'ān

Ayilah Chaudhary/12/Central Jersey

وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ وَ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ

This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the righteous. [2:3]

I chose this verse from the Holy Qur'ān because it conveys the importance of this holy book. The Qur'ān is a spiritual scripture from Allah to lead mankind the right way. It is a perfect book and a guide for anyone who wants to be righteous. The Holy Qur'ān contains Allah's message to all people, and this verse from the Holy Qur'ān claims to have no doubt about its perfection. The most truthful speech, the most eloquent advice, and the greatest stories are in the Book of Allah. This is a significant verse and it discloses the guidance and the superiority of this Divine Book.



The Qur'ān brings happiness for the hereafter. If you believe and study it, you will have a promising life. The Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: *If you desire the life of the fortunate, the death of a martyr, the salvation on the Day of Regret and the shade on the Day of Extreme Heat, then you should study the Qur'ān because it is the word of the Merciful, a sanctuary from Satan and causes the tilting of the Balance.* The Holy Qur'ān is the only divine book that has remained unchanged. Additionally, this verse reveals the respect you should always show for the Holy Qur'ān, and it cleanses the doubts from you. Therefore, I admire this verse because it reveals the perfection and significance of this Divine Book.

A Chance

Sister Wajeeha Choudhary
Philadelphia Lajna

I sit silently,
Staring at the pages
That encompass my entire life.
With a gentle hand,
I flip the page
In the attempt to absorb
Words that are the grandest of all.
None stands in its comparison,
For its claim of perfection is flawless:
*“This is a perfect Book;
There is no doubt in it;”*
Listen! O those who wish to attain
“A guidance for the righteous”,
I present to you a book worth more than
Gold,
Silver,
Platinum;
All the wealth of the world.
If only you could see its lofty light
That shines brightly, yet warmly
To comfort the souls of the deprived.
If only you could read its words,
That contain truths of the world and beyond.
If only,
If only you gave it a chance.



Photo by
Wajeeha Choudhary

Charity of Kind Words

Misbah Sehar Ahmad/Age 7/Austin, Texas

One day one of my friends was sad. I went over and told her some jokes to cheer her up. She laughed and seemed happy afterwards. I felt good that she started smiling. We both felt happy. Charity is also about making others feel good because our Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: “A word of goodness is also an act of charity” (Bukhārī).



Holy Qu'ran

Areej Tahir, Age 7, Detroit

I **love** to read the Qu'rān
I **love** to listen to the Qu'rān
It increases me in Īmān
I **love** to recite the Qu'rān

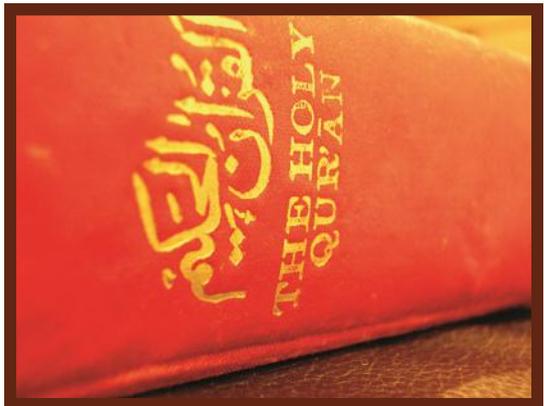
The Holy Qur'ān

Hiba Nasir/7/ Minnesota

The Qur'ān is a Holy Book that was not written by anyone but sent by Allah to the Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) through the angel Jibra'īl. That is why it is called Holy Book. The Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) regularly read the Holy Qur'ān to the Muslims around him. These Muslims were very excited to receive the words of Allah. Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that the Qur'ān is the most truthful speech. It has the best advice and the greatest stories in it. The Holy Prophet selected special people to write down the words of Allah and today it is in its original language. The Holy Qur'ān contains Allah's message to everyone. It tells us how to act correctly and guides us to a correct way of life in this world and also talks about life after death. Following the Qur'ān brings happiness and joy. It is the best company and you will have no fear if you have the Qur'ān with you all the time.

Since the Qur'ān is not an ordinary book, we have to respect it. It should be carried with proper care. The Holy Book should be taken out of bag with both hands and placed gently on the desk. After reading, we should close it gently. If someone is reading the Qur'ān we should listen to it quietly. Another way to respect the Qur'ān is to read it everyday. One of the beauties of the Qur'ān for us children is that reading it over and over again makes us wise and intelligent.

*Photo By Sister
Wajeaha Choudhary*



The Beautiful Qur'ān

Usman Chaudhry, Age 9, Miami

Millions of people read the Holy Qur'ān every day. The Holy Qur'ān is read in over forty languages. It is a good book. The Holy Qur'ān can teach you how to respect your parents. It has 114 Sūrahs and 30 parts. The Holy Qur'ān does not have many colors because Islam is one color: green. The Holy Qur'ān has a bookmark so you can save wherever you last read. It also has an Arabic symbol on the front.

My favorite verse is Sūrah Al-Fātiḥah verse three. In this verse, Allah says 'The Gracious, the Merciful.' This verse also means that Allah is nice and respectful to others. Allah is forgiving of everybody. Allah is nice to me because I behaved really good. Whenever I am mean to my little sister Sania, she tells my Abu, and I sometimes get in trouble. My Abu tells me to seek apology from Sania and forgiveness from Allah. I am sure Allah forgives me. Allah tells me to be nice to others too.



Guidance for the Righteous

Syed Muntashir Ahmed, Age 15, Miami



The Qur'ān is the holy book for Muslims who follow the religion of Islam. It was sent down to the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) from Allah to guide the people to the right and straight path. It is a guidance for all mankind. In this book, we were given the name Muslim [22:79]. The Holy Qur'ān tells us how to live our daily lives, what we should do and not do since we are Muslims. Allah is telling us through the Qur'ān that we should be thankful for all the favors given to us and those that will be given to us through our prayers. Also, that there is one universe and one Allah who tells and shows us the right things and tells us to follow it for our own sake and happiness.

There is one particular verse that I like in the Qur'ān. It is in chapter 2 and it is verse 3. It says "This is a perfect book; there is no doubt in it; it is guidance for the righteous." This verse tells you straightforward what the Qur'ān is and who it is for. You will have no problem with the message it is trying to convey to you. I like this verse so much that it inspires me to read the Qur'ān everyday and to live my life around what the Qur'ān is saying and teaching me. It is the most perfect book in the world.



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The Word of Allah

Rabea Munawar Chaudhry, Age 12, Miami

The Arabic word Qur'ān, means often read or recited. A very distinctive feature of the Holy Qur'ān, is that Allah gave a Divine Guarantee for its preservation. Allah has written in the Holy Qur'ān;

Say, 'If mankind and the Jinn gathered together to produce the like of this Qur'ān, they could not produce the like thereof, even though they should help one another.' (Holy Qur'ān, Chapter 17, Verse 89)

The Qur'ān has the words of Allah. It contains scientific truths and prophecies of future technologies. It is a complete book with the Laws and Commandments that changed the spiritual and moral conditions of the Arabs and non-believers (Kuffār). Even today the Holy Qur'ān has changed and completed the life of mankind. The Holy Qur'ān has and never will be changed until the Day of Judgment.

The Holy Qur'ān was the reason for the acceptance of Islam by Haḍrat 'Umar Ibn-Khattaab Farooq (may Allah be pleased with him). Haḍrat 'Umar Farooq (may Allah be pleased with him) became a fierce opponent of Islam when Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) claimed his Prophethood. One day he left his house with the intention to kill the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Someone told him to first deal with his own sister and brother-in-law who had accepted Islam. He was enraged and started beating his brother-in-law. His sister was wounded as she tried to protect her husband. His sister told him that they would not change their own faith even though he beat them. So, he

calmed down.

He asked them to show him the the verses of the Holy Qur'ān. He was so moved by the Qur'ānic verses that his eyes filled with tears. He went straight to the Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and accepted Islam at his hands. Qur'ānic teachings have made this world a beautiful place to live.

Understanding Our Holy Book

Talha Mahmood, Age 8, Miami

The Holy Qur'ān is the book of Allah. It was revealed to the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). This book is bestowed upon us so that we can understand it and try to spend our lives accordingly. The attributes of love, truth, honesty, obedience and loyalty are taught in the Holy Qur'ān.

One day as I was reciting Sūrah Raḥmān, my father told me the translation of some of the verses. I really was listening to it with interest and now I read the translation of Holy Qur'ān. As Muslims we all love the Holy Qur'ān and should make a habit of reciting it every day. I like Sūrah Al-Rahman verse 14 “Which then of the blessings of Allah will you deny.” In this verse Allah Ta‘āla is telling us to be thankful for His favors on us. We are

truly blessed by Allah.

The Beauty of the Holy Qur'an

Elena and Ayesha were best friends though they were not very much alike. Elena was a Christian who loved to read books and Ayesha was a Muslim who only loved to read one book. One day while Elena was reading a novel by Nicholas Sparks, Ayesha walked up to her and said, "You are always reading these books, why don't you read something that's true and tells stories of past people and old nations and what is to come in future. I read this book everyday and I recommend it to you but you have to know the rules: You keep it in a clean place. You must never read it with hands unwashed, and never, never put it on the ground. Also, do not treat this book like any other. It demands respect and you should take very good care of it."

Elena took the book that Ayesha had told her about, it was called the Holy Qur'an. She read it every night and got hooked on it. She went to her room early. Her mother wondered what was going on but did not say anything. When she finished the translation, she knew exactly what she wanted, to read it in Arabic, it's original form. She went up to her mom early morning on Saturday.

"Mother, I wish to learn Arabic."

"Why is that, my dear?"

Angel, her mother, had always been an understanding woman who only cared for her daughters wishes.

"I have been reading the Holy Qur'an, and I wish to read it in its original form."

Her mother looked up in surprise, "Yes, of course, if that is what you think is right."

Soon she started taking Arabic classes, and after reading it twice in Arabic Elena knew where her heart was, and she became a Muslim four years later.

By: Hira Rehman, Age:11, Atlanta

The Beautiful Qur'ān

Muhammad Ahmad Virk, Age 12, Miami

The Holy Qur'ān was revealed to the last Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) from 610 CE to 632 CE. The Holy Qur'ān is a complete code of life, which tells us about the oneness of God and all about His prophets. It tells us how to live life everyday and how to stay away from evils. It also tells us which paths will lead to heaven and hell. The Holy Qur'ān can be compared to the ocean. Children collect pebbles from its shores while the deep thinkers and philosophers, like pearl divers, bring out the



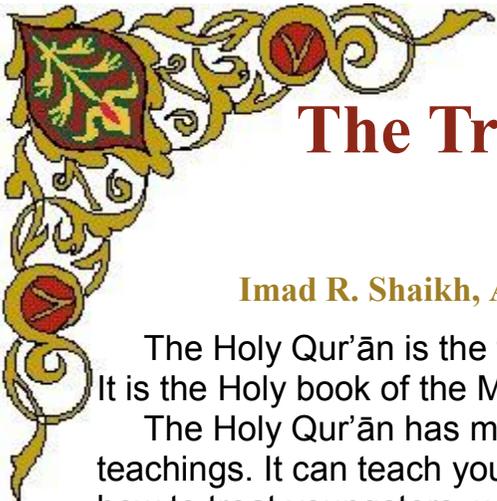
highest philosophy from the Holy Qur'ān.

My favorite Sūrah from the Holy Qur'ān is Sūrah Al-Ikhlās because this Sūrah tells us about the oneness of God. It is a very short Sūrah but has a very good meaning. Long before the Holy Qur'ān was revealed, all the people used to worship many idols. This

Sūrah tells us that there is only one God. This Sūrah was revealed after Hijra and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) announced that this was the greatest of all Sūrahs. So all in all, the Qur'ān is a book about the past and future and has the deepest philosophy and meaning. We should recite it everyday.

So said the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

“The Holy Qur'ān is a treasure chest and people are unaware of it.” (Malfūzāt, Vol. 2, Page 344.)



The True Message of Allah

Imad R. Shaikh, Age 10, Miami

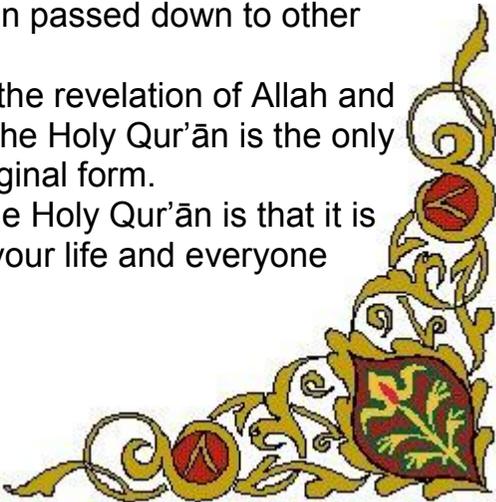
The Holy Qur'ān is the true message of Allah. It is the Holy book of the Muslims.

The Holy Qur'ān has more than just Islamic teachings. It can teach you how to treat elders, how to treat youngsters, what's the good thing to do, what's the bad thing not to do, and lots more. It can also teach you how to be successful in this life and the after life.

The Holy Qur'ān is the most memorized book in the world. It has been passed down to other Muslims for centuries.

The Holy Qur'ān is the revelation of Allah and has been preserved. The Holy Qur'ān is the only religious book in its original form.

My opinion about the Holy Qur'ān is that it is a very good guide for your life and everyone should read it.



So said the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

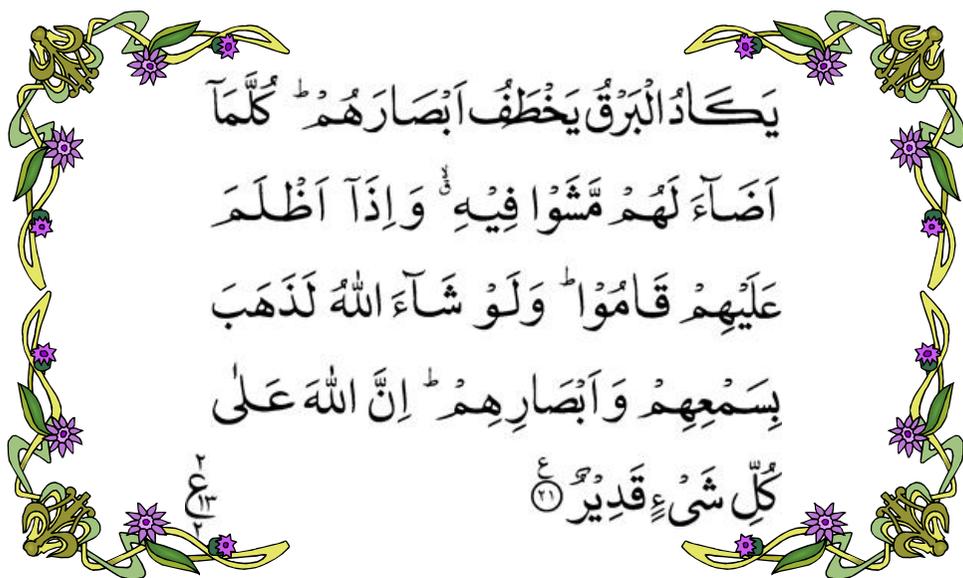
“Listen, O those dear to me, that without the Qur'an, man can never reach the truth.” (Barahīn-i-Aḥmadiyya, Vol. III, Page 299.)

A Book of Guidance

Haris Mahmood , Age 8, Miami

The Qur'ān is a book of guidance. The Qur'ān is the last book from Allah. The Qur'ān has 114 chapters and 30 parts. The Holy Qur'ān is a message for all of mankind. The Qur'ān has 6,666 verses, each verse with a specific message from Allah. The Qur'ān is written in Arabic, the mother of all languages.

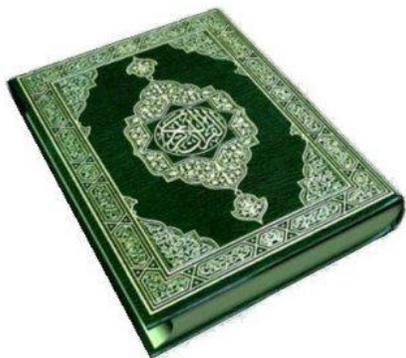
My favorite verse in the Holy Qur'ān is from Chapter 2, Sūrah Al-Baqarah, verse 21. This is my favorite verse because it says that Allah can do anything he wants to and is the most powerful. I agree with this verse and respect the power of Allah.



[2:21] The lightning might well-nigh snatch away their sight; whenever it shines upon them, they walk therein; and when it becomes dark to them, they stand still. And if Allah willed, He could take away their hearing and their sight; surely, Allah has the power to do all that He wills.

The Beautiful Holy Qur'ān

Fatima Minhas, Age 10, Miami



The Holy Qur'ān is a holy book of revelations, which was first brought by Angel Gabriel to Ḥaḍrat Muḥammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. The Holy Qur'ān was revealed in Arabic, which is the mother of all languages. It contains complete guidance from Allah to mankind. The word “Qur'ān” means

“something that is read or recited.” It was revealed over a period of 22 years; 12 years in Mecca and 10 years in Medina.

The Qur'ān contains stories of prophets: Abraham, Adam, Moses, Jesus and many more, peace be on all of them. It contains guidelines about leading a good life and has good news for believers and warnings for nonbelievers. The Holy Qur'ān contains philosophy and it also talks about the creation of the universe. There are many prophecies mentioned in the Holy Qur'ān. It is the only holy book that has been preserved in its original form. Even though the Holy Qur'ān was revealed more than 1400 years ago, it is miraculous that what is being discovered and understood by scientists today has already been mentioned in it. It also states many phenomena that man is still unaware of.

The Holy Qur'ān is known by many names. A few of them are Al-Kitāb (The Book), Al-Ḥaqq (The Truth) and Al-Hudā (The Guide). The words of the Holy Qur'ān when recited in a melodious voice carry a deep impact. The words are so powerful that they can touch a person's heart and even make them accept Islam. I have a friend at school whose mom converted to Islam when she heard her coworker recite Sūrah Al-Fātiḥah. Therefore, the Holy Qur'ān is the most beautiful book with a powerful message and complete guidance for mankind until the Day of Judgment.

The Many Names of Allah

Sinaan Abdurrehman Younus, Age 9, Baltimore

One of the things that make the Holy Qurʾān beautiful is ‘Asmāʾul-Ḥusnā,’ or the Beautiful Names of Allah. The Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has mentioned 99 attributive names of Allah. Allah Taʿālā wants us to mirror these attributes so the world can take a peek at Him through His creation—the human beings.

My special favorites are the following five attributes of Allah Taʿālā and today I want to share a story with you all that revolves around these attributes.

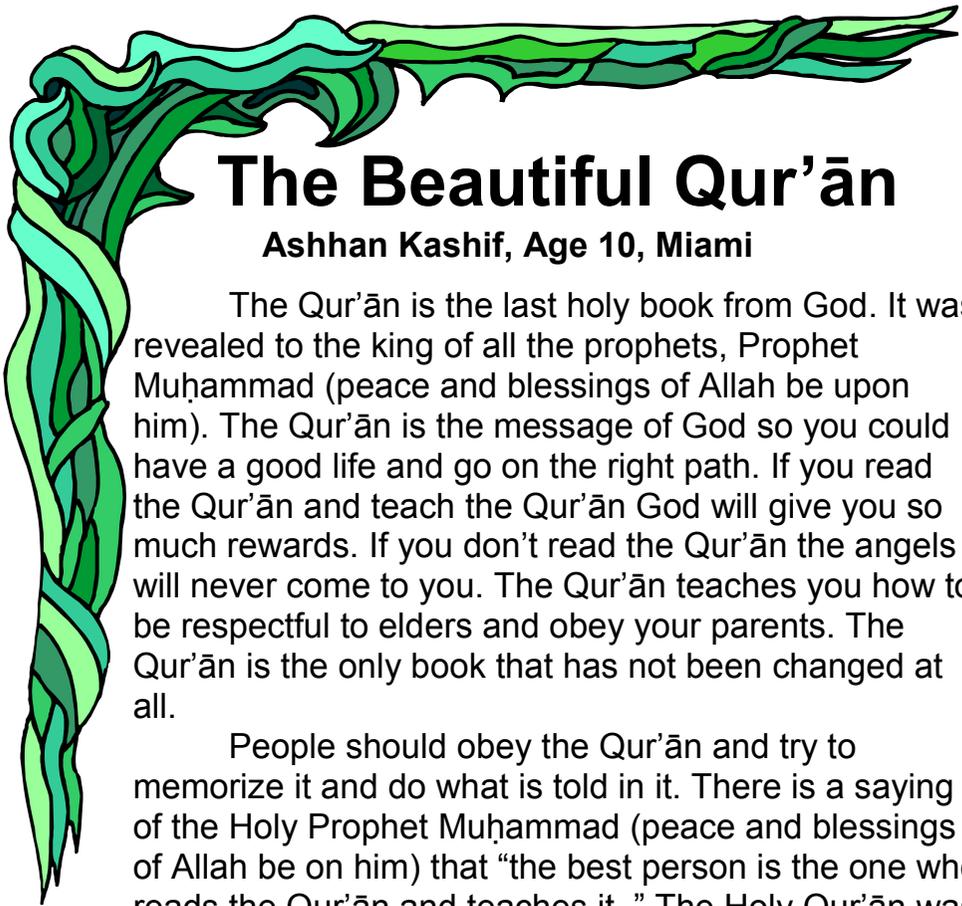
- Al-Khāliq: The Creator, that is, Allah has created the universe and everything within it and beyond it.
- Al-Muhaimin: The Protector.
- Al-Qawīyy: The Powerful, that is, Allah is the Lord of the Worlds and no one can do anything without His Will.
- Al-Waliyy: The Friend
- Ar-Razzāq: The Provider.

A couple of years ago, I wanted to learn how to ride a two-wheeler bike. So, one day I gave it a shot. When I looked at the bike, I thought what an amazing creation! This made me think about Allah, who is **Al-Khaliq**, the REAL Creator. To protect myself from injuries, my parents bought me kneepads, arm pads and a helmet. But my parents told me that the REAL Protector was Allah---**Al-Muhaimin**. Riding downhill was fun but coming uphill was hard and more challenging. It required a lot of power and that reminded me about Allah



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being **Al-Qawiyy** (The Powerful). This disclosed to me that we should think about Allah's attribute, Al-Qawiyy, when we feel weak going uphill. It is no fun to ride a bike by yourself. You need a friend. My sister and parents became my friends while I rode all around the community. But guess who my REAL friend was when I was riding alone? It was **Al-Waliyy**, the Friend. When I got back home, I felt very hungry and thirsty. My Mom gave me food. I ate all of it. While my Mom provided me with food, I knew that the REAL Provider was Allah, the **Ar-Razzaq**. Surely Allah is the REAL DEAL.



The Beautiful Qur'ān

Ashhan Kashif, Age 10, Miami

The Qur'ān is the last holy book from God. It was revealed to the king of all the prophets, Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The Qur'ān is the message of God so you could have a good life and go on the right path. If you read the Qur'ān and teach the Qur'ān God will give you so much rewards. If you don't read the Qur'ān the angels will never come to you. The Qur'ān teaches you how to be respectful to elders and obey your parents. The Qur'ān is the only book that has not been changed at all.

People should obey the Qur'ān and try to memorize it and do what is told in it. There is a saying of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) that "the best person is the one who reads the Qur'ān and teaches it." The Holy Qur'ān was sent to Earth to make people's lives better.



How can we help others?

Mishle Ahmad * 8 * Oshkosh

- Helping people that get hurt
- Helping somebody cross the road
- Being nice to others
- Praying to Allah for others
- Helping your mom cook
- Helping in cleaning up
- Taking care of your brother



Dua Ahmad * 9 * Oshkosh



- Giving money to the poor
- Helping the injured
- Praying for the people who died (people in Pakistan)
- Giving good advice
- Telling bad people to do good things
- Taking part in Food Drives
- Taking care of the sick
- Giving food and shelter to the needy

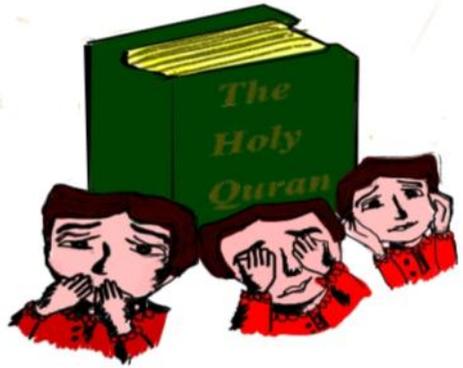
A Perfect Book

Syed Mushfique Ahmed * 11 * Miami

The Holy Qur'ān is a beautiful book, it is a perfect book, and there is no doubt in its guidance for the righteous.

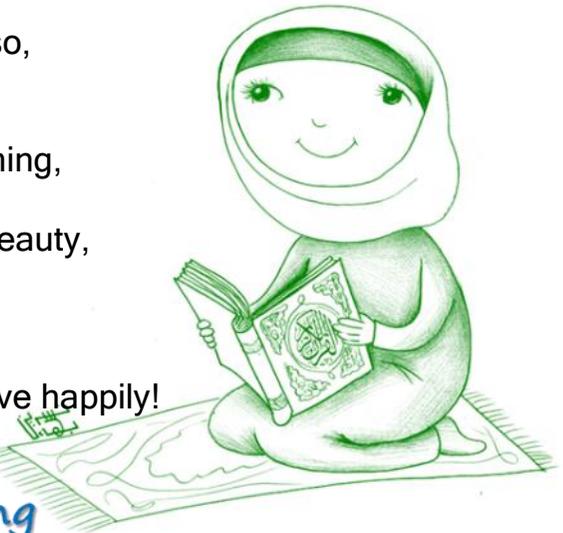
The Holy Qur'ān teaches you a lot about life and how to live so in the next life you are in paradise. It tells you to listen to your parents.

The Holy Qur'ān is the only holy book that has not changed over time. That is why to me the Holy Qur'ān is a beautiful book.



What is true beauty?
I have always wondered so,
Hang on—let me think,
OH! Now I know,
True beauty is heart warming,
It fills us with love,
And when I think of true beauty,
I think of God from above,
And He revealed a book,
Sitting in front of me,
And using this book, we live happily!

*By: Soha Malik,
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Two Attributes Of Allah

Anisa Asad

8 years



One day at gym class, we were going to play a game I wasn't very good at, and there were a lot of people playing and I'm not used to that. But Allah did something for me. Someone threw me the ball who was on my side, and I threw it to the other team, and it bounced on the floor and the other team lost a point. That was my throw that made them lose a point! Thank you Allah, You are the Merciful.



I really like the creations of Allah, and if He did not create, we would not be here. Nothing would be here. So I am glad Allah did this, and I love a lot of things like my friends that God created. There is nothing in the whole wide, imaginary or non-imaginary universe and beyond, that Allah did not create. I know God is the artist beyond anyone or anything's imagination; otherwise everything would look weird!!! So thank you Allah, Lord of All the Worlds.

So said the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

“Of all the revealed Books which we find today, it is only the Holy Qur’ān whose claim to having been revealed from God is established on the strength of irrefutable arguments.” (Barahīn-i-Aḥmadiyya, Vol. I, Pages 81-82)

A Very Special Book

IRAM ZAFAR * 13 * NORTH JERSEY

The Holy Qur'ān is the most beautiful thing Allah has ever given us to read. This precious revealed book is very meaningful to all Muslims around the world. It has given us a chance to learn our history of ancient times in Islam that were really powerful to us and that made our religion grow peacefully and larger. But, of course, if you do not know the language of Arabic, always read the translation in English or the language you speak in to find out the meaning of these beautiful verses recited.



One thing I want others to know about our Holy Book is that this is the only book that is the most truthful and does not have people as our God and has very dominant beliefs. I am not saying that the other books are not truthful or dominant, but I am saying that some of the things in those books sometimes just do not make sense to me. Like seeing that Christians put Jesus as their God just makes me think 'How can someone worship and pray to a person?' It just does not make sense to me.

This book is very special to every Muslim in the world. Being a very special book, it needs to be treated and cared

for in a very special way also. What you have to do to treat this book with respect is that you should NEVER EVER put it on the floor and never touch it with dirty hands.

This is also the most read book in the entire world. This is so because thousands of people memorize it from cover to cover. The Bible has been read from cover to cover but rarely memorized. There are approximately 3.78 Muslims in the world today and most Muslims try to read the Holy Qur'an every day. That is a lot of people. As seen in this article, you have probably noticed that the Holy Qur'ān is the most beautiful and powerful book ever.



The Beautiful Holy Qur'an

The Holy Qur'ān is filled with the words of Allah. I started reading the Holy Qur'ān when I was a five-years-old. It was hard, so I read one line a day. Now I am 7 years old and I can read 3 to 4 pages a day. I got better by reading every day! If you are 5 years old and you want to go faster and better, then read 1 to 2 pages a day! When I have trouble, I pray to Allah and write a letter to the Khalifatul-Masih. My mom and dad reward me because of this accomplishment, like sometimes going to the ice cream store. I hope and pray that we can read and follow Allah's book, the Beautiful Holy Qur'ān.

By Aleeza Tooba Ahmed, Age 7, Silver Spring, MD

Our Holy Savior

Poem by
Najia Humayun * 14
Atlanta

This is not just another book,
Another scripture, another novel.
These words are drenched with the truth, the dignity that
prevails over all,
What it tells us brings lushness to the barren,
And hope to those who have given up.
It is a savior.

The stories this scripture contains are of those who placed
us where we are now,
And of those who possessed the strength and will to hold
to the word of Allah,
To no other, not even themselves,
It is a harbinger of vitality, and strength.
Every word written on these sacred pages has been
blessed upon us by Allah,
By no other,
They remain unchanged, unbothered by the essence of
mankind
It is true.

Scores of people have read these chapters, these verses
But they must learn to heed to what they say
And find a meaning beyond the ink painted on the paper,
Beyond the letters and the words and the verses,
In Sha Allah, we shall find it, this significance in this novel,
this book,
It is our Holy Qur'ān.

Holy Qur'ān

Fazila Tariq * Washington D.C.

- ◆ A book you can't say no to
- ◆ A book you can't ignore
- ◆ A book you can't disrespect
- ◆ A book you can't edit
- ◆ A book that is the guidance for all mankind
- ◆ A book that is perfect
- ◆ A book that is sent to us by Allah
- ◆ A book that is filled with the truth
- ◆ A book, The Holy Qur'ān

Holy Qur'ān

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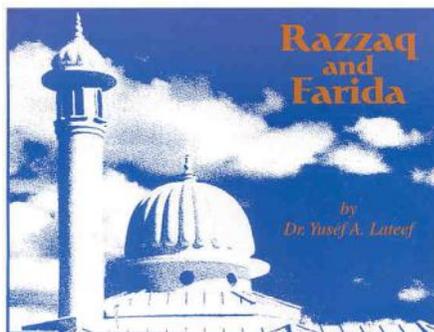
The Holy Qur'ān was revealed to the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), who shared the Qur'ān with his companions so that they could memorize it. All of the teachings of Islam are contained within the Holy Qur'ān. The Holy Qur'ān is very important to Muslims and you should read the Holy Qur'ān everyday. One Ḥadīth says to learn the Holy Qur'ān, then to teach the Holy Qur'ān to others. Reading the Holy Qur'ān daily is a very blessed thing to do. In the Holy Qur'ān, it is said that you should read the Holy Qur'ān. The Holy Qur'ān is truth. The Holy Qur'ān is very beautiful.



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A Book with Many Names

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The Qur'ān is a compilation of the verbal revelations given to the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) over a period of twenty two years. The language of the Qur'ān is Arabic. The word Qur'ān means something that is “read” or “recited.” The Qur'ān is the Holy Book or the scriptures of the Muslims. It lays down for them the law and commandments, codes for their social and moral behavior, and contains a comprehensive religious philosophy. It is the ultimate source of the Islamic law and a complete guidance for the Muslims. Besides its proper name, the Qur'ān is also known by the following names:

Al-Kitāb—The Book

Al-Dhikr—The Exposition

Al-Bayān—The Explanation

Al-Burhān—The Argument

Al-Ḥaqq—The Truth

Al-Tanzīl—The Revelation

Al-Ḥikmat—The Wisdom

Al-Hudā—The Guide

Al-Ḥukm—The Judgment

Al-Raḥmat—The Mercy

Al-Nūr—The Light

Al-Rūh- The Word

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HOLY QUR'ĀN

Leeza Ahmed * 8 * Central Virginia

The Holy Qur'ān is a very important book in the world. The Holy Qur'ān is the holy book of Islam which is the second largest religion in the world. The Holy Qur'ān is a book of verses that Allah gave to the Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). The Holy Qur'ān is a blessing from Allah. What makes the Holy Qur'ān different from other religious books is that it is the actual words from Allah, the Creator of the Universe. Because the Holy Qur'ān comes from Allah, it has never been changed and never will be changed. The Holy Qur'ān should be read every day so that Muslims are refreshed about who they are. Some Muslims do not read the Holy Qur'ān and slowly forget the teachings of Islam. The Holy Qur'ān also will make us happy inside even though we may not sometimes know it. I try to read the Holy Qur'ān every day. The Holy Qur'ān guides you to the right path. In Sha Allah, I hope that by reading the Holy Qur'ān I will be a better



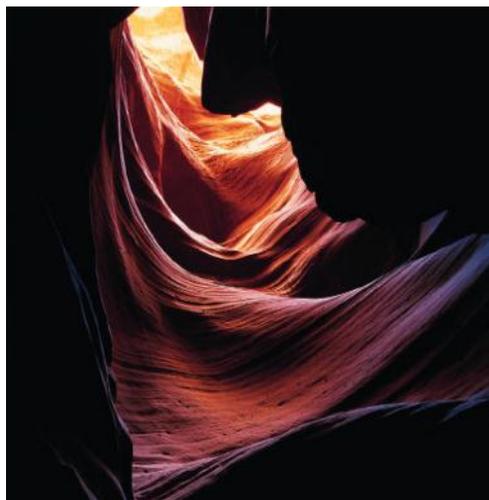
Muslim and this will help me to go to heaven. The Holy Qur'ān is like your best friend helping you when you are upset or afraid. By reading the Holy Qur'ān, you will feel more safe and also more happy about yourself.

The Holy Qur'an A Guidance for Mankind

Saamia Bashir * 10 * Potomac

The Holy Book of Islam is the Qur'ān. It contains revelations from God, and it was given to the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). The Holy Qur'ān is a guide that leads us away from the wrong path and helps us to be on the right path. God says in the Qur'ān, “This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; *it* is a guidance for the righteous.” (2:3)

Every year during the month of Ramadan, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) used to meditate in the cave Hira, in Mecca. Once, as he was praying, he saw the angel Jibrā'īl (peace be on him). He said, “Read.” The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be

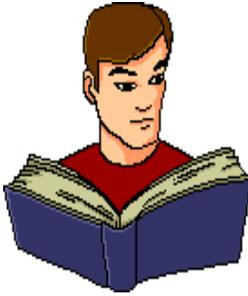


on him) said that he didn't know how to read. Jibrā'īl (peace be on him) said, “Read,” again. But the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) didn't know how to read. So Jibrā'īl (peace be on him) kept asking the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to read. But the Holy Prophet (peace

and blessings of Allah be on him) said that he didn't know how to read. Finally, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) recited the following verses:

Recite thou in the name of thy Lord Who created, created man from a clot of blood. Recite! And thy Lord is the Most Beneficent, Who taught man by the pen, taught man what he knew not" (96:2-6).

These were the first revelations. These verses contain a prophecy that knowledge will spread through the written word. We would be taught what we didn't know before.



There are many other prophecies in the Qur'ān which are being fulfilled in our time.

It took 23 years for the revelations to be completed. The Qur'ān is a complete guidance for man. God teaches man through the Qur'ān how to live his life so that he can get close to God and have inner peace. Since Muslims believe in life after death, they strive to be on the right path so that they can get the reward of heaven promised by God.

Read and Learn The Holy Qur'an

Abia Virk * 7 * South Virginia

Holy, O Holy

O Holy Qur'an

**Learn a lot from the Holy
Qur'an**

**You are the best book, Holy
Qur'an**

**Quiet, quiet when listening to
the Holy Qur'an**

Understand and concentrate

**Remember to learn the
translation**

**Allah rewards you for reading
the Holy Qur'an**

**No don't ever forget to read
the Holy Qur'an**

Qur'an is the Blessing

Haniah Virk / Age 10 / South Virginia

Qur'ān is the blessing

With Sūrah Baqarah as the longest Sūrah,

And Sūrah Kauthar as the shortest.

Qur'ān is the blessing

It guides us to the right path,

And keeps us away from Satan.

Qur'ān is the blessing

It was revealed to Prophet Muḥammad (peace and
blessings of Allah be on him)

And was revealed in the month of Ramaḍān.

Qur'ān is the blessing

A Book of Knowledge

Maariya Sayed *
12 * NC

The Holy Qur'ān is the holy book for Muslims and a perfect guidance for mankind. It includes commandments from Allah pertaining to all aspects of Islam and life. The Qur'ān deals with all other religions and ideologies, incorporating the best part of their teachings into itself and preserving it for all time.

The Qur'ān is known by many names, including Al-Kitāb (The Book), Al-Furqān (The Distinction), Al-Dhikr (The Exposition), Al-Bayān (The Explanation), Al-Burhān (The Argument), Al-Ḥaqq (The Truth), Al-Tanzīl (The Revelation), Al-Ḥikmat (The Wisdom), Al-Hudā (The Guide), Al-Ḥukm (The Judgment), Al-Mau'izah (The Admonition), Al-Raḥmat (The Mercy), Al-Nūr (The Light), and Al-Rūh (The Word). With all of these attributes relating to it, the Qur'ān is in itself the perfect book for all mankind.

Muslims believe the Holy Qur'ān to be the revealed Word of God, since it is written:

Say, 'Who provides sustenance for you from the heaven and the earth? Or who is it that has power over the ears and the eyes? And who brings forth the living from the dead and brings the dead out of the living? And who governs all affairs?' They will say, 'Allah'. Then say, 'Will you not then



seek His protection?’ (10:32).

Unlike the Old and the New Testaments, the Qur’ān has been preserved in its entirety. The Qur’ānic revelations were memorized and recorded immediately and simultaneously upon their revelation. The Qur’ān was revealed by God to the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) over a period of about 23 years. The revelations were conveyed to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in small segments by the angel Gabriel, who made the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) recite the revealed verses in his presence. The Qur’ān has no errors and needs no modification as it is the pinnacle of perfection.

“Surely, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and We will, most surely, safeguard it.” (15:10).

The Holy Qur’ān is universal, containing knowledge for all time. There are many instances in the Holy Qur’ān where Allah relates the creation of the Universe and its variety and diversity, offers insight into the origin of life. It encompasses in itself, knowledge of all aspects of life, and the mysteries of science.

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Perfect Knowledge Perfect Guidance

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“This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the righteous” (Al-Baqarah 2:3).

The Holy Qur’ān is a collection of the verbal revelations given to the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) over twenty-two years. The Qur’ān is the Holy Book or the Scriptures for the Muslims. It states the laws and commandments of Allah, codes for social and moral behavior for Muslims, and contains a complete religious way of life. It is written entirely in Arabic, and has been recorded into writing by appointed companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Regarding the Holy Qur’ān, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) writes:

“The Holy Qur’ān is not only beyond comparison merely on account of the beauty of its work, but is beyond comparison on account of all its qualities which it claims to contain. This is surely the truth, for whatever advances from God Almighty, is not unique only on account of one quality, but on account of all of its qualities. Those who do not believe that the Holy Qur’ān is complete in limitless eternal truths and insights,



do not value the Qur'ān as it should be valued. A required sign for the acknowledgment of the holy and true Word of God is that it should be unique in all its qualities, for we observe that whatever comes from God Almighty is unique and matchless even if it is only a grain of barley, and human powers cannot match it. The verse, 'Say, If the ocean became ink for the words of my Lord, surely, the ocean would be exhausted before the words of my Lord were exhausted, even though We brought the like thereof as further help;' (18:110) supports this, for the whole of creation is Words of God."



To the Muslims, the Holy Qur'ān is regarded as the Word of God which contains complete guidance for mankind. A large amount of the Qur'ān is about God, His attributes, and man's relationship to Him, but it also contains commands for its followers. The contents of the Holy Qur'ān include: the nature of the spiritual world, the Islamic law and commandments, historical accounts, the wisdom, and the Prophecies.

The Qur'ān is so universal and perfect that even non-Muslims acknowledge its greatness. According to Sir William Muir (1819-1905): "There is probably in the world no other work which has remained twelve centuries with so pure a text".

Overall, the Holy Qur'ān is a pure and faultless text that has no equal match. It remains the sole guidance for mankind for all time, and it combines the purest of all teachings into one scripture. The Qur'ān is forever, completely the same and unchanged.

The Beautiful

Holy Qur'ān

Saira Zafar * 12 * North New Jersey

My favorite verse of the Holy Qur'ān is Al- Jathiyah, Chapter 45, verse 31. It says (English translation) *“Now as for those who believed and did good works, their Lord will admit them into His mercy. That is the clear achievement”*. This verse means a lot to me because it motivates me to make better choices in my life and for others. Making better choices for others and myself will bring me closer to God Himself.

There are many things about the Holy Qur'ān that most people should know. One thing is that it should be treated in a respectful manner. It should never be handled with dirty hands.

The Holy Qur'ān is the most perfect guidance for every man.

The Holy Qur'ān is the most read book in the whole world. There are many reasons for this. One reason is Muslims read the Holy Qur'ān daily. Another reason is that many people are converting to Islam. Many people research facts on the Holy Qur'ān.

The Holy Qur'ān is read all over the world.

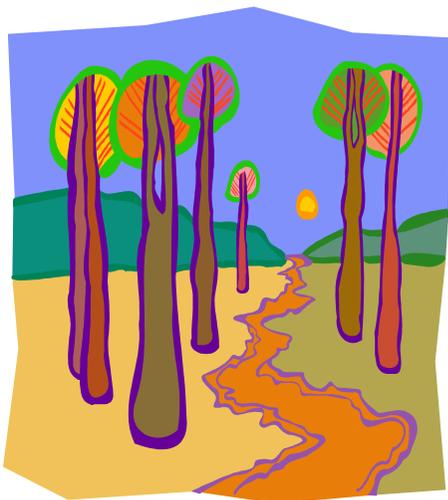


The Perfect Book

Nabgha Qureshi * 13 * Austin, TX

The Holy Qur'ān is an amazing book. Just by the way it is worded, it's amazing! The words are so intricate that it encourages the reader to decipher the beauty hidden within. But if I start out raving about just the words, imagine what I'll say about what the Qur'ān actually says.

Everything in it is perfect; it guides you to the right path, leading you through all the obstacles you have to face, and all your problems too. It tells you stories of the prophets and about the times way, way before we were born, and how things were back then. It contains the Word of God, because it came directly from Him. It explains His attributes, and how somebody's relationship with God should be.



The Qur'ān also gives us reasons on why we should accept the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Just by reading the Qur'ān, we learn so much about everything. Some scientists have even done research, proving that the information in the Holy Qur'ān is accurate.

The Qur'ān was delivered to the Holy Prophet (peace and

blessings of Allah be upon him) over a period of 22 years. He used the Qur'ān as his guidebook which worked perfectly for him. The Holy Qur'ān has been unchanged for over 1400 years; therefore, it should work perfectly for us too.



The Qur'ān is complete with 114 Sūrahs, and making up those Sūrahs, are verses. The longest chapter of the Holy Qur'ān is Sūrah al-Baqarah, while the shortest is Sūrah al-Kauthar. I'll end this with a verse from the Perfect Book itself, and this verse sums up everything I wrote in the words above:

“This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the righteous” [2:3].



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The Beautiful Qur'ān

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Our Qur'ān is the book Allah has given us. The book gives us knowledge about Islam and the world. It tells us what to do and what not to do. Allah has promised to protect the Qur'ān from others. It has stayed the same for the last 1,400 years. The Qur'ān tells about the past, present, future, and the history of Islam. It tells of the Prophets and their lives. The Qur'ān has 114 chapters. We should follow it and give it respect. The Qur'ān tells us how to spend our life. You should memorize the Qur'ān when you are an adult. The Qur'ān should be read every day. Children should learn to read the translation so they understand it better. Now we have learned a bit about the Qur'ān.



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Beautiful Qur'ān

Nabiha Ghani * 8 * Austin

The word *Qur'ān* means that which is often read or recited. The Qur'ān is the record of the verbal revelation in Arabic from God Almighty to the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) over a period of about 22 years and 5 months. He himself indicated the arrangement of verses and chapters in the Qur'ān as we find it today.

The Qur'ān is divided into one hundred and fourteen *Sūrahs* or chapters and thirty *Juz* or *Siparas* (parts). Each *Sūrah* has a name. It has fourteen *Sajdas* too.

I love to recite the Holy Qur'ān because the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān is a spiritual experience and provides enlightenment for the mind and comfort for the soul. We may read the Holy Qur'ān at any convenient time, but the best time is dawn, after *Fajr* prayers. In 17:79, Allah says:

إِنَّ قُرْآنَ الْفَجْرِ كَانَ مَشْهُودًا

“Verily, the recitation of the Qur'ān at dawn is especially acceptable to God.”

For the recitation of the Holy Book, we should be physically clean and preferably perform *Wuḍū*. When reciting or listening to the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān, at certain places prescribed responses should be made.

This is a very beautiful Holy Book and I pray that all the Muslims will read it daily and understand the true meanings.

The Holy Qur'ān

Sajeel Haider Khan * Age 7 * Baltimore

Edited by Sister Amatus Shakoor Khan, mother of the author.

My favorite verses from the beautiful Holy Qur'ān

My favorite verses in the Holy Qur'ān are verses 23-25 of Sūrah Ḥashr. I love them so much that I've memorized them by heart. They are the most beautiful because they contain a portion of the attributes of Allah. These attributes help me learn about Allah. They show me the unseen face of God. I can adopt his attributes in my person, to earn His love so I can become closer to Him.

What Non-Muslims should know about the Holy Qur'ān:

Non-Muslims should know that the Qur'ān is the message from Allah to all mankind. It is a message of peace. The Holy Qur'ān was revealed in Arabic and its translation is available in most languages. Also, the Qur'ān has 30 parts and 114 chapters. The beginning of each Sūrah is always shown. Each Sūrah starts with the name of Allah. The end is sometimes like a paragraph (the next Sūrah starts on the next line).

The Definition of the Holy Qur'an

Baaria Chaudhary * 15 * Central Jersey

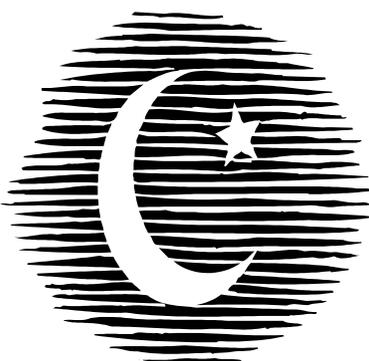
In the Holy Qur'ān, there are many verses worthy of note. Indeed, every single verse in the Holy Qur'ān contains an important message. One reads the Holy Qur'ān and tries to grasp these messages daily. But what *is* the Qur'ān exactly?

Often, the words we hear to describe the Holy Qur'ān is that it is a book of guidance for all Muslims. While this indeed proves to be true, the simplest way to define the Qur'ān is to look for the definition within the very words which make up the Holy Qur'ān. The verse which one should look at when defining the true purpose of the Holy Qur'ān is:

"This is a perfect book; there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the righteous." [2:3]

This is the verse that one finds in the first pages of the Qur'ān and though one might not realize it upon first reading the verse, it is the definition of the Holy Qur'ān. With those simple, clear, yet

powerful words, God explains the reason for this book, which He has brought to the Muslim people and its purpose in the lives of Muslims. After one has read this verse, never again should they question the Qur'ān's competence or teaching.



Although this verse may not be the absolute first verse of the Holy Book, it is most definitely one of the introductory verses to the Qur'ān. This verse is God's promise that the guidance found in the Holy Qur'ān is true. It is a verse that should make you trust God, for nothing in the Qur'ān is contradictory. All guidance, advice, and rules which God has given are not to be questioned, but followed. Fourteen hundred years after its revelation, the Holy Qur'ān has not failed in the promise found in this verse.



Much of the guidance the Holy Qur'ān has given, has proved to be scientifically true. One such example of the truthfulness of the Holy Qur'ān is in

the case of alcohol. In the Holy Qur'ān, the drinking of alcohol has been forbidden to Muslims. God states in the Holy Qur'ān: "They ask thee concerning wine and games of chance. Say 'In both there is great sin and also some advantages for men; but their sin and harm are greater than their advantage.' And they ask thee what they should spend. Say 'Spend what you can spare.' Thus does Allah make His commandments clear to you that you may reflect" [2:20].



In this verse, Allah explains that there are some benefits to the drinking of alcohol, however the harm that alcohol could cause is far greater than the benefits. In this modern day and age, scientific experiments confirm this statement. This is just one example of how the Holy Qur'ān has guided us safely throughout the years.

In the long run, the Holy Qur'ān has proved time and time again it is the perfect book. There is absolutely no doubt that it is the guidance that one needs in order to follow the right path. In Shā Allah, the Holy Qur'ān will continue to rightfully guide us towards the true path and the light of God. Āmīn.

A Few Facts About the Holy Qur'ān

Sūrah Al-Baqarah is the longest Sūrah, and the shortest Sūrah is Al-Kauthar.

The Qur'ān is the most read book in the entire world.

The last three verses of Sūrah Al-Baqarah are very well known.

The Qur'ān is the most read book in the world because there are a lot of Muslims in the world and they read and memorize the Qur'ān.

THE BEAUTIFUL HOLY QUR'ĀN

Zain Shahzad

Age 9, North Jersey

The Qur'ān is a holy book that was sent by Allah. The angel Jibra'īl taught Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace be upon him) the verses of Holy Qur'ān so that he could recite and educate people with the knowledge of the Holy Qur'ān. Every word in the book is true.

Whenever you have problems in life, you recite the Qur'ān and Allah will give you what you need.

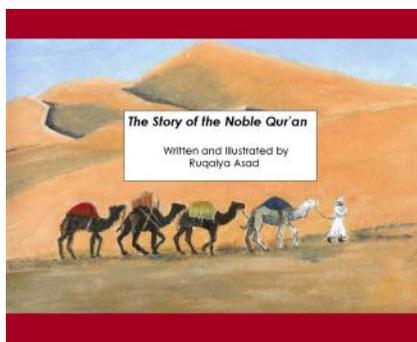
Before reciting, perform Wuḍū (ablution). Do not put the Qur'ān at the level of your feet and do not disrespect it.

It is the most read book in the world. Muslims all over the world recite parts of it in Ṣalāt.

The Story of the Noble Qur'ān

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My favorite verse from the Holy Qur'an

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ①

The translation is "In the name of Allah, most gracious, ever merciful". We love Allah the most above universe, and this verse says good things about Allah. I wish that may Allah enable us to love Him the most.

Name: Dua Ahmed, Age: 9, Jama'at: Oshkosh

Heavenly Creator,

Oh Allah What a

Lovely Book You have created.

Yes, Children will understand the words one day.

Qur'an, I love it so much!

Ultimate Word of Allah, brought by the Holy Prophet ^{saw}

Read it everyday!

A Beautiful Book,

Not to be forgotten night or day.



Name: Fatima Siddiqui, Age: 10, Jama'at: Laurel

The Holy Qur'an: My Favorite Book



My favorite Sūrah from the Holy Qur'ān is Sūrah Al-Fātiḥah because we recite this Sūrah in every Prayer multiple times. Sūrah Al-Fātiḥah is the summary of the Holy Qur'ān and is sometimes called the "Mother of the Book." The Holy Qur'ān means a lot to me because we learn a lot of important things about Islam from it. When I see the Holy Qur'ān, I see a book I love because it is so interesting and tells me so many things about my beautiful religion. I like reciting the Holy Qur'ān because it makes me feel closer to Allah and my religion. Every teaching of Islam is contained in the

Holy Qur'ān. The Holy Qur'ān is a perfect book that guides us through everything in our lives. Allah stated that reading and understanding of the Holy Qur'ān and making its teachings a part of our daily lives is a very important thing to do.

Name: Rizgat-ullah Oresanya. Age: 9. Jama'at: Houston

The Beautiful Holy Qur'an

The Holy Qur'an is the collection of the verses that were revealed to the Holy Prophet (peace and



blessings of Allah be on him) by Allah. My favorite Sūrah of Holy Qur'an is Sūrah Ikh̄lās which is Chapter 112. This Sūrah explains the Oneness of Allah and the Unity of God. Sūrah Ikh̄lās teaches us that there is only one God and that no one shares his Lordship. I would like others to know that the Holy Qur'an is a complete book which has each and every detail and guidance from our everyday life matter to special occasions. We can find the answer to any question in the Holy Qur'an. I love the Holy Qur'an because when we read it, we feel closer to Allah. By reading and understanding the Holy Qur'an we can lead a happy and balanced life.

By: Asbiyallah Oresanya, Age: 9, Houston

The Holy Qur'an

The Holy Qur'an is the best
Better than all the rest
Never did it change
Into a different range
Not even a single word
Haven't you heard?
Allah protect it
Every single bit
23 years it took
To reveal this precious book



By: Ruksabha Rickty Zaman, Age: 10, New York



A Letter from Allah

Holy Qur'ān is the book of blessings, wisdom, prayers and guidance. This is a letter from Allah, poetry of God, blessings for followers, Warnings for nonbelievers, Treasures for seekers.

Every Verse and Sūrah is a gem. If you want knowledge for day to day matters Sūrah Baqarah will guide you. If you want to read poetry Sūrah Rahmān will give you rhythm. If you want to know about miracles Sūrah Maryam will explain them to you.

When I was young, my grandmother and mother helped me in reading and reciting the Holy Qur'ān, now that I am a mother, I am thankful to them for their encouragement, help and efforts.

There's one thing I want to say to every child, learn the Holy Qur'ān recitation in the best manner but do not forget the translation of the Holy Qur'ān. Try to learn the translation of every word and verse. It will help you in a better way to understand what Allah has hidden in It for You.

May Allah enable us to learn and understand Holy Qur'ān as much as possible (Āmīn).



Labeena Qadir, Age, 9, Houston

With assistance from mother, Sister Samina Masroor



Two Protectors



Al-Nās and Al-Falaq are the two Sūrahs at the end of the Holy Qur’ān and in my opinion, they are two of the most important. These two chapters are extremely important to recite, as they help one stay away from evil and be safe. Chapters 113 and 114 were both revealed before Hijra, but because of their powerful meaning, they are placed

at the end of the Qur’ān. These Sūrahs are called *Mu’awwidhatān*, or “the two that afford protection” because they help protect you against certain evil.

There are four evils mentioned in Al-Falaq. They are: the evil which has been created, the evil of darkness when it overspreads, the evil of those who try to undo mutual relationships, and the evil of the envier when he envies. Basically, these evils come down to natural evil, darkness, domestic problems and jealousy. You should know that when you recite this Sūrah, Allah will protect you from many evils.

Al-Nās translation also fits well with the name of *Mu’awwidhatān*, although in this chapter there is only one evil mentioned, “the sneaking whisperer”—otherwise known

as Satan. However the evil from Satan is so powerful, there are three of Allah's names that you can go to for help—The Lord, The King, and The God of mankind. So, when you say this chapter combined with Al-Falaq, you will have ultimate protection.

A practice of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was to recite Al-Nās and Al-Falaq, along with the preceding Sūrah Al-Ikhlās, right before he went to sleep. He then blew on his hands and rubbed them all over his body. This tradition was meant to protect him from evil throughout the night, and it is a practice that we should try to follow.



These two Sūrah are short and easy to learn, so if you have not learned them already, I would advice you to do so. The Epilogue of the Qur'ān is extremely powerful, and Allah's words will always protect everyone. If you recite Al-Nās and Al-Falaq daily in your prayers and at night, Allah will In Shā Allah always protect you from evil.

Name: Moksin Sharif Age:12, Jama'at: Central Jersey



The Holy Qur'an

Allah wants us to read the Holy Book.
It will do us a lot of good.

He wants us to read it everyday.
If we do, it will pay.

Even in rain or shine
we should read at least a line.

In your house expect angels' hesitation
if you don't do the daily recitation.

This rule applies to everyone.
It could be a daughter or son.

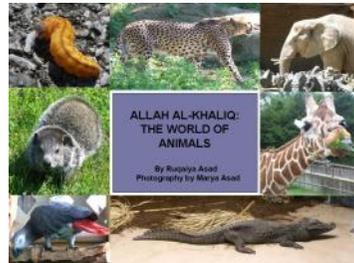
Now you know my reason why I took
the time to tell you about the Holy Book.

Name: Gohar Nasir, Age: 11, Jama'at: Milwaukee

Allah Al Khaliq: The World of Animals

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Allah The Creator

Samaya Ahmad/South Virginia

Allah, the Creator of the whole world and if he hadn't created the world we wouldn't be here. He created Humans, animals and every thing around us. There is even an attribute of Allah, Al-Khāliq (The Creator). He provides food for us so then we won't starve. We should thank Allah Almighty for creating a wonderful world for us.



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Name: Sumaya Ahmad, Age: 13, Jama'at: South Virginia



THE BEAUTIFUL HOLY QUR'ĀN

Salma Ahmad~Age: 9~South VA

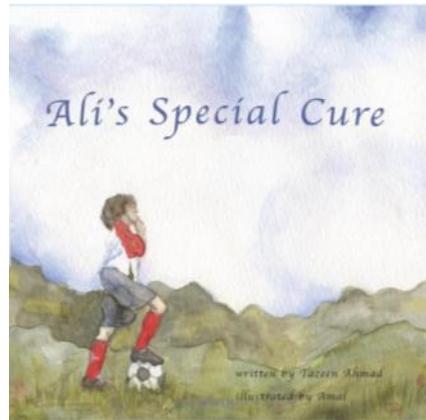
The Qur'ān is a holy book that was not written by anyone. It was sent by Allah to Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) through angel Jibra'īl. The Holy Qur'ān is translated in different languages. The Holy Qur'ān is full of all kind of knowledge. It tells people how to act correctly. It guides us to the right path and forbids from evil. The beautiful Holy Qur'ān teaches people to live in peace and harmony. We should read it everyday and follow the message of Allah.

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Written by

Tazeen Ahmad

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The Beautiful Holy Qur'ān

Amatul Hayee Marium~Age 12~Queens Jamā'at

The Qur'ān contains a message we must follow
And the people that do not will be filled with sorrow
It's a perfect book, there's no doubt in it
It is so excellent, it doesn't need to be fixed

The Holy Qur'ān is full of revelations
Our goal is to spread its message across the nation
It contains guidance for people of all races
It doesn't matter about their looks or faces

The Qur'ān can help you succeed
It will help with your every need
Read the Qur'ān day and night
And you'll be victorious in all of your fights

The Holy Qur'ān is one of the Articles of Faith
You must follow it once you have done Bai'at
The Qur'ān is filled with Allah's light
It shows His strength, power and might

"Unique" and "perfect" describe the Qur'ān
Many of its Sūrahs are recited by the Imam
We must love the Qur'ān with all our heart
Because to become a good Muslim, that is the start

Purdah



I would like to trace back on how I started observing Ḥijāb and got to where I am today. Ḥijāb is also mentioned as Purdah (Parda), Niqāb and veil.

When I was in my elementary school, I did not even wear a coat, but still dressed appropriately according to my age and season.

When I got to the middle school, I started wearing a scarf around my neck; my reason being it was fashionable, and also it made me a step closer towards Ḥijāb. By the way, at that time I had no idea that what Islamic Ḥijāb is, and that I might be observing Ḥijāb one day.

In my middle school my PE uniform was shirt and shorts, but I wore yoga pants instead. People asked me, “Why you are not wearing shorts?” I said, “I am a Muslim and Muslim girls should not wear clothes that show their legs or any parts of their body”. Their response was, “Why do you wear half sleeve shirts then?” I said, “I am still young and can wear T-shirts”. After that no one asked any question.

In 7th grade I thought that I should keep taking my scarf to school. Sometimes I covered my head but most of the time, I wore around my neck. People asked, “It is hot out here why are you wearing a scarf?” I would reply with a big smile on my face, “It is fashionable to wear a scarf and it is in my religion too”. They remained silent after that. I must admit, there were times when I felt awkward as I was the only one in my school wearing a scarf. Upon entering high school, I thought it is the

best time to make the change since the school is new. I figured other students will be busy with their external looks while no one will pay any attention to me. Since then if anyone ever asked me about the head scarf, I confidently replied, "I am a Muslim and it is in my religion to cover my head in public."



I'm happy to share that my mother never forced me to observe Hijāb. She simply made the transitions at the right time and so smoothly that I did not even realize I was on my way to Islamic Hijāb.

It is said, "Do not judge a book by its cover", meaning do not judge a person by their looks. Fortunately in America we have the right to follow our religion, unlike many western countries that are trying to ban the Islamic veil. We cannot make other people happy by doing things they want us to do. We should do what is right for us as Muslims, and act in a way that gets us closer to Allah. Please pray for me. May Allah enable me to always please Allah and get closer to Him.

Name: Mutakira Rana, Age: 15, Jama'at: LA East



The Perfect Guide to Mankind

Brothers and Sisters, to increase your Īmān
Read the miracle and read the Qur'ān
It is Allah's creation

And has been brought down by a revelation
In this book, 25 Prophets are mentioned by name
Came at different times, but the message the same
The verses revealed over a 23-year span
Sent from Allah, through an angel to a man
It is your savior and it is your guide
So come, recite and abide
Rich cover and nicely bound
In hearts of Muslims it will always be found
He gave us a message and this is Islam
So read the miracle and read the Qur'ān

Mahum Vance, Age: 12, North Jersey

The Beautiful Holy Qur'an

The beautiful Holy Qur'ān is a beloved and sacred book of Allah. This book contains many ancient stories and truthful sayings. I have a lot of favorite verses in the Holy Qur'ān, they are very powerful and mean a lot to me. I would like other people to know a lot about our Holy book. It would teach them a lot and give them more knowledge. There are a lot of facts in the Holy book and also it describes a lot which makes it the most read book in the entire world.

One of the verses that I really like is Al-A'rāf (Chapter 7): Verse 181 "And to Allah alone belong all perfect attributes. So call on Him by these. And leave alone those who deviate from the right way with respect to his attributes. They shall be repaid for what they do". I think that this is an inspiring and



powerful verse to read. This is important to me because it teaches me a lot, and gives me more knowledge about the topic. This verse, I think, makes you think in a different way.

I would really love to see other people read the beloved and beautiful Holy Qur'ān. It would really make a difference

for them in every good way possible. I would like them to know that this is not just a regular type of book and it's not just some book that people read for fun. It's a book that causes peace while reading it and also influences you. It gives you more knowledge and helps you achieve. It's a book that you would want to read everyday and always cherish.

The Holy Qur'ān should be treated with great care and respect. Nothing negative should go towards the Holy Qur'ān. You should never put your feet up in front of the Holy Qur'ān and never touch it after you have touched something dirty. You should always have a scarf or cap on your head when reciting the Holy Qur'ān too. There are so many facts to mention about the Holy Qur'ān, but I think that these are the basic ones. The Holy Qur'ān is described as the most read book in the entire world. It has a lot of information that most people don't know. It also has verses, sayings, stories, and a lot more.

In conclusion, the beautiful Holy Qur'ān has so much to offer us and say. We should appreciate it in every way possible. We always should. This sacred book is so popular and has made people achieve many things, just by reading it. I personally agree with every single thing written in the beautiful Holy Qur'ān. The Holy Qur'ān is very positive and shall always remain a loved and sacred book.

Tooba Ahmad, Age: 12, North Jersey

The Beautiful Holy Qur'an



The beautiful Holy Qur'ān is the book revealed to the Holy Prophet Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). It was revealed to the prophet Mohammad in 22 years and 5 months. It was revealed in the month of Ramaḍān through Angel Gabriel. It is the only book that is written in the language it was revealed in, Arabic. Today it has been translated into many different languages. What makes it beautiful is that it contains everything a Mu'min (that is, a believer) needs to know. It tells us everything about the past, present and the future. In the first Sūrah Al-Baqarah Allah says it is the true guidance toward Allah. All Muslims around the world recite the Holy Qur'ān and try to live their life according to the Holy Qur'ān. Some memorize it, and they are called Hāfiẓ (male) or Hāfiẓah (female). The word "Qur'ān" means "recite" or "read." All Muslims try to safeguard it as much as they can. It should be recited daily with translation for better understanding. May Allah bless us all and teach us the deep knowledge of the Holy Qur'ān. It is the endless ocean, which has so much beauty. The more we read it the better it gets. May Allah enable us to live our lives according to the beautiful Holy Qur'ān, Āmīn.

By: **Ujala Yousaf, Washington D.C.**

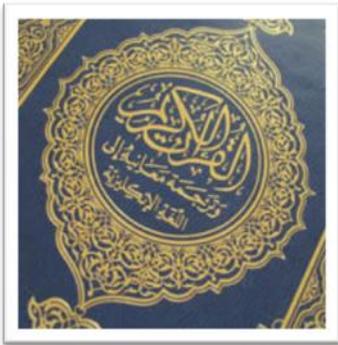
By: Rashid Yosuaif, Age: 7, CVA



The beautiful Holy Qur'ān was revealed to the Holly Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah) , in the month of Ramaḍān. It took more than 22 years before it was completed. It was revealed in Arabic. It is the guidance toward Allah. Muslims all around the world read it in Arabic and read

it's translation. It is to be recited daily. I try to read it daily with my mother or father. I also take online classes. Thanks to Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya and Atfal team I'm a member of the exclusive DRC (Daily Reciters Club). Want to be member just log on www.mkausa.org and click on Atfal page. The beautiful Holy Qur'ān has so many true stories in it to teach us how to be a good person. My parents read the translations to me and I read them myself too. It is the best book ever. Most schools ask us to read 20 minutes daily, so let's all read the Holy Qur'ān. May Allah bless us and help us understand it, Āmīn.

The Beautiful Holy Qur'an



The Holy Qur'ān is what I like reading, It is written in the beautiful language called Arabic.

Once I finish I may read the translation.

Also I shall repeat it as much as I can. I love the Holy Qur'ān and shall it stay that way!

Maiza Saqiub, Washington D.C.

Riddles



1. I am a Holy Book revealed by Allah.
I was revealed over a period of 23 years.
There's no doubt in me.
I was revealed to the Holy Prophet of Islam.

What am I?

2. I am an action that earns you lots of reward from Allah.
You hold a Holy Book in your hands when doing it.
It is better to do it out loud in a melodious voice.
It is best to do it after Fajr Prayer.

What am I?



3. I am a verse of the Holy Qur'ān.
Muslims start everything good by reciting me first.
Almost all Sūrah's of the Holy Qur'ān start with me.
I begin with "Ba" and end with "Mīm".

What am I?

4. I am the most important ceremony in the life of a Muslim child
Kids work hard to get to me as fast as they can.
Parents feel proud of their children's accomplishment.
Promised Messiah invited lots of guests to celebrate this event with him.

What am I?

1. The Holy Quran
2. Recitation of the Holy Quran
3. Bismillah
4. Ameen Ceremony after the first reading of the Holy Quran.

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Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih I, may Allah be pleased with him, and the Beautiful Holy Qur'an



Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih Awwal (may Allah be pleased with him) had a deep love for the Holy Qur'an. A look at his family tree tells us that including him and 11 generations before him, all were Hafiz (that is, they memorized the entire Holy Qur'an). Khalifatul Awwal (may Allah be pleased with him) inherited this love from his father Hadrat Ghulam Rasool who spent thousands of rupees to buy the Holy Qur'an from Mumbai and distribute it in the villages of Punjab. His mother Bibi Noor Bakht started teaching

Holy Qur'an at the tender age of 13 and taught scores of children including Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih Awwal (may Allah be pleased with him).

Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih Awwal (may Allah be pleased with him) used to say, "Qur'an is my sustenance, and a source of pleasure to my soul. Despite that I read the Qur'an many a times during the day, I am never satiated. The Qur'an is curative, blessing, light and guidance."

Once somebody asked him, that how can we ever gain an understanding of the Qur'an? Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih

Awwal (may Allah be pleased with him) replied:

"In this world there is no other book easier than the Holy Qur'an, but for the one who truly wants to study it. First and foremost one needs to be righteous. Secondly one should be ready for intense striving."



He laid out the following guidelines for the study of the Holy Qur'ān. Begin with reading the Holy Qur'ān on your own.

Study from the first verse to the last and one should imagine himself as the addressee in every verse. If there is a mention of Adam and Iblīs, he should question himself as to who is he, Adam or Iblīs?

Make a note of all the difficult instances.

Once you have completed reading it, include your wife and family in studying the commentary of the Holy Qur'ān.

Like this, most of the difficulties in the initial reading will be overcome by the Grace of Allah. Whatever is still beyond understanding, make a note of it.

During a third reading, include your friends.

For the fourth reading, recite before strangers. During this evaluation, In Sha' Allah all concepts will become clear.

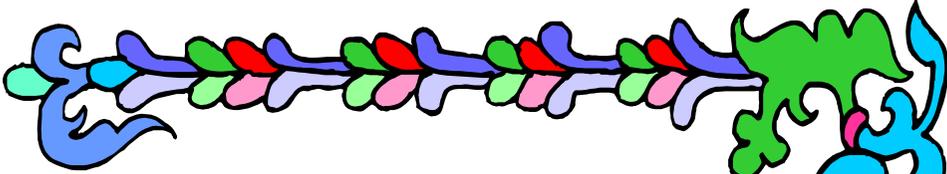
For a better understanding of such concepts, use the weapon of prayer to ask Allah for guidance.

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So said the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him):

Ḥaḍrat Wā'il bin Ḥajr relates that he heard the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) recite Sūrah Al-Fātiḥa and at the end he said Āmīn in a prolonged manner. (Abū Dawūd, Kitābuṣ-Ṣalāt)

Ḥaḍrat Abū Maisarah relates the angel Gabriel advised the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to say Āmīn at the end of the verses containing prayers in Sūrah Al-Baqarah. (Al-Itqān Fī 'Ulūmul-Qur'ān, vol. 1, page 107, by Suyūṭī)



Treat The Holy Qur'ān

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Treat the Holy Qur'ān,

with great respect,

with cleanliness,

as Allah expects.

There are many more ways,

like cover your head,

be most grateful,

and be clean like a slice of white bread.

Do not rip pages,

and treat it with care,

The Holy Qur'ān is for all of us to **share!**

A Gift From Allah: The Beautiful Holy Qur'ān

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The perfect book with no mistakes,
While reading it, gives me all my faith
In God I trust, in God I believe,
When I'm nervous, I get relieved

A shield given by Allah
A protection against Satan,
All the blessings in this book,
Make me want to read and look

O my Lord,
I Thank You for this gift,
Which has filled my life
With guidance and support

Revealed to our Prophet Muḥammad
During the month of Ramadan,
A book we should read everyday,
We all love the Holy Qur'ān

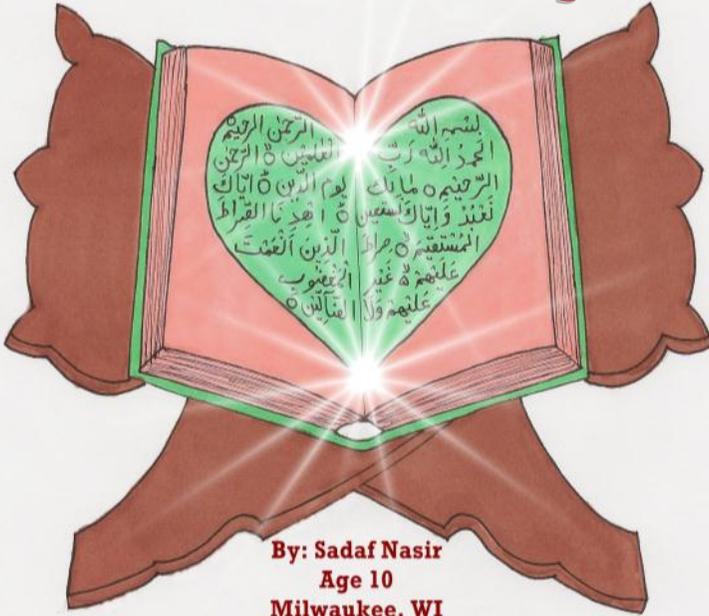


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Facts About the Holy Qur'an



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- * **THE HOLY QURA'N IS THE WORD OF ALLAH.**
- * **IT IS THE MOST MEMORIZED BOOK IN THE WORLD.**
- * **THE HOLY QURA'N IS A CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS HOLY BOOKS.**
- * **QURA'N LITERALLY MEANS READING OR RECITATION.**
- * **THE HOLY QURA'N WAS REVEALED TO OUR PROPHET HADRAT MUHAMMAD PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE ON HIM.**
- * **THE HOLY QURA'N IS ADDRESSED TO ALL OF HUMANITY.**
- * **THE HOLY QURA'N IS FOREVER PRESERVED AS A GUIDANCE FOR MANKIND.**
- * **THE HOLY QURA'N IS THE MAIN SOURCE OF EVERY MUSLIM'S FAITH AND PRACTICE.**
- * **THE MAIN THEME OF THE HOLY QURAN IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND HIS CREATION.**
- * **IT CONTAINS EVERY RULE THAT CAN HELP US TO LEAD A FULFILLING LIFE IN EVERY SINGLE WAY.**

Qur'an is the Blessing

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GUIDANCE FOR US

The Beautiful Holy Qur'ān

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Powerful and guiding
Leading us on the path of righteousness
Filled with laws and rules bringing us blessings
The stories of the prophets strengthen our steadfastness
As we follow the footsteps of the Holy Prophet
The light breathing in every page envelopes us
When the page opens and the beautiful poem is printed
across the page
The language flowing and concise
Describing every detail in few but strong words
Right to left I read the words
Every time this Holy Book is opened
My knowledge and understanding increases
While attaining countless blessings
Revealed by Allah to the Holy Prophet
This book was left for the righteous
For the steadfast
For the believers who listened to the signs of Allah
To become a true believer
And a guide so that those believers chose not to go astray

Light of the Holy Qur'an



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