

The Everlasting Challenges of the Qur'an

The Qur'an challenges humankind to produce the like of it if they do not believe that it has been revealed by the Lord of the Universe. "Or do they say: He (Muhammad) has forged it? Say: 'Bring you then a chapter like it and call on to your aid whomsoever you can, besides God, if you be truthful.' " (Holy Qur'an, 10:38). It declares: "Say: 'Even if men and the jinn get united (with the aim) that they bring the like of this Qur'an, they would never bring its like, even some of them are helpers to one another.'"

Authenticity of the Qur'an

The impeccable genuineness of the Qur'an is evident from the fact that it was compiled in written form under the command and personal supervision of the Prophet himself. According to the popular Shi'ite belief, there has been no alteration, no addition or deletion in the Qur'an.

The final revealed Message

As the Old Testament or Torah was revealed to Moses, the Psalms were revealed to David and the New Testament or Bible was revealed to Jesus, similarly Qur'an was the last and final Testament revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon them all). Hence, its worldview incorporates all the revealed messages in their pristine form. It regulates humankind's relationship with their Creator and with everything that exists in the cosmos. The Qur'an encompasses the fundamentals of faith and social, economic and political aspects of human life. Its exhortations incorporate everything that man needs to live a life of peace and tranquillity in the material and spiritual world. Under the fundamental roots of religion, the Qur'an creates coherence between humankind and other creatures in the Universe. It emphasises the performance of righteous deeds as the essential corollary of right belief.

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Introduction

According to the universal faith of Muslims, the Qur'an is the absolute Word of the Almighty God, revealed to the Prophet Muhammad over a period of 23 years, from 610-632 CE. Professor Arthur J. Arberry, a prominent Orientalist, asserts that the Qur'an's message and rhythm "rank amongst the greatest literary masterpieces of mankind". The learning of the Qur'an - a widespread customary practice among Muslims - involves reading and memorising the text. At an advanced stage, the Qur'an is studied in the traditional madressah or seminary with explanation and interpretation of the meaning of its text.

Source of Guidance

The Qur'an is the criterion that distinguishes between 'right' and 'wrong'. It is a means of salvation, guiding from the darkness of ignorance to the light of knowledge and wisdom. The Qur'an is a compass in the turbulent voyage of life, leading to the straightest of all paths- that of Almighty God. It is a treasure, containing healing power for the soul and comfort to the heart. Throughout the annals of history, the influence of the Qur'an on individuals and civilisations has been overwhelming. The objective of the Qur'an is to proclaim the truth, and to liberate humankind from all forms of injustices, through teaching how to live a chaste, abundant and rewarding life in obedience to the commandments of Allah.

The Qur'an On...

Equality of the Genders

"I never fail to reward any worker among you for any work you do, be you male or female - the one of you is from the other"

(Holy Qur'an, 3:195)

Unity

"O people, We have created you from a male and a female and made you into nations and tribes so that you may know each other. Surely the most honoured of you in the sight of God is the one who is the most righteous of you"

(Holy Qur'an, 49:13)

Marriage

"Among His proofs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves, that you may dwell in tranquillity with each other, and He placed love and mercy between your hearts, verily in this there are signs for those who reflect."

(Holy Qur'an, 30:21)

Patience and Prayer

"Oh you who believe! Seek assistance through patience and prayer: surely Allah is with the patient"

(Holy Qur'an, 2:153)

Righteousness

"By no means will you attain righteousness until you spend out of what you love"

(Holy Qur'an, 3:92)

Qur'an the Ultimate Guide

"And certainly we have brought them a book which we have made clear with knowledge, a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe"

(Holy Qur'an, 7:52)

