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[Quran](#)

Read [Q: 36:2]; [Q: 85:21];[Q: 17:9]

[Meaning of the Quran](#)

- The Quran is a religious book used by Muslims all over the world as a book of guidance.
- Most of the world religions have their specific books which they use for reference.
- Just as every religion has its own religious book, Muslims have the Quran as their main source of reference and they have a duty to learn, understand and constantly refer to it.
- Muslims believe that the Holy Quran is the last book to be revealed by Allah.
- It is because of its important position in the Islamic faith that throughout our course we shall be using the Quran as our immediate source of reference.
- This word comes from an Arabic root *qara'a* which means "to read or to recite."
- Quran in Arabic therefore literally means recitation or something that is continuously recited.
- It is equivalent in meaning to *qira'ah*, as both come from the same verb '*qara'a*.'
- This name is specifically mentioned in the text of the Quran as a reference to itself in several places.
- From the verses you have read, you will learn that the Quran has been referred as a book of guidance, a book full of wisdom and a Glorious. Read the following verses:
- In Islam the word Quran is defined as the divine speech of Allah Subhanahu Wa Taala (S.W.T), sent down upon the last Prophet Muhammad Peace be Upon Him (P.B.U.H), through the Angel Jibril Aleihi Swalatu wa Salaam(A.S) to human kind.
- Since its revelation the Quran has remained the same without being distorted.

Other Names of the Quran

- Some of the names of the Quran have been referred to in the Quran itself while others are derived from the functions of the Quran. Among these names are:
 - *Furqaan* (criterion) **“Blessed is He Who sent down the Criterion to His servant, that it may be an admonition to all creatures.”** [Q: 25: 1]
 - *Nadhira* (warner) **“Verily this Quran Doth guide to that which is most right (or stable), and giveth the Glad tidings to the believers who work deeds of righteousness, that they have a magnificent reward.”**[Q: 17:9]
 - *Rahma* (mercy) **“A guide and a Mercy to the doers of good”**[Q: 31:3]
 - *Tanzil* (revelation) **“Verily this is a Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds.”**[Q: 26: 192]
 - *Dhikr* (reminder) **“We have without doubt, send down the message; And We will assuredly guard it (from corruption)**[Q: 15: 9]
 - *Kitab* (The book) **“We have revealed for you (O men) a Book in which is a message for you: will you not then understand.”**[Q : 21:10]
 - *Hudan* (Guidance) **“We gave Moses the book, and made it a Guide to the children of Israel, (commanding): “Take not other than Me as disposer of (your) affair.”**[Q:17: 2:5]
- All these names reflect one of the various aspects of the revealed words of Allah.
- Other names include *Nur* (Light), *Majid* (Glorious), and *Mubarak* (Blessed) *Bashir* (Announcer), among others.

a) Ulumul Quran

- The term *Ulum* means ‘a science.’
- It refers to the detailed scientific study of a subject.
- If you look at the various subjects you are offered in Form one, you will notice that each of them has a different approach of studying it.
- These approaches are what we refer to as Ulum (theScience).
- The Quran, being a wide subject area of study also has its unique features that must be studied in a particular way.
- Therefore, *Ulumul Quran* is a scientific study that includes a variety of fields related to Al - Quran such as it’s:
 - Revelation.
 - Collection and compilation.
 - Order and arrangement of suras.
 - Translation of the Quran (*tafsir*).
 - Reasons for the translation of the suras (*Asbaabu Nnuzul*)
 - Characteristics of language
 - Style of writing and theme
 - Recitation (Tajweed) among other
- We are going to look at one of the above areas in our next discussion.

Need for the Revelation of the Quran.

- In life everything has a reason and a purpose for its being, just as we have a purpose for coming to school.
- Revelation of the Quran came at a time when there was ignorance and the society was full of social vices, a period referred to as *Jahiliya*.
- Some of the reasons for revelation of the Quran are as follows: