



The Qur'aan - Basic Facts

Part 1

- The meaning of the word 'Qur'aan' is 'To read' or 'That which is read'
- The first verses of the Qur'aan were revealed in the cave Hira on Mount Noor (Makkaah)
- The first verses of the Qur'aan were revealed in Laylatul-Qadr (The Night of The Power), In the month of Ramadhaan
- Allah revealed the Qur'aan to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ through the Angel Jibraeel (Gabriel) عليه السلام
- The Qur'aan was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ over a period of 23 Years. Some portions were revealed in the city of Makkaah Al-Mukarramah and other portions in the city of Madinah Al-Munawwarah.
- The first word of the Qur'aan to be revealed was "IQRA" i.e. READ!
- The other names for the Qur'aan, according to the Qur'aan itself, are:
Al-Furqaan (The Criterion), Al-Kitaab (The Book), Az-Zikr (The Remembrance), An-Noor (The Light), Al-Huda (The Guidance)
- The first person to memorize the entire Qur'aan was the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ himself
- For every letter recited from the Qur'aan, the reciter gets 10 rewards
- Learning one verse of the Qur'aan is better than 100 Rakats of Nafil Salaah
- The only book which is entirely memorized by millions of people in the world is the Qur'aan
- Allah the Almighty has taken personal responsibility of preserving the Qur'aan
- The Most Read Book in the world is the Qur'aan
- The Qur'aan is the only unchanged or unaltered Holy book today

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Part 2

- The Qur'aan is divided into 30 equal sections, called 'Juz'
- The Qur'aan consists of 114 chapters each known as a 'Surah'
- There are 540 Rukuh's (paragraphs) in the Qur'aan
- Each Surah is formed from several Aayats (verses). The total number of 'Aayats' in the Qur'aan is upto 6666
- There are 14 verses (Aayats) in the Qur'aan where prostration is a must when one recites or listens to someone reciting them
- The name of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, peace be upon him, is mentioned in the Qur'aan 5 times. 4 Times as 'Muhammad' ﷺ, and once as 'Ahmad' ﷺ
- Jesus ﷺ is mentioned in the Qur'aan more times than Muhammad ﷺ
- The Qur'aan stresses about Salah [Namaaz - Prayer] 700 times
- The Greatest verse in the Qur'aan is Ayatul Kursi
- The Longest Surah in the Qur'aan is Suratul Baqarah, which has 286 verses
- The shortest Chapter is Suratul Kawthar, which has 3 verses

