

What does the Qur'an reveal to Muslims about Allah and his guidance?

Key Vocabulary

Allah	The one true God in Islam.
Muhammad	The last prophet, chosen by Allah. He was revered and respected but not worshipped as only Allah can be worshipped.
prophet	Someone through whom God speaks or tells the people what will happen in the future.
revelation	Revelation is how Allah (God) imparts whatever he wishes to those he chooses.
Qur'an	The Islamic sacred text.
wahy	The Arabic word for 'revelation'; it has the underlying meaning of 'guiding' or 'direction'.

Key Facts

Muslims believe that there is only one God .

Allah spoke to his messengers as if from behind a veil, or revealed himself through an idea entering the heart while the recipient was awake or dreaming.

Humans would have no knowledge of God, would not know what their lives were for, or of their accountability in the life hereafter if Allah did not reveal these things.

Muhammad told the people who wrote down his words that they could only write down the words from Allah, not anything that he (Muhammad) had said, so that everyone would know that anything written in the Qur'an was the pure word of Allah

The true meaning is only in the Arabic; it is not translated except for study, and people learn to recite it in Arabic e.g. in prayers, whatever their native tongue.

All Muslims recite sections of the Qur'an in their daily prayers. Reading and reciting the Qur'an is taken seriously; nothing is more important than knowing what Allah says

Angel Jibreel (Gabriel)

God sent his messages through the Angel Jibreel (Gabriel) to the prophets.



The Prophet Muhammad

The revelation to Muhammad began at Mount Hira in 611 CE when he was meditating in a cave.

The Angel Jibreel appeared to Muhammad and told him to 'recite' or 'proclaim' the words Allah.

For 23 years he received further revelations.

Muhammad was unable to read and the Qur'an was written down by friends and followers.

The Qur'an (Koran)

The sacred Islamic text. It is written in Arabic and is read from right to left and back to front.



Tier 2 words

communicate	When you say or do things to help people understand you.
culture	The ideas, customs and social behaviour of a group of people.
text	A piece of writing.
tradition	A set of beliefs passed from generation to generation.