



**THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES
OF QUR'ANIC QIRAAT**

SERIES 1

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"In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful"

Introduction:

This series is about the principles of the knowledge of Quranic Qiraat, which I present in an easy and concise way to be suitable for all students all over the world. I hope that it will delight you and that you obtain from it the beneficial knowledge that will help you to recite the Holy Qur'an as it should be recited.

The Qur'anic Qiraat are the manners in which the Qur'an is to be recite or pronounced. The Ten Authentic Qiraat all were revealed through revelation and are part of the speech of Allah (The Holy Qur'an).

Ubayy Bin Ka'b reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon Him) was near the tank of Banu Ghifar that Jibril came to Him and said:

Allah has commanded you to recite to your people the Qur'an in one dialect. Upon this he said: I ask from Allah pardon and forgiveness. My people are not capable of doing it. He then came for the second time and said: Allah has commanded you that you should recite the Qur'an to your people in two dialects. Upon this he (the Holy prophet) again said: I seek pardon and forgiveness from Allah, my people would not be able to do so. He (Jibril) came for the third time and said: Allah has commanded you to recite the Qur'an to your people in three dialects. Upon this He said: I ask pardon and forgiveness from Allah. My people would not be able to do it. He then came to him for the fourth time and said: Allah has commanded you to recite the Qur'an to your people in seven dialects, and in whichever dialect they would recite, they would be right. (*Reference: Sahih Muslim. Book 6, Hadith 334*).

After The prophet Muhammad (peace be upon Him) received the revelation from Allah through the Angel Jibril 'Alaihis salam, The prophet Muhammad (peace be upon Him) recited the Qur'an to His Companions, who memorized It and then wrote It down in their *Mushafs*.

The Companions verified their memorization by reciting It back to the Prophet (peace be upon Him).

The flexibility in the Qur'anic Qiraat was an enrichment that enabled the Arab tribes, with their different dialects, to better understand the Qur'anic meanings.

In short terms, all the *Mutawatir* Qiraat are valid and transmitted through *Mutawatir* chains. This is a proof of the preservation and miraculous nature of the Qur'an. The variations between Qiraat do not contradict, but rather complement each other. The seven Qiraat are *Mutawaatir* according to consensus, as are the three others: (the Qiraat of Abu Ja'far, Ya'qoob and Khalaf), according to the more correct view. In fact the correct, favoured view, which is what we learned from most of our Qiraat scholars, is that the Qiraat of the other four: (Ibn Muhaysin, al-Yazeedi, al-Hasan and al-A'mash) are odd (Shazzah), according to scholarly consensus.

Here is I introduce a brief biography of the Ten *Qurra'* (Imams) and their *Ruwaat* (narrators):

First Imam:

His name is *Naafi'* ibn 'Abdir Rahmaan Al-Madani. He is famously known as the Imam of Daarul Hijrah.

Imam Naafi' was born in the year 70 hijri in Madinah, and passed away in the year 169 hijri.

First Rawi:

His name is *Qaloon* Abu Musa ‘Eesa ibnu Mena Al-Madani. ‘Eesa is his name and Qaloon is his title.

Qalon was born in the year 120 hijri and passed away in the year 220 hijri at the age of 100 years in Madinah.

Second Rawi:

His name is *Warsh* Abu Sa’eed Al-Misri. Warsh was born in the year 110 hijri, and passed away in the year 197 hijri in Egypt.

Second Imam:

He is ‘Abdullaah *ibnu Katheer* Al-Makki, popularly known as Ibnu Katheer. Ibnu Katheer was born in the year 45 hijri in Makkah and passed Away in the year 120 hijri in Makkah.

First Rawi:

He is Abul Hasan Ahmad ibn Muhammad Al-Bazzi, popularly

Known as Bazzi. Bazzi was born in 170 hijri and passed away in 240 hijri.

Second Rawi:

He is Abu ‘Amr Muhammad ibnu Abdur Rahman, popularly known as *Qunbul*. He was born in 195 hijri, and passed away in 291 hijri.

Third Imam:

He is *Abu 'Amr* ibnu 'Alaa Al-Basri. He was born in 68 or 69 hijri, and passed away in 154 or 155 Hijri.

First Rawi:

He is Abu 'Amr Hafs ibn 'Umar, popularly known as *Doori*. He was born in approximately 150 hijri and passed away in 246 or 250 hijri in Makkah.

Second Rawi:

He is Abu Shu'ayb Saalih ibn Ziyaad *As-Soosi*, popularly known as Soosi. Soosi was born in approximately 171 hijri and passed away in 261 hijri.

Fourth Imam:

He is 'Abdullaah *ibnu 'Amir* Al-Yahsabi, popularly known as Ibn 'Aamir. Ibnu 'Aamir was born in 8 hijri and passed away in 118 hijri in Damascus.

First Rawi:

He is *Hisham* ibnu 'Ammar ibn Sulami Ad-Dimashqi. Hisham was born in 153 hijri and passed away in Damascus in approximately 245 hijri.

Second Rawi:

He is 'Abdullaah *ibnu Zakwaan* Al-Qurashi Ad-Dimashqi, popularly known as Ibn Zakwaan. Ibn Zakwaan was born in 173 hijri and passed away in 242 hijri.

Fifth Imam:

He is Imam *'Asim* ibn Abin Najood Al-Koofi. Imam *'Asim* passed away in approximately 127 hijri.

First Rawi:

He is Abu Bakr *Shu'bah* ibn *'Ayyaash*. popularly known as *Shu'bah*. He was born in 95 hijri and passed away 193 hijri in Koofa.

Second Rawi:

He is Abu *'Amr Hafs* ibn Sulayman Al-Kofi, popularly known *Hafs*. He was born in 90 hijri and passed away in 180 hijri in Koofa.

Sixth Imam:

He is *Hamzah ibn Habeeb*. Imam *Hamzah* was born in 80 hijri and passed away in Approximately 156 hijri in Koofa.

First Rawi:

He is *Khalaf* ibn Hishaam Al-Bazaar. *Khalaf* was born in 150 hijri and passed away approximately in 220 Hijri.

Second Rawi:

He is Abu *'Eesaa Khallaad*, popularly known as *Khallaad*. *Khallaad* was born in 129 hijri, and passed away in 220 hijri.

Seventh Imam:

He is *'Ali* ibn *Hamzah Al-Kisaaee*, popularly known as *Kisaaee*. *Kisaaee* was born in 119 hijri and passed away in 189 hijri.

First Rawi:

He is *Abul Haarith* Layth ibn Khalid, Popularly known as Abul Haarith. Abul Haarith passed away in 240 hijri in Baghdaad.

Second Rawi:

He is Abu ‘Umar Hafs ibn ‘Umar *Ad-Doori*. He was born in 150 hijri and passed away in 246 hijri.

Eighth Imam:

He is Yazeed ibn Al-Qa’qaa’ Al-Madani, popularly known as *Abu Ja’far*. He was a Taabi’ee. He passed away in 130 hijri.

First Rawi:

He is ‘Eesaa *ibnu Wirdan* Al-Madani. His agnomen was *Abul Haarith*. He passed away in 160 hijri.

Second Rawi:

He is Abu Rabee’ Sulaiman *ibnu Jammaz* Al-Madani. He passed away in the late 170 hijri.

Ninth Imam:

He is *Ya’qoob* ibn Is’haaq Al-Hadhrami Al-Basri. He was born in 167 hijri. He passed away in 250 hijri.

First Rawi:

He is Abu Abdullah Muhammad Al-Basri, popularly known as *Ruwais*.
He passed away in 238 hijri.

Second Rawi:

He is Abul Hasan *Rawh* ibn ‘Abdil Mumin. Imam Rawh passed away in 234 or 235 hijri.

Tenth Imam:

He is Abu Muhammad *Khalaf* ibn Hishaam Al-Bazzaar.

He is the same Khalaf who is the Rawi of Imam Hamzah.

First Rawi:

He is Abu Ya’qoob Is’haaq ibnu Ibrahim Al-Marwazi Al-Baghdaadi. He passed away in 286 hijri.

Second Rawi:

He is Abul Hasan *Idris Al-Haddad*. He was born in 200 hijri, and passed away in 293 hijri.

May Allah be pleased with them all, and rewards them with the best rewards, and gather us with them in Paradise with the Prophet (peace be upon him), His companions and followers.

To be continued Insha'Allah...

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