



Is The
Qur'an
Allah's
Word?



English



The Qur'an is the Word of Allah, which He revealed to His Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, and which He has taken upon Himself to preserve.

Allah Almighty says: (It is We Who have sent down the Reminder (i.e. the Qur'an) and We Who will surely preserve it.) *The Qur'an, 15:9*



“But how would I know that it is the Word of Allah and not the work of a human being?” someone might ask.

In response to this question, five proofs are presented below, which no fair-minded and sensible person who gets to know them would deny that the Qur'an is indeed the Word of Allah Almighty:



The First Proof: Mankind has been unable to produce a book like it

If the Qur'an was really composed by man, why have all humans not been able to produce a book similar to it? At the time the Qur'an was revealed, Allah challenged all mankind to compose a book like it, but none of them took up the challenge.

Allah Almighty says : (Let them then produce a speech like it if they are telling the truth) *The Qur'an, 52:34.*

Then He challenged them to produce ten chapters, and they still were not able to do so.

Allah Almighty says : (Or do they say, «He has forged it?» Say, «Then produce ten invented chapters like this, and call on anyone you can besides Allah if you are telling the truth.») *The Qur'an, 11:13.*

He further challenged them to produce one single chapter (surah) like the ones it contains, but they were again unable to do so. Allah Almighty says : (Or do they say, «He has invented it»? Say, «Then produce a chapter (surah) like it and call on anyone you can besides Allah if you are telling the truth».) *The Qur'an, 10:38.*

That is to say, seek the help of the jinn and the skilled among humans to produce a single surah like the ones it contains. This challenge, which is directed to both humans and jinn, still stands and remains open, but no one has come up with anything at all.

Allah Almighty says: (Say, «If all humans and jinn combined to produce a book similar to this Qur'an, they would surely fail to produce its like, even if they helped one another as best they could».) *The Qur'an, 17:88*

Interestingly, Allah Almighty declares emphatically and with absolute certainty that no one will ever be able to take up this challenge. The Almighty says: (If you have doubts about what We have sent down to Our servant [Muhammad], then produce a chapter (surah) like it, and call your witnesses, besides Allah, if you are telling the truth.) *The Qur'an, 2:23*

Fourteen centuries have now passed since this challenge was issued, but humans have been unable to produce anything similar to the Qur'an.

The shortest chapter in the Qur'an, which is Surat Al-Kawthar, makes up only one line of text.

The Almighty says: (Verily, We have granted you [O Muhammad] Al-Kauthar (a river in Paradise). Therefore, pray to your Lord and sacrifice to Him only. Indeed, those who hate you and what you're calling to, they are truly the ones cut off from all good.)

The Qur'an, 108:1-3

How come billions upon billions of people, including scientists, writers, poets and philosophers, over hundreds of years, have been unable to produce a single line of text similar to those in the Qur'an?

Does all this not prove that the Qur'an is the Word of Allah and not the work of a human being?



The Second Proof: It is free from errors and contradictions

Any book that is written by humans is bound to contain errors, as imperfection and forgetfulness are normal human traits, and writers often contradict themselves, so much so that they affirm something in one place but deny it in another place.

It is for this reason that we find many authors asking readers in the introduction to their works to excuse any errors, omissions and oversights they may come across.

However, this is not the case with the Qur'an. In fact, it makes it very clear right from the outset that it is free from errors and that it is not possible to find any errors in it at all. **The Almighty says at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah: (This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it. It is a guide for righteous.)** *The Qur'an, 2:2*

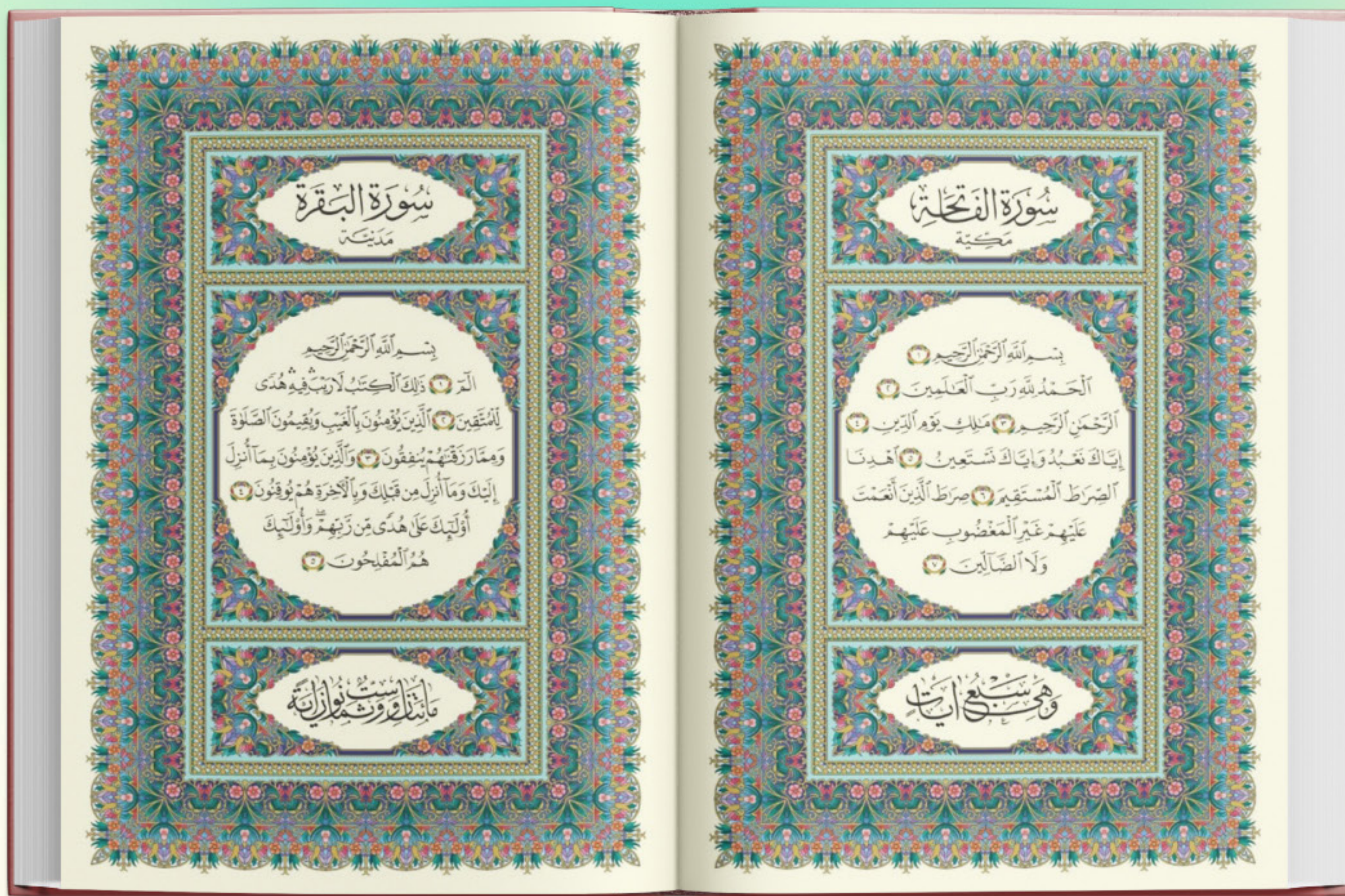
Allah Almighty categorically declares that His Book is free from flaws and inconsistencies.

The Almighty says: (Will they not ponder on the Qur'an? Had it been from other than Allah, they

would have surely found in it many contradictions.)

The Qur'an, 4:82

That is to say, had it been fabricated, as the idolaters during the Prophet's time falsely claimed, they would have found in it many discrepancies and inconsistencies.



The Third Proof: Muhammad ﷺ, was illiterate and was known for his honesty and trustworthiness

Muhammad ﷺ, the truthful and trustworthy man, himself conveyed the Qur'an from Allah Almighty.

Before his mission as a prophet, He was known by everyone, friends and foes alike, for his honesty and integrity, a trait that earned him the nickname Al-Ameen, which means «the truthful and trustworthy one»

When he received divine orders to preach Islam publicly, he climbed Mount As-Safaa and began calling the various tribes of the Quraysh. he said to them: (If I were to tell you that there are enemy horsemen in the valley who are intending to attack you, would you believe me?) “Yes” they replied : (for we have not found you telling anything other than the truth).

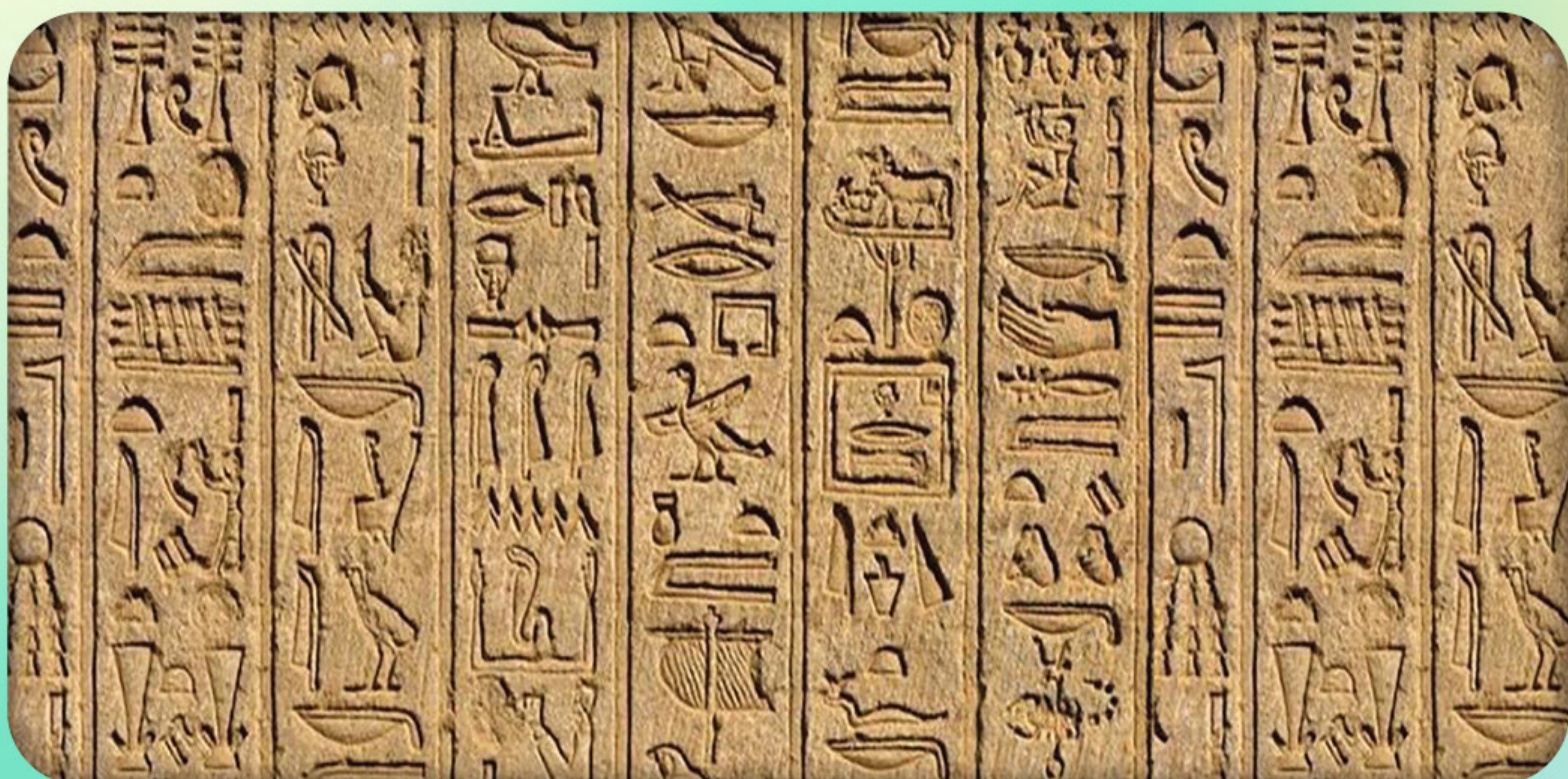
The Prophet ﷺ, did allude to this fact when arguing with his idolatrous people. The Almighty says: (Say, «Had Allah so wished, I would not have recited it to you, nor would He have made it known to you. I had lived among you for many years before it came to me. Will you not, then, use your intellect?».) *The Qur'an*, 10:16

That is to say, I lived in your midst for forty years. I am an honest man. I have not lied even once in my life; how can I, then, desist from lying to people and dare to lie about Allah?! Besides, he was illiterate and could not read or write, when he lived among them for such a long period.

How could he, then, compose this Great Book, which challenged all the Arabs to produce a book similar to it in terms of its unsurpassable rhetorical beauty and eloquence? Could it be that he himself authored it, or does it serve as conclusive evidence that it was revealed by the All-Wise, All-Praiseworthy God?!

 ***The Fourth Proof: It mentions some unknown past incidents and foretells some future events***

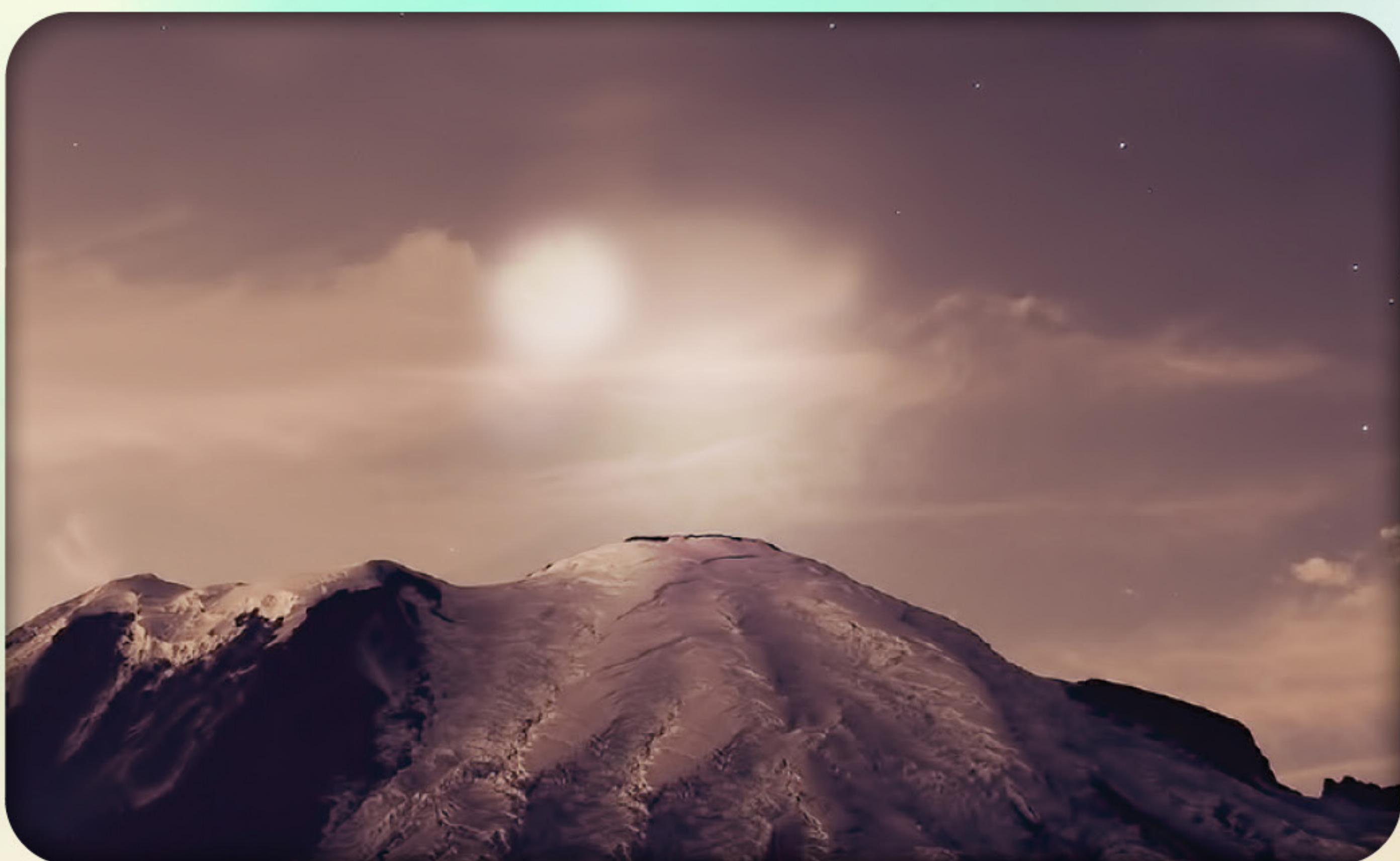
The Qur'an contains detailed accounts of incidents that took place thousands of years ago, such as those relating to Noah and his people; 'Aad - the people of Prophet Hud; Thamud - the people of Prophet Salih; the people of Prophet Saleh; Pharaoh and his people and the Children of Israel.



Recent archaeological finds, inscriptions and excavations of historical sites conclusively confirm what the Qur'an mentioned.

Where then, could Muhammad, the illiterate man, have learned all these facts? Does this not provide a strong proof of the divine source of the Qur'an and that it is not the work of a human being? **Almighty says** : (We reveal to you [Muhammad] these accounts of matters that are beyond the reach of human perception. Neither you nor your people knew about them before this. Be, then, patient. Surely, the good end is for the God-fearing.) *The Qur'an, 11:49*

The Qur'an also foretold some future events and they did happen just as it mentioned them. One such prophecy which was fulfilled within the lifetime of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, is mentioned in these verses: (Alif, Lam, Meem. The Romans have been defeated in the lowest [part of] the earth, but they will be victorious after their defeat, within three to nine years. All power of decision belongs to Allah before and after. And on that day the believers will rejoice in Allah's support. He grants support to whomever He wills. He is the All-Mighty, the All-Merciful.) *The Qur'an, 30:1-5*



The Qur'an not only foretold the Roman's victory, but also specified the date of such victory. It uses the Arabic phrase "bid' sineen" (in few years), and the word bid' applies to any number between three and nine. Sure enough, the Romans vanquished the Persians seven years after their own defeat.

Does anyone other than Allah, then, know what will happen tomorrow? The Almighty says: (Say, 'None in the heavens and the earth has knowledge of the unseen except Allah.' Nor will they ever know when they will be raised back to life.) *The Qur'an, 27:65*



The Fifth Proof: Its miraculous nature in the area of science and legislation

The Qur'an makes mention of certain scientific facts in the areas of medicine, astronomy and oceanology, among others, many of which were discovered only in the twentieth century, or shortly before or after it. Who then, taught Muhammad, who was illiterate, about embryology and the stages of embryonic development?

Allah Almighty says: speaking vividly about the phases of human embryonic development: (Or like darkness in a deep sea, covered by waves above which are waves, above which are dark clouds: layers of darkness, one above the other. If whoever is engulfed in such darkness stretches out his hand, he will by no means see it. Those to whom Allah does not give light will have no light at all.) *The Qur'an, 23:12-14*

Who taught Muhammed, the illiterate man who spent his life in the desert and never travelled by sea or dived into it, that there are internal waves in the oceans and that the ocean becomes pitch black beyond a certain depth in the sea, so intense indeed that one cannot possibly see one's hands? Allah Almighty says describing the state of the unbelievers: (Or like darkness in a deep sea, covered by waves above which are waves, above which are dark clouds: layers of darkness, one above the other. If whoever is engulfed

in such darkness stretches out his hand, he will by no means see it. Those to whom Allah does not give light will have no light at all.) *The Qur'an*, 24:40



Who taught Muhammad, the illiterate man, the detailed and immaculate laws pertaining to all human transactions, family and inheritance matters and international agreements, which the greatest and the most seasoned lawmakers cannot possibly enact even one tenth of? Thus the Qur'an was by no means composed by **Muhammad** ﷺ.

Rather, it was revealed by Allah, the All-Mighty and the All-Praiseworthy God.

The Qur'an reveals unrivalled knowledge and amazing secrets, all expressed in extraordinary rhetorical beauty and unerring linguistic accuracy that is ordinarily beyond human capacity. If we add to this the fact that **Muhammad** ﷺ, could neither read nor write, did not received any formal education, was not introduced to other civilizations, and did not even once leave the Arabian Peninsula, then it becomes all the more unthinkable that he himself authored the Qur'an.





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