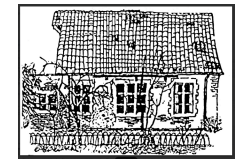


RE: What is the Qur'an and why do many Muslims try to learn it by heart?

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Vocabulary

Qur'an	The holy book of Islam, meaning "the recitation."
Islam	One of the six major world religions
Muslim	Follower of Islam
Muhammed (pbuh)	Founder of Islam
Allah	The one God of Islam
Jibreel	The angel messenger who delivered Allah's words.
Hadith	Teachings and sayings based on the life of Muhammad.
Hafiz	A title of respect for someone who memorises the Qur'an
Mecca	Place of pilgrimage
Wudu	Ritual washing performed before touching the Qur'an
Ramadan	Holy month of fasting when the Qur'an was first revealed
Rehal	The wooden, X-shaped stand used to hold the Qur'an

Key Skills

- Talk about some of the key teachings of the Qur'an and the impact of these teachings on the lives of different Muslims
- Compare some Muslim beliefs about the Qur'an with Christians and Jewish beliefs about their sacred texts.

Key Knowledge

- For Muslims, the Qur'an is the ultimate **sacred** (holy) text. It is not just a book written by a human; it is believed to be the literal, unchanged word of **Allah** (God) revealed to the Prophet **Muhammad**.
- The Qur'an is given special treatment; it is kept on the highest possible shelf, wrapped in cloths and people wash thoroughly before touching it. It is usually placed on a stand before being read and touched as little as possible.
- The key teachings of the Qur'an are that there is one God, Allah and that Muhammad is his last messenger. The most frequent instructions are to believe and perform good deeds
- The Qur'an is recited in prayers according to the requirements laid out in the Hadith for the 5 daily prayers as part of the 5 pillars.
- The revelation of the Qur'an is remembered during the month of Ramadan, with the fast.

