

# Six Reasons the Quran is of Divine Origin:

The Quran, the holy book of Islam, revealed to the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, in the 7th century, stands as a remarkable work that has convinced billions of its divine origin. At the heart of this sacred text lies the question of its authorship. Numerous scholars and historians have presented compelling arguments that the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, himself could not have been the author of the Quran.

## 1. The Prophet's Background and Education

The Prophet, peace be upon him, was born in Mecca in 570 CE, into a society that was predominantly illiterate. He was raised in a modest family and did not receive any formal education in literature, poetry, or rhetoric. In fact, the Quran itself refers to him as an “unlettered prophet”

الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الْأُمِّيَّ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ يَأْمُرُهُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَاهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ مَعَهُ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ  
(Quran 7:157)

Meaning he could neither read nor write fluently. Given his lack of formal education and literary background, it is highly improbable that he could have produced a work of such profound literary and linguistic excellence as the Quran. This lack of formal education and literary training is a well-established historical fact, corroborated by numerous reliable sources from the era. The Prophet's companions and contemporaries consistently described him as someone who could neither read nor write fluently, a fact that was widely known and accepted among his contemporaries and historians.

Given this background, it is highly improbable, if not impossible, that the Prophet, peace be upon him, could have single-handedly authored the Quran, a text that is widely known for its profound literary and linguistic excellence. The Quran's intricate use of literary devices, its consistent narrative flow, and its unique stylistic elements were unparalleled in the Arabic literature of that time, even among the most skilled poets and orators.

This stark contrast between the Prophet's humble origins and lack of formal education, and the Quran's exceptional literary qualities, has led many scholars and historians to conclude that he could not have been the author of the Quran. Instead, they argue that the Quran's literary and linguistic brilliance, along with its coherence, scientific accuracy, and prophetic nature, point to a divine source beyond the capabilities of a single individual, especially one without any formal literary training.

## **2. The Literary Excellence of the Quran**

The Quran is widely regarded as a literary masterpiece, renowned for its unique style, eloquence, and linguistic sophistication. It uses several literary devices, such as metaphors, similes, and allegories, with a level of complexity and depth that was unparalleled in Arabic literature at the time. The Quran's language is so intricate and nuanced that it has been the subject of countless scholarly works and has influenced the development of Arabic literature and language for centuries.

It is important to note that the Arabs of that time were known for their exceptional oratory skills and their deep appreciation for poetry and eloquent speech. Yet, the Quran's literary excellence surpassed even the highest standards of Arabic literature at the time, leaving the most skilled poets and orators of the era awestruck and unable to produce anything comparable.

## **3. The Coherence and Consistency of the Quran**

Another remarkable aspect of the Quran is its coherence and consistency, despite being revealed over a period of 23 years and covering a wide range of topics, including theology, ethics, law, and history. The Quran maintains a

remarkable unity of theme, style, and message throughout its chapters and verses, without any apparent contradictions or inconsistencies.

This level of coherence and consistency is particularly noteworthy given the diverse contexts and circumstances in which the revelations were received. The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, received the revelations over an extended period, often in response to specific events or questions posed by his companions. Yet, the Quran maintains a seamless flow and a consistent narrative, making it highly implausible that a single individual, without divine guidance, could have produced such a cohesive and harmonious work.

#### 4. The Qur'ān is Recited in the Prayer

Each prayer consists of certain movements such as standing, bowing, and prostrating. One of the most important parts of the prayer is the recitation of some part of the Qur'ān from memory. This allows Muslims to constantly be in touch with the word of God. It is to be recited in a beautiful and melodic manner that appeals to the emotion of the listener. The word “Qur'ān” actually means “The most recited.” It is a fact that the Qur'ān is actually the most recited book on earth. With a significant percentage of the 1.5 billion Muslims praying five times a day, the Qur'ān is constantly being recited all over the world.

#### 5. The Scientific Accuracy of the Quran

One of the most compelling arguments for the divine origin of the Quran is its remarkable scientific accuracy. The Quran contains numerous references to scientific phenomena and natural processes that were not fully understood or discovered until centuries later. These references cover a wide range of topics, including cosmology, embryology, geology, and biology, among others.

For example, the Quran accurately describes the formation of the universe from a single entity (the “Big Bang theory”) and the expansion of the universe

أَوَلَمْ يَرَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ كَانَتَا رَتْقًا فَفَتَقْنَاهُمَا وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

Have not the unbeliever ever considered that the skies and the earth were once one mass, then We split them asunder? And We have created everything from water. Will they still not believe? (Quran 21:30).

It also provides detailed descriptions of the embryonic development stages

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ سُلَالَةٍ مِّن طِينٍ  
ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاهُ نُطْفَةً فِي قَرَارٍ مَّكِينٍ

ثُمَّ خَلَقْنَا النُّطْفَةَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْعَلَقَةَ مُضْغَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْمُضْغَةَ عِظَامًا فَكَسَوْنَا  
الْعِظَامَ لَحْمًا ثُمَّ أَنْشَأْنَاهُ خَلْقًا آخَرَ فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ

Indeed We have created man from an extract of clay, then placed him as drop of semen in a firm resting place, Then changed the semen into a leechlike mass, then the leechlike mass into a fetus lump, then the fetus lump into bones, then clothed the bones with flesh, and then We brought him forth as quite a different creature from the embryo-so blessed is Allah, the Best of all creators. (Quran 23:12-14),

Which were not scientifically understood until the advent of modern embryology.

Such scientific accuracies in a 7th-century text are remarkable, especially considering the limited scientific knowledge available at the time. The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, could not have possessed such advanced scientific knowledge on his own, further supporting the idea that the Quran is of divine origin.

## 6. The Preservation of the Quranic Text

The preservation of the Quranic text is another aspect that adds to its credibility as a divine revelation. Unlike many ancient texts and scriptures that have undergone numerous changes and revisions over time, the Quran has remained intact since its revelation over 14 centuries ago. The meticulous oral transmission of the Quran, coupled with the early written compilations ensured that the Quran has been preserved in its original form without any alterations or distortions.

This level of preservation is unparalleled in human history and attests to the divine protection of the Quranic text. Despite attempts by detractors and adversaries to distort or manipulate the Quran, its integrity has remained unblemished. The consistency of the Quranic text across different manuscripts and versions in various parts of the world further reinforces its divine origin, as it suggests a transcendent source guiding its preservation through the ages. The preservation of the Quranic text not only lends credibility to its divine origin but also serves as a practical guide for Muslims worldwide, ensuring that they have access to the unadulterated word of God for spiritual guidance and enlightenment. Millions of people ages from 6 and up have memorized the whole Quran letter by letter throughout the world regardless their native language is Arabic or not.

## Conclusion

The Quran stands as a testament to divine revelation, transcending the boundaries of time, culture, and human limitations. Its profound literary excellence, coherence, scientific accuracy, and universal message all point to a source beyond the capacity of any individual, including the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. The Quran's preservation over centuries further underscores its divine origin, as it remains unchanged. It is a living miracle, a beacon of divine wisdom that illuminates the path of righteousness for all who seek it.