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Ramadan 11<sup>th</sup>, 1445



**Ramadan is  
the month of the Quran**

# Five Pillars of Islam

Declaration  
of faith

**Shahada**  
Faith  
declaration

شهادة



prayer

**Salah**  
Prayer

صلاة



Compulsory  
giving

**Zakah**  
Charity

زكاة



Fasting in  
the month of  
Ramadan

**Sawm**  
Fasting

صوم



Pilgrimage  
to Mecca

**Hajj**  
Pilgrimage

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# Fasting is an established religious act

Observing “Fasting” is not a new act of worship, fasting is deeply rooted in other faith traditions.

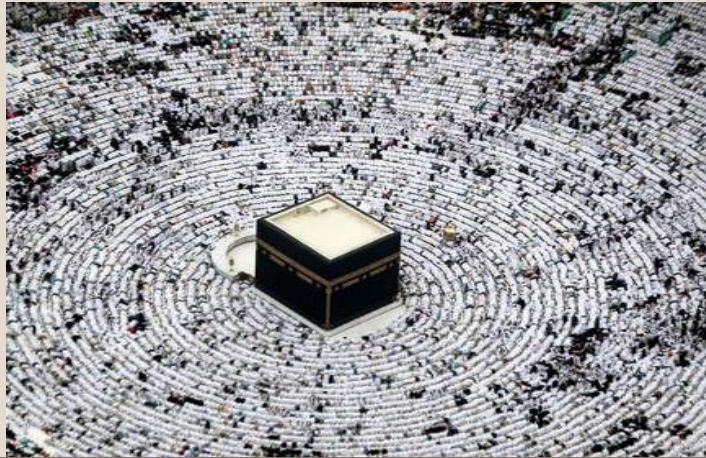
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**O believers! Fasting is prescribed for you- as it was for those before you - so perhaps you will become mindful of Allah. (2:183)**



# Ramadan: Beyond fasting

## It is a spiritual/worship bootcamp



**Ramadan is 9th Month of Lunar Calendar .  
It is the month of Quran and worship.**



شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ  
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**Ramadan is the month in which the Quran was revealed as a  
guide for humanity with clear proofs of guidance and the  
standard to distinguish between the right and wrong .**



# What is the Quran?

- **Muslims believe the Quran is the literal words of God and the final revelation to mankind.**
- **Quran is completion and confirmation of previous scriptures.**



- **Quran was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (S) by the angel Gabriel over a period of twenty three years .**
  - **The Qur'an's name is derived from the Arabic word Iqra which means read. The word read was the first word revealed to the prophet (S).**
  - **Quran has total of 114 chapters and it was revealed in Arabic.**
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# Unique Characteristics of the Quran

## Preservation:

- The Quran has been meticulously preserved since its revelation, in the 7th century, by memorization and in writing as it was revealed.
- Quran remains unchanged in its original Arabic text word by word; letter by letter, without any alterations, additions, or deletions. The preservation is seen as a miraculous aspect of the Quran.

## Comprehensive Guidance:

The Quran addresses a wide range of topics, including **theology, morality, law, guidance for personal conduct, social justice, and more**. Its teachings cover all aspects of life, making it a comprehensive guide for Muslims

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# Unique Characteristics of the Quran

## **Literary Excellence:**

The Quran is written in Arabic and is regarded as a masterpiece of classical Arabic literature. Its eloquence, rhythm, and poetic style have captivated readers for centuries, even those who do not understand Arabic.

## **Inimitability (I'jaz):**


Muslims believe that the Quran is inimitable, meaning it cannot be replicated or matched in its linguistic and literary qualities. The Quran challenges humanity to produce a text similar to it if they doubt its divine origin (2:23).

# Unique Characteristics of the Quran

**Spiritual Impact:** For Muslims, the Quran is not just a book of guidance but also a source of spiritual nourishment and enlightenment. Its recitation during prayers (Salah) is an integral part of worship for Muslims, and many find solace and inspiration in its verses.

**Scientific Miracles:** The Quran contains scientific knowledge that was not known at the time of its revelation and has only been discovered by modern science.

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The Quran meaning/teachings are translated to almost every human language.

However, **Arabic** remains the only language that shows the eloquence, miraculous, and majestic nature of its statements.

Quran is the articulation of Words of Allah that was never changed and will remain unchanged till Day of Judgement.

<https://www.facebook.com/howtomemorisethequran/videos/1548428901843075/>



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## Bismillahirrahmannirrahiim

In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful



# Al-Fatiha (The Opening)

## Surah 1

*Bismillaah ar-Rahman ar-Raheem  
Al hamdu lillaahi rabbil 'alameen  
Ar-Rahman ar-Raheem Maaliki yaumid Deen  
Iyyaaka na'abudu wa iyyaaka nasta'een  
Ihdinas siraatal mustaqeem  
Siraatal ladheena an 'amta' alaihim  
Ghairil maghduubi' alaihim waladaaleen  
Aameen*

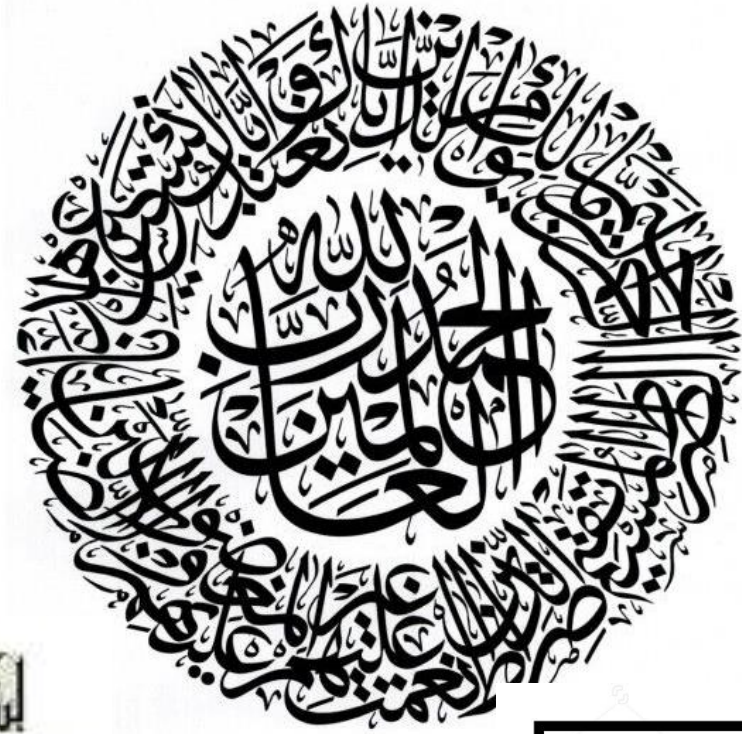
In the name of God, the infinitely Compassionate and Merciful.  
Praise be to God, Lord of all the worlds.  
The Compassionate, the Merciful. Ruler on the Day of Reckoning.  
You alone do we worship, and You alone do we ask for help.  
Guide us on the straight path,  
the path of those who have received your grace;  
not the path of those who have brought down wrath, nor of those who wander astray.  
Amen.



Muslims read Al-Fatiha at least 17 times/day as part of the daily compulsory prayer.



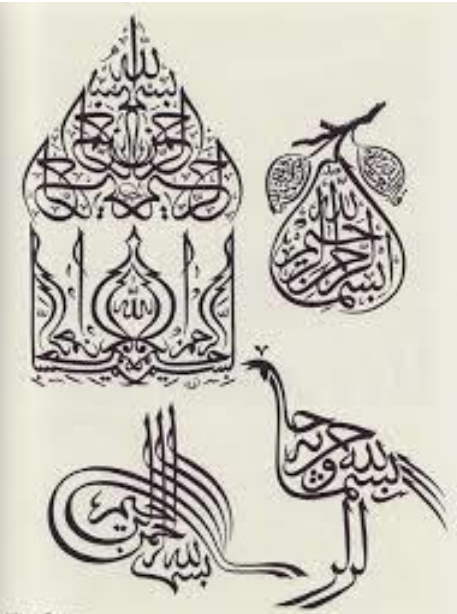
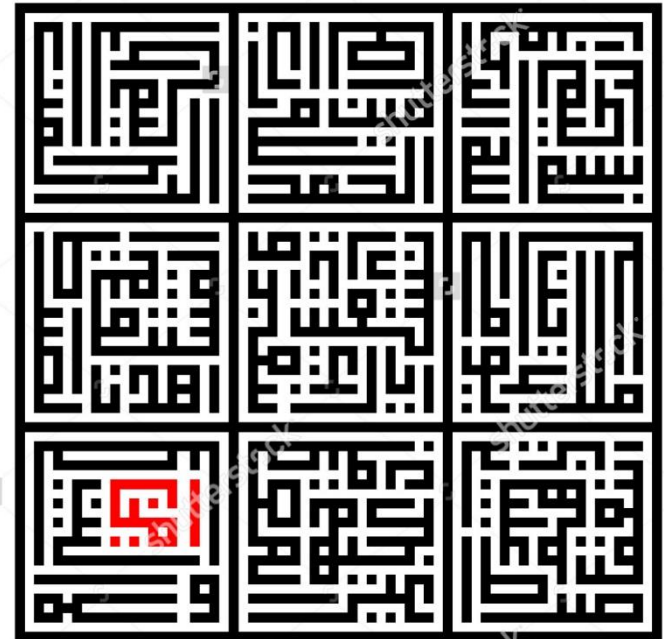
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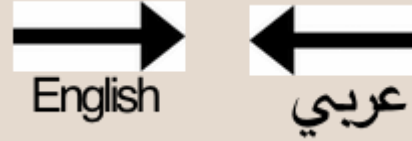




# Unique facts about Arabic Language

Arabic is the **fifth** spoken language after the Mandarin, Spanish, English and Hindi languages, respectively.

It is written/read from **right** to left



It is based on 28 “abjad” letters, along with the use of vowels multiplies and enriches the language with vowels and sounds

It is highly Sophisticated language:

Gender: Masculine, Feminine

Number: Single, Dual, Plural (3 and above)

Arabic is an extremely rich language, where a language has one word for something, Arabic has hundreds!

Ex: the word “Love” in English has >20 words in Arabic





# Ramadan & Quran

**Revelation of Quran  
Night of Qadr**

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**Reading Quran**

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**Reciting in daily Prayers**

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**Reciting in Taraweeh  
Prayers**

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# Receiving the first revelation

The first revelation received by Prophet Muhammad (S) at the age of 40 (610 CE) during one of his retreats to the Cave of Hira near Mecca.

The revelation came in the form of angel Gabriel (Jibreel in Arabic) appearing to him and commanding him to "Read" or "Recite."



- The specific verse revealed as the first revelation is from Surah Al-Alaq (Chapter 96), verses 1-5: **"Read in the name of your Lord who created - Created man from a clinging substance. Read, and your Lord is the most Generous -Who taught by the pen - Taught man that which he knew not."**
- This is a significant event as it marked beginning of divine revelation that continued over the next **23 years** until the completion of the Quran.



# Revelation of the Quran/Laylat Alqadr

- "Laylat al-Qadr" (لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ), the "Night of Power" or the "Night of Decree," is considered one of the holiest nights in Islam. It is believed to occur during the **last ten nights** of Ramadan.
- It is the night when the first verses of the Quran were revealed.
- Laylat al-Qadr is a night of great blessings, forgiveness, and mercy.
- It is a time for intense prayer, reflection, and seeking closeness to Allah.
- Muslims spend the night engaged in worship, recitation of the Quran, and supplication, hoping to gain forgiveness and spiritual rewards.



# Taraweeh prayers

- Taraweeh prayers are special prayers during the month of Ramadan. These prayers are considered highly meritorious and are performed after the obligatory night prayers (Isha).
- Taraweeh prayers are typically performed in congregation at mosques, where Quran recitation is integral part of the prayers.





# Ramadan in Gaza





# How we can help Gaza

- Spread the word among friends/ family
- Send messages to the president/ representatives asking for
  - Immediate ceasefire
  - Open borders for humanitarian aid
- Donate to UNRWA

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Ramadan is a time of reflection,  
self-improvement, and  
heightened devotion to God.

Thank you

# Next ISA Outreach program event



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