



I pray to God to lead our efforts to Goodwill and Harmony.

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This is a small step towards facilitating a true understanding of Islam, which is often misinterpreted by a certain category of books, videos & news which represents a distorted view of Islam.

FACTS ABOUT ISLAM

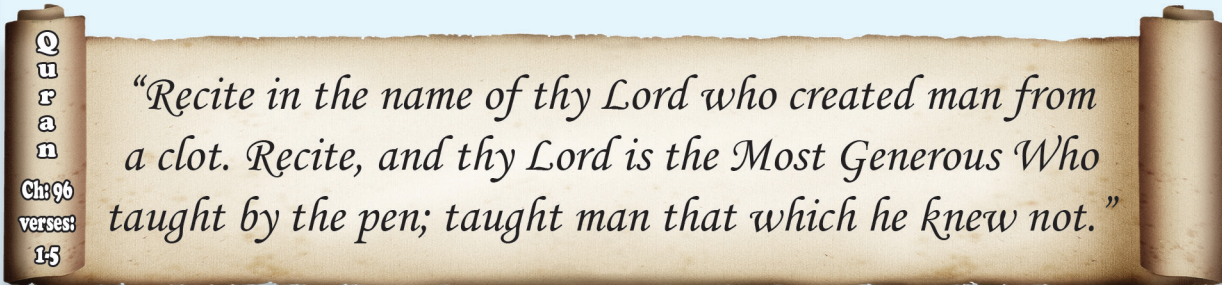
DID YOU KNOW? Each eye of a dragonfly contains about 30,000 lenses!

Who is Muhammad?

Muhammad, peace be upon him, was God's final messenger and to whom the Quran was revealed. He was born in 570 CE in Makkah (Bakka, Baca, Mecca). For his unimpeachable character, Muhammad was popularly known as 'al-Ameen' not only among the Makkans but also among visitors to Makkah.. The title Al-Ameen means the 'Honest', the 'Reliable' and the 'Trustworthy', and it signified the highest standard of moral and public life.

What were the first verses revealed to Muhammad?

Muhammad was forty when, he received the first revelation from God through the Archangel Jibril (Gabriel). On this first appearance, Gabriel said to Muhammad: "IQRAA," meaning Read or Recite. Muhammad replied, "I cannot read," as he had not received any formal education and did not know how to read or write. The Angel Gabriel then embraced him until he reached the limit of his endurance. The angel then released him, saying yet again: "IQRAA." Muhammad's answer was the same as before. Gabriel repeated the embrace for a third time, released him and then asked him to repeat after him the following:



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Look deep, deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. - Albert Einstein

**Distortion No.1:** The Quran was written by Muhammad and copied from Christian and Jewish sources!

*“And We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], the Book in truth, confirming that which preceded it of the Scripture and as a criterion over it.”*

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**Truth:** The Qur’an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad over a period of two decades, calling people to worship One Almighty God. The Qur’an contains a noble description of the Biblical prophets, because these prophets also preached the same message of the oneness of God. Quran confirms the previous original revelations that came down to Moses, David, Solomon and Jesus (peace be upon them) as revelations from the same divine source. Thus, one may find in it some similarities, criterion over previous scriptures, and introduction of new laws.

**Distortion No.2:** Islamic prayer is just a ritualized performance with no heartfelt meaning!

**Truth:** The Islamic Prayer (*Salat*) is one of the five pillars of Islam. Muslims stand before God and express faith, give thanks for blessings, and seek guidance and forgiveness. During Islamic prayer, Muslims follow the example of the prophets who fell on their faces worshipping God in a modest, submissive and respectful way. Similarly Muslims express their utmost humility before the Almighty by bowing and prostrating in prayer.

*Salat (Muslim Prayer)*



**TEA WITH A SENIOR PAL!**

**Lets treat our elders as we wish to be treated in our old age -WITH CARE AND AFFECTION !**



*Visit the elderly and enquire about their well-being. Offer to help them in anything they wish. Atleast give them a call to say HELLO!*

**TURN OFF APPLIANCES WHEN YOU ARE NOT USING THEM.** Up to 30% of power used by Television sets is used while they are turned off. So, buy power strips and just flip the switch on the power strip, because they use far less energy while turned off.

