

# The Quran as basis of thought and action in Islam

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## A. Thought / belief:

- Last Divine message ; comprehensive code of conduct.
- Guidance for all : " Blessed is He Who sent down the Criterion to His servant that it may be an admonition to all creatures" (25:1)
- Foundation of belief and action for Muslims
- Muslims believe that the Quran :
  - I. is God's own word (Kalam Allah), preserved since ever:  
"But this is a glorious Quran in a preserved tablet" (85:21-22)
  - II. contains Divine knowledge that the humans cannot know"  
(4:113)
  - (i) "God has sent down to you the Book and has taught you what you did not know" (4:113) and  
(ii) "They ask you about the Hour; when will be its appointed time? Say: 'Knowledge of it is with my Lord. None but He can reveal when it will occur'" (7:187)
  - III. instructs Muslims to believe in fundamentals of Islam:  
"Whoso disbelieves in God, His angles, and His books and His messengers and the Last Day, he has surely wandered for astray" (4 : 136)
  - IV. confirms the earlier scripts and messengers who received these scripts:  
"To you We sent the Scripture in truth, confirming the Scripture that came before it" (5:48)  
"And We gave (to Abraham) Isaac and Jacob, and ordained among his descendents, pophethood and books" (29:27)  
(iii) "We sent Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming the Torah that had come before him" (5:46)
  - V. declares itself to be the last divine message:  
"This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your religion" (5:3)

(ii) "Taught man that which he knew not" (96:5)

"Anyone who denies God, His angles, His books and His messengers and the last Day, has gone far, far astray" (4:136)

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## B. Action / Practice : -Guides about putting beliefs into action through:

- I. acts of worship (i) "And establish regular prayer and pay the charity tax" (2:43); ✓
- (ii) "The month of Ramadan in which the Quran was revealed ..... whosoever of you is present, let him fast the month" (2:187) and ✓
- (iii) "Pilgrimage thereto is a duty men owe to God - those who can afford the journey" (3:97) ✓
- II. linking a beliefs and acts of worship with social conduct and day to day affairs:
  - (i) "Worship none but God; treat with kindness your parents and relatives, and orphans and those in need; and speak kindly to the people" (2:83) ✓
  - (ii) "If the debtor is in difficulty, grant him time till it is easy for him to repay. But if you remit it by way of charity, that is best for you if you only knew." (2:280) ✓
  - (iii) "Give measure and weight with justice" (6:152) ✓
    - The Quran similarly guides Muslims about matters concerning marriage and divorce, crime and punishment and the ultimate reward in the Hereafter:
      - (i) "Marry women of your choice, two or three or four, but if you fear that you shall not be able to deal justly, then only one" (4:3) ✓
      - (ii) "We set down in (the Torah) for them, 'Life for life, eye for eye ....." (5:45) ✓
      - (iii) "God has promised to believers, men and women, gardens under which rivers flow, to dwell there" (9:72) ✓
  - (iv) " The woman and the man guilty of adultery, flog each of them with a hundred stripes" (24:2) ✓
  - (v) " O you who believe! Intoxicants and gambling, sacrificing of stones and arrows are all abomination of satan's handiwork; shun them so that you may prosper " (5:90) ✓