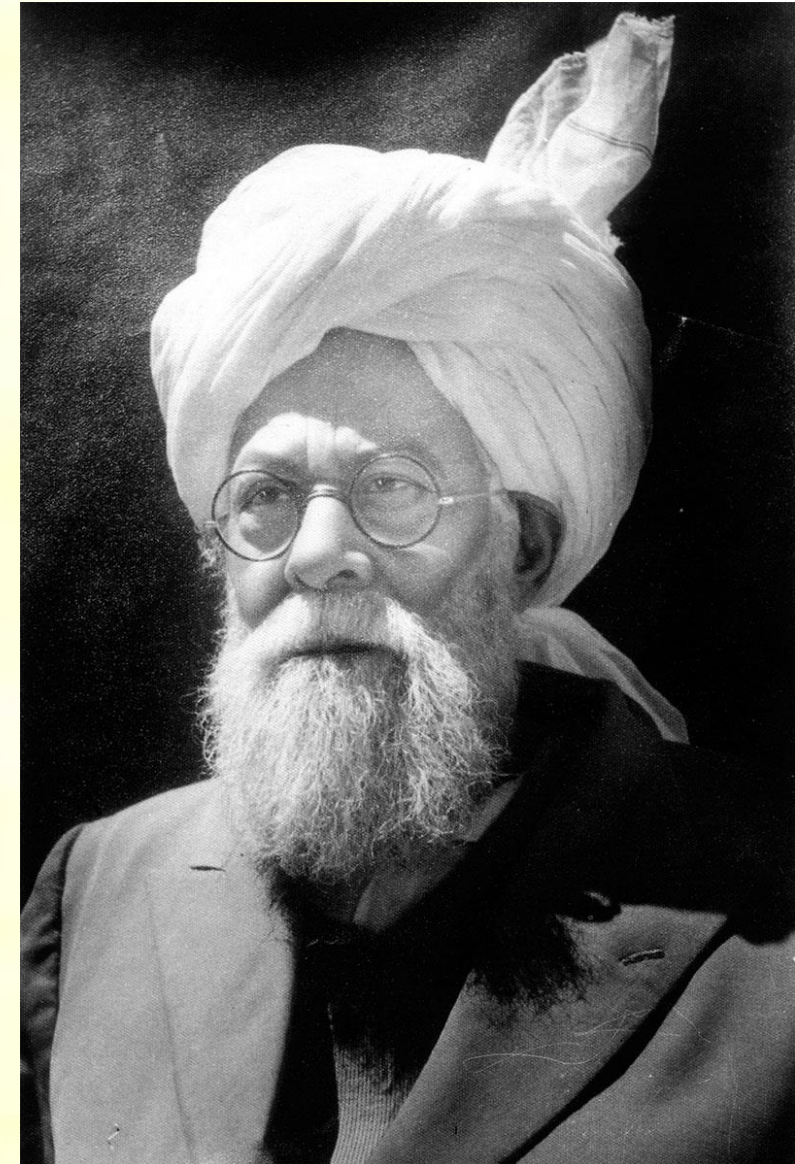
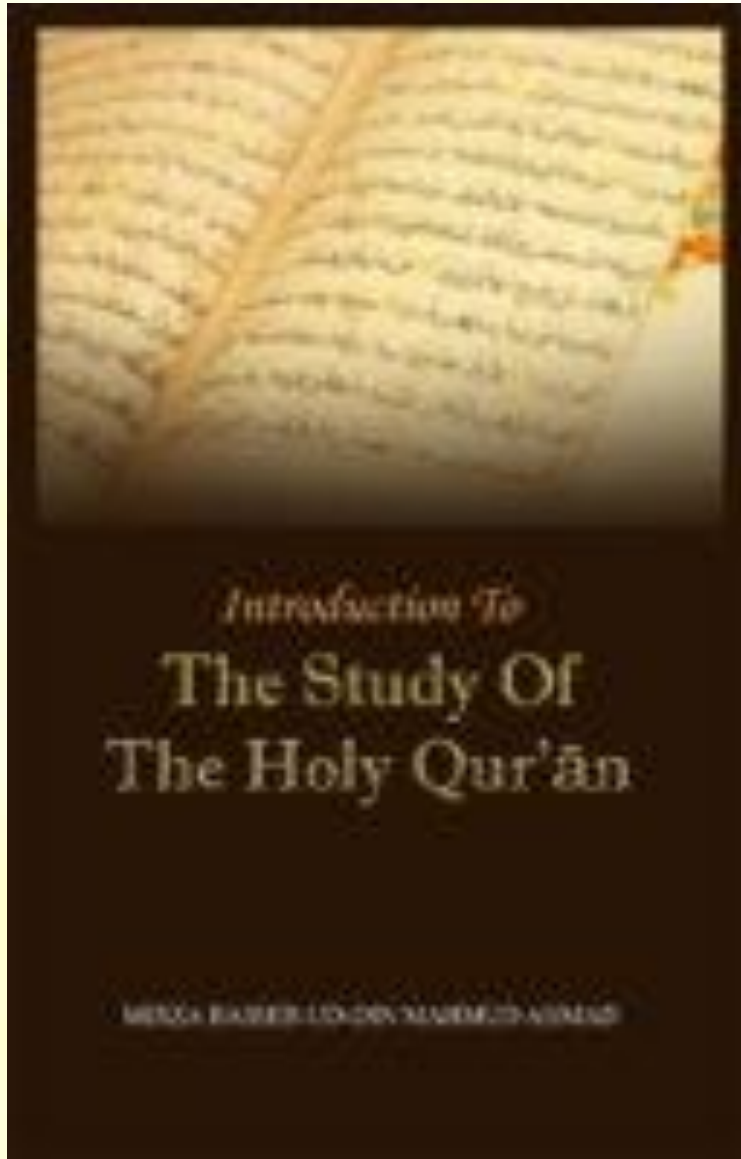


# Introduction to the Study of The Holy Quran ( Part I)

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# An Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran

Speaking about the book 'An Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran', His Holiness emphasised the importance for Ansar members to understand why there is a need for religion, the purpose of Islam and to familiarise themselves with the study of comparative religions.





Huzur atba said: “The first part of the book ‘An Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran’ covers comparative religions, the need for religion and the need for Islam and members of Majlis Ansarullah should be well versed in this and these concepts should be clear to them. They should all know what the differences are (between the religions), what the need of religion is and as to why there was a need for Islam to be established... If they become well acquainted with the first half of this book, then the Ansar will better understand many issues and they can then discuss and teach others.” Click on the book to read it 13 June 2021, Meeting with National Amla Majlis Ansarullah, United Kingdom.”



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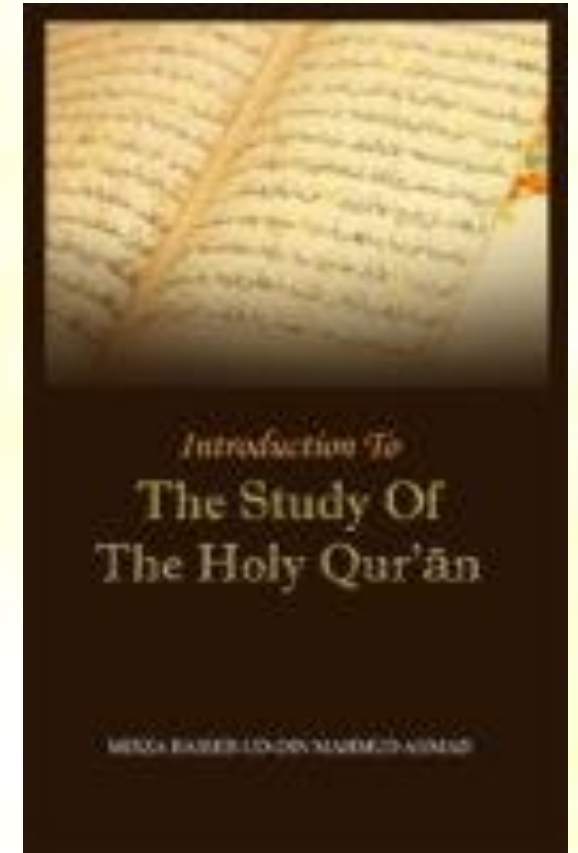
- ❖ Need of a New Translation and a New Commentary (2)
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# Need of the Quran

## Other Revealed Books

- Christian / New Testament
- Jewish / Old Testament
- At the other end of Arabia lived the Iranians, and they also believed in a Prophet and a book. Zend-Avesta
- Hindu / India the Vedas had been adored for thousands of years.
- The Gita of Sri Krishna
- The Buddha.
- Confucianism in China.



In the presence of all these books and teachings, did the world need another book?

Its answer will take many forms:



1. First, was not this division between religion and religion reason enough for the coming of yet another religion to unite all?
2. Secondly, was not the human mind to undergo a process of evolution similar to that which the human body had already gone through? And, just as physical evolution had ultimately become established, were not mental and spiritual evolution destined towards an ultimate perfection which was the very end of human existence?

3. Thirdly, had not earlier books become so defective that a new book had now become a universal necessity which was met by the Quran?
4. Fourthly, did earlier religions regard their Messages as absolutely final? Did they not believe in continued spiritual progress? Did they not continuously assure their followers of a coming Message which would unite mankind and lead them to their ultimate objective?

**The answer to these four questions is the answer to the question concerning the need of the Quran in the presence of earlier books and Messages.**

1. First, was not this division between religion and religion reason enough for the coming of yet another religion to unite all?



Division between religion is reason enough for the coming of yet another religion to unite all?

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## Religion has a twofold purpose

- ✓ (i) it enables man to meet his Maker; and
- ✓ (ii) it teaches him his duty towards his fellowmen.

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Before the Holy Prophet of Islam, therefore, nobody addressed a Message to the whole of mankind; before the Quran, no book addressed itself to the whole of humanity.

All religions existing at the advent of Islam were not only different but mutually contradictory

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## Bible: Old & New Testament

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The Bible talked not of God, but of the God of Israel.

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me.**

I Samuel 25:32

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## Bible: Old & New Testament

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Jesus also regarded himself as a Teacher for Bani Isra'il.  
**I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

Matthew 15:21-26

**Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.**

Matthew 7:6



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## The followers of the Vedas

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**If a Sudra happens to hear the Vedas then it is the king's duty to drop molten lead and wax into his ears; if a Sudra were to recite the Vedic Mantras the king should cut off his tongue and if he try to read the Vedas, the king should cut his body.**

Gotama Smrti:12

**Should anyone criticize the Vedas, turn him out of the country, that is, condemn him to a life-sentence.**

Manu Dharm Shastra

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## Other Religions

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Confucianism regard China as God's own kingdom.

Zoroastrianism consider Iran centre.

There are only two ways to resolve this division and disagreement between religions: either we must hold that there are several gods, or, if God is one, we must prove Him so. Or we must have these conflicting religions replaced by one Teaching.

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## God Is One

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- If the world has a Maker, He is and can only be one Maker.
- Science builds itself on the belief that all natural and mechanical changes are expressions of one law.
- the materialistic philosophers assert that God is One.

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## God Is One

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- ☐ If God is one, why should we have so many different religions?
- ☐ Were they the product of the human brain?
- ☐ Was it because of this that every nation and every people worshipped its own God?
- ☐ If these religions were not a human product, why and how came this division between religion and religion?
- ☐ If ever there was reason for this division, was it proper that the division should continue?



Division between religion is reason enough for the coming of yet another religion to unite all?

## **Religion–Not a Product of Human Imagination**

First, according to all ordinary standards the Founders were men of slender means. They had no power or prestige. Yet they addressed themselves to the great as well as the small and in due course they and their followers rose from a humble to a high position in the world. This proves that they were sustained and supported by a great Power.

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## Religion–Not a Product of Human Imagination

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Secondly, all Founders of religions have been persons highly honoured and valued for the purity of their lives even by those who later, on the announcement of their claims, became their enemies.

**I have indeed lived among you a whole lifetime before this. Will you not then understand?**

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## Religion–Not a Product of Human Imagination

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Thirdly, the Founders of religions did not possess those powers and accomplishments which ordinarily make for successful leadership. Yet what each taught turned out to be something in advance of his time, something pertinent and seasonable. Yet it is inconceivable that a person innocent of ordinary accomplishments, as soon as he begins to lie about God, should come to have such tremendous powers that his teaching dominates all other teachings current in his time. Such a development is impossible without the help of a powerful God.

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## Religion–Not a Product of Human Imagination

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Fourthly, when we consider what these Founders of religions taught, we find that it has always been contrary to all contemporary trends. This also proves that these Teachers were not a product of their times, but were Teachers, Reformers and Prophets in the sense in which they claimed to be.



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## Religion–Not a Product of Human Imagination

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Fifthly, the Founders of religions have all shown Signs and miracles. Every one of them announced at the outset that his teaching would prevail and that those who might seek to destroy it would themselves be destroyed. They were without means and ill-equipped. Their teachings were contrary to firmly established beliefs and habits of thinking and provoked the fiercest opposition of their people. Yet they succeeded, and what they had foretold came to pass. These Teachers, therefore, were from God and what they taught was taught by God.