

The Quran and its Message

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GOD HAS WARNED BELIEVERS TO ONLY FOLLOW THE QURAN

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A COMMON UNDERSTANDING

It is widely accepted by many Muslims that the Prophet received essential guidance for mankind not captured by the Quran. Furthermore, it is believed that Gabriel spoke with the Prophet on various occasions and at times liaised with him on many everyday matters. It is asserted that such information can only be sourced from the [Islamic secondary sources](#) and not the Quran.

The Hadith Qudsi represents an archetype of such a revelation which is claimed to represent the very words of God repeated by the Prophet. The well known forty Hadith Qudsi constitute such an example. Many Muslims remain tacitly unaware of the historical basis and the late provenance of such a corpus. **Please see related article [1] below.**

From a Quranic perspective however, it is clear that such beliefs and assertions **cannot** be supported. There is **not one unequivocal statement in the entire Quran** that categorically asserts the requirement of other sources being necessary to explain the Quran or which are required for mankind's guidance.

The burden of proof remains **solely** with those that assert such a belief to provide **clear unequivocal evidence** from the Quran for the requirement of [Islamic secondary sources](#). **For burden of proof, please see related article [2] below.**

Many attempt to garner support from isolated passages such as the requirement to obey God and the messenger. This is then equated with secondary sources such as Ahadith that were not formally canonised until centuries after the death of the Prophet. The attempt undoubtedly is to legitimise the [Islamic secondary sources](#). If such passages are studied in cohort with surrounding verses, they clearly have a context and do not refer to the late compilations of Ahadith that is usually acknowledged.

Please see related article [3] below.

CATEGORICAL DENIAL BY THE QURAN FOR THE REQUIREMENT OF ISLAMIC SECONDARY SOURCES

Much to the contrary, the Quran is replete with verses which **categorically deny** the requirement of any other source for religious guidance.

045:006

"These are the verses of God that We recite to you with truth. Then in what 'Hadith' (statement / narrative) after God and His 'Ayat' (verses) will they believe?"

تِلْكَ آيَاتُ اللَّهِ نَتْلُوهَا عَلَيْكَ بِالْحَقِّ فَبِأَيِّ حَدِيثٍ بَعْدَ اللَّهِ وَآيَاتِهِ يَكْفُرُونَ

Hadith

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THE PROPHET WAS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE BELIEVERS TO FOLLOW THE QURAN

006.155

"And this is a Book which We have revealed as a blessing: **so follow it (Arabic: fa-ittabi'uhu)** and fear (God) / be righteous so that you may receive mercy"

THE PROPHET WAS ORDERED TO STRICTLY FOLLOW INSPIRATION

010.109

"And (O Muhammad) **follow that which is inspired in you**, and forbear until God give judgment. And He is the Best of Judge"

010.015

"But when Our clear verses (**Arabic: Ayatina**) are rehearsed unto them, those who rest not their hope on their meeting with Us, Say: "Bring us a reading other than this, or change this," **Say: "It is not for me, of my own accord, to change it: I follow naught but what is revealed unto me: if I were to disobey my Lord, I should myself fear the penalty of a Great Day (to come)."**

033.002

"**And follow that which is inspired in you from thy Lord.** Lo! God is Aware of what ye do.

046.009

"Say: "I am no bringer of new-fangled doctrine among the messengers, nor do I know what will be done with me or with you. **I follow but that which is revealed to me by inspiration;** I am but a Warner open and clear."

006.106

"**Follow that which is inspired in you from thy Lord;** there is no God save Him; and turn away from the idolaters"

006.050

Say: "I tell you not that with me are the treasures of God, nor do I know what is hidden, nor do I tell you I am an angel. **I but follow what is revealed to me.**" Say: "can the blind be held equal to the seeing?" Will ye then consider not?

THE QURAN WAS THE ONLY INSPIRATION THAT PROPHET MUHAMMAD^(pbuh) RECEIVED FOR PURPOSES OF GUIDANCE AND TO WARN MANKIND

For mankind's timeless Divine guidance, the Quran remained the **only revelation** that was received by the Prophet **for this appointed mission.**

006:019

"Say: "What thing is most weighty in evidence?" Say: "God is witness between me and you; **This Quran has been revealed to me by inspiration, that I may warn you and all whom it reaches. Can you possibly bear witness that besides God there is another God?**" Say: "Nay! I cannot bear witness!" Say: "But in truth He is the one God, and I truly am innocent of (your blasphemy of) joining others with Him"

041:001-3

"Ha Mim: A Revelation from (God), Most Gracious, Most Merciful. **A Book, whereof the verses are explained in detail; a Quran in Arabic, for people who understand"**

027:91-92

"I am commanded only that I should serve the Sustainer of this city, Who has made it sacred, and His are all things; and I am commanded that I should be of those who submit; **And that I should recite the Quran.** Therefore whoever goes aright, he goes aright for his own soul, and whoever goes ' astray, then say: I am only one of the warners."

007.203-4

"And when you bring not a verse for them they say: Why have you not chosen it? **Say: I follow only that which is inspired in me from my Lord.** This (Quran) is insight from your Lord, and a guidance and a mercy for a people that believe. **When the Quran is read, listen to it with attention, and hold your peace: that ye may receive Mercy"**

The above verses make it absolutely clear that the only source necessary for mankind's guidance is the Quran.

A BELIEVER CANNOT INTRODUCE ANY OTHER SECONDARY SOURCE AS JUDGEMENT ALONG WITH THE QURAN

068.036-38

"What is the matter with you? How judge ye? Or have ye a book through which ye learn That ye shall have, through it whatever ye choose?"

004:105

"Surely, **We have sent down to thee the Book in truth, that you might judge between men, as guided by God: so be not (used) as an advocate by those who betray their trust"**

005:043

"But why do they come to thee for decision (People of the Book), when they have (their own) law before them?- therein is the (plain) command of God; yet even after that, they would turn away. For they are not (really) People of Faith"

005.048

"To thee We sent the Scripture in truth, confirming the scripture that is between the hands (bayna yadayhi) and guarding it in safety: **so judge between them by what God has revealed**, and follow not their vain desires..."

The above verses make it absolutely clear that judgment should be made only through the Quran.

THE ONLY TEACHING THE PROPHET RECEIVED FOR MAN'S GUIDANCE WAS THE QURAN

036:069-70

"We have not instructed the (Prophet) in poetry, nor is it meet for him: **this is no less than a Message and a Quran making things clear**: That it may give admonition to any (who are) alive, and that the charge may be proved against those who reject (Truth)"

THE EXPLANATION WAS ONLY SOURCED FROM THE QURAN

Believers should only seek to derive wisdom, laws and guidance from the Quran which is explained in detail.

006:114

"Say: "Shall I seek for **judge** other than God? - when He is the One who has sent to you the Book, **explained in detail (Arabic: Mufassalan)**." They know full well, to whom We have given the Book, that it has been sent down from your Lord in truth. Never be then of those who doubt"

041.003

"A Book, whereof the verses are **explained in detail / distinguished (Arabic: Fussilat)**; a Quran in Arabic, for people who understand"

011.001

"A. L. R. (This is) a Book, with verses perfected, moreover **explained in detail / distinguished (Arabic: Fussilat)** from One Who is Wise and Well-acquainted (with all things)"

016.089

"And on the day when We will raise up in every people a witness against them from among themselves, and bring you as a witness against these and We have revealed the Book to you **explaining clearly / clarification of everything (Arabic: tibiana lekulli shayin)**, and a guidance and mercy and good news for those who submit"

017:089

"And We have explained to man, **in this Quran**, every kind of similitude: yet the greater part of men refuse (to receive it) except with ingratitude"

075:016-19

Do not move your tongue with it to make haste with it. Surely on Us (rests) the collecting of it and the reciting of it. Therefore when We have recited it, follow its recitation. **Again on Us (rests) the explaining of it"**

039:023

"God has revealed the most beautiful Message in the form of a Book, consistent with itself, (yet) repeating (its teaching in various aspects): the skins of those who fear their Lord tremble from it; then their skins and their hearts do soften to the celebration of God's praises. Such is the guidance of God: He guides therewith whom He pleases, but such as God leaves to stray, can have none to guide"

PROPHET WAS TOLD ONLY TO WARN WITH THE QURAN

050:045

"We know best what they say; and you are not one to overawe them by force. **So admonish with the Quran such as fear My Warning!"**

IF THE PROPHET WERE TO INTRODUCE A SAYING IN GOD'S NAME OR FOLLOW ANYTHING BUT THE QURAN, HE WOULD BE PUNISHED

069:044

And if the messenger were to invent any sayings in Our name

069:045

We should certainly seize him by his right hand

069:046

And **We should certainly then cut off the artery of his heart**

069:047

Nor could any of you withhold him (from Our wrath)

017:073-75

"**And their purpose was to tempt thee away from that which We had revealed unto thee, to substitute in our name something quite different; (in that case), behold! they would certainly have made thee (their) friend!"** And had We not given thee strength, you would nearly have inclined to them a little. **In that case We should have made thee taste an equal portion (of punishment) in this life, and an equal portion in death: and moreover you would have found none to help you against Us!"**

THOSE THAT DO NOT JUDGE BY GOD'S REVEALED SCRIPTURES ARE KAFFIRS (DISBELIEVERS)

From the context of the Torah in the verse below, it is clear that those who do not judge by God's revelations / scriptures are termed as the disbelievers / Kafirun.

005:044

"Lo! We did reveal the Torah, wherein is guidance and a light, by which the prophets who surrendered (unto God) judged the Jews, and the rabbis and the priests (judged) by such of God's Scripture as they were bidden to observe, and thereunto were they witnesses. So fear not mankind, but fear Me. And My revelations for a little gain. **Whoso does not judge by that which God has revealed, such are disbelievers (Arabic: Kafirun)"**

The Quran further informs that those who do not judge by scriptures are 'Zalimun' (wrong-doers / unjust - 5:45) and 'Fasiqun' (transgressors, evil livers, those that rebel - 5:47).

FINAL THOUGHTS

What we find from the above Quranic verses is **unequivocal evidence** that the Prophet's only revelation through inspiration for mankind's guidance was the Quran and by it he judged and used it to warn his people. **In effect, the Prophet of God applied a timeless Quran to a time specific period during his ministry.**

Therefore, the only legacy left by the Prophet was the Quran , closing completely the admission of any other source for purposes of Divine guidance to mankind.

Please note the following verse which confirms what was sent as guidance. These are future incidents which will occur on the Day of Judgement. If there were any accompanying material along with the Quran that was necessary for mankind's guidance, one would have legitimately expected it to be mentioned here within these verses. This is clearly not the case.

007:051

"Who take their religion for an idle sport and a play and this life's world deceives them; so today We forsake them, as they neglected the meeting of this day of theirs and as they denied Our Verses (Arabic: Ayatina). And certainly We have brought them a Book which We have made clear with knowledge, a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe"

In the above verse, there is mention of no other source accompanying the Quran necessary for religious guidance. There is no Sunna mentioned or any supporting literature such as Ahadith.

Furthermore, the only complaint of the messenger on the Day of Judgment will be that His people abandoned the Quran. Once again, there is no mention of any other [Islamic secondary source](#).

025:030

"Then the Messenger will say: "O my Lord! Truly my people (Arabic: Qawmi) took this Quran for just foolish nonsense / of no account / abandoned it / forsaken it (Arabic: Mahjura)"

038:029

"(This is) a Scripture that We have revealed unto thee, full of blessing, that they may ponder its revelations, and that those of understanding may reflect / be reminded"

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