

ABSTRACT

The Qur'an is the highest form of divine revelation and the primary source of Islamic law. Consequently, all branches of knowledge—particularly Islamic studies—ultimately derive their foundation from it. Therefore, it is essential for students to familiarize themselves thoroughly with this Noble and unique Book. This includes understanding its definitions and names, the modes of revelation, compilation processes, structure, major themes, coherence, divisions, scientific miracles, and more.

This essential university reference book is designed to support undergraduate and postgraduate students, lecturers, and tutorial fellows with comprehensive material on the significant and indispensable subject of the Science of the Qur'an (Ulūm al-Qur'ān). This subject is taught across various Islamic studies programs in almost all universities, though the course titles and codes may differ from one institution to another.

The book offers a wide-ranging exploration of topics—from the history of revelation and compilation to detailed subjects such as Tajwīd, Qirā'āt, Tafsīr, and abrogation. It also emphasizes key themes, parables, and the Qur'an's relevance in contemporary life. The practical insights provided make it easier for readers to engage with the Qur'an not only as a divine text but also as a dynamic, guiding light for humanity.

The language used is clear, accessible, and student-friendly, catering for learners at different academic levels. The logical flow—from the revelation and compilation of the Qur'an to its interpretation and contemporary applications—enhances navigation and comprehension. This structure helps readers deepen their appreciation for the breadth and depth of Ulūm al-Qur'ān, acknowledging its foundational role in Islamic law and intellectual discourse.

For undergraduate students, the book provides solid foundational knowledge of the Science of the Qur'an, clearly explaining core concepts like revelation, compilation, tajwīd, qirā'āt, and thematic studies. Postgraduate students are encouraged to cultivate advanced analytical and intellectual skills through in-depth discussions on tafsīr, abrogation, scientific phenomena, and the Qur'an's role in modern times.

For tutors and lecturers, the book's structured chapters and comprehensive coverage offer a dependable resource for both traditional and modern pedagogical approaches. The inclusion of sample exam papers, suggested further readings, Bloom's Taxonomy distribution in exams, end-of-chapter assignments, and group discussion questions greatly enhances its academic value. These features support assessment, independent study, and collaborative learning.

In conclusion, this reference book aims to discuss all major topics within the Science of the Qur'an (Ulūm al-Qur'ān) in both a critical and creative manner, encouraging higher-order thinking. It is poised to make a significant contribution to Islamic academic literature—not only for university students and lecturers, but also for Islamic Religious Studies teachers at the O-level and A-level, diploma tutors, and lifelong learners in the field of Islamic studies.

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