

### Fast 5

1. “These are the verses of the Quran and the Book that makes manifest: a guidance and good news for the believers, who keep up prayer and give the due charity, and they are sure of the Hereafter.” — Ch. 27, v. 1–3
2. “And surely this is a revelation from the Lord of the worlds. The Faithful Spirit has brought it, on your heart (O Prophet) that you may be a warner, (it is) in plain Arabic language.” — Ch. 26, v. 192–195.
3. “The revelation of the Book is from Allah, the Mighty, the Wise. Surely We have revealed to you (O Prophet) the Book with truth, so serve Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience.” — Ch. 39, v. 1–2.
4. “And you (O Prophet) are surely made to receive the Quran from the Wise, the Knowing.” — Ch. 27, v. 6.
5. “And those who believe and do good, and believe in what has been revealed to Muhammad — and it is the Truth from their Lord — He will remove their evil from them and improve their condition.” — Ch. 47, v. 2.

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*Notes:* The Holy Quran is unique among world scriptures in giving a full description of itself.

It tells us that it is called the Quran and it consists of verses, and is a book which makes matters manifest or clear, and it conveys good news of success to its followers (passage 1 above).

It declares that it is a revelation from God, brought by the angel Gabriel, upon the heart of the Prophet, in the Arabic language (passage 2). The Quran being delivered to the *heart* of the Holy Prophet means that it was not a physical sound which he heard with his physical ears, but that the voice, consisting of words, went to his spiritual heart. For us too, the Quran must enter our hearts and overwhelm them, and not fall on deaf ears as merely a sound which has no meaning for us.

In case of previous scriptures, all these are matters of doubt and speculation, whether they are revelations from God, and if so, to whom were they revealed, who compiled and wrote them and what was the original language? At least they themselves do not give such information.

In several other places in the Quran, it is said that it is a revealed book from God to the Prophet, and that it has brought the truth (as in passage 3 above).

In passage 5, it gives the name of the recipient as Muhammad, to whom it was revealed.

### **Inspiring sayings about the Quran**

Maulana Muhammad Ali said in a Friday *khutba*:

“If we reflect upon the Holy Quran we can find out some of its profound knowledge, while its wonders and deep truths, being infinite, will not be exhausted till the Day of Judgment.”

(*A Mighty Striving*, p. 242)