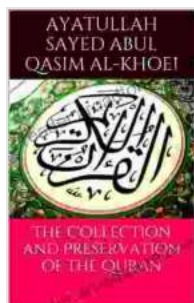


# The Collection and Preservation of the Quran: A Testament to Divine Revelation

## The Dawn of Revelation: From Oral Transmission to Written Word

The Quran, the sacred scripture of Islam, emerged during a momentous era of religious and intellectual transformation. As the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) received divine revelations over a period of 23 years, companions and scribes diligently preserved these messages through oral transmission and written records. These fragmented verses were inscribed on parchment, leather, and even animal bones, providing a scattered but invaluable foundation for the Quran that we know today.



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**Alt for image:** A sample of early Quranic fragments discovered in Sanaa, Yemen, circa 7th century



## The Caliphate's Endeavor: Unifying the Quran

Following the Prophet's passing, the Rashidun caliphs, successors to his leadership, recognized the pressing need to safeguard and unify the Quran. Under Caliph Uthman's guidance, a meticulous process was undertaken to compile and standardize the text. Scribes meticulously gathered and compared the existing fragments, ensuring uniformity and accuracy. This monumental effort resulted in the creation of the official

Uthmanic codex, which became the authoritative reference for all subsequent Quranic manuscripts.

**Alt for image:** Caliph Uthman overseeing the compilation of the Quran, a pivotal moment in Islamic history

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Expansion of the state in Uthman (R)'s time: (continued)
5) Revolt of Iran (Persia) Umar (R)'s era Yazdigard fled to Turkistan. Tried to create uprising in Iran Abdullah bin Amir (R) marched and won it.
6) Conquest of Tabaristan Saeed bin al aas (R) appointed the governor. People rose in revolt. Saeed (R) reconquered it.
7) Conquest of Khurasan, Fakhraistan, Sistan and Kabul Abdullah bin Amir (R), Saeed bin al aas (R) marched to Khorasan and conquered it. They besieged the city of Nishapur for a month after which Marzuban, the governor of Nishapur made a truce. Yazdigard was killed and Takharistan, Kirmān, Sistan were conquered. They also reached the borders of India.
8) The battle of Muna (Phoenix, now known as Funik) Naval battle with the Byzantines. 500 fleets of ships Vs 200 muslim fleet. Muslims won Muslims sea power was recognized.



### Scribes and Scholars: Guardians of Authenticity

Throughout the centuries, a remarkable guild of scribes emerged, dedicated to the preservation and transmission of the Quran. These skilled calligraphers mastered the intricate art of Arabic calligraphy, employing precise strokes and harmonious proportions to create visually stunning manuscripts. Beyond their technical proficiency, these scribes were also scholars and theologians, deeply immersed in the Quran's teachings and committed to preserving its integrity.

**Alt for image:** A page from a beautifully illuminated Quran manuscript, showcasing the artistry and devotion of skilled scribes



### **Innovations and Technologies: Preserving the Word**

As time progressed, scholars and scribes sought innovative methods to enhance the preservation and dissemination of the Quran. Parchment and paper replaced animal skins as preferred writing materials, providing greater durability and accessibility. The invention of the printing press in the 15th century revolutionized Quranic production, allowing for the rapid and widespread distribution of printed copies.

**Alt for image:** A photograph of an early printing press, demonstrating the technological advancements that aided in the preservation of the Quran





### **The Enduring Legacy: A Quran for All Time**

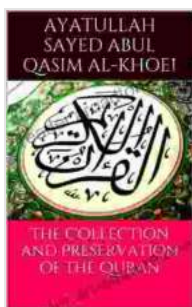
The meticulous efforts of scribes and scholars have ensured the Quran's remarkable preservation across the centuries. Today, countless Quranic manuscripts exist in libraries and museums around the world, serving as tangible evidence of the unwavering commitment to transmitting the divine revelation. The Quran continues to be a source of guidance, inspiration, and profound beauty for Muslims worldwide, a testament to the enduring power of the written word in bridging time and cultures.

**Alt for image:** A collection of Quranic manuscripts from different eras, depicting the enduring legacy of the Quran's preservation



## : A Journey of Faith and Preservation

The Collection and Preservation of the Quran is a captivating tale of dedication, scholarship, and the enduring legacy of a divine revelation. From its origins in oral transmission to its meticulous compilation and the artistry of skilled scribes, the Quran has stood the test of time as a beacon of faith and guidance. Its preservation is a testament to the profound reverence and commitment with which Muslims have safeguarded their sacred text throughout history.

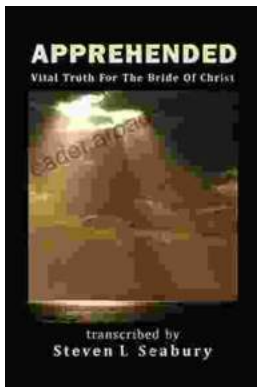


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