

Islam: Why are the teaching of the Qur'an and the Prophet Muhammad so important to the Muslim faith?

99 Names of Allah

Allah is known as the creator of the heavens and the Earth.

He is 'all good', 'there throughout the universe', 'all forgiving', 'all powerful' and 'beyond our world'.

There are 99 names for Allah within the Qur'an. These show his qualities and attempt to describe what he is and what he can do.

Some Muslims use misbaha beads (or prayer beads) to reflect the names of Allah.



Qur'an

The Qur'an is the holy book of Islam. It is considered by Muslims to be the word of Allah (God).

It is written in Arabic.

It tells Muslims how to worship Allah and how to behave towards others.

It is also a collection of signs of Allah's existence.

Artefacts and symbols

<b>Rehal</b>	X-shaped foldable book rest used for holding the Qur'an.
<b>Qur'an</b>	The Islamic holy book full of the words of Allah.
<b>Arabesque</b>	Islamic art form which is made by repeating patterns, shapes or natural pictures.

Allah's world

Pattern (fingerprints, spiders webs, seasons, day and night).

Islamic patterns are shown in mosque decorations and religious art (no images of Allah).

Muslim's believe Allah made the world ordered as everything has a purpose and pattern including humans.

Muhammad (pbuh) the messenger of Allah

The 'Night of Power' story is when the prophet was given the Qur'an to share with the people.

It was revealed to him by Angel Jibril.

It is known as one of the most significant events in the history of Islam.

Muhammad risked his life by believing in Allah and was often attacked whilst praying.

He built the first mosque (Quba Mosque) in Medina in 622 CE.



Key Vocabulary

<b>gracious</b>	To be polite or well-mannered. Muslims believe God is gracious.
<b>merciful</b>	To show compassion, love or forgiveness. Muslims believe Allah is all merciful.
<b>assalamu alaikum</b>	A traditional greeting meaning 'peace to you'.
<b>reverence</b>	A deep respect or regard for God.
<b>revelation</b>	Showing the truth. Muslims believe this truth is in the Qur'an.

