

# Understanding The Quran “A journey Inside the Muslim Holy Book

The Quran is universally known as the sacred book of Islam the religion of submission to the will of God

The Quran is undeniably a book of great importance even to the non-Muslim wraps more today than ever if that is possible

Even for the secular westerner apart from any question of religious belief or faith, there are immediate benefits to be found in reading the Quran. First, in view of the sacredness and vital importance of the Quran to approximately 1/5 of all humans, a thinking citizen of the world can hardly develop a rational and mature social consciousness without considering the message of the Quran and its meaning the Muslim community

With the fall of communism it has become particularly clear that global peace order and self-determination of peoples cannot be achieved without intelligent respect for Islam and the alienable right of Muslims to live their religion,

The second immediate benefit in reading the Quran, therefore, is that it is a necessary step toward the understanding and tolerance without which world peace is in fact inconceivable.

For non-Muslims, one special advantage of reading the Quran is that it provides an authentic point of reference from which to examine the biased stereotypes of Islam to which Westerners are habitually exposed. Primary information is essential to distinguish between opinion and fact in a reasonable manner. This exercise may also enable the thinking individual to understand the inherently defective nature of prejudice itself, and that's to be more receptive to all information and knowledge of possible use to humankind.

The purpose of the class is to shed some light on the sacred book of the most misunderstood faith and religious community in America. Although this is a class on reading and understanding the Quran, we will look at the Quranic sources of the foundation and tenets of the faith. We will also use the sacred text to shed light on hot issues related to the faith such as Jihad and Sharia law.

Books and other reading material will be suggested to those who want to delve deeper in any of the class topic. We will look at the relationship with Judaism and Christianity as defined in the Quran and both in terms of commonality in origin

but also the historical relation between the adherents of the faiths. We will cover the Quran views on issues related to governance, democracy, and women as well as any related topic raised by the students.

Topics:

Session 1: Introductory Material;

Session 2: The language of the Quran;

Session 3: Reading from the Quran;

Session 4: The aims of the Quran;

Session 5: The major themes of the Quran;

Session 6: The Quran and old scriptures/Islam and other religions;

Session 7: The Quran as a source of Islam's legal System;

Session 8: The Quran in the daily life of Muslims;

Session 9: The Quran and science;

Session 10: The Quran on hot topics such as Jihad women etc;

Session 11: Conclusion.