

SURATULQADR (97)

Since the *Quraan* incarnates guidance as well as knowledge, the *Suratulqadr* succeeds the *Suratul'alaq* and the *Suratutteen* following the logic of coherence. The first verse asserts that the *Quraan* was revealed during the night of divine decrees. It has further been expounded in the *Suratuddukhaan* from the third verse to the fifth verse. The second verse asks a question only to stress its significance and the third verse explains its significance and the fourth verse links this night with the descent of Gabriel and angels from the heaven to celebrate its anniversary every year during the last nine or ten days of the month of *Ramadhaan*. The purpose of their descent is to decide such affairs as require wisdom and they do so with their *Rabb's* sanction. The last verse asserts that this night is all peace until the dawn.

Hence, the Surah affirms, in unmistakable terms, the divine origin and source of the *Quraan*. It is neither the brainchild of the Messenger nor inspired by any jinn or devil. It is, entirely, purely, and exclusively Allah's Word transmitted to him by Gabriel during twenty-three years. It dismisses all charges of human participation out of hand. The fact is that no book on the Earth has been so uniquely preserved as the *Quraan*. Even a single letter of it has neither been altered nor changed in any way since the revelation closed. It is a miracle past human ingenuity.

Throughout the Surah, neither the word '*Quraan*' nor the word 'Messenger' finds any mention, though it has been revealed to him. It has been left for the succeeding surah to amplify the indivisibility of the *Quraan* and the Messenger.

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In the name of ALLAH, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

1. Indeed, We have revealed it (the *Quraan*) during the night of divine decrees.
2. And what do you know what the night of divine decrees is?
3. The night of divine decrees is better than a thousand months.
4. Angels and Gabriel descend during it (this night) by their *Rabb's* sanction with every command.
5. It (this night) is (all) peace till the appearance of the dawn.

سُورَةُ الْقَدْرِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾

نَزَلَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ
مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ﴿٤﴾

سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّى مَطَلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ﴿٥﴾