

## References to the Qur'ān within the Qur'ān

### 2:26

Allah disdains not to use the **similitude** of things, lowest as well as highest. Those who believe know that it is truth from their Lord; but those who reject Faith say: "What means Allah by this similitude?" By it He causes many to stray, and many He leads into the right path; but He causes not to stray, except those who forsake (the path)

**Comments:** The use of similitudes in the Qur'ān is what is referred to here. The partial intellect is unable to decipher their meaning, only perfect intellect can. Hence, we need a source of guidance = `Aql-i Kull.

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### 2:185

The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the **Qur'ān**, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion.....

**Comments:** Ramadhan is the 9th Month. The Numerical value of the Asas = 9 and so this is about the Qur'ān being revealed in Hazrat `Alī. Note that the physical revelation was 23 years, not one month.

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### 4:82

Then do they not reflect upon the **Qur'ān**? If it had been from [any] other than Allah, they would have found within it much contradiction.

**Comments:** This is not about reflection on the literal aspect but rather the inner meaning. The contradiction here refers to the apparent contradiction in the literal meanings.

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### 5:15

O followers of the **Book!** indeed Our Messenger has come to you making clear to you much of what you concealed of the Book and passing over much; indeed, there has come to you light and a clear Book from Allah;

**Comments:** Reference to light and the book is indicative of Kitāb-i Nāṭiq (speaking book) and Kitāb-i Ṣāmit.

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### 5:101

O you who believe, do not ask about things which, if they are shown to you, will distress you. But if you ask about them while the **Qur'ān** is being revealed, they will be shown to you. Allah has pardoned that which is past; and Allah is Forgiving and Forbearing.

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## 6:19

Say, "What thing is greatest in testimony?" Say, " Allah is witness between me and you. And this **Qur'ān** was revealed to me that I may warn you thereby and whomever it reaches....

**Comments:** The holy Prophet is a warner and giver of good tidings (33:46). In order to prove something, two witnesses are needed (13:43)

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## 7:204

So when the **Qur'ān** is recited, then listen to it and pay attention that you may receive mercy.

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## 9:111

Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their properties [in exchange] for that they will have Paradise. They fight in the cause of Allah, so they kill and are killed. [It is] a true promise [binding] upon Him in the Torah and the Gospel and the **Qur'ān**. And who is truer to his covenant than Allah? So, rejoice in your transaction which you have contracted. And it is that which is the great attainment.

**Comment:** This is the proof of paying the tithe – it is a purchase in return for paradise. It is all done through His appointed vicegerents. Note that lives and properties are given equal importance in this transaction. It is also common to Judaism and Christianity.

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## 10:15

And when Our verses are recited to them as clear evidences, those who do not expect the meeting with Us say, "Bring us a **Qur'ān** other than this or change it." Say, [O Muhammad], "It is not for me to change it on my own accord. I only follow what is revealed to me. Indeed, I fear, if I should disobey my Lord, the punishment of a tremendous Day."

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## 10:37

And it was not [possible] for this **Qur'ān** to be produced by other than Allah , but [it is] a confirmation of what was before it and a detailed explanation of the [former] Scripture, about which there is no doubt, from the Lord of the worlds.

**Comments:** See reference to "that book" in 2:2

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## 10:61

And you (Muhammad) are not occupied with any business and you do not recite a lecture from this (Scripture), and you (humankind) perform no act, but We are Witness of you when you are engaged therein. And not an atom's weight in the earth or in the sky escapes your Lord, nor what is less than that or greater than that, but it is (written) in a **clear Book**.

**Comments:** Atom's weight - this is linked to the world of particles. Note too, that many mis-translate Kitāb-i Mubīn (manifest book)

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## 12:2

Indeed, We have sent it down as an Arabic **Qur'ān** that you might understand.

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## 12:3

We relate to you, [O Muhammad], the best of stories in what We have revealed to you of this **Qur'ān** although you were, before it, among the unaware.

**Comments:** Even the Prophet was unaware before revelation. He was among "Ummiyun" - spiritually un-lettered and without the ability to read the luminous book.

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## 15:1

Alif, Lam, Ra. These are the verses of the Book and a clear **Qur'ān**. (Shakir says a Qur'ān that makes things clear)

**Comments:** The phrase here is Qur'ān-i mubīn – which technically is the manifest Imam.

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## 15:87

And We have certainly given you, [O Muhammad], seven of the often repeated [verses] and the great **Qur'ān**.

**Comments:** By the seven repeated (sab`-i mathani) are meant the seven Imams who come in cycles one after the other.

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## 15:91

Those who have made the **Qur'ān** into portions.

**Comments:** Considering the wise Qur'ān as separate from the sources with which it is linked internally. That is, not understanding that the highest levels of experience are observing the inner miracles of the Qur'ān in the light of Imām-i mubīn.

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## 16:89

One day We shall raise from all Peoples a witness against them, from amongst themselves: and We shall bring you as a witness against these (your people): and We have sent down to you the **Book** explaining all things, a Guide, a Mercy, and Glad Tidings to Muslims.

**Comments:** This is a reference to all things being explained in *bāṭin*

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## 16:98

So, when you recite the **Qur'ān**, [first] seek refuge in Allah from Satan, the expelled [from His mercy].

**Comments:** That is, seek to understand its essential meaning properly.

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## 17:9

Indeed, this **Qur'ān** guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward.

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## 17:41

We have explained (things) in various (ways) in this **Qur'ān**, in order that they may receive admonition, but it only increases their flight (from the Truth)!

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## 17:45

And when you recite the **Qur'ān**, We place between you and those who do not believe in the hereafter a hidden barrier;

**Comments:** This means that all those who were listening to the Prophet were not necessarily hearing him!

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## 17:46

And We have placed over their hearts coverings, lest they understand it, and in their ears deafness. And when you mention your Lord alone in the **Qur'ān**, they turn back in aversion.

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## 17:60

And [remember, O Muhammad], when We told you, "Indeed, your Lord has encompassed the people." And We did not make the sight which We showed you except as a trial for the people, as was the accursed tree [mentioned] in the **Qur'ān**. And We threaten them, but it increases them not except in great transgression.

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## 17:78

Establish worship at the going down of the sun until the dark of night, and (the recital of) the **Qur'ān** at dawn. Lo! (the recital of) the **Qur'ān** at dawn is ever witnessed.

**Comments:** The Qur'ān at dawn refers to Ism-i a`zam

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## 17: 82

And We send down of the **Qur'ān** that which is healing and mercy for the believers, but it does not increase the wrongdoers except in loss.

**Comments:** The primary reference here is to spiritual and intellectual healing.

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## 17:88

Say, "If humankind and the jinn gathered in order to produce the like of this **Qur'ān**, they could not produce the like of it, even if they were to be each other's assistants."

**Comments:** The ta'wīl of the Qur'ān is not known to ordinary men and jinn.

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## 17:89

And certainly, We have explained for men in this **Qur'ān** every kind of similitude, but most men do not consent to anything but denying.

**Comments:** see 17:41

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## 17:106

And [it is] a **Qur'ān** which We have separated [by intervals] that you might recite it to the people over a prolonged period. And We have sent it down progressively.

**Comments:** see 15:91

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## 18:54

We have explained in detail in this **Qur'ān**, for the benefit of humankind, every kind of similitude: but man is, in most things, contentious.

**Comments:** see 16:89

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## 20:2

We have not sent down to you the **Qur'ān** that you be distressed.

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## 20:113

Thus, have We sent this down - an arabic **Qur'ān** - and explained therein in detail some of the warnings, in order that they may fear Allah, or that it may cause their remembrance (of Him).

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## 20:114

So high [above all] is Allah , the Sovereign, the Truth. And, [O Muhammad], do not hasten with [recitation of] the **Qur'ān** before its revelation is completed to you, and say, "My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

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## 25:30

Then the Messenger will say: "O my Lord! Truly my people took this Qur'ān for just foolish nonsense."

**Comments:** The word *ittakhadhū* means to hold onto something. So the meaning here is that people did not act upon the esoteric knowledge and wisdom of the Qur'ān in the light of guidance (5:15)

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## 25:32

And those who disbelieve say, "Why was the **Qur'ān** not revealed to him all at once?" Thus [it is] that We may strengthen thereby your heart. And We have spaced it distinctly.

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## 27:1

Ta Sin! These are the verses of the **Qur'ān** and the Book that make (things) clear.

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## 27:6

And indeed, [O Muhammad], you receive the **Qur'ān** from one (should be One) Wise and Knowing.

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## 27:76

This **Qur'ān** tells the Israelites most of the matters about which they had disputes among themselves.

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## 27:92

[ :91] For me, I have been commanded to serve the Lord of this city, Him Who has sanctified it and to Whom (belong) all things: and I am commanded to be of those who bow in Islam to Allah's Will, [ :92] And to rehearse the **Qur'ān**: and if any accept guidance, they do it for the good of their own souls, and if any stray, say: "I am only a Warner".

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## 28:85

Indeed, [O Muhammad], He who imposed upon you the **Qur'ān** will take you back to a place of return. Say, "My Lord is most knowing of who brings guidance and who is in clear error."

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## 30:58

And certainly, We have set forth for men every kind of example in this **Qur'ān**; and if you should bring them a communication, those who disbelieve would certainly say: You are naught but false claimants.

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## 34:31

And those who disbelieve say, "We will never believe in this **Qur'ān** nor in that before it." But if you could see when the wrongdoers are made to stand before their Lord, refuting each other's words... Those who were oppressed will say to those who were arrogant, "If not for you, we would have been believers."

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## 36:2

By the wise **Qur'ān**. [3] Indeed you, [O Muhammad], are from among the messengers...

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## 36:69

And We did not give Prophet Muhammad, knowledge of poetry, nor is it befitting for him. It is not but a message and a clear **Qur'ān**.

**Comments:** Divine teachings are in many forms and stages, poetry being one of them, but the Qur'ān's revelation was of the highest stage.

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## 38:1

By Ṣād and the **Qur'ān**, possessor of dhikr (remembrance). Nay, but those who disbelieve are in false pride and schism.

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## 39:27

And We have certainly presented for the people in this **Qur'ān** from every [kind of] example - that they might remember.

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## 39:28

(It is) a **Qur'ān** in Arabic, without any crookedness (therein): in order that they may become righteous.

**Comments:** This means that the inner and spiritual aspect of the great Qur'ān is in the mother tongue of every Muslim.

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## 41:3

A Book, whose verses are explained in detail; a **Qur'ān** in Arabic, for people who understand.

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## 41:26

And those who disbelieve say, "Do not listen to this **Qur'ān** and speak noisily during [the recitation of] it that perhaps you will overcome."

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## 41:44

And if We had made it a non-Arabic Qur'ān, they would have said, "Why are its verses not explained in detail [in our language]? Is it a foreign [recitation] and an Arab [messenger]?" Say, "It is, for those who believe, a guidance and cure." And those who do not believe - in their ears is deafness, and it is upon them blindness. Those are being called from a distant place.

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## 42:7

Thus have We sent by inspiration to you an Arabic **Qur'ān**: that you may warn the Mother of Cities and all around her, and warn (them) of the Day of Assembly, of which there is no doubt: (when) some will be in the Garden, and some in the Blazing Fire.

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## 43:3

A Book, whereof the verses are explained in detail; a **Qur'ān** in Arabic, for people who understand.

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## 43:31

[30] But when the truth came to them, they said, "This is magic, and indeed we are, concerning it, disbelievers." [31] And they said, "Why was this **Qur'ān** not sent down upon a great man from [one of] the two cities?"

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## 46:29

And [mention, O Muhammad], when We directed to you a few of the jinn, listening to the **Qur'ān**. And when they attended it, they said, "Listen quietly." And when it was concluded, they went back to their people as warners.

**Comments:** Jinns here are not in the negative sense, but in the sense of the subtle human being. One specific ta'wīl is the Jinn as the ḥujjats.

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## 47:24

Then do they not reflect upon the **Qur'ān**, or are there locks upon [their] hearts?

**Comments:** Hakim Pir Nasir-i Khusraw (q.s.) has said in his Diwan:

"Remove the locks from the heart and make the Qur'ān your guide; so that you may know the path (walk on it) and the door (of the city of knowledge and that of the house of wisdom) open to you."

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## 50:1

By Qaf. By the honoured **Qur'ān**.

**Comments:** By Qaf here is meant the Supreme Pen. It is the Supreme Pen which writes on the Guarded Tablet (Qur'ān).

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## 50:45

We know best what they say, and you are not one to compel them; therefore, remind him by means of the **Qur'ān** who fears My threat.

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## 54:17

And We have certainly made the **Qur'ān** easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?

**Comments:** The essence of the Qur'ān is the Supreme Name, and so remembering it become easy.

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## 54:22

And We have certainly made the **Qur'ān** easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?

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## 54:32

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## 54:40

And We have certainly made the **Qur'ān** easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?

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## 55:2

The Most Merciful [2] Taught the **Qur'ān**.

Comments: The Beneficent taught the Perfect Man the spiritual and intellectual secrets of the Qur'ān through the beautiful names.

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## 56:77

Indeed, it is a noble **Qur'ān**. In Book well-guarded; None touch it except the purified.

**Comments:** The hidden Book is the light of Intellect in which are hidden all ta'wīlī secrets. This hidden Book cannot be touched, except by those who are purified and they are the pure Imams, and it is through them that one can receive the charity of knowledge.

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## 59:21

Had We sent down this **Qur'ān** on a mountain, you would certainly have seen it falling down, splitting asunder because of the fear of Allah, and We set forth these parables to men that they may reflect.

**Comments:** There are two mountains in the personal world: the mountain of the soul and the mountain of the intellect. These two mountains of Hazrat Musa were smashed into pieces by the theophany of God. God's Book is not separate from His light or theophany and so the inner light of the Qur'ān smashed the two mountains of the personal world into pieces.

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## 72:1

Say, [O Muhammad], "It has been revealed to me that a group of the jinn listened and said, 'Indeed, we have heard an amazing **Qur'ān**. [2] It guides to the right course, and we have believed in it. And we will never associate with our Lord anyone. [3] And [it teaches] that exalted is the Jadd; He has not taken a wife or a son [4] And that our foolish one has been saying about Allah an excessive transgression.

**Comments:** Jadd is the angel Isrāfīl, the angel of Divine Love.

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### **73:4**

O you who wraps himself [in clothing], [2] Arise [to pray] the night, except for a little - [3] Half of it - or subtract from it a little [4] Or add to it, and recite the **Qur'ān** with measured recitation. [5] Indeed, We will cast upon you a heavy word.

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### **73:20**

Indeed, your Lord knows, [O Muhammad], that you stand [in prayer] almost two thirds of the night or half of it or a third of it, and [so do] a group of those with you. And Allah determines [the extent of] the night and the day. He has known that you [Muslims] will not be able to do it and has turned to you in forgiveness, so recite what is easy [for you] of the **Qur'ān**. He has known that there will be among you those who are ill and others traveling throughout the land seeking [something] of the bounty of Allah and others fighting for the cause of Allah. So recite what is easy from it and establish prayer and give zakah and loan Allah a goodly loan. And whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah. It is better and greater in reward. And seek forgiveness of Allah. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.

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### **76:23**

Indeed, it is We who have sent down to you, [O Muhammad], the **Qur'ān** progressively.

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### **84:21**

So what is [the matter] with them [that] they do not believe,[21] And when the **Qur'ān** is recited to them, they do not prostrate [to Allah]?

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### **85:21**

Nay! it is a glorious **Qur'ān**,[21] In a guarded tablet.

**Comments:** the Qur'ān is written on the Guarded Tablet in the writing of spirit and spiritualism – and the Guarded Tablet is the Imam.