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THE QURAN

Read [Q: 36:2]; [Q: 85:21];[Q: 17:9]

Meaning of the Quran

The Quran is a religious book used by Muslims all over the world as a book of guidance. Most of the world religions have their specific books which they use for reference.

Do you know any religious books used by members other faiths?

Can you mention any of them?

Just as every religion has its own religious book, Muslims have the Quran as their main source of reference and they have a duty to learn, understand and constantly refer to it. As a Muslim, have you read the Quran? Muslims believe that the Holy Quran is the last book to be revealed by Allah. It is because of its important position in the Islamic faith that throughout our course we shall be using the Quran as our immediate source of reference.

Can you remember the meaning of the word Quran from your Islamic Religious Education in Primary school?

This word comes from an Arabic root *qara'a* which means "to read or to recite.‖ Quran in Arabic therefore literally means recitation or something that is continuously recited. It is equivalent in meaning to *qira'ah*, as both come from the same verb ‗*qara'a.*‟

This name is specifically mentioned in the text of the Quran as a reference to itself in several places. From the verses you have read, you will learn that the Quran has been referred as a book of guidance, a book full of wisdom and a Glorious. Read the following verses:

In Islam the word Quran is defined as the divine speech of Allah Subhanahu Wa Taala (S.W.T), sent down upon the last Prophet Muhammad Peace be Upon Him (P.B.U.H), through the Angel Jibril Aleihi Swalatu wa Salaam(A.S) to human kind. Since its revelation the Quran has remained the same without being distorted.