



Did the Prophet (peace be upon him) know the Qur'an before it was revealed upon him as was alleged by Sufis?

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A: The Qur'an is the word of Allah with its letters and meanings. The first thing revealed from the Qur'an upon the Prophet (peace be upon him) was "Iqra'" (read). The Qur'an was revealed in portions for about twenty three years. Allah pointed out that the Prophet (peace be upon him) did not know the Qur'an before being revealed upon him. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: [﴿ And thus We have sent to you \(O Muhammad peace be upon him\) Rûh \(a Revelation, and a Mercy\) of Our Command. You knew not what is the Book, nor what is Faith?... ﴾](#) Therefore, we realize that what is alleged by Sufis that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) was acquainted with the Qur'an before it was revealed is an invalid saying. This is the saying of a person who has no knowledge. This is similar to the saying held by them and others that the Prophet (peace be upon him) was acquainted with Ghayb (the unseen). This is falsehood, Kufr (disbelief) and misguidance as Ghayb is known only by Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted). Allah says: [﴿ Say: "None in the heavens and the earth knows the Ghaib \(Unseen\) except Allâh" ﴾](#)

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