

# Key principles when studying the Qur'an

## 1. Understand that the Qur'an...

- ...is **taught and meanings made clear by Allah** (55:1-2), (75:19)
- ...has **been made easy** (54:17, 54:22, 54:32, 54:40)
- ...is **fully detailed** (7:52, 11:1-2)
- ...is an **excellent tafsir** itself (25:33)
- ...is **clear**/makes things distinct (22:15), (12:1), (15:1), (27:1), (28:2), (43:2), (44:2)
- ...is the **criteria** for right and wrong, truth and falsehood (25:1)
- ...contains **no contradictions** (4:82)

## 2. When studying it, we should...

- ...**not rush to conclusions**, take time, study all the related verses (20:114)
- ...**evaluate and ponder** over the message, reflect, critically evaluate others' understanding of the meaning (4:82, 23:68, 25:73, 38:29, 47:24, 2:111)
- ...**have a pure/clear mind**, no preconceived notions, ideas or conclusions (56:79)
- ...**give full attention and silence inner tendencies** (including inner protests about it not conforming to preconceptions (7:204)