

## The Belief Concerning The Qur'an

Says the Shaykh Abu Ja'far: Our belief Concerning the Qur'an<sup>1</sup> is that it is the Word (*kalam*<sup>2</sup>) of Allah, and His revelation, sent down by Him, His speech and His Book. And

***“Falsehood cannot come to it from before it or behind it. A revelation from the Wise, the Praiseworthy” (Qur'an 41:42).***

And ***“Lo! This verily is the true narrative” (Qur'an 3:62).***

***“And Verily this (Qur'an) is a conclusive word; it is no pleasantry” (Qur'an 86: 13–14).***

Verily, Allah, Blessed and Exalted is He above all, is its Creator<sup>3</sup> and Revealer and Master and Protector and Utterer.

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1. General discussion on the Qur'an, Allah's speech and Allah's speaking to Moses, MC, 149 – 15]. The Ash'arites generally believed in the Qur'in being uncreated; whilst the Mu'tazilites asserted that the Qur'in was created, Macdonald, 146 et seq., 295. BHA, nos. 72 –80. These paragraphs show the identity of the Shiite and Mu'tazilite views. See also Miller's note to arts. 76 and 79 (pp.93–94). How the Qur'an is created and has nothing to do with Allah's attribute of speech is also clearly explained in the last portion of the article on **كلم** in MB.

2. Kalam (speech) of Allah must be distinguished from kalam or ilmu'l-kalam, the scholastic philosophy of Islam, Macdonald in EI, ii. 270 –275, MC, 78, 79; 127 (Was. AM Hanifa, art. 9); 266 ( Figh Akbar III, art. 16).

3. Therefore the Qur'in is clearly created and not uncreated.