

## Two full chapters were removed

Al-Husain b. al-Munadi in his work *al-Nasikh wa 'l-Mansukh (The Abrogator and the Abrogated)* said: "Of the material that was removed from the Qur'an but not from memory are the two chapters of the *qunut* supplications that are recited in the *witr* prayer; they were named '*l-Khal`a* and '*l-Hafd*." They are as follows:

### **Surat ul Khala'**

*'In the name of God, the Merciful,  
the Compassionate.*

*'O God we pray Thee for help and forgiveness. we praise Thee and are not unthankful towards Thee, and we let go and forsake every one who trespasses against Thee.'*

**Surat ul Hafid** also known as *Surat al Qanuu*  
*'In the name of God, the Merciful,  
the Compassionate.*

*'O God we serve Thee, and to Thee do we pray, and Thee do we worship; we hasten to Thee; we strive after Thee; we hope for Thy pity, and we fear Thy punishment. Truly, Thy punishment overcomes the unbelievers.*

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## **VERSES LOST BY DEATHS OF THOSE WHO MEMORISED THEM**

Many (of the passages) of the Qur'an that were sent down were known by those who died on the day of Yamama. [a battle in 632 AD] ..but they were not known (by those who) survived them, nor were they written down, nor had Abu Bakr, Umar, or Uthman (by that time) collected the Qur'an, nor were they found with even one (person) after them. (Ibn Abi Dawud, *Kitab al-Masahif* p.23).

## **HOW COULD SO MANY VERSES BE REMOVED OR LOST?**

After Muhammad's death, his followers began to collect the verses of the Qur'an and they compiled their own copies. However their copies differed from each other because each of the companions of the Prophet remembered different recitations. Their followers argued with each other about which was the most authentic version of the Qur'an and disputes broke out. The 3rd Caliph, Uthman bin Affan appointed a committee of four to agree on a single compilation of the Qur'anic text.. **UTHMAN THEN BURNED ALL COPIES THAT DID NOT AGREE WITH HIS NEW VERSION**

"[Caliph] 'Uthman sent to every Muslim province one copy of what they had copied, and ordered that all the other Qur'anic materials, whether written in fragmentary manuscripts or whole copies, be burnt." (Hadith alBukhari 4:709)

All the variant texts could have been combined to constitute a complete Qur'an, but they were destroyed. This has been a great loss for Islam. **NO-ONE HAS THE FULL QU'RAN** It is reported from Ismail ibn Ibrahim from Ayyub from Naafi from Ibn Umar (son of the second Caliph) who said: **"Let none of you say 'I have acquired the whole of the Qur'an'. How does he know what all of it is when much of the Qur'an has disappeared? Rather let him say 'I have acquired what has survived.'**

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HAS  
THE **Qur'an**  
changed?

**Have any  
verses or  
chapters been  
removed  
from the  
Qur'an?**

Muslims claim that the Qur'an we have today is the same as the original Qur'an revealed to Muhammad which was identical to the eternal Qur'an which is in heaven beside Allah's throne.



**Eternal  
Qur'an  
in heaven**



**Verses  
Muhammad  
heard and  
recited**



**Today's  
earthly  
Qur'an**



**A study of the Hadith (Islamic traditions recording the words of Muhammad and his closest companions) and the writings of important Muslim scholars, shows that many Qur'anic verses have been lost, forgotten or removed**

Muhammad was illiterate, so he did not write the Qur'an. His followers had recorded some verses of the Qur'an on animal skins, palm leaves and camel bones. Others had memorised some verses. When Muhammad died in 632 AD, attempts were made to compile a full written version. These were frustrated by the loss of some of the materials and the deaths of many of those who had memorised the verses.

**Some verses were eaten by a sheep** Muhammad's family members admitted that recorded verses had been destroyed or lost. As recorded in one of the six canonical hadith collections, Aisha, Muhammad's favourite wife, said: "The Verse of stoning and of breastfeeding an adult ten times was revealed, and the paper was with me under my pillow. When the Messenger of Allah died, we were preoccupied with his death, and a tame sheep came in and ate it."

*Sunan Ibn Majah 3.9.1944, <http://sunnah.com/urn/1262630>*

These verses, which mandate stoning for adultery and the breastfeeding of adult men so they can visit non-relative women, **are no longer in the Qur'an. They have been lost.**

### **Other verses were lost & are still missing**

Ibn Abbas, Muhammad's cousin, reported that Umar bin al-Khattab, Muhammad's father-in-law and the second Caliph, said: "And then we used to recite among the Verses in Allah's Book: '*O people! Do not claim to be the offspring of other than your fathers, as it is disbelief (unthankfulness) on your part that you claim to be the offspring of other than your real father.*' Then Allah's Apostle said, '*Do not praise me excessively as Jesus, son of Mary was praised, but call me Allah's Slave and His Apostle.*'" (Hadith Sahih al-Bukhari 8:817, 804, 809, 824, 825) <http://sunnah.com/bukhari/86>

### **Neither of these verses is in today's Qur'ans**

### **Some verses were initially accepted and then later rejected and are now removed**

Anas bin Malik reported: "We used to read a verse of the Qur'an revealed in their connection, but later the verse was canceled. It was: '*Convey to our people on our behalf the information that we have met our Lord, and He is pleased with us, and has made us pleased.*'" (Hadith Sahih al-Bukhari 5:416 also 5: 417 & 4:57) <http://sunnah.com/bukhari/64>

Another hadith states about the same verse: "Allah revealed [this] Qur'anic Verse to His Prophet regarding those who had been killed, i.e. the Muslims killed at Bir Ma'una, and we recited the Verse till later it was cancelled." (Hadith Sahih al-Bukhari 5:421) <http://sunnah.com/bukhari/64>

**This raises an important issue. If these verses are not or never were in the heavenly copy of the Qur'an, why were they revealed to Muhammad while many other abrogated verses are still in the Qur'an? If they are still in the heavenly original why have they been removed from the earthly Qur'ans?**

### **Muhammad's wives remembered some parts of Q.2:238 which had been left out**

"Yahya related to me from Malik from Zayd ibn Aslam from al-Qaqa ibn Hakim that Abu Yunus, the *mawla* [slave] of A'isha, *umm al-muminin* [mother of the believers] said, "A'isha ordered me to write out a Qur'an for her. She said, "When you reach this *ayat* [verse], let me know, "Guard the prayers carefully and the middle prayer and stand obedient to Allah." " When I reached it I told her, and she dictated to me, '*Guard the prayers carefully and the middle prayer and the asr prayer and stand obedient to Allah.*' A'isha said, '*I heard it from the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace.*' (Imam Malik's al-Muwatta 8:26) <http://sunnah.com/malik/8>

Another of Muhammad's wives, Hafsa, the daughter of the second Caliph Umar said the same thing (*al-Muwatta 8:27* <http://sunnah.com/malik/8>)

### **Dozens of missing verses from Q.33**

A'isha said: "During the time of the Prophet (s) two hundred verses of the chapter al-Ahzab were recited but when compiling the Qur'an 'Uthman was only able to collect what now exists."

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Al-Ahzab [Q.33] now has only 73 verses.

### **At least 127 verses have gone missing**

Zirr bin Hubaish said: "Ubayy b. Ka'b told me: 'How many verses do you count in the chapter al-Ahzab?' I said: '72 or 73 verses'. He said: 'At one time it had as many verses as al-Baqara, including the verse on stoning which we used to recite.'"

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Al-Baqara (Q.2) now has 286 verses, so **over 200 verses might be missing from Q.33**