Living the Qur`an Course

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- Overview of the Course:
    - Lesson 1: Excellence of the Qur'an
    - Lesson 2: Outward Manners with the Qur`an
    - Lessons 3 & 4: Inward Manners with the Qur`an (10)
    - Lesson 5: Keys to Bringing the Qur`an into Our Lives
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Lesson 1
The Excellence of the Qur`an and its People

  * defining & understanding the Qur`an
  * the Speech of Allah Most High
  * virtues of the Qur`an
  * hadiths on those who learn & teach it

- the importance of reflection
    - how this affects how we benefit from it
    - understanding what is the Qur`an

- the definition of the Qur`an

- Understanding how is the Qur`an, a revealed text, the Speech of Allah (Most High)?
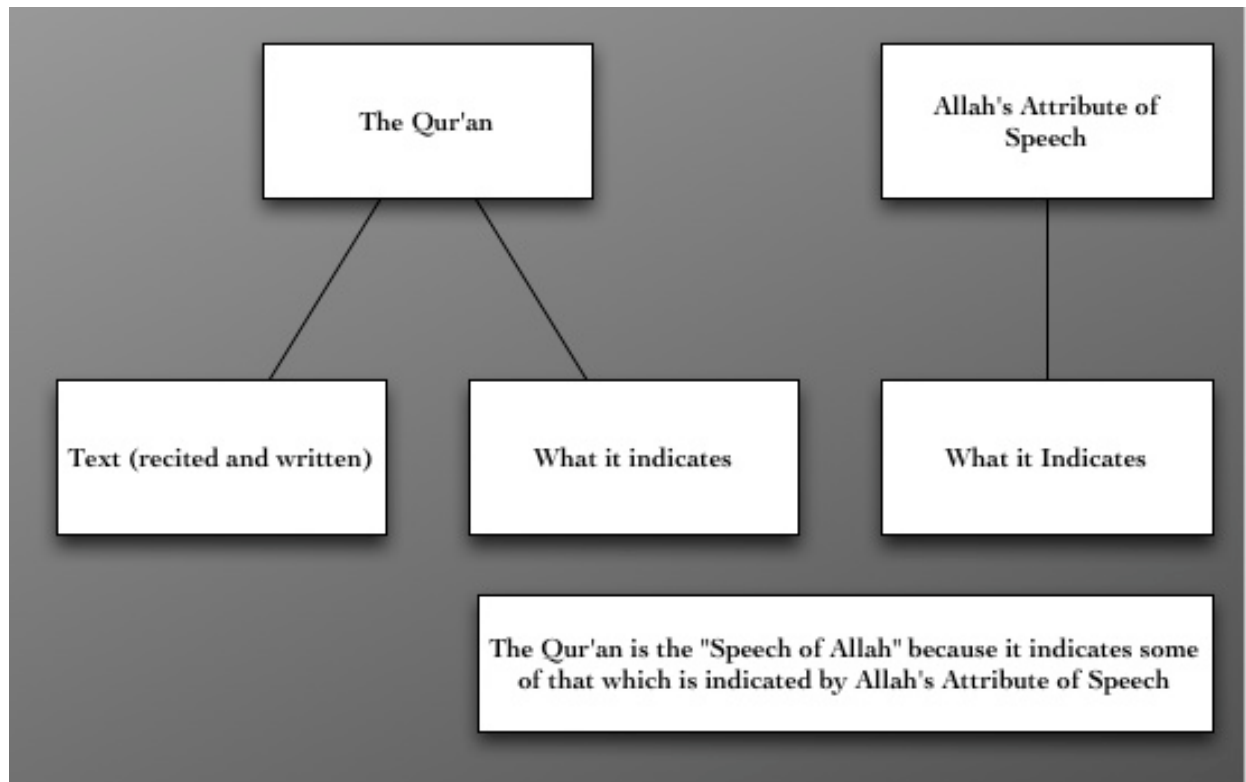   - example of A is B shows how meanings are interpreted from words
    - the ways this can be interpreted: 1) identity; 2) partitive relationship; or 3) relationship of entailment

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A is B

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The Qur`an **is** the Speech of Allah

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-example of Allah Most High addressing oneself directly
-the format of a revealed text as a mercy to humanity

(Diagram: The relationship between the example "A is B" and "the Quran is the Speech of Allah Most High) - this is interpreted as (3) a relationship of entailment (because the Qur`an indicates some of that which is indicated by the Divine Attribute of Speech).

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│   The Qur'an    │                          │ Allah's Attribute of │
│                 │                          │     Speech      │
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│(recited  │  │ indicates    │          │                  │
│and       │  │              │          │                  │
│written)  │  │              │          │                  │
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        │ The Qur'an is the "Speech of Allah" because it     │
        │ indicates some of that which is indicated by       │
        │ Allah's Attribute of Speech                        │
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(Diagram Above: On How the Qur`an is the Speech of Allah)

- bringing to mind the significance of the Speech of Allah Most addressing **you** while reciting
        - reflect on this
        - the virtues of the Qur`an
                - saying of Imam Busiri
        - how the Qur`an is described within its pages

- on asking for guidance and the straight path

- the hadith mentioning the merits of the Qur`an
        - hadith on the best of people
        - hadith on the people of the Qur`an
        - other hadith from Riyad al-Saliheen

- further reading on the virtues of the Qur`an
        - 1) Ghazali's Text - Chapter One
        - 2) Qurtubi's Introduction
        - 3) Nawawi's Chapter on the Virtues of the Qur`an from Riyad al-Saliheen
        - 4) Other recommended texts