

Bismillahir Rahmaanir Raheem

## Mus-haf of Fatima (S.A.)

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What is a Mus-haf? It is a book or written sheets (scrolls) in between two boards (as described in Al-Kafi).

Mus-haf of Fatima is three times the size of the Qur'an (three times as many words), but it does not contain any passage or Ayah of the Qur'an. It has been in possession of successive infallible Imams and currently it is with our twelfth Imam, Al-Mahdi (A.S.). It has knowledge of the future until the Day of Judgment. It also contains the wasiyya (Last Will) of Fatima (S.A.). Her Mus-haf is part of the book or scrolls called "White *Jifr*" which was initially in possession of Imam Ali (A.S.). The White *Jifr*\* contains previous scriptures, like Psalms, Torah, Injeel, scrolls of Ibrahim A.S. [A *Jifr* is a container made of hide].

There is also a Red *Jifr*, which contains the weapons of the Prophets. This and the White *Jifr* are in the possession of the twelfth Imam (A.S.)

It is related from the sixth Imam (A.S.) that when Prophet Muhammad S.A. passed away, Allah sent an angel to console Fatimah (S.A.). The angel was probably Gabriel. She told Imam Ali A.S. about hearing voices from within. He told her to let him know when this happens. Subsequently she related to him what the angel was saying and he wrote it down, until he completed the Mus-haf. Then he said: "Take note, there is nothing in it of what is permitted and what is forbidden (al Halal wal-haram), but in it is the knowledge of what will happen (knowledge of the future events)."

Abu Abdillah (A.S.) said: "... We have with us the book of Fatimah, but I do not claim that anything of the Qur'an is in it."

(Usul al-Kafi, tradition # 637 Vol. One, Al-Usul-Part two, 4] The Book of Divine Proof (III) W O F I S)

Abu Abdillah (A.S.) also said about the book of Fatimah: "There is nothing of what is permitted and what is forbidden (al-Halal and al-Haram) in this; but in it is the knowledge of what will happen."

(Usul Kafi, Tradition #636, see above)

One of the titles of Fatima (S.A.) is "Al-Muhaddatha" (The one who is spoken to). She received inspirational messages through Divine source or an angel spoke to her.

Furthermore, Sheikh Saduq narrated in Ilal Ash- Sharae'a that Zaid Ibn Ali said:

"I heard Abu Abdullah (Imam Sadiq (A)) say:

"Fatima was called "Muhaddatha" because the angels descended from Heaven and called her as they called Maryam Bint Imran and said: "O Fatima! Allah hath chosen thee above the women of all nations.""

It has been narrated that Imam Sadiq (A.S.) said to Abu Basir:

"... We also possess Fatima's book Mus-haf, and had they known about the book of Fatima, it is three times the size of your Qur'an; and by Allah, it has not a letter of your Qur'an; rather it was dictated and revealed to her by Allah ...."(Bihar Vol. 5)

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\**Jifr* also written as "*Jafr*" by some translators

In addition, Hussain Ibn Abu al-Ala reported that Imam Sadiq (A.S.) said:

*"...Fatima's book, I don't claim that it is Qur'an, rather it contains what makes people need us and makes us in need of no one. It even mentions (the legal punishment for) a lashing, half a lashing, one fourth of a lashing, and the indemnity for a scratch mark."*

**(Bihar Vol. 6)**

### **Criticism and misconceptions of members of non-Shia schools of Islam about Mus-haf of Fatima.**

1. "Mus-haf of Fatima is 'Shia Qur'an.'" This is totally false. The narrations of Imam Ali and Imam Jafar As-Sadiq (A.S.) clearly indicate that there is not a single passage or verse of the Qur'an in the Mus-haf of Fatima.

2. "Shias consider Fatima as a Prophet." Again, this is baseless. In the Qur'an, there are many references to individuals who were not prophets, who received inspirations through Divine agency. Below are some examples:

- ❖ *'And behold! I inspired the Disciples to have faith in Me and Mine Apostle.'* (5: 114)
  
- ❖ *"Remember thy Lord inspired the angels (with the message): 'I am with you; give firmness to the Believers.'* (8: 12)
  
- ❖ *"And thy Lord taught the bee to build its cells in hills."* (16: 68)
  
- ❖ *"So we sent this inspiration to the mother of Moses: 'Suckle (thy child).'"* (28: 7)
  
- ❖ *About virgin Mary: "... She said: O! Would that I had become a thing passed into nothingness, forgotten! Then (a voice) cried to her from below, saying: Grieve not! Your Lord has placed a stream beneath you. And shake the trunk of the palm tree toward you. You will cause ripe dates to fall upon you. So eat, drink, and be comforted. And if you meet any person, say: I have vowed a fast to the Beneficent, and may not speak this day to any person. ..."* (Qur'an Chapter 19)

Moreover, the verses of the Qur'an state that revelation is not confined to humankind, but it also includes other creatures such as the Heavens, the Disciples, the angels, the bees, Musa's mother, etc.

Therefore, there can be no doubt that Allah, the Exalted, sent revelations to the Chief of Women of the Worlds and the Daughter of the Master of Prophets.

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**Notes.** The difference between a Messenger of God, a Prophet of God and a Muhaddath is given in the hadith below.

Muhammad ibn Yahya, Ahmad ibn Muhammad, al-Hasan ibn Mahbub that al-Ahwal said:

"I asked Abu J'afar (pbuh) about messengers, prophets and those who are told (*Muhaddath*).

He said: 'A messenger is one before whom Jibreel comes; he sees him (Jibreel), who speaks to him.

A prophet is one who sees in his dream, like the dream of Ibrahim (A.S.) and as was the (episodes) of the seeing by the Messenger of Allah (p.b.u.h. & p.) before the (Qur'anic) revelations came to him. ... When the message (The Qur'an) came from Allah to him, it was Jibreel who came to him with message and spoke to him, appearing in front (of him) ...'

A Muhaddath is one who is spoken to and he hears but does not see with his eyes, nor sees in his dream."  
(Hadith 441, *Al-Kafi*, vol.1, *Al-Usul-Part two*, 4) *The Book of Divine Proof (I)* WOFIS Tehran-Iran)

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