

Surah Al-Alaq:

Introduction:

The prophet (saw) began seeing dreams that were coming true - so every time he dreamt of something it would come true. He started liking seclusion, so he would go to the cave of Hira and spend time thinking about the evil things going on in his society.

Now imagine yourself in that cave sitting in the side - watching Jibraeel speaking to the prophet:

Then suddenly one time Angel Jibraeel came to him and he said "read!" The prophet (saw) replied "I am not a reader (illiterate)". So he hugged me so tight that the prophet felt he was going to die and then the angel would let him go. He asked the prophet to read again and he replied the same thing and he hugged him tightly again. The third time he said: "Read in the name of your Lord".

- The first 5 ayahs were revealed the first time Angel Jibraeel visited the prophet (saw) and then the rest was revealed later.

Ayah (1):

The first word shows that seeking knowledge is a very important part of our Deen. With this first ayah the prophet became a rasool (messenger) and became responsible for passing on Islam.

Ayah (4):

2 types of knowledge:

- a) from the pen i.e. what people write
- b) from Allah's blessings - Allah puts it in someone's mind.

Ayah (6 + 7)

If everything was given to him then he would become arrogant because he wouldn't need to depend on anyone. The reason why someone doesn't have everything is so that it makes him worship Allah. Allah is saying humans will make mistakes.

Ayah (9)

Allah asks questions in the Qur'an calling the person to understand what the Qur'an is saying. To interact with the Qur'an.

Abu Jahl (uncle) went once with the intention of harming the prophet. He saw the prophet and then he backed away. He started asking people whether he saw the big huge camel with sharp teeth that was waiting to eat him up. The people around him said no we didn't. So the prophet said If he had hurt me then the camel would have torn him apart.