

## What is the ISLAMIC SOURCE other than the QUR'AN?

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "I have left among you two things; you will never go astray as long as you hold fast to them: the Book of Allah and my *Sunnah*."

The Qur'an is the word of Allah, which was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and recorded by his companions. Apart from the Qur'an, his companions also preserved whatever he uttered or did. This is generally known as *Sunnah*.

The *Sunnah* includes the sayings of the Prophet ﷺ commonly known as *Hadeeth*.

Hadeeth originally means news, a tale, a story, a talk or a report. In the context of Islamic studies, technically it denotes the report of the words, deeds and approval or disapproval of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. It is very similar to *Sunnah*; a *Sunnah* is a behavioral concept, while Hadeeth is the words uttered by the Prophet ﷺ or narration of his behavior. Both are interlinked and sometimes identical.

The Qur'an and the *Sunnah* fall under a common title "*wahy*" (i.e. revelation or inspiration); the difference between the two is that the Qur'an is the speech of Allah and a revelation which is recited in the formal prayers (*salah*) while the *Sunnah* is not recited in the formal prayers.

An example of the *Sunnah* is, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, "The best of the believers in faith are those who are best in morals, and the best among them are those who are best to their wives."

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