



## Lesson 1 Introduction

### **The Importance of 'Quranic Sciences'**

'Quranic Sciences' or '*Olum al-Quran*' is a prerequisite science for the interpretation of Qur'an or 'Tafsir'.

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### **Some of the topics discussed in 'Quranic Sciences':**

- The course of revelation
- The occasions of revelation
- The different recitations
- Miracle aspects of Quran
- Abrogation
- ...

### **The Stages in Compilation of 'Quranic Sciences'**

1. Writing about some specific topics; This period lasted till the 6th century.
2. Writing comprehensive books; This period began since the 6th century (or the 1st, considering Imam Ali's teachings).

'Al-Burhan fi Olum al-Quran' by Zarkeshi, 'Al-Itqan fi ...' by Soyuti and 'Al-Tamhid fi ...' by Ma'rifat are some of the best books written during the second stage.

### **Term Olum al-Quran' (علوم القرآن)**

The term Olum al-Quran' (علوم القرآن) refers to the 6<sup>th</sup> century, when Ibn al-Jouzi compiled two books named (فنون الافنان في علوم القرآن) and

(المجتبى في علوم تتعلق بالقرآن). Some others refer this term to 4<sup>th</sup> century as well.