
Why Is the Quran in Arabic ?

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God has chosen to address His final message to all mankind, and that it should be one message, binding on all, and valid for the rest of time. As such, it has to have a clear text to which people may refer whenever they wish to know what God wants them to do, and what to refrain from. He sent a messenger to deliver it to mankind. It is only to be expected that the messenger should speak the language of his own people, and that the message given to him should be in that same language. He could not be expected to speak all human languages. Of course, God is able to put His message in all these languages, or to make all mankind speak Arabic or any language He wants. But this is not the way He has chosen for His creation. He has chosen that every individual should be distinct from all others, in every respect: In the language he or she speaks, just like their fingerprints are different.

If the message were to be given in all human languages, then there would have been a very large number of translations of the Quran, all revealed by God, so that they would be made ready for the time when speakers of those languages become Muslims. Moreover, languages change, spread or die out. Latin, Greek, Aramaic are examples of languages that had died. Today, they are only learned or spoken by a handful of people. But there are many others that have disappeared. In contrast, many languages have risen and developed. Should the Quran have been revealed in these as well?

It is definitely the proper thing that the Quran should be in the language spoken by the messenger God chose to deliver it. That was Muhammad (peace be upon him), who was an Arab. People who wish to learn about Islam have the means to do so through Muslims, who are required to deliver God's message to other people and call on them to accept Islam.

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