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# The Essential Guide to **SAHIH AL-BUKHARI**

A Book Review



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**Note:** The content of this book is based on the Qur'an, Hadith, and Islamic texts that have been written, verified, and approved by three scholars.

**Sahih Al-Bukhari was compiled by Imam Muhammad al-Bukhari, It shines as a symbol of authenticity amid the vast ocean of Islamic literature. With over 7500 carefully selected sayings of the prophet ﷺ, this compilation acts as a guiding beacon for Muslims globally.**



**Imam Al-Bukhari set strict criteria for including hadiths in his compilation. Each narrator in the chain had to be fair (`adl), have a sharp memory, and the chain had to be complete without any gaps. This careful method guarantees the authenticity and trustworthiness of Sahih Al-Bukhari , making it the most relied-upon collection of hadiths after the Qur'an.**



**Sahih Al-Bukhari , a component of the Kutub Al-Sittah (the six authentic books of Hadith), is carefully structured into 97 books, addressing different facets of the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. From revelations to prayers, prophets to expeditions, the topics are meticulously arranged, offering readers straightforward access to Islamic teachings and guidance.**



**Imam al-Bukhari's compilation not only safeguards the sayings and deeds of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ but also acts as a cornerstone for studying Islamic jurisprudence (fiqh). Each chapter in Sahih Al-Bukhari is labelled with a ruling on a particular fiqh matter, backed by authenticated hadiths. This arrangement makes it easier to derive Islamic legal rulings.**



**Muslims view Sahih Al-Bukhari as one of the two most crucial books among the Kutub al-Sittah, alongside Sahih Muslim. This highlights its importance in Islamic scholarship and jurisprudence.**



**Beyond its scholarly significance, Sahih Al-Bukhari provides practical advice for Muslims in their everyday lives. Covering topics of morality, etiquette, and spirituality, it stays relevant in today's fast-changing world.**



**Furthermore, Sahih Al-Bukhari acts as a valuable tool for dispelling misunderstandings and misinterpretations of Islam. Its authenticity offers Muslims a transparent and genuine portrayal of their faith, promoting dialogue and comprehension between different faiths.**



**Imam Al-Bukhari's careful compilation also covers the moral and ethical dimensions of a Muslim's life. Sections focusing on truthfulness, honesty, good manners, and courtesy underscore the significance of virtuous conduct in Islam.**



**The prayer section occupies a key position in Sahih Al-Bukhari , emphasizing the importance of Salah (prayer) in a Muslim's life. Through chapters addressing the five daily prayers and their advantages, Sahih Al-Bukhari highlights the spiritual and psychological significance of consistent prayer.**



**The importance of Sahih Al-Bukhari goes beyond academic circles. It has been lauded by both scholars and ordinary people for its unmatched authenticity and thorough exploration of Islamic teachings.**



**Imam al-Bukhari's commitment to gathering authentic hadiths shines through his sixteen years of relentless work. His masterpiece remains a subject of study, admiration, and translation into numerous languages, reaching Muslims and non-Muslims globally.**



**The lasting impact of Sahih Al-Bukhari  
mirrors Imam al-Bukhari's foresight  
and commitment to safeguarding  
the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad  
ﷺ for future generations.**



**Imam Ishaq bin Rahwaye, Imam al-Bukhari's mentor, advised and motivated him to gather authentic hadiths of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to steer clear of fabricated ones. This underscores the significance of Sahih hadiths.**



**Imam al-Bukhari devoted sixteen fruitful years of his life, earnestly praying to Allah, to compile the finest collection of authentic hadiths.**



**Numerous esteemed scholars penned insightful explanations of Sahih Al-Bukhari , including 'Fathul Baari' by Ibn Hajr Al Asqalani, Aalam us Sunan by Khattabi, Aoun ul Bari by Siddiq Hasan Khan, Umdatul Qari by Mahmood Al Hanafi, and Al Kawakib Al Durari by Mohammed Al Kirmani.**



**Sahih Al-Bukhari has been translated into major languages worldwide, such as English, Urdu, Hindi, Bangla, Tamil, Chinese, Turkish, French, and more, ensuring accessibility for diverse audiences.**



**Sahih Al-Bukhari emerged as the most trusted book after the Qur'an, confirming its unmatched importance in Islamic literature.**



**Allah bestowed His blessings upon Imam al-Bukhari and his masterpiece, prompting leading scholars, ordinary people, authors, researchers, commentators, and scholars of hadith to regard the Hadiths of Sahih Al-Bukhari as essential for their educational endeavours.**



**In summary, Sahih Al-Bukhari represents a remarkable milestone in Islamic scholarship, providing priceless understanding of the teachings and actions of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.**



**Its importance lies not just in its authenticity but also in its capacity to steer Muslims in their everyday lives, encourage dialogue between faiths, and challenge misunderstandings about Islam. As Muslims keep turning to the Sunnah for guidance, Sahih Al-Bukhari remains an essential wellspring of wisdom and enlightenment.**



# **REVIEW YOUR READING**

- 1. What is the total number of Ahadiths included in Sahih Al-Bukhari?**
- 2. How many years did Imam al-Bukhari dedicate to compiling Sahih Al-Bukhari?**
- 3. Which section of Sahih Al-Bukhari holds a key position?**

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