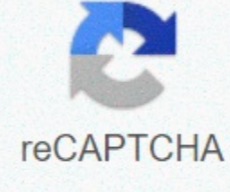




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## What the koran really says language text and commentary

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Professor Puin is a German scholar and authority on Qur'anic historical orthography, the study and academic interpretation of ancient manuscripts and specialist in Arabic calligraphy. Professor Puin was in charge of a restoration project, commissioned by the Yemeni government, which spent a considerable amount of time examining the ancient Qur'anic manuscripts discovered in Sana'a, Yemen, in 1972. In an article in the 1999 Atlantic Monthly,[1] Puin says that: My idea is that the Koran is a kind of cocktail of texts that were not all understood even in Muhammad's time. Many of them could even be a hundred years older than Islam itself. Even within Islamic traditions there is a huge body of contradictory information, including a significant Christian substrate; you can get from them a whole anti-Islamic history if you want. The Qur'an claims to be mubeen, or clear, but if you look at it, you'll notice that every fifth sentence or so simply doesn't make sense. Many Muslims and Orientalists will tell you otherwise, of course, but the fact is that a fifth of the Koranic text is simply incomprehensible. This is what caused traditional anxiety about translation. If the Qur'an is not understandable, if it cannot even be understood in Arabic, then it is not translatable. People fear it. And since the Qur'an repeatedly claims to be clear, but of course it is not - as Arabic speakers will also tell you - there is a contradiction. Something else must be going on. [1] Including articles Introduction Ibn Warraq, Introduction Toby Lester (1999), What is the Koran? Nevo, Antecendo Yehuda D. (1994), Towards a Prehistory of Islam A Question of Language Alphonse Mingana (1927), Syriac Influence on the Style of the Koran D. S. Margoliouth (1939), Some Additions to Professor Jeffery's Foreign Vocabulary in the Qur'an Paul E. Kahle (1949), The Arabic Readers of the Koran C. 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