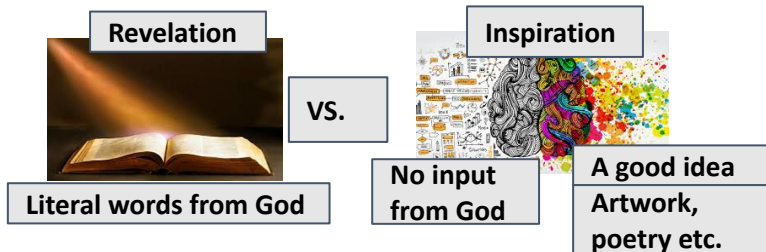




Key Knowledge

What should we know by the end of this topic?

- Many Muslims believe the Qur'an is literally the words of Allah and that Muhammad did not write it
- Many Muslims believe it was created through wahy (revelation): Allah → Angel Jibril → Muhammad → Qur'an



Muhammad, Moses, Jesus and Abraham all received the same core message.

All were messengers delivering good news and warnings so humanity should have no excuse before Allah after the coming of the messengers. (4:164-165)

First revelation
610 CE
Muhammad: 40

Final revelation
632 CE
Muhammad: 62

Fifth Pillar → Zakat

Muslims fast during Ramadan to understand a feeling of poverty. Fasting and giving to charity are religious commitments.



Allies

Serve Allah

Right from wrong

Treat each other well

Key Skills

How can we develop as a theologian?

Use the word 'infallible' to describe Muslim beliefs about the Qur'an.

- Understand that it is **incorrect** to describe Muhammad as the Qur'an's author: he was not inspired
- Compare Muslim beliefs about the Qur'an with Christian beliefs about the Bible

Share your own views about revelation.

The four Gospels were each written and influenced by human authors.

- Compare Muslim beliefs about the Qur'an with Moses' experience of receiving the 10 commandments

Both experiences provide law and guidance.

Both prophets received and relayed God's message exactly.

Consider the belief that the Qur'an is a miracle book.

Muhammad was illiterate.

The book contains ideas people at the time could not have known about.

How does this religious promise compare to the 5 Ks, the 10 Commandments or the 7 views of Hindu marriage?

Why might Muslims want to live in this righteous way?

How could breaking this commitment affect faith?

Key Vocabulary

How can I use these words in my lessons?

Vocabulary	Definition
Revelation (wahy)	Receiving a specific, literal message from God
Wahy	A verbal dictation theory of revelation
Angel Jibril	Muhammad received God's words through the Angel Gabriel
Inspiration (ilham)	Not revelation. Your own idea sparked by an experience or event
Prophet	Chosen messenger of God who received literal messages and shared them with followers
Infallible	Perfect; without error; with no mistake
Miracle	An extraordinary or remarkable event which cannot be explained
Illiterate	Unable to read or write
Zakat / Zakah	5th Pillar of Islam - Giving to charity
Brotherhood	The belief that Muslim men and women are 'allies', striving together to serve Allah