

Notes:

- 1) The initial revelations were written on different sort of parchments, tablets of stone, branches of date trees, other wood, leaves, leather and even bones.
- 2) I asked Anas bin mali: "Who collected the Quran at the time of the Prophet?" He replied, "Four, all of whom were from the Ansa: Ubai bin Ka'b, Mu'adh bin Jabal, Zaid bin Thabit and Abu Zaid." Bukhari 6:61:525

Othman 644-656

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During the time of Othman, by which time Islam had spread far and wide, differences in reading the Quran in different dialects of Arabic language became obvious. A group of companions, headed by Hudhayfah ibn al-Yaman, who was then stationed in Iraq, came to Othman and urged him to "*save the Muslim ummah before they differ about the Quran*". Othman obtained the manuscript of the Quran from Hafsah and again summoned the leading authority, **Zayd ibn Thabit**, and some other companions to make copies of it. Zayd was put in charge of the task. The style of Arabic dialect used was that of the Quraish tribe. Hence this style was emphasized over all others.

Zayd and other Companions copied many copies. One of these was sent to every Muslim province with the order that all other Quranic materials, whether fragmentary or complete copies, be burnt. When standard copies were made and were widely available to the Muslim community everywhere, then all other material was burnt voluntarily by Muslim community

themselves. This was important in order to eliminate variations or differences in the dialect from the standard text of the Quran. The Caliph Othman kept a copy for himself and returned the original manuscript to Hafsah.

- 3) Therefore I suggest, you (Abu Bakr) order that the Qur'an be collected." I said to 'Umar, "How can you do something which Allah's Apostle did not do?" 'Umar said, "By Allah, that is a good project. "Umar kept on urging me to accept his proposal till Allah opened my chest for it and I began to realize the good in the idea which 'Umar had realized." Then Abu Bakr said (to me). 'You are a wise young man and we do not have any suspicion about you, and you used to write the Divine Inspiration for Allah's Apostle. So you should search for (the fragmentary scripts of) the Qur'an and collect it in one book.'"
Hadith