



THE QUR'AN AND THE CULTURE OF KNOWLEDGE

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Though the Fifteenth Century of Islam is often called the century of the Qur'_n, thanks to the contribution made by Ustaz Imam Bai'uzzaman Saeed Noorsi (1873-1960), Ustaz Imam Sayyed Abul A'la Maududi (1903-1973) and by Ustaz Sayyed Qutb Shahid (1906-1966) in three major cultural centers of Islamic revival and re-awakening, namely, Turkey, Pakistan and Egypt. Nevertheless, in a sense every century of Islam has been, a century of the Qur'_n. The dynamic message, universal approach, and unique global outlook of the Qur'_n has played the key role in any and every effort to re-juvenate, revive and invigorate the pristine Islamic ethos, tradition and the way of life. To meet the up-coming challenges of the modernity, the Muslim mind has always looked into the eternal guidance and principles couched in the Qur'_n and the *sunnah*.