

# Definition Of Qada & Qadar

**Interrelated**

**Qada**

**قضى**



**Qadar**

**قدر**

- Each leads to the other.
- Qadar (Allah's predestination) leads to the meaning of Qada (decree or creation)
- Qada must have been preceded by Allah's Qadar.
- both happens in accordance to His prior knowledge.
- Demonstration of Allah's ownership and control over His creation.

**Let's practice writing the arabic words for each of the English translations.**

**Allah's predestination**

**Decree or creation**

# Qada

- Appears more than 60 times in the Quran
- It has 4 meanings

## 1. Ruling, ordainment, legislation

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۗ

And your Lord has **ruled** that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. (Al-Isra 17:23)



## 2. Finishing off, conclusion, completion

شِعْبِهِ عَلَى الَّذِي مِنْ عَدُوِّهِ فَوَكَرَهُ مُوسَىٰ فَقَضَىٰ عَلَيْهِ ۗ

So Musa struck him and **finishing** him. (Al-Qasas 28:15)

## 3. Creation, making

فَقَضَاهُنَّ سَبْعَ سَمَوَاتٍ فِي يَوْمَيْنِ ۗ

So He **made** them as seven heavens in two days,... (Fussilat 41:12)

## 4. Allah's decision or decree in accordance to his prior knowledge

وَكَانَ أَمْرًا مَّقْضِيًّا ﴿٢١﴾

And it (Isa's conception) is a matter [already] **decreed**. ' (Maryam 19:21)

# Qadar



- Appears more than 100 times in the Quran
- It also has 4 meanings
- Qadr usually has same meaning with Qadar

## 1. Measurement or amount

وَمَا نُنزِّلُهُ إِلَّا بِقَدَرٍ مَّعْلُومٍ  
and We do not send it down except according to a known **measure**  
(Al-Hijr 15:21)

## 2. Value or esteem

وَمَا قَدَرُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ

They have not esteemed Allah with true **esteem...**  
(Az-Zumar 39:27)

## 3. Allah's capability & power

عَلَيْهِمْ قَامُوا وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَذَهَبَ بِسَمْعِهِمْ وَأَبْصَرِهِمْ إِنَّا اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Indeed, Allah is over all things **capable**  
(Al Baqarah 2:20)

## 4. Allah's predestination in accordance with His prior knowledge

إِنَّا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقْنَاهُ بِقَدَرٍ

Indeed, all things We created with **predestination.**  
(Al-Qamar 54:49)

# Trivia

Please answer all the questions

1. What is the meaning of Qadar?

- a. Decree
- b. Allah's Predestination

2. Finishing off or conclusion is one of the meaning of .....

- a. Qadar
- b. Qada

3. State down all the 4 meanings of Qada

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

4. Based on the verse below, which one of these answer is the correct meaning of the underlined word?

إِنَّا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقْنَاهُ بِقَدَرٍ ﴿٤٩﴾

- a. Esteem
- b. Allah's predestination
- c. Allah's power
- d. Measurement

