

Message for Lesson No. 27

Start Understanding Qur'an – The Easy Way (Short Course).

Dear Brothers/Sisters!

Muslims in general have a big confusion about guidance contained in the Qur'an. They equate it with rules and regulations, such as those of prayers, Zakat, Hajj, inheritance, or in general, the Islamic system of life. But rules do not constitute even 10% of the Qur'an. What then does the remaining 90% talk about? It is addressed to the mind and more importantly the heart. It is the heart that needs to be guided. "And if any one believes in Allah, (Allah) guides his heart (aright) [64:11]. Qur'an is the cure of hearts [10:57].

As we noted in the last reminder, all of us commit sins day and night (according to Hadith) and we need to keep our heart continuously clean by performing regular prayers, reciting Qur'an, and other good deeds. NO ONE can claim that he does not need this maintenance.

How does Qur'an (which is nothing but Allah talking to us) guide? By describing realities of this life through different ways, most prominent among them are:

1. Allah, his attributes and rights
2. Prophethood and the Last Prophet, pbuh
3. The hereafter
4. Role of a human being
5. Role of Shaitaan
6. Signs of Allah in this universe
7. Rules of Allah in this universe
8. Stories and examples of earlier people and lessons from them
9. Rights of people
10. Why people reject the truth (Dawah, its challenges,) etc.

It addresses mind or one's intellect and more importantly his heart.

MOST IMPORTANTLY: No one can say the way Allah says it and No one's words can have as much effect as Allah's words are.

Lastly, I would say, don't say you don't have time to 'sharpen the saw,' i.e. to recite and understand the Qur'an. All of us are running towards making this life happy and peaceful. And that is exactly what Al-Qur'an is promising. Peace and happiness in this world and in the hereafter. Al-Qur'an will sharpen our saw (of attitude) which will solve all the problems. It will be a tragedy, a huge tragedy if we keep looking for happiness and peace somewhere else while Allah out of His infinite Mercy had placed it right in front of us.

Dear Brothers / Sisters! Allah has chosen you to make you students of the Qur'an. It is the biggest blessing when it comes to learning. Don't prove it otherwise. Don't reject His Mercy by going away or discontinuing. Be the student of the Prophet (pbuh). Don't let Shaitaan make you like the example of those who were given a book before us. Don't forget that this Qur'an will make us go higher and higher both in this world and in the hereafter.

I keep wondering how intelligent Shaitaan's strategy must have been. Almost 90% of us, the non-Arab Muslims, don't understand the Qur'an. It is a catastrophic failure of our educational system. How can we remain ignorant of a book that is the most important of all the books.

We, a billion Muslims, ask for guidance tens of times everyday (ihdinassiratal Mustaqeem), yet a huge majority of us DON'T EVEN FEEL THE NECESSITY to go to Qur'an for getting it.

We celebrate Ramadan after Ramadan, benefit (inshaAllah) from the huge rewards, which actually is an annual gift of Allah in remembrance of the revelation of the Qur'an (Shahru Ramadaanalladhi unzila feehil Qur'an). Yet there is no significant improvement in our relationship with the Qur'an.

We celebrate Lailatul-Qadr, try to get the huge reward of forgiveness, which again was granted in remembrance of the Qur'an (Inna anzalnahu fee lailatulqadr). Yet we lag behind when it comes to understanding the Qur'an.

Al-Qur'an is the ultimate and real solutions to the problems of Muslims Ummah. These problems are mainly of two types. (i) Doubts (not enough belief that Qur'an can solve the problems, that Qur'an guides us to everything, ...); and (2) Desires (Even though we know something to be right, we still don't do it. Muslims not united; Evils not going out; Morals not good; etc.). Al-Qur'an solves both. It clears all our hidden doubts. It creates that impulse to overcome all types of desires. If not, it simply means that Allah's voice is still not affecting our hearts and we need more cleaning of hearts.

The challenge is huge. The responsibility is very big. We have to educate almost a billion non-Arab Muslims in addition to conveying the message to the rest 7, 8 billion non-Muslims. Each one of us need to join in this noble mission and spread the word.

As a fees / charges of this course, may I request you that each one of you promise to Allah that he/she will teach at least 10 persons in his life as soon as possible. In fact, it is a wonderful opportunity to earn a reward which will continue even after one's death.

We have developed a noble game based "Who Wants to Understand Qur'an." By the way, just to match with our website name, we have skipped 'the' before the word Qur'an. May Allah give reward to our webmaster, Br. Mujtaba Shareef for programming it, and Br. Syed Mazharuddin, who did the graphics design

(for this and all our posters, cards, book titles, etc.). They have been doing it all fee-sabeelillah.

A discussion board is also launched on our website with different topics to start with. Teaching / learning Grammar; Motivational tips; Learning tips; Text selection; Role of spoken Arabic for learning Qur'an; Challenges of understanding for new Muslims / reverts; Teaching Qur'an in Schools; etc. Your input will be very valuable inshaAllah.

May Allah reward everyone who helped in developing, promoting, supporting and spreading this noble work. My son, Sulaiman, was instrumental in daily uploads and handling the communication. I would like to thank and pray for him. Thanks are also due to my wife Tabinda Tahseen, my daughter Samah Abdulazeez and son Usamah Abdulazeez for their help in design, recording, and other aspects of the course including their patience and cooperation throughout this challenging task.

Quiz No. 4 and the Final Exam will soon be mailed to you. You will go over the material thoroughly and then work on these. Please visit the website and submit the marks, even if you don't want the certificate. At least, we will know how many people benefited from the course.

Will we continue after this? InshaAllah yes. We pray to Allah that He accepts our humble efforts, forgives our omissions and mistakes, and gives us strength to continue on this noble path.

Please send your suggestions, comments, or feedback at webmaster@understandquran.com.

IN TODAY'S LESSON, you will see for yourself the impact of what you have learnt through an example.

May Allah give us Tawfeeq to fulfill all the rights of the Qur'an.

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Lesson – 27 After this course ... An Exmample

New words are only which are underlined. You have learnt the rest in this course!!!
Alhamdulillah, now you know more than 50% of words on almost every page of the Qur'an.

255. Allah! There is no god but **He**, The Ever-Living, the Sustainer and Protector (of all that exists).

Slumber does not overtake **Him** nor sleep.

To **Him** belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth.

Who is he that can intercede with **Him** except with **His** permission?

He knows that which is within their own hands and that which is behind them;

and they will never encompass anything of **His** knowledge except that which **He** wills.

His chair encompasses the heavens and the earth,

and **He** feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving both of them.

And **He** is the Most High, the Supreme.

سورة البقرة (255) – آية الكرسي : بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ				
اللَّهُ	لَا إِلَهَ	إِلَّا هُوَ	الْحَيُّ	
Allah!	(There is) no god	but He ,	The Ever-Living	
الْقَيُّومُ	لَا تَأْخُذُهُ	سِنَّةٌ	وَلَا نَوْمٌ	
The Sustainer and Protector (of all that exists).	Does not overtake Him	slumber	nor sleep.	
لَهُ	مَا فِي	السَّمَاوَاتِ	وَمَا فِي	الْأَرْضِ
To Him belongs	whatever is in	the heavens	and whatever	(is) on the earth.
مَنْ	ذَا الَّذِي	يَشْفَعُ	عِنْدَهُ	إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ
Who	is he that	(can) intercede	with Him	except with His permission?
يَعْلَمُ	مَا	بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ	وَمَا	خَلْفَهُمْ
He knows	that which (is)	within their own hands	and that which	is behind them;
وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ	بِشَيْءٍ	مِّنْ عِلْمِهِ	إِلَّا	بِمَا شَاءَ
and they will never encompass	anything	of His knowledge	Except	that which He wills.
وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ	السَّمَاوَاتِ	وَالْأَرْضَ	وَلَا يَئُودُهُ	
His chair encompasses	the heavens	and the earth	and He feels no fatigue in	
حَفِظُهُمَا	وَهُوَ	الْعَلِيُّ	الْعَظِيمُ (255)	
guarding and preserving both of them.	And He	(is) the Most High,	the Supreme.	

Total Words : 50, New Words : 17 (34% or just 1/3 rd) !!!

So, don't stop till you complete 200 hours...

MashaAllah you have completed the short course. You have embarked upon a beautiful, important, exciting, and enriching journey. Don't stop here. If you have reached till here, inshaAllah you can continue till end. The short course you have covered was a brief version of the course: Understand Qur'an – The Easy Way!!! Following are the features of this course which will take you further ahead:

1. A course of approximately 25 hours – to help you learn around 300 words which occur approx. 55,000 times (out of a total of approx. 78000 Qur'anic words; representing 70% of Qur'anic vocabulary in this sense) in the Qur'an.
 2. Spare just 25 minutes everyday, and insha-Allah you are on your way to realizing the dream.
 3. Start the understanding of Qur'an using what you recite everyday!!! No need to look for any other text.
 4. Immediately start realizing the benefits in your prayers and supplications, and thereby improve the relationship with Allah. Practice what you learnt right from day one. Start practicing what you learn by talking to Allah in Arabic with understanding!
 5. Each session is interactive, if conducted in a group!!! Every participant has full and continuous chance to be involved in all the activities (Spoken Arabic, Grammar, and Word-for-word translation) throughout the session.
 6. Each session has 3 different activities, which keeps the participants alive throughout the session. Learn at least one spoken Arabic sentence in each session. Learn basic Arabic Grammar as well as almost all important verb patterns by devoting just 8 to 10 minutes in each session.
 7. *Learning Arabic Grammar perhaps has never been so easy and simple.* A new approach to the practice of grammar, i.e., TPI, Total Physical Interaction. Think it, see it, say it, and show it. One of the most effective and easiest techniques to overcome the most difficult part of learning the 'fa'ala' table (conjugation of a verb). This is the lesson where generally people give up learning Arabic. With TPI, it becomes just the opposite, i.e., most exciting and interesting part.
 8. Every time you practice a grammar session (5 to 7 minutes), you are shown how closer you are to the understanding of Qur'an. Therefore, it becomes a session of love and excitement rather than that of boring drills.
 9. Learn interesting examples/false links to remember some of the 'odd' rules of grammar.
 10. Revise the whole learning in SPECIAL 10 sessions (at the end) where all frequently occurring words in the Qur'an are listed separately.
 11. To remember important words, each word/verb that you have learnt is listed with an example for you to practice, remember, and retain. Every time you forget an important new word, you are given a context for it to recall.
 12. Learn all important verb patterns thoroughly along with examples from the material covered in the first 50 sessions.
 13. 16 quizzes and 2 exams (in the WORKBOOK) to help you evaluate your progress and encourage you to revise and continue.
 14. With the CD (produced by the Academy), participate along with the audience throughout these sessions. You don't have to wait for another sitting for practice. Practice right there! A CD containing mp3 files of the complete course (60 sessions) is also available. Recently, a brief recorded version of the course (4 hours) is also produced.
- Actually this is a basic training course for every Muslim. It contains those parts which are practiced everyday by a Muslim. Therefore this course will have direct impact on his life. It will make his regular worship more efficient and effective. Simultaneously he will get the confidence that he can learn the Qur'an very easily. In view of this, this course can be an excellent basic resource for every Muslim family, school, or organization.

Please wait for the announcement for the detailed course.