

thirty parts, each called a Juz'a', so it could be read completely every month. Qur'an is the most read and memorized book in the world!

Hazrat Ibn Abbas ؓ narrates Rasulallah ﷺ said; "A single scholar of religion is more formidable against Shaitaan than a thousand devout persons. Islam is our greatest gift. We have to be thankful for this gift. We have to render to Allah ﷻ His due. Allah ﷻ has given us so much by making us a part of the Ummah of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ so we must totally commit ourselves as followers of the Prophet ﷺ. We must become true Muslims." (Tirmidhi, Ibn Maajaah)

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ narrates that Rasulallah ﷺ said; "He who has nothing of the Holy Qur'an in his heart is like a ruined house." (Tirmidhi)

A person without knowledge is like someone walking along a track in complete darkness. Most likely, his steps will wander aside and he easily can be deceived by Shaitaan. This shows that our greatest danger lies in our ignorance of Islamic teachings and in our unawareness of what the Qur'an teaches and what guidance has been given by the Prophet ﷺ. But if we are blessed with the light of knowledge we will be able to see plainly the clear path of Islam at every step of our lives. We shall also be able to identify and avoid the dangerous paths of Kufr, Shirk and immorality, which may cross it. And whenever a false guide meets us on the way, a few words with him will quickly establish that he is not a guide who should be followed.

Every one young, man, woman, should at least acquire sufficient knowledge to enable ourselves to understand the essence of the teachings of the Qur'an and the purpose for which it has been sent down. We should also be able to understand clearly the mission, which our beloved Prophet came into this world to fulfil. We should also recognize the corrupt order and system, which he came to destroy. We should acquaint ourselves, too, with the way of life, which is Allah ﷻ has ordained for us. No great amount of time is required to acquire this simple knowledge. If we truly value Iman, it cannot be too difficult to find one hour every day to devote for our Iman.

"He who acquires knowledge acquires a vast portion." AND "If anyone going on his way in search of knowledge, God will, thereby make easy for him the way to Paradise."

May Allah ﷻ give us strength to behave and act just as He likes us to do and be pleased with us, and that should be the purpose of our lives? "Rabbi Zidnee 'ilma" (O My Lord, Increase me in knowledge).

We request you to make du'a for the Ummah as much as possible as we all need guidance. We Pray Allah ﷻ increases our patience, taqwa, truthfulness and pure intentions. And we also Pray that Allah ﷻ blesses us with many opportunities to increase our knowledge in everything that is beneficial to us.

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Muslims regard the Qur'an as the literal word of God, as revealed by the Angel Hazrat Jibra'eel ؑ to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. The revelation was made in the Arabic language, and the recorded text in Arabic has not changed since the time of its revelation. Although modern printing presses are used to distribute the Qur'an worldwide, the printed Arabic text of the Qur'an is still regarded as Holy.

﴿ إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ

لَحٰفِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾

"Surely We have revealed this reminder (The Qur'an); and We will surely preserve it Our self." (Qur'an, 15: 9)

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We should always strive to read as much of the Qur'an as possible as reading the word of Allah ﷻ especially with the meanings will significantly increase our Iman and elevate us in this world and the next!

Gaining knowledge

Many Muslims know that seeking knowledge is encouraged in Islam, but few know what is necessary as far as intention, deeds, and manners when seeking knowledge.

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "The world is cursed, that which is in it is cursed, except Zikr Allah (remembering Allah ﷻ) and what follows it, or a learned person, or a student." (Ibn Maajaah)

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-'As ؓ narrates Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said; "Knowledge has three categories; anything else is extra; a precise verse, or an established Sunnah (practice), or a firm obligatory duty." (Abu-Dawud)

The Rasulullah ﷺ said; "Who takes the path hoping for knowledge, Allah ﷻ makes easy for him the path to Paradise. Verily, the angels lower their wings for the seeker of knowledge out of pleasure of what he is doing. Verily all in the heavens and earth seek forgiveness for the knowledgeable, even the fish in the water. The excellence of the knowledgeable over the servant is like the excellence of the moon on the night of the full moon over all the planets.

Verily, the learned are the heirs of the Prophet ﷺ, the Prophets ﷺ do not leave dinar or dirham, but they are inherited in knowledge, and he who takes it takes a great bounty." (Abu-Dawud, Ibn Maajaah)

The Rasulullah ﷺ said; "To seek knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim." (Ibn Maajaah)

To seek knowledge is a sacred duty for every Muslim male and female. The first word revealed of the Qur'an was "Iqra" (read) Seek knowledge! Educate yourselves! Be educated.

﴿ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴾

"Are those equal, those who know and those who do not know?" (Qur'an, 39: 9)

﴿ يُؤْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَمَنْ يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ۗ وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴾

"He grants wisdom to whom He pleases; and whoever is granted wisdom is indeed given a great wealth, yet none except people of understanding learn a lesson from it." (Qur'an, 2: 269)

Overflowing; but none will grasp the message but men of understanding.

Hazrat Ibn Mas'ud ؓ reported Rasulullah ﷺ said; "The position of only two persons is enviable; the person whom Allah ﷻ bestowed wealth empowering him to spend it in the way of righteousness, and the person whom Allah ﷻ gave wisdom with which he adjudges and which he teaches to others."

The best of knowledge is the knowledge of the Qur'an. Sayyidina Uthman ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said;

﴿ خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ ﴾

"The best amongst you is the one who learns the Qur'an and teaches it! (to others)." (Bukhari, Tirmidhi)

The recitation of the Qur'an should have an affect on the student as they recite the words of their Creator. The student of the Qur'an is affected by knowing their Creator, increasing their Taqwa (Piety), increasing their memory function, and in saying the best of words in the most fluent way. This is, of course for those that perfect the articulation points and know the proper stops and starts.

Qur'an was divided into seven parts, each called a Manzil, so it could be read completely every week. It was divided into