

A New World awaits you!

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New World

1. This new world would surely benefit you from the very bases, virtues and delicacies of the relation between Allah and man. It will shape the exact and virtual concept of Allah's attributes to you so that you may be saved from stumbling in the way of adoring Allah. It will reflect the applied manifestations and concern of Allah's adoration and worship; after which the fellowship between Allah and you will be set up properly.
2. This new world will bestow you with perception and consciousness of Laws ordained by Allah, that is to say, as everything in the world has its peculiarity and natural effect, in the same way human actions too have meaningful features and results. A good deed produces something good and the bad one produces something bad. If individuals and nationalities do their deeds according to the laws ordained by their Creator and Sustainer, they would achieve good results.
3. This new world will bestow your thoughts and practices with a perfect belief that human life does not come to an end in this world but it continues in the hereafter, where we will be paid in return of our deeds. Allah, the Exalted, will keep his obedient servants under the shade of His nearness and pleasure, in that eternal life, but those who violate and hide His commands, Allah, the Exalted, would neither talk to them nor purify them on the Day of Judgment, but they will suffer a terrible punishment.
4. This new world would put you on the illuminated paths of success and good fortune, a straight path which doesn't contain any puzzles or ditches. It will apprise you of such ways of life's beauties, success and victory, with the result the beauties, success and victory of the hereafter would become your destiny. All these four points are the very essence of Faith.

A New World awaits you!

Whenever you step towards the Quran, you surely step towards a New World. Any step you take in your life cannot be more tremendous, blessed and worthwhile than the step you take for a journey inside the Quran. This journey would take you towards unending delights and immeasurable treasures that have been sent by your Creator and Master for you and for all of human beings. Here you would find a world of knowledge and intellect beyond description, which will lead you on the roads of your life and will shape up your thinking and practice rightly. Here you will have a profound insight that will enrich you and lead you on the right path. Here you will have such a light that will illuminate the depths of your soul. Here you will have such passions that will soften your heart and will make your resolve unshakable.

Questions that were of no account to you till yesterday: who am I? Why have I been created? And where am I bound to go? After entering the valley of the Quran not only will you be able to have the knowledge of the crown of all creatures but also you will be bestowed with the sense of aim in your life. The human exaltation will become your rule of conduct and nature, and human welfare will be the focus of your thinking and practice. In today's life it would be the priceless asset for you and through it you would earn your name as a man of action.

This Book is guidance for humankind and through it you will be apprised of the responsibility of human guidance. You will begin thinking a great thought and will devote yourself to the future of human civility, and on this way you will wage war against any obstacle you confront with. Your thinking about human beings won't be insignificant but precious one. When you will make observations, through the Quran, of the period spread over centuries of the rise and fall of the nations all over the world, your thinking will gain a definite reasoning for your society and the discernment of a faithful will be your heritage.

Who the Quran's guidance is for?

The Quran opens its doors only for those who don't regard the life as of no avail and are constantly looking for the merits of aim in life. It is the guidance for those who live the humane life for God's Pleasure. It is the guidance for those who long for it and are in pursuit of it. "O Prophet, when we saw you in pursuit, then we sent the guidance." It is the Truth for those who are sincere with religion Islam, and for those who are fully, sincerely, attentively and eagerly attached to their objective. Only those who are ready to surrender completely before its guidance, to absorb it and to try their best are allowed to collect the treasures of the Quran.

There are many a people who do not adopt it with full attachment. They read the Quran but benefit nothing from it. With the zest of honour, they put it on their eyes and kiss it but they fail to get the message it contains, which is to enrich and change their personality. Some people hear the voice of God but they fail to have that kind of determination, intention and courage that is necessary to respond to it and to live a life according to it. They lose what they possess. And instead of collecting the precious jewels of the Quran, they carry the back breaking burden of stones from other doors, which keep them under pain and agony all the time. What a tragedy and unfortunate it is that you come to the Quran and return empty-handed. You left in the same condition as you had come, if no shivering arose in your soul, no ambition reared in your heart and no change took place in your life.

The Quran's right upon a man is to read it and understand it. The second big right is to take it as guidance. This should be kept in mind that you are not performing your duty of reading the Quran until intention, determination and readiness is not evolved to follow what the Quran says. And whatever it wants, according to it outwardly and inwardly, without changing your life, attitudes and behaviour; your personality does not get that kind of form what God requires for ideal individual.

If you don't live an practical life and you haven't taken any responsibility of human beings and society; you haven't become a part of those efforts which are being made for the freedom, dignity, and welfare of human beings, then you cannot set up your practical relation to the Quran. You are only seeking guidance through studying it by sitting in the chair before the table, by this you are surely increasing your knowledge but you are not getting the shape of a responsive and a responsible individual required by God. This way you think you are acting upon the Quran by performing some rites within the four walls, but in fact, by this you are also being deprived of a great part of the Quran's teachings.

A man cannot comprehend the Quran's commands, its moral teachings, its economic and cultural instructions and its principles and rules relating to the divergent aspects of life and unless until he gains experience of them himself. Neither that individual can comprehend this Book, who has lived without following it in every walk of life whether individual or collective; nor can that nation be apprised of it, whose collective institutes are being regulated against the Quranic teachings concerning human elevation.

What is the Quran?

Whatever the Quran contains regarding human being, cannot be comprehended or described by him as to what his/her greatness or importance is. However, as a

starting point, you should somewhat speculate: what does this mean? How important is it to you? so that the spirit of absorption in the Quran awaken in your heart with all your senses, with all attachment, with complete submission, and with constant efforts, as it requires.

The Quran is the greatest blessing of Allah for you. It is the fulfillment of the promise made to Adam and his descendants by Allah: " ... there cometh unto you from Me a guidance; and whoso followeth My guidance, there shall no fear come upon them neither shall they grieve." (2:38)

It is a help for your weak existence in struggle to fight against the evil and spurious forces in this world. It is the only source to overcome your fear and anxiety. When you need some succour during the collision between good and evil, self-interests and sacrifice, then this book will show you the way of dare and courage; and when you stumble on the road of struggle and sacrifice, then it will provide you with resolve and trust. When you are wandering in the dark, then it is the only light to trace the way of success and deliverance. It is the only cure for your personal diseases, and for the collective evils around you. It is the constant reminder and elaboration of your nature and destiny, your responsibilities and duties and your risks and rewards.

This is why you should carefully embark upon it and be ready to harmonize your thoughts and actions with its instructions, or all of your hard work and sincerity will be in vain. Mere mental exercises and intuitive experiences cannot provide you with the opportunity to come close to the Quranic treasures. Failure in following of Quran and bringing about change in life because of human weaknesses, natural hardships and objective obstacles is one thing, and failure because of having no intention for it and no efforts for it on your part, is absolutely the other one. If you, despite being attached to the Quran, haven't adopted the ideal practical life, then you in the capacity of the scholar of the Quran may rise to fame but you cannot be the ideal human being liked by Allah.

The Quran has severely condemned those who, of course, believe the Quran orally as Allah's Book, but when they are asked to act upon it or when the decisive situation comes to surface, they ignore its instructions or turn their back on it. Such people have been dubbed as Kafir, Fasiq and Zalim, i.e. Disbeliever, Transgressor and cruel respectively.

Hindrances and Difficulties

Always be careful that as soon as you start reading the Quran, Satan will create hindrances and difficulties in the way to the Quranic treasures.

The Quran is the only definite guide on the road leading to Allah. To tread on this road is the destiny of Man. When Adam was created, he was warned of such hindrances and difficulties which the man will have to go through for the fulfillment of his destiny.

All of his weak points were disclosed to him, especially lack of intention and forgetfulness (Taha: 115). This was also made manifest that Satan will create obstacles at his every step of journey. Satan said to Allah: Now, because Thou hast sent me astray, verily I shall lurk in ambush for them on Thy Right Path. Then I shall come upon them from before them and from behind them and from their right bands and from their left hands, and Thou wilt not find most of them beholden (unto Thee). (Al-A'raf 16:17)

It is without saying that, the Quran is your most powerful companion to fight against Satan and to make efforts to live according to the Divine guidance all of your life. Therefore, from the very first step, that is the intention to read the Quran till the last step, that is to live according to it; Satan will cause a lot of tricks, frauds, ruses, deceits, deceptions and obstacles in your way, which you will have to face and reject them. Satan may create disturbance in your intention. He may cause you to be ignorant of the Quran's meaning and message, may create doubts in your mind, may cause a veil between Allah's Word and your soul, may confuse you with subsidiary things instead of essential teachings, may take you away from following of the Quran, or persuade you to ignore the Quran or put it off till next time. All these dangers and apprehensions have been mentioned in the Quran the explicitly.

The next obstacle could be taghut (طاغوت: anything obeyed - worshipped besides Allah) between the Quran and you. Taghut (False god) can confront with you together with visible and invisible powers. Your own ambitions, the method of your mentor, your sect and the conduct of your order can, being an invisible power, entrap you by doubt, interests and fear, or can keep you from the Quranic guidance by taking control of your thinking in disguise of saintliness and honour. Thus, invisible Taghuts, that is powerful classes by snaring you with power, interests, fear and terror, try to make you stagger under the confrontation of the Truth and Falsehood. And then there is no dearth of Satan's friends to save from them, needs more precautions.

Confidence and Trust

Saving yourself from all these obstacles, you should trust only Allah that He will guide you to full benefits of the Quran's reading. As it is Allah's limitless blessing that He has brought His Word to you in the form of Quran and He has brought you towards the Quran, in the same way it is His blessing that can be helpful for you at this delicate juncture. For that, you will deserve as much His blessings and guidance as longing, curiosity and pursuit of it you are in. You need very precious and noble things. To achieve them is not so easy. So many dangers are in store for you and you have to pass through them successfully. When you get through all trials of difficulties and dangers with your full attachment, then all the doors of His acceptance are opened.

Willingness, enthusiasm and effort on your part are from among imperatives, after that Allah's help and strength are sure guarantees, by which you can cover your distance successfully and advantageously. Being a true faithful you must repose your trust in Allah in every matter. One should turn to Him for everything of life and what can be the more important thing than the Quran!? You should not talk big about what you are doing for the Quran. Always be aware of your weaknesses and limitations, concerning such a task that has no match in the world.

Therefore, while stepping towards the Quran one should have Allah's Pleasure in one's mind. To achieve this objective whatever you have started to do, seek Allah's help and assistance with all your humility and lowliness and full confidence and trust in Allah.

Reading and Understanding

The last point that is not less important is that whatever you read from the Quran, to understand it you will have to awaken your inner person to participate in this activity. It is one of the most important and effective means for the purpose.

To communicate the message of the Quran to someone's heart, it is essential that one should be aware of what the Quran is saying to him or her? But it's not so indispensable condition that excepting it one cannot get any part of the blessings of the Quran. Yet, there are many a people who understand every word of Quran but their hearts are sealed concerning the Quran. At the same time, there are many a people who don't understand any word of the Quran but they do live in the delightful spiritual state of relationship, love, nearness and submission to Allah, and ecstasy. It is so because the relationship with the Quran depends on the longing and curiosity for it, and their hearts are not devoid of the same. But it doesn't cause any diminution in great importance of understanding of what the Quran says to you. Here, we use the word 'understanding' in the sense that the words should be figured out. It includes all: Pondering and thinking, discernment, grasping complete meaning, applying to the situation.

If you, from the very first moment, do not take start to change yourself inwardly and turn over a new life by your complete submission to Allah who has given you the Quran, then you will benefit a little from reading it. If there is no determination and effort for compliance, then the states of heart, the spiritual ecstasy and increase in the knowledge are not destined to benefit you. If the Quran has no impact on your activities and you don't comply with its commands and you don't refrain from what it prohibits, then you should understand that you are not getting close to the Quran.

Every page of the Quran teaches us to bow down, to submit, to act upon and to change. Whoever does not pay heed to its command, is dubbed as Kafir, Zalim and Fasiq. (Al-Maidah 5:44-47). People who have been provided with Allah's Book, if they neither understand it nor act upon it, they have been dubbed such as donkeys which

have been loaded with a burden but they neither know the burden they are loaded with nor benefit from it. (Al-Juma 62:5).

These are the people against whom the Apostle of Allah will raise his voice "...O my Lord! Lo! Mine own folk make this Quran' of no account." (Al-Furqan 25:30)

Giving up the Quran and putting it aside, mean neither reading it nor understanding it nor living accordingly; considering it an old story which is not going to function at the moment. The Prophet of Allah (s.a.w.) left no stone unturned to enjoin its following. He said:

"Many hypocrites among my people will be of the readers of the Quran" (Ahmed)

"Who takes a thing labeled unlawful by the Quran as lawful is not its true follower." (Tirmizi)

"Read the Quran so that you should be able to refrain from what it prohibits you to do." If it fails to enable you to refrain, it means you have not read it in the real sense." (Tibrani)

To the companions of the Apostle, learning the Quran meant reading it, pondering over it and acting upon it. It is narrated that:

"People who used to be engaged with the reading of the Quran narrate that persons like Uthman ibn Affan and Abdullah bin Masood, never went ahead until they actually learnt every thing about knowledge and action through the ten verses once they learnt from the Apostle (s.a.w.). They used to say that they had learnt the Quran and knowledge simultaneously. Thus at times they spent several years in learning just a single Surrah (Chapter)". (Suyooti: al-Atqan fi Uloomil Quran)

By studying the Quran you must find in your heart the spirit of commitment to the Quran and you must mould your life accordingly. It isn't a gradual and stage-wise process that first you spend several years in reading the Quran, then in understanding it, then strengthening your faith and afterwards you get set to act upon it. Whenever you listen the recitation from the Quran or you yourself read from the Quran, a sparkle of faith takes place in your heart. When the faith enters the heart, the life begins to change. A thing worth-remembering is that the most essential requirement of living according to the teachings of the Quran is that you must take a big decision. Whatever other people are doing, whatever demands the society has, whatever thoughts prevail in the vicinity, you would have to change your way of life completely. This decision requires great sacrifices, but if you are not willing, having acknowledged the Quran as Allah's Book, to jump in at the deep end, then whatever time you spend with the Quran, no good result could come to light.

As a first step, at the very first moment, it has been clarified that the Quran is a guidance only for those who are ready to act upon it for saving themselves from the

damages of passing life against the will of Allah and earning his wrath, and they are the God-fearing. (Al-Baqrah 2:1-5)

The Quran doesn't like any distance between knowledge and action and faith and good deed.

The completion of the Quranic Mission

A significant part of life-passing according to the Quran is that you should get its message across to the people around you. As soon as the Apostle of Allah received the first revelation, he realized that it should be conveyed to other people. The second revelation brought the command in the words: Kum fa-anzir (Rise, and warn the people). Then at numerous places, it was clarified with the Apostle of Allah that to get across and expound the Quran to the people is your first and foremost duty and the mission of your life. (Al-An'am 6:19, 105; Al-Furqan 25:1; Al-Maidah 5:67; Maryam 19:97; Al-A'raf 7:157.)

Now being His followers and the people of Allah's Book, the same mission has been passed on to us. The Quran's being with us requires us that we should get it across to our own people and others as well. Listening to the Quran means it should be propagated. We should put it before the entire human world, acquaint them with it and it should not be kept back.

"And (remember) when Allah laid a charge on those who had received the Scripture (He said): Ye are to expound it to mankind and not to hide it. But they flung it behind their backs and bought thereby a little gain. Verily evil is that which they have gained thereby." (Al-Imran 3:187).

If you possess a lamp in your heart or in your hand, its light should spread everywhere. If you harbour fervour in your heart, its impact should reach out to others. Whoever is not ready to act like that because of temporary material ends is, in fact, managing troubles of hereafter for him/her.

The fact is that "...those who hide aught of the Scripture which Allah hath revealed, and purchase a small gain therewith, they eat into their bellies nothing else than fire. Allah will not speak to them on the Day of Resurrection, nor will He make them grow. Theirs will be a painful doom." (Al-Baqrah 2:174)

"Those who hide the proofs and the guidance which We revealed, after We had made it clear in the Scripture: such are accursed of Allah and accursed of those who have the power to curse." (Al-Baqrah 2:159)

"Except such of them as repent and amend and make manifest (the truth). These it is toward whom I relent. I am the Relenting, the Merciful." (Al-Baqrah 2:160)

"Lo! those who disbelieve, and die while they are disbelievers; on them is the curse of Allah and of angels and of men combined." (Al-Baqrah 2:161)

"Lo! those who purchase a small gain at the cost of Allah's covenant and their oaths, they have no portion in the Hereafter. Allah will neither speak to them nor look upon them on the Day of Resurrection, nor will He make them grow. Theirs will be a painful doom." (Al-Imran 3:77)

Now, have a look at yourself; also look at the contemporary Muslims. Despite the fact that hundreds of thousands read the Quran but it doesn't have any impact on our condition. Why is it so? Because, either we read it but don't understand it or if we understand it but don't accept it or don't act upon accordingly or if we act upon accordingly but accept its one part and reject the other one or while reading it we engage ourselves in acting upon its one part but we commit the worst crime of not getting its light across to others!

"Among them are unlettered folk who know the scripture not except from hearsay. They but guess. Therefore woe be unto those who write the Scripture with their hands and then say, "This is from Allah," that they may purchase a small gain therewith..." (Al-Baqrah 2:78-79)

"...Believe ye in part of the Scripture and disbelieve ye in part thereof? And what is the reward of those who do so save ignominy in the life of the world, and on the Day of Resurrection they will be consigned to the most grievous doom..."(Al-Baqrah 2:85)

We shouldn't have any doubt in our minds that until we discharge the important responsibility of being the Quran's witness, which devolves to us as we possess it and read it, we cannot pay the right of the Quran that is incumbent upon us.

Disrespect, disgrace, humiliation and backwardness that have become our lot, is the reason that we have held ourselves back from the Quran and from the mission it has entrusted us with.

Allah through this Quran causes some nations fall and some rise: "If they had observed the Torah and the Gospel and that which was revealed unto them from their Lord, they would surely have been nourished from above them and from beneath their feet." (Al-Maidah 5:66)

Whatever high standard of knowledge of the Quran we secure, we cannot succeed in understanding and discovering the Quran's perfect and real meaning until we obey it.

The Apostle of Allah once told his companions, "There will be such people among you, that when you will compare your prayers with theirs, your fasts with theirs and your good deeds with theirs, you will think of your deeds as none to speak of. They will read the Quran but it will have no effect on their lives, hence no benefit.

The Quran's guidance for women

As the Quran requires Muslims and the faithful, submissive, responsible, the righteous and patient, humble and generous, fasting person, chaste, worshiper and

caller men with the qualities of an ideal man; in the same way the Quran requires ideal women of the same qualities. (Al-Ahzab 33:35; At-Tahrim 66:5). But at the same time, Allah has bestowed women with the qualities of submission, piousness and love and secrecy for her espouse. That is why, she is replete with the merits of wisdom and courage to run the home affairs by dint of these God-given gifts. This tiny state of house wherefrom the coming generations are developed, keeps association of its successful and secure working relationship with the big collective institutes in the light of the training those generations, get from home institution. Women can, therefore, learn dexterity and skill only from Quran's guidance to discharge their duties and responsibilities. However, all of the man's abilities and entire natures of collective institutions should be well-knit in mutual working condition, is the Quran's great miracle. Women should dive into the ocean of this miracle and discover the pearls of their auspiciousness out of it. Similarly, by this very guidance of Quran, they not only can, of course, make their house the paradise through submission, piousness, love and secrecy, but also with the qualities of the female faithful they can make their family and community system worthwhile. These foreshortened gains are the cause of a great change in a human society at large scale into big welfare society. The important thing is that the calling role of women has enormous importance in their responsibilities. After that any woman's life does not remain the showpiece of her dress and ornaments but she becomes the delicate and charismatic symbol of Allah's creation system, in the shape of wife and mother, in the capacity of teacher and caller carries the testimony of Allah's knowledge.

Hikmat-e-Quran Institute

The worst social condition through which our country is passing is not a secret anymore. Everywhere the ways of ignorance and traditional religious disorder have created the situation of deterioration instead of betterment. The tradition to live with an aim in life is giving up the ghost and the collective institutes are meeting with their failures. At the best, ease-lovingness of one's personal life and the anxiety to make one's better future by hook or crook and struggle for it, has made the acquisition of the benefits of collective living and welfare society uncertain.

To come out of this very worst condition, Quran's Applied Divine and Social understanding and for the higher education of wisdom, the Hikmat-e-Quran Institute has been set up. In Pakistan, this is the first Institute on the subject of Hikmat-e-Quran's specialization where graduates from both Madrassahs and other educational institutions will be able to get the education of the Quran's Wisdom in the form of a comprehensive course. Simultaneously, to benefit maximum Muslims from this institute, three more distance courses will be conducted.

The very objective of the Hikmat-e-Quran Institute is to benefit the contemporary human beings effectively from the Quranic Teachings and its instructive and applied wisdom, which is the fountain-head book revealed by Allah as the last instruction and guidance in order that where prayer calls echo, there the spirit like Bilal come into being; where mosques are full with praying persons, there the faith like Abu Bakr and Abu Zar Ghafari be infused into them; where Madrasahs are flourishing with pupils, there should create the environment of producing intellects and the wise; where the preaching goes on, there the hearts and minds could be won over; where speeches and writings are structured, there the signs of the fall of ignorance, associating partners to Allah, atheism come to light; where the struggle for revolution, change and reformation take place, there that sort of hope of change into the system be raised, which was promised for with Godly persons.

In short, from this platform such kind of scholars and intellectuals and legend personalities be raised, who should have the firm grasp of the problems of the present age humanity and should always be inclined to act. This way for society such mature and sage Muslims be prepared, who in their walk of life and with regard to Islam could be referred to, for such scholars, intellectuals and legend personalities can play the important role for change in society.