



Tafseer ul-Quran Course

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Understand Al-Qur'an The Easy Way (UK)

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Introduction 3

Purpose of Revelation of the Qur'an

Allah (swt) Teaches the Qur'an

الرَّحْمَنُ ﴿١﴾ عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ ﴿٢﴾

The Most Merciful Taught the Qur'an
(Surah Ar-Rahman, 55:1-2)

﴿١﴾ الرَّحْمَنُ - meaning, 'The Most Exceedingly, Incredibly and Immediately Merciful.....'

﴿٢﴾ عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ - '(It is Ar-Rahman) He taught the Qur'an.'

- ﴿١﴾ الرَّحْمَنُ - Allah (swt) is engaged in doing an incredible act of Mercy by being Merciful to us right now.
- It is Ar-Rahman's incredible love, care and mercy that He (swt) has given us this great Book as the greatest favour to humanity.

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- The Surah goes on to mention some of the great favours that Allah, Ar-Rahman has bestowed upon us. Reading the Surah is supposed to be a very personal experience, and we should think about all of His mercies that we are enjoying (which we cannot count).
- But these Ayah tells us, of all the things that we can make a list of, the first thing we should be grateful for before anything else is He (swt) has given us the Qur'an and is also teaching us His Book.
- The fact that Allah (swt) decided to give us the Qur'an is in itself an act of His unimaginable Mercy above everything else. And a still greater mercy is عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ - He taught the Qur'an. He did not just tell us to figure it out for ourselves. But HE (swt) TAUGHT THE QUR'AN TO US!!!

Allah (swt) Teaches the Qur'an

- ❑ Part of teaching the Qur'an was, the sending of our beloved Prophet (sas) as a model Teacher.
- ❑ When the Prophet (sas) was learning and teaching the Qur'an, he was the student of Jibril (as), but the actual Teacher was still Allah (swt) and therefore our real Teacher is also Allah (swt).
- ❑ So, Allah, the Rahman – the Exceedingly Merciful is our Teacher. So never doubt about it when learning and teaching.
- ❑ Therefore, when we study the Qur'an, we have accepted Allah (swt) as our Teacher and ourselves as His students. Only then can we truly taste what it means to have a personal relationship with the Most Gracious.

Allah (swt) Teaches the Qur'an

- ❑ Allah (swt) has given us a clue as to how to be a successful student in the very name of the Book 'al-Qur'an'
- ❑ 'Al-Qur'an' has many meanings and one of them is 'that which is recited over and over again'.
- ❑ So that is the methodology of how to study it - you must read it, ponder upon it and repeat it.
- ❑ The real student of the Qur'an is the one who reads it over and over again.
- ❑ Therefore, it is for us to learn, act and live by the Qur'an.

The Main Purpose of Revelation

كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ فَلَا يَكُنْ فِي صَدْرِكَ حَرَجٌ مِّنْهُ لِتُنذِرَ بِهِ
وَذِكْرَىٰ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

This is the Book (the Qur'an) sent down unto you (O Muhammad [sas]), so let not your heart be narrow there from, that you may warn thereby (to the disbelievers), and a reminder to the believers. [Surah al-Araf – 7:2]

- These Ayaat of Surah a-Araf mention the main purpose of this revelation - It is to Warn the disbelievers of the consequences of rejecting the message of Allah &
- Remind the believers and give them glad tidings of accepting the message and establishing the Deen.

The Language of the Qur'an is Unique

- ❑ It may be borne in mind that it is just not possible to translate many Arabic words in any other language.
- ❑ This is the reason the understanding of Arabic language is inevitable for understanding the Qur'an and the Hadith, for such fine variations in the meanings and application of Arabic words do not exist in any of the other living languages.
- ❑ Hence, reading of translation of the Qur'an in any other language can never convey the true spirit, meaning, connotations, moods, intensity, weight and the strength of the Qur'anic Ayaat.
- ❑ Even if we read several translations of the Qur'an, in simple terms we have still not read the Qur'an!

What does that mean?

- ❑ Al-Qur'an is The Qur'an which is in the Arabic language.
- ❑ We are not negating the rewards (10 rewards for each letter recited) and Not decreasing the value of translations.
- ❑ We will be learning the Qur'an through the translation initially, but translation is not the ultimate destination! Trying to understand it in its original Arabic form is the goal, in sha Allah!

Special effects of Qur'anic Ayaat

- ❑ 10 rewards for reciting each letter
- ❑ Spiritual affects of the Ayaat
- ❑ Healing using Ayaat of the Qur'an
- ❑ 'Spiritual voltage' of the Qur'an that penetrates deep into the hearts.
- ❑ And many more

Two Main Obligations of Reading the Qur'an

كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَارَكٌ
لِيَتَّبِعُوا آيَاتِهِ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُوا الْأَلْبَابِ

(This is) a book We have revealed it to you (O! Muhammad) **full of blessings** - so that **they ponder** over its Ayaat and that those of understanding may **receive admonition**

سُورَةُ ص، آيَةُ 29 Surah Saad, Ayah 29

Message

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(This is) a book We have revealed it to you (O! Muhammad) full of blessings...

- ❑ **First, feel Allah (swt's) infinite Mercy and Kindness.**
- ❑ How happy should we be to receive the Qur'an! **This happiness should be shown by** our commitment of fulfilling its rights - that of reading, understanding, following and spreading its message.
- ❑ **Note the words of the Ayah '...full of blessings'** We stop at the minimum **Blessings of only recitation.** But Allah (swt) does not want us to stop here...

Two Main Obligations of Reading the Qur'an

They Ponder

لِيَتَذَكَّرُوا آيَاتِهِ

وَلِيَتَذَكَّرُوا الْأَنْبِيَاءَ

They receive
Admonition

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Two Main Obligations of Reading the Qur'an

- Reflecting and pondering **over every word deeply**, in order to deduce the hidden and original message and the true wisdom of this Message.
- **The highest stage of contemplation of Qur'anic Ayaat** (deep reflective thought process).
- The real lesson which is implicit (implied) **in any Surah or in an Ayah of the Qur'an** should be made explicit (plain) in order that the basic guidance regarding human conduct may be obtained.
- Receiving and implementing true Guidance and Lessons as a result of the pondering process.

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Islamic Education System

What we believe:

- ❑ The Qur'an is the Most important **book of Islam**.
- ❑ The Qur'an is the Most important **book of Muslim states**.

What is the Reality:

- ❑ In Muslim majority countries - we have many **Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers, Businessmen but unfortunately**, we have very few of these Muslim professionals who have proper knowledge of Islam and practising Islam.
- ❑ This is the Biggest Failure of our Islamic Education system in Muslim countries.

Our Attitude with the Qur'an

- ❑ We read an English news paper and try to understand it.
- ❑ **But we read the Qur'an** only to complete our Salat or..??
- ❑ We are not denying **the reward for recitation.**
But the right of the Qur'an is to Read, Understand, Take Admonition and Implement it in our lives.
- ❑ Allah says **“Indeed We have made this Qur'an easy to learn...”**
- ❑ **Allah (swt) has given us one more opportunity to learn His book.**
- ❑ So, now let us learn it with proper understanding to seek greater blessings and seek Allah's Pleasure.

Tafseer and Taweel - Definition

- ❑ The topic of Tafseer is the most important topic of علوم القرآن (Sciences of the Qur'an) since it is its primary goal to understand and implement the Qur'an properly in our lives.
- ❑ This has also been the first topic of علوم القرآن to have been written and without a doubt the one in which most of the works in this field have been written about.
- ❑ The word 'Tafseer' (تَفْسِيرٌ) comes from 'Fassara' (فَسَّرَ), which means, 'to explain or to expound'. Tafseer also means 'the interpretation of something.'
- ❑ According to another opinion the word tafsir is a transposition, of (فَسَّرَ), meaning, 'to expose or to uncover.'

Tafseer and Taweel - Definition

- ❑ In Islamic sciences, Tafseer' (تَفْسِير) means: The science by which the Qur'an is understood, its meanings explained, and its rulings derived.
- ❑ Another common word that is heard in this subject is the word 'Taweel'. Then, what is the difference between Tafseer and Taweel?
- ❑ The word 'Taweel' (تَأْوِيل) is from 'Awwala' (أَوَّل), which means 'to return,' which implies going back to the original meaning of a word to see what its meanings and connotations are.

Definition Tafseer and Taweel

- Therefore, the word Taweel has three meanings:
 1. To understand a word in light of one of its connotations, despite the fact that this connotation is not the primary intent of the word.
 2. To explain a word or a phrase.
 3. The actuality of an event.
- However, the most common understanding in modern usage of the two words is that:
 - Tafseer is used to explain the meaning of an Ayah which has only one connotation.
 - Whereas Taweel is used when one of the possible connotations of an Ayah or word is chosen over the others due to other factors.

Source: <http://www.islaam.net> (by Shaik Yasir Qadhi)

Short Du'a at the End of Every Ayah

- ❑ Ask: Allah (swt) to help us to understand every Word and every Ayah of the Qur'an and follow to get its full blessings.
- ❑ Evaluate: if you are pondering to understand every Word and every Ayah of the Qur'an and taking admonition thereof.
- ❑ Plan: to read the Qur'an with understanding, take lessons from them and implement its Injunctions in everyday life.
- ❑ Propagate: to others in understanding and following the Qur'an in their daily life.