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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ  
The train of the Month of Ramadan (8)  
From heedlessness to Sincerity

The way to Paradise:

Today Insha Allah we will learn: the final destination of every mankind,  
the virtues of the Quran - Concepts of the Quran - Etiquette with  
reciting the Quran and the basic requirements for proper relations with  
Today, Insha Allah we will learn about the final sciences  
(more)

of the "Educational aspect of the Quran", these  
are the sciences of the Paradise and Hellfire.

According to the rules of the Quran, it is  
the "Day of Judgement" which will be the  
Last station for every man, then the people  
will be divided into 2 parties, as Allah  
mentioned in Surat Ash-Shura (42) V. (7).

7. "And thus we have revealed to you (O Mohamed <sup>صلى الله عليه وسلم</sup>)  
a Quran in Arabic that you may warn the Mother  
of the Towns (Makkah) and all around it, and warn  
(them) of the Day of Assembling of which there is  
no doubt: when a party will be in Paradise and  
a party in the blazing fire (Hell).

∴ the Quran is clarifying that: the book of the deeds

of every man will be evaluated by Allah on the Day of Assembling, accordingly: those who "believe in the "Unity of Allah" and live their lives as commanded by their Lord", so their reward will be the Paradise while those who "deny the "Unity of Allah" and refuse to submit or obey the commands of Allah, i.e the sinners and disbelievers, for them is the Hell as the final destination.

So Let's learn how Allah describes the Paradise as a reward - and also describes Hell as a punishment in the Quran:-

Regarding ~~this~~ comparison, Allah said in Surat 10 - Yunus V. 26-27  
26 - For those who have done good is the best (reward i.e Paradise) and even more (i.e having the honour of glancing at the countenance of Allah. Neither darkness nor dust nor any humiliating disgrace

shall cover their faces. They are the dwellers of the Paradise, they will abide there in for ever.

27. And those who have earned evil deeds, the recompense of an evil deed is the like thereof, and humiliating disgrace will cover (their faces).

No defender will they have from Allah. Their faces will be covered as it were with pieces from the darkness of night. They are the dwellers of the Fire, they will abide there in.

In these verses, Allah the Almighty is clarifying

(A) That: those who will be the dwellers of the paradise are the good-doers. and those who will be the dwellers of the Hell are the evil-doers.

(B) The Paradise is the reward and the life of happiness which is eternal and unimaginary. The Hell is the punishment for the evil-doers and it (the Hell) is eternal and unimaginary: regarding the severe torment which it has.

∴ In order to have detailed information about the distention of both parties, let's recite Surat 64. AL-Haqqah (V. 13 → 37).

### In Conclusion :-

4 The winners are those who realize the reality of this deceiving worldly life, and so they live it as a farm for the hereafter i.e trying to do as much good deeds as they can so that they will have the eternal happiness in Paradise.

The second aspect of the Quran is:

The Quran as a code of life i.e the rules which regulate the life of the muslim both the personal life, and also the life of the muslim community. These are the rules of marriage, divorce, inheritance, the social, economic, political and moral rules. Following these rules i.e living the "Quran as a code of life", was the reason behind the success of the muslims in their early days.

## Concepts clarified in the Quran :-

### ① The Concept of Unity :

The Quran commands the Muslims not to disunite and become scattered groups: Allah says in Surat AL - Imran V. 103.

103. And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (this Quran) and be not divided among yourselves.

3 In reality the Muslims of our era need to remember the 'concept of unity' and to have the Quran as the base for this unity because Allah only aids those who unite on the basis of His religion.

### ② The concept of superiority :

Allah said in the Quran in Surat AL - Imran 3- V. 110.

110. You are the best of peoples ever raised up for

man kind - You enjoin what is right and forbid  
is wrong and believe in Allah "

How did our nation become the finest and  
most superior? It was through it enjoining good  
and forbidding evil. If we fail to do this, then  
we can no longer be the superior nation.

The superiority is mentioned also in Surat 3

AL-Imran V. 139.

139. So do not weaken and do not grieve and you  
will be superior, if you are "true believers."

→ ∴ it is the adherence to the Quran and Sunna  
that makes us superior.

③ The concept of referring to the Quran and the Sunnah

for judgement.

Allah mentioned in Surat 4 An-Nisa V. 65 :-

"But no, by your Lord, they will not truly believe

until they make you [O Mohamed], judge concerning

"that over which they dispute among themselves and then find within themselves no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in [Full-willing] submission."

→ Nowadays, Disputes and disagreements amongst the muslims have increased, and thus the need for applying this concept is needed more than ever.

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In reality, there is always different opinions regarding the same issue.

Q What is the solution?

A It is in Surat 4 An-Nisa v. 59.

"And if you disagree regarding anything refer it to Allah and the Messenger, If you should believe in Allah and the Last Day."

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Quran and the Sunna of Prophet Mohamed

(S. A. W) for judgement.

the book and the prophets, and gives wealth in spite of Love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveller, those who ask (for help), and for freeing the slaves, and (who) establishes prayer and gives Zakat, those who fulfil their promise when they promise and those who are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. These are the ones who have been true and it is those who are the righteous "

In this short verse, Allah combines the essentials of Faith and personal and financial Islamic obligations and presents them as a complete code under the title (al birr) which means ultimate goodness or faith.

The verse ends  $\bar{e}$  llo wad (Such as those who have proved themselves true and such are the God Fearing) i.e They will have been sincere in their faith and commitment to Allah, and they will have been proven themselves capable of handling that faith into a practical way of life. They are also God Fearing because they are conscious of God and of their bond with His Power and Grace.



is there fore not to be accepted from one who acts in contradiction to his Sunnah. This concept is not clear in the minds of many who seems to believe that, this love is merely a claim, while their conduct as well as their outward appearance opposes that of the prophet (S.A.W).

#### ⑥ The concept of the comprehensiveness of Islam:

Many people believe that: adherence to the religion is satisfied by the limited performance of certain acts of worship, and that as soon as they step out of the mosque for example, they can deal with others in any wicked way they choose.

Allah refutes this attitude and clarifies in Surat 2 AL-THAN. V. 177.

177: "Righteousness is not that you turn your faces towards the east or the West, but 'true' righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah, the last Day, the angels

## 7) The concept of people's ranks:

Allah said in Surat 34 - Saba V. 37.

"And it is not your wealth, nor your children that bring you nearer to Us (i.e. please Allah), but only he who believes and does righteous deeds (will please Us).

Also Allah said in Surat 49 Al-Hujurat V. 13

13- "Indeed the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you"

The Quran is clarifying how people are

evaluated according to the scale of Allah.

It is mainly based on obedience and submission to the rules of the Quran and the Sunna.

## 8) The concept of not being attached to individuals:-

One must not be attached to individuals, regardless who they are as all human beings die, as Allah said in Surat 4 An-Nissa V. 133.

If this is regarding the prophet (S.A.W) then it is more applicable regard to anyone else.

Conclusion: Just be attached to The Ever living: Allah The Almighty

④ The concept that the future belongs to the Muslims:

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## Virtues of the Quran From the Hadith of Prophet Mohamed

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said :-

1. The best of you is he who Learns the Quran and teaches it.
2. Whoever reads a letter from the Book of Allah will receive a hasanah (good deed) from its recitation, and hasana is multiplied by ten. I do not say that Alif - Laam - Meem is (considered as) a letter, rather Alif is a letter, Laam is a letter and Meem is a letter.
3. He who is skilful in reciting the Quran is with the honorable and pious. And he who stutters when reading the Quran (and its recitation) is difficult upon him, will receive two rewards.
4. Read the Quran, for verily it will come forth on the Day of Resurrection as an intercessor for its readers.

5. The Quran is an intercessor ( which by Allah's permission) intercedes for its readers. He who appoints it as his leader then it will lead him to Paradise. And he who puts it behind him, then it will lead him to the fire.

6. Fasting and the Quran will intercede for the slave on the Day of Resurrection. Fasting will say "O My Rabb! I prevented him from food and desires, so accept my intercession for him. And the Quran will say "I prevented him from sleep during the night, so accept my intercession for him. He (S.A.W) said: And they will be allowed to intercede.

8. Maintain Learning the Quran, by heart, for verily it is greater in escaping from checks of women than camels from their reins.

7. Verily - Allah raises nations by this book (the Quran) and puts down (destroys) others by it.

"It will be said to the beholder of the Quran: Recite (ascend and recite) as you used to recite in the life of this world, for verily, your level in the Paradise is at the last verse you read.

"Read the Quran and put it into practice, do not abandon it, and do not eat and gain wealth through it.

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"Read the Quran, and throughout seek the face of Allah, Exalted be He, before there comes a nation that implements it like an arrow. They read it fast.

"Verily, the best of you with regards the voices, is <sup>to</sup> he whom you feel fear Allah when he recites.

"There is no group which has gathered in a house from the houses of Allah, reciting the Book of Allah, and studying it between them except that tranquility will descend upon them, mercy will befall them

The angels will encircle them, and Allah will mention them to those who are with Him (the Angels).

### Basic Prerequisites for your relation with the Quran:

#### 1. Faith : The word of Allah.

Come to the Quran with a strong and deep faith that it is the word of Allah, Your Creator and Lord.

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Think of His Majesty and glory and power so you will feel devotion for His words. Reflect on His sustenance, mercy and compassion and you will be filled with love and gratitude for His message.

Know His wisdom, knowledge and kindness and you will become willing, eager and ready to obey His commandments.

Q So How do we obtain this faith? and keep it alive?

A The most effective way to obtain this faith is



reciting the Quran itself. For as you read the Quran, you will surely recognize it as being the Word of Allah, so your faith will increase gradually in intensity and depth.

Allah said in Surat 8. Al-Anfal V.2

21 "The Believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, bear a fear in their hearts and when His Verses (the Quran) are recited into them, they increase their faith and they put their trust in their Lord".

• 2 - Purity of intention and Purpose (Sincerity).

Read the Quran with no purpose other than to receive guidance from your Lord, to come nearer to Him and to seek His good pleasure.

What you get from the Quran depends on what you come to it for. Your intention has to be very pure (sincerity).

Do not read the Quran merely for its intellectual pursuit and pleasure. Many people spend a life time

in studying the language, style, history, law and ethics of the Quran, and yet their lives remain untouched by its message.

Nor should you come to the Quran to secure your worldly things such as name, status, fame or money. You may get them, but you will throw into the Fire as the Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said in his hadeeth.

22 Also you may derive other lesser benefits from the Quran, such as healing of body afflictions, deliverance from poverty, psychological peace. There is no bar to having these, but again, they should not become the be-all and end-all that you seek from the Quran or the goal of your intention,

Nothing brings you nearer to your Lord than the moments you spend with His words. For it is only the

Quran that you enjoy the unique blessing of hearing His voice addressing you.

## Etiquette with reciting the Quran

When the person recites the Quran, he should adhere to the following manners:- (The feeling that: it is the book of the Lord)

1. He should recite it under the best circumstances, including being in a state of purity, facing the Qiblat and sitting in a respectable manner.

2. He should recite the Quran slowly i.e not hastily in his recitation.

3. He must have fear of Allah and humility while reciting the Quran. He should demonstrate sorrow and should cry or try to cry

The Prophet said:

Recite the Quran and cry. If you cannot cry, then try to make yourself cry.

4. A person should recite the Quran while thinking about and pondering over its meaning, with due respect and presence of mind, in order to understand

its meaning and purpose.

7 - A person should not be the one who recites the Quran while he is heedless and going against its rules. In that case, he could be the cause for his own cursing by himself. For example, if he reads the verse

"No doubt, the curse of Allah is on the oppressors" 11:18.

And "Curse of Allah upon those who lie" 3:61.

And he is a liar or a wrongdoer - then he is simply cursing himself.

The following narration will demonstrate how wrong those people are who turn away from the Book of Allah, who are heedless of it and spend their time in other pursuits. It is narrated

- A person should strive to have the characteristics that are descriptive of those people who are Allah's people and His special people

• This is the Quran; the constitution which every muslim needs to have as the source of all the laws of his life and as his code of life.

• This is the Quran: the only source <sup>of</sup> the correct answers for the worldly life test.

• This is the Quran: the manners of our beloved prophet Mohamed (Peace be upon him)

• This is the Quran: the light of your heart which provides you with the internal light that makes you to realize all the facts and the realities and also provides you with the external light that shows you the Right Path

• This is the Quran, which will accompany you in your grave and will intercede on your behalf on the Day of Judgement.

• This is the Quran: the source of your happiness in your daily life and the source of the good deeds which will be your way to the Paradise.