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أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ .

أَمَّا بَعْدُ

قال الله عزوجل: **وَإِذْ كُنَّا مَائِتِلَى فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ مِنْ آيَةِ اللَّهِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ
كَانَ لَطِيفًا خَبِيرًا** (Al-Ahzab:34)

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

My beloved elders, brothers, and the esteemed mothers and sisters of our Ummah! What is an acceptable way of living for a Muslim family in the sight of Allah? How should a Muslim household mould itself in order to obtain Allah's pleasure?

Allah has accounted for this in the Quran:

وَإِذْ كُنَّا مَائِتِلَى فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ مِنْ آيَةِ اللَّهِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ لَطِيفًا خَبِيرًا

"And remember what is recited in your houses of the verses of Allah and wisdom. Indeed, Allah is ever Subtle and Acquainted [with all things]." (33:34)

Recitation of the Quran is necessary to experience Allah's Nur of within the confines of the home. In earlier times, the hearts of the Muslims used to be attached through the memorization of the Quran, and their souls enlightened.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ would say regarding the recitation of the Qur'an:

"I wish every person's heart from my Ummah would not be void of Surah Yaseen; at the very least, the words of Surah Yaseen should be preserved in his heart."

Attachment of the Muslims with the Quran

Muslims who prioritized their Faith above all else had their hearts filled with the light of Qur'an.





We have witnessed Muslims who began memorizing the Qur'an at the age of 60-years-old and were blessed by Allah to become Hafidh of the Qur'an. Even children from ages as young as five-, six- or seven-years-old have been chosen by Allah to learn His Book by heart. They have become Hafidh at such tender ages. We even came across a Muslimah who became a Hafidha at the age of 55-years-old.

A while back, I was graced with an invitation to a prize distribution ceremony for the Huffaaz at the Iqrah Rozatul Atfaal. In this program, Hazrat Maulana Dr. Abdul Razaq Iskandar Sahb (Damat barakatuhum) addressed the audience, saying, "I attended one of the previous prize distribution ceremonies at Roza tul Atfaal in Lahore where a five-year-old girl was sent to the pulpit(mimbar), fully covered in purdah under her mother's instructions. That little girl was a Hafidha."

The first Hafidah of this Ummah is Hazrat Ayesha Bibi and the second is Hazrat Hafsa Bibi. She is the sister of Hazrat Umer and the daughter of Al-Khattab. The hearts of the Muslims were filled with the light of the Qur'an, and their homes were lit, likewise, by its Nur.

Shaykh ul Hadith Maulana Zakarya Sahab has said, "I have often heard from my father, Maulana Yahya Qandhalwi Sahb, that he already had a quarter of a chapter of the Quran committed to memory by the time he started to talk; and when he turned seven-years-old, he had learnt the whole Quran by heart."

Nurturing the child while reciting the Quran

The earliest Muslim homess would be blessed by regular recitation of the Qur'an. The families would start their day with





Quranic recitation. This is because mothers would make it a habit of reading the Qur'an to their children while carrying out different motherly actions, such as embracing them, settling them down on their laps, putting them to sleep or waking them up. As a result, the words of the Qur'an were etched into the minds of the children from the very beginning.

Such a child is more likely to start talking through the words of the Qur'an, as well.

This is quite similar to the way a child adopts the mother tongue. A child learns a new language by listening to, and imitating, the people around him. Similarly, a house accustomed to Qur'anic recitation will compel the child to quickly pick up the Qur'an. He may even begin reciting the Qur'an from the time he starts speaking. Such was the beautiful atmosphere of Muslim homes!

The subcontinent was packed with such Muslim families, where the women were well-versed in Qur'an and other home had a woman who knew how to recite the Qur'an and teach it to others.

The aura of Quran in the Month of Ramadan

Hazrat Shaykh ul Hadith Sahb has written; "Our entire city of Kandhla was populated by girls who could not even think of sleeping in the month of Ramadan and spent their nights reciting the Qur'an."

Which explains why these mothers, sisters and daughters chose to surround their children with the light of the Quran. It was narrated about Hazrat Maulana Ilyas's mother that she would recite forty chapters of the Qur'an (which meant that she would read the whole Qur'an consisting of thirty chapters





and an additional ten chapters) every day during Ramadan. Such was the condition of the Muslim women at those times.

وَأذْكُرْنَ مَا يُتْلَىٰ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ مِنْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ لَطِيفًا خَبِيرًا

“And remember what is recited in your houses of the verses of Allah and wisdom. Indeed, Allah is ever Subtle and Acquainted [with all things].” (33: 34)

The splendor of Muslim Households

A Muslim house should reverberate with the sounds of Qur’anic recitation. When Muslims would step out of their house for congregational prayers, the echoes of Qur’anic recitation would reach their ears.

Every neighboring house in those times was inhabited by mothers and sisters reading the Quran. The sound was akin to the buzzing of bees. It was inconceivable for a Muslim household to have mothers and sisters who were free from the recitation of the Quran. The echoing sound of Quranic recitation was a prominent feature of Muslim homes.

From the youngest to the eldest, every heart brimmed with the light of the Qur’an, and their houses became the vessel for this light. Whether it be a mere hut of the poor or a Mansion of the Caliph, each building emitted echoes of the Qur’an being read aloud.

The wife of Haroon Ur Rashid, Zubaida Khatoon, was a queen and the First Lady. She had an intense love for the Qur’an and wished the chambers of her castle to be filled with its recitation. She wanted the sounds to reach her ears and preferred reading the Qur’an herself. She had assigned time slots for the Hafidhas to recite the Qur’an.





Mufti Taqi Usmani writes about the time during the Usmaniya Caliphate in Istanbul, when the governor of Madina handed over all the treasures of Madina to the Caliph, who then kept these valuables in a chamber made especially for it. The Caliph valued and loved these possessions so much that he appointed Huffadh to recite the Qur'an in this chamber in shifts, so that the halls of the chamber would resonate with the recitation at all times.

Mufti Taqi Usmani continues, "The sound of the Qur'an resonated in the halls of this chamber for four hundred centuries. There might not be any other place on the face of this earth where the Qur'an had been so consistently read aloud."

The recitation of Qur'an used to be a big part of a Muslim's life. It was unimaginable for a Muslim to begin his day, or to go through the day without reciting the Qur'an, at least once. Even their personal and household chores began with Qur'anic recitation.

Allah is the utmost Benefactor and His Book, too, carries many blessings. The houses where Allah's Book is regularly read are surrounded by His unceasing Mercy and Grace.

The Companions of the Prophet's Companions being engrossed in the Quran

Hazrat Ussayd bin Hazirؓ was once reciting the Qur'an during Tahajjud prayers. He lost himself in the splendour of Allah's Book to the point his the recitation became considerably audible. His son was lying down besides him. His mode of transportation was an animal tied nearby that started to make noise in response to the recitation. A thought crossed





Hazrat Ussayd's mind about the looming danger his loud recitation could possibly bring to his son. He checked himself from reciting loudly. A few minutes later, however, the intonation rose and the sonorous words of the Qur'an became discernible once more. Again, the realization forced him to restrain himself to lower his volume considerably. In this fluctuating manner, he concluded his prayers.

His gaze was suddenly riveted upwards and he was astonished to see the sight of an umbrella shaped feature glistening as it spiraled into the sky. After Fajr Prayers, he narrated this incredulous spectacle to Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, who exclaimed, "Ussaid! It would have been better if you had continued reciting till the morning so the entire city of Madina would witness the angels listening to your recitation of the Qur'an at your house ."

The repercussions of sinning on a House

Angels would often descend on the house where the Muslims started their day by reciting the Qur'an. The angels of mercy would gather together in that house. Imagine the peace that would be found within those four walls. Think of the ease and the joys in the lives of those living in that house, unlike the writhing angst faced by the houses these days where nefarious activities are rife.

Sinning is a form of fire, about which the Qur'an states,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ

"O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones" (66:6)

This confirms that sins are a form of fire, so the aftermath of those leaping flames is absolute. For example, listening to





music, watching fictional programs on Television, exhibiting profane behavior on Facebook, reading inappropriate literature and passing the time through backbiting. Since we have plenty of time on our hands, we prefer killing time through meaningless pursuits.

These sins inflict misery on the home. Most people may even feel it through the continuous need to 'get out' of the house, because they feel depressed at home. What levels of stress they feel outside significantly increases within the home. This distress and unease is a result of those sins.

The only way to dissipate this terse atmosphere within the house is to invite the Angels of Mercy in one's house to dine on their day-to-day Qur'anic recitation.

This is why Allah says to the Muslims in the Qur'an:

وَاذْكُرْنَ مَا يُتْلَىٰ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ مِنْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ. إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ لَطِيفًا خَبِيرًا

"And remember what is recited in your houses of the verses of Allah and wisdom. Indeed, Allah is ever Subtle and Acquainted [with all things]." (33:34)

In fact, it was the norm for Muslims of previous times to recite the Quran before having their breakfast.

One Woman's zealous love for the Quran

Hazrat Abdullah bin Mubarak was travelling for Hajj when he encountered a woman sitting under a tree looking nonplussed. He could tell she had lost her way. Upon approaching her, he greeted her, " Assalamoalaykum."

To which she replied with the following verse of Surah Yaseen,

سَلَامٌ قَوْلًا مِّن رَّبِّ رَحِيمٍ

"[And] "Peace," a word from a Merciful Lord." (36: 58)





Hazrat Abdullah bin Mubarak inquired, "Why are you sitting here?"

The old woman replied,

مَنْ يُضَلِّ اللَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ

"Whoever Allah sends astray - there is no guide for him." (7: 186)

Indicating that she had lost her way.

He asked her where she came from. She responded with an impressive response,

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا

"Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa." (17:1)

Which meant that she came from Masjid Aqsa and wished to reach Al-Masjid al-Haram.

He asked, "How long have you been sitting here for?"

She uttered the following verse of Surah Maryam,

ثَلَاثَ لَيَالٍ سَوِيًّا

"... For three (whole) nights." (19: 10)

When Hazrat Abdullah bin Mubarak asked her where she ate and drank from, she answered,

وَالَّذِي هُوَ يُطْعِمُنِي وَيَسْقِينِ

"And it is He Who feeds me and gives me to drink." (79:80)

He asked, "How do you perform ablution?"

She replied,

فَلَمْ تَجِدُوا مَاءً فَتَيَمَّمُوا صَعِيدًا طَيِّبًا

"and (if you) find no water, then seek clean earth and wipe over your faces and your hands [with it]." (4:34)





And went on further to say, "Don't talk unnecessarily since you will be accountable for it."

This indicated that the interrogation had no benefit for his knowledge, and he should avoid useless conversations, since everything would be questioned on the Last Day.

He persisted, "You respond with the verses of the Quran; why don't you talk like me?"

She said,

مَا يُفْظَنُ مِنْ قَوْلِ الْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ

"Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record]." (50 :18)

He apologized for his comment, to which she said,

لَا تَثْرِبَ عَلَيْكُمْ الْيَوْمَ يَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ

"No blame will there be upon you today. Allah will forgive you." (12 :92)

After this, Hazrat Ibn Mubarak brought his animal for her to sit on to which she said,

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ

"Tell the believing men to lower their gaze..." (24: 30)

This insinuated that men should refrain from looking at women. It was also a respectful hint for Hazrat bin Mubarak[ؓ] to turn the other way so that she could climb on the ride with ease. During the process, the animal became agitated and her clothes became entangled with the thorns of the wood close by.

She spoke,

وَمَا أَصَابَكُمْ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فَبِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِيكُمْ وَيَعْفُوا عَنْ كَثِيرٍ

"And whatever strikes you of disaster - it is for what your





hands have earned; but He pardons much.” (42: 30)

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Mubarak ؓ understood what she meant and immediately bound the animal’s legs along with setting the animal’s leash straight. The lady remarked,

فَفَهَّمَهَا سُلَيْمَانَ

“And We gave understanding of the case to Suleman..”

(21: 79)

She was grateful that her message was understood, Allah had granted that understanding to him. When she was finally sitting on the ride again, she said,

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ

“Exalted is He who has subjected this to us, and we could not have [otherwise] subdued it. And indeed we, to our Lord, will [surely] return.” (13:14)

They began their journey. Hazrat Abdullah bin Mubarak ؓ advanced alongside the ride and sang in a lively manner, when the woman reminded him of the following verse,

وَاقْصِدْ فِي مَشْيِكَ وَاغْضُضْ مِنْ صَوْتِكَ

“And be moderate in your pace and lower your voice.”

(31: 19)

He slowed down and stopped singing. The woman then advised him,

فَأَقْرَأْ وَامَّا تيسَّرَ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ

“Then read of the Qur’an that which is easy (for you).”

(73: 20)

This was to inform him that reciting the Quran which he had learned by heart would be better than to sing poetry. She concluded her advice with,



إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

“Only those endowed with understanding take heed.”

(39: 9)

He asked her if her husband was still alive. She said,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَسْأَلُوا عَنَ أَشْيَاءَ إِن تُبَدَّلَ لَكُمْ تَسْوِكُمْ

“O you who have believed, do not ask about things which, if they are shown to you, will distress you.” (5: 101)

He understood at once that her husband had passed away. He asked if her sons were in the next caravan to which she replied,

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

“Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life.” (18: 56)

This meant she had sons and her wealth in the next caravan. He asked her for any sign that would help him recognize her sons and their activities within the caravan.

She responded,

وَعَلَّمْتِوَالنَّجْمِ هُمْ يَهْتَدُونَ

“And He has subjected for you the night, day, the sun and moon, and the stars are subjected by His command. Indeed in that are signs for a people who reason.” (16: 12)

She wanted him to navigate his way towards her son’s whereabouts the way people map out their course through the stars. He asked for their names. She said,

وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا

“And Allah took Ibraheem as an intimate friend.” (4: 125)

وَكَلَّمَ اللَّهُ مُوسَى تَكْلِيمًا

And Allah spoke to Musa with [direct] speech. " (4:164) and"
, continued

يُحْيِي خُذِ الْكِتَابَ بِقُوَّةٍ

"O Yahya, take the Scripture with determination." (19: 12)

The old woman said that she had three sons, the eldest of whom was named Ibraheem, the others were Musa and Yahya respectively. Coming close to the caravan, Hazrat Abdullah bin Mubarak called out the three names. All three sons assembled before him.

Their mother addressed them,

فَابْعَثُوا أَحَدَكُمْ بِوَرِقِكُمْ هَذِهِ إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ فَلْيَنْظُرْ أَيُّهَا أَزْكَى طَعَامًا فَلْيَأْتِكُمْ
بِرِزْقٍ مِنْهُ

"So send one of you with this silver coin of yours to the city and let him look to which is the best of food and bring you provision from it." (18: 19)

This alluded to the fact that Hazrat Abdullah ibn Mubarak was their guest and they should bring something from the city to serve him. As soon as they laid out the meal before him and sat down to eat, she said,

كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا هَنِيئًا بِمَا أَسْلَفْتُمْ فِي الْأَيَّامِ الْخَالِيَةِ

"Eat and drink in satisfaction for what you put forth in the days past." (69: 24)

She added,

هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ



“Is the reward for good [anything] but good?” (55: 60)

Once this conversation ended, the boys informed him that their mother had spoken like this (through the verses of Quran) for the past forty years.

Such was the beautiful lives of our mothers and sisters! Such was the passion and ardor for the Quran!

It was expected for the progeny of such pious women to grow up reciting the Qur’an and turning into spiritual guides for the Ummah. Is it any wonder that the children belonging to such households emerge as a blessing for their community/generation? Their homes are completely immersed in the light of Qur’an. When the children watch their parents weep while reciting the Qur’an, their innocent minds will register its worth and value. They will eventually grow up to love, cherish, value and respect the Holy Qur’an.

Teaching the Quran to children and responsibility for their upbringing

A man visited Hazrat Umer Bin Al-Khattab رضي الله عنه one day and complained about his son’s disobedience. Hazrat Umer called for the son and asked him, “So you’ve troubled your father? Your father is complaining about you. Don’t you fulfil his rights?”

To this, the son replied, “Ameerul Momineen! My father does have rights over me but doesn’t a child have any rights over his father?”

Hazrat Umer رضي الله عنه agreed, “Yes, there are rights! To find a righteous mother for him which means to marry in a good household, looking for righteousness and uprightness in his spouse, keeping a good name for him, to teach him the Qur’an.”





The son said, "My father has not fulfilled any of these rights. My mother lives amongst Zoroastrians, he has been married to one of them, my name's literal meaning is ugly and I have not been taught a single word of the Quran."

The greatest Zikr of Allah

When households give precedence to the Qur'an, then the children of that house carry the light, value and respect for it in their hearts. The Mufasireen have written the Tafseer of the 28th verse of Surah Al Ra'd

أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

["Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured."] without doubt, through the Quran. This implies that the word Zikr interprets the Quran.

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَفِظُونَ

"Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian." (15: 9)

Hence, the explanation of the 28th verse of Surah Al Ra'd is to find rest through the recitation of the Quran.

The desolate households

The lives of people today are devoid of happiness and this is mostly due to the fact that they don't recite the Qur'an. Our hearts and tongues are bereft of the glow of Qur'an. Days, weeks or months - rather, a full year may pass - without the Qur'an being read. Instead of which, music has predominantly sullied one's lives. Then the question of Allah's blessings not entering into one's house arises. Why wouldn't they be afflicted by despair and depression? Why wouldn't they be





plagued by black magic?

The light of the Qur'an was far-reaching from one house to another in the early lives of the Muslims. Hazrat Usman [ؓ] used to say, "Whoever is endowed with a pure tongue and clean heart by Allah, can never leave the Quran and finds joy through the recitation so much so that it pulls him to it."

Hazrat Fatima [ؓ] regularly stood for her nightly optional prayers and recited the Quran. She barely reached Surah Al Nas in those two Rakats before the Fajr Azan would be called out. She ended her prayers with Salaam and then beseeched, 'Ya Allah! Your night is so short that Fatima was unable to complete her two Rakat.'

One finds contentment and solace through the recitation of the Quran.

A Muslim's Routine

Muslims used to be just as distant from meaningless and sinful pursuits, as we are distant from the Quran today. It would be beyond their realm of reason to hear of the way people spend their nights on irreligious activities on mobile phones and social media today just the way their upright lifestyle is mind boggling to us. They used to be so engrossed in the Quran that they would be oblivious to anything else.

The Qur'an consists of seven Manzils. These people were accustomed to completing the entire Quran within a week.

There were even some people who would complete their Quran in a span of three or four days.

This was a time when the ordinary Muslim man and woman





was able to complete reciting the Qur'an up to a week, while today an average Muslim is unable to achieve the same feat in a year.

The consequences of not fulfilling the rights of the Quran
It is mentioned in the Quran, regarding not fulfilling its rights:

وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا

"And the Messenger has said, "O my Lord, indeed my people have taken this Qur'an as [a thing] abandoned." (25: 30)

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ will protest to Him on the Day of Judgement. He is the one who prayed incessantly for his Ummah. He patiently bore the stones hurled at him. Honorable Muslims were persecuted and martyred.

Despite the burial of his close family and companions, the Prophet always prayed for his Ummah. So the one who aspires to get intercession from him, and from whose well, the Hauz e Kausar, we will hope to drink from, will protest against us (if we do not give the Qur'an its due rights).

He will object to our ungrateful attitude towards the Qur'an, by neither reciting and respecting it nor enacting upon its teachings. May Allah protect us. Ameen.

Making the recitation of the Quran a routine in one's life

My friends! The Quran used to be a part of a Muslim's life, young and old alike. It was unheard of a Muslim household to be deprived of Qur'anic recitation.

Hazrat Shaykh ul Hadith has written, "Since the females in our homes were Hafidhas, they would recite the Qur'an during every chore. May it be sweeping the floors, cooking





salan, crushing chickpeas, washing clothes or any other work. The women were able to finish at least sixteen to seventeen chapters of the Qur'an by heart during all these tasks."

These people did not have time to waste on shopping. They did not squander away time on scrolling through Facebook. These recent social media platforms are a misuse of useful time and energy. They often lead to nothing but anxiety and depression.

The Holy Qur'an is both food and medicine for the soul.

A person once came to the Holy Prophet and said, "Ya Rasoolullah! My heart has hardened. It doesn't get affected by any word and it doesn't feel much emotion."

The Prophet ﷺ advised him, "Read the Qur'an by sight. It is both food for the heart and a cure for it to soften."

If a heart is not drawn to the Qur'an then one should know that they are sick.

One must forcefully recite the Qur'an, even if it's a hard pill to swallow. There will come a time when this medicine will modify into food for soul, and one will start enjoying it. Whoever has been blessed by Allah to recite the Qur'an consistently should be grateful to Him.

Without this favor of His, the heart gets tainted in darkness, the eyes become impure, rust starts accumulating in their hearts polluting it to the point where it flees from the thought of Qur'an.

My Beloved friends! We should make it a point to recite the Quran every single day and if we have the time then we should learn a few chapters of it by heart e.g Surah Yaseen, Surah Mulk and Surah Kahf. Muslims would often have these chapters committed to memory due to the reason that they





were read daily. Thus was the benefit of continual recitation.

An eye-opening incident of the Noble's love for the Quran

Hazrat Maulana Qasim Nanotwi[ؒ] was an elderly person who was traveling for Hajj on one occasion. At that time, people travelled on foot. For this reason, they would leave months prior to the Hajj season in order to make it in time.

They encountered the month of Ramadan during this venture. His group consisted of both Islamic scholars and common people. When the time of Taraveeh approached, by Allah's glory, none of them was a Hafidh of Qur'an. Our Hazrat was deeply saddened by this knowledge that they might have to pass their Ramadan without completing the Qur'an. For this reason alone, he persevered and learned a chapter of the Qur'an each day which he read aloud at night in Taraveeh.

As a result, Hazrat Maulana Qasim Nanotwi[ؒ] memorized the entire Qur'an.

The never ending miracle of the Qur'an

The Qur'an is Allah's unique blessing. If you exhibit the desire to do so, then it becomes preserved in the heart. It is amazing how easily one can memorize it. In fact, it is highly unlikely for an urdu book written word for word to be memorized. A mere toddler who is engaged in play has the ability to learn the Quran along with the rules of its pronunciation (e.g Gunnah, Mad, Waqf, deep or light intonation) and is able to recite it beautifully, SubhanAllah.

The Quran is exceedingly easy to learn and has been done so by young and old alike. In fact, the only way to retain one's





mental stability and sanity is to recite the Quran regularly.

Hazrat Ikramah رضي الله عنه informed, "The person who recites the Quran frequently will always be alert and sane, by Allah's grace, at whatever age they've reached in life."

Old age often weakens the mental faculty of a person and their diminished intelligence becomes comparable to that of a child's. The only thing that may keep their wits about them is the regular recitation of the Qur'an. Such is the Nur (light) of the Qur'an that an old person remains mentally and physically fit. There is no better prescription than the recitation of the Qur'an.

While growing up, we witnessed men of different ages, as old as eighty- or ninety-years-old, reciting five or seven chapters of the Quran every day. Hazrat Abdul Raheem Raipuri رحمته الله was 106-years-old and a habitual of reciting the Quran.

His memory was so strong that he could narrate: 'The ruling from so-and-so page in so-and-so book is written as follows.' Such are the blessings of the Qur'an.

How can we make it a habit to read the Quran everyday?

My dear Friends! Along with the respect and value of the Qur'an, its day-to-day recitation is just as important. The easiest way to form a routine of its daily recitation is to set daily targets. Which means to make a consistent effort to read the same amount every day, may it be three chapters, two chapters, a single chapter or as little as a quarter of a chapter.

It is better to take baby steps towards an increase in one's recitation. One can begin with a page, slowly and gradually





increasing their routinely recitation to more pages. The best time for recitation is just before Fajr prayers.

Hazrat Maulana Ilyas رحمۃ اللہ علیہ would often say, "This action benefitted me the most. If it is impossible to wake up before Fajr, then one has ample time to recite from the time the Fajr Azan is called out till the time the congregational prayers commence. One also gets sufficient time to recite after the Fajr prayers."

We hope that we form the habit of reading the Qur'an daily. And we pray that all the people in their homes, from parents to children, recite the Qur'an. Then just wait and see how the blessings accompanied with the Quran's recitation fill the house. We will slowly see the fumes of rage and hatred, internal conflicts, break ups and mounting afflictions fade away.

If a person is not able to recite during the day as per their usual habit, they should finish their daily objective before sleeping at night. If there is time constraint, they can recite for a few minutes so they don't break from their habit of regular recitation. They can then resume their normal routine the next day.

The Treasures of Good Deeds

There is no deed greater than the recitation of the Qur'an. Since it is the Book of Allah, seeing it alone carries a great reward. As a matter of fact, to kiss it, hold it with love and to listen to it altogether carries an immense reward. Each letter is awarded at least ten points in the book of Deeds and if the person adopts the Qur'an as his lifestyle then even the angels envy him. Each page has hundreds of letters.





According to our blessed Prophet ﷺ, each letter carries ten rewards.

According to this equation, a person can achieve a million rewards within an hour or half for reading the Qur'an. However, our hearts love the world far too much to be inclined towards the Quran. We make no effort in gaining any sort of reward from the Qur'an.

For instance, if someone coaxes us to work for just an hour in return for a lakh rupees, we are quick and eager to jump at this opportunity. We covet it only because this currency is used in the country's marketplace.

My Dear Friends! Our Prophet ﷺ has told us that the currency obtained from reciting the Qur'an is turned to account in the Hereafter. The only difference is in the site.

When we travel from the world to the Hereafter, all the currency of this world will become useless there. We can, however, avail the benefits of reciting the Qur'an, getting ten points for each letter read.

Keeping this in mind, our focus and prioritization should be the Qur'an. We should remember the profits we will be able to reap on the Day of Judgement from reciting the Qur'an. We should envision our earnings through this!

The amount of wealth Allah has given us! My beloved friends, it is unheard of that a Muslim who has the Qur'an is living in depression and angst. Suppose if the doctor prescribes a person who has not seen the sunrise for forty years, to go for a walk before sunrise. That person will definitely wake up and head out just because his doctor told him it would help him restore his good health.

After fifty years of self-indulging on food and inactivity, he





is told that his life might be in danger if he continues with this lifestyle. The doctor strictly cautions him against laziness and excessive eating. In a nutshell, he changes his manner of living according to the doctor's directions.

How to find peace of mind

My respected friends! Our Prophet ﷺ is telling us that the regular recitation of the Qur'an will lead us towards the most sought after aspect of life which is peace. This invaluable possession that is peace is likened to a bird that flies off.

If someone feels anxious, they should go at lengths to perform ablution carefully and then lift the Qur'an with discretion. Believe me, as soon as he starts reciting the Qur'an, all his troubles will be lifted from his shoulders like a breath of fresh air.

The Qur'an speaks of it in this verse,

أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

"Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured." (13: 28)

The Qur'an is an invaluable asset. Unfortunately, we do not appreciate its worth and have been stripped off its benefits and virtue. From now on, we should strive to recite the Qur'an and also have a portion of it memorized and protected in our hearts.

Shaytaan's evil whispers and effects on a vacant heart

The one who hasn't preserved the Qur'an in his heart is similar to a deserted house which gets inhabited by evil





spirits, insects, poisonous snakes and scorpions. What else will occupy this person's heart if not the filth of sins?

At times, Shaytaan coaxes one to doubt their ability to recite the Qur'an correctly and to believe that it is a fruitless endeavor. On the contrary, he dissuades one from reciting further lest they transgress mistakenly for inaccurate pronunciation.

Our Prophet ﷺ has reassured those who do their utmost with recitation that they will receive twice the reward for the effort as long as they give it their best shot.

Some disingenuous folks ask ignorant questions like what's the point of reciting the Qur'an without understanding it? I will illustrate an example in order to clear up any reservation one has in this regard.

A person goes into a museum to simply look at the artifacts. However, he is not allowed to take them with him. Does it mean his venture was useless?

My friend! This is the book of Allah. A person is rewarded by simply looking at it, and is also rewarded (separately) for reciting it. Rasoolullah ﷺ has forewarned about these impending trials. He ﷺ has said, "Alif Laam Meem are such three letters that a person will receive thirty rewards for despite the fact that no one is aware of its meaning."

Our Prophet ﷺ could have mentioned a different word or read aloud a different verse from the Qur'an! However, our Prophet's ﷺ insight on the approaching times also sheds light on his foresight through these pearls of wisdom. But of course! It is laudable to read the Qur'an with its translation (for comprehension), however, reciting the Qur'an with respect and love despite not understanding its meaning is also equally, if not less, commendable.





If a guileless countryman simply listens to the Qur'an in high regard with tears streaming profusely from his eyes and his heart diluting with love, he too will acquire the light of Allah's Book. One can only be endowed with the light of the Qur'an when he / she reads the Qur'an with devotion and zest.

My honorable friends! Let us hope that this gathering gives us the strength to bring Qur'an into our day-to-day lives. Let us intend to religiously recite the Qur'an and never miss a day of it. Men and women should both aim for the daily recitation of the Qur'an, and stay hopeful that Allah's help reaches us. May Allah make it easy for us.

Aameen.





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