

PART - 1

THE IMPORTANCE OF
UNDERSTANDING
THE QUR'AN
Humanity Needs Guidance to Succeed



The Qur'an is a well-guarded Honorable Book, It must not be taken lightly especially by the believers. People are told about the Qur'an as, "Furthermore, I call to witness the setting of the Stars, - And that is indeed a mighty adjuration if you but knew, - That this is indeed a Qur'an most honorable, In a Book well-guarded, Which none shall touch but those who are clean: A Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds. Is it such a Message that you would hold in light esteem? And have you made it your livelihood that you should declare it false?" (Qur'an 56:75-82).

1.1 No One Should Hold the Qur'an in Light Esteem

The believers must not hold the Qur'an in Light Esteem. This will save believers from the consequence of the complaint by the Messenger on the Day of Judgment. The Messenger will complain about his people on the Day of Judgment: 'My Lord, my own folk made this Qur'an of no account' Their scholars

told them to learn Arabic before learning the Qur'an. Although they could have learned the Qur'an in their own language and lived their lives as God commands to the best of their ability. I do not know if believer's excuse that they do not know Arabic will be accepted on the day of Judgment. Why "Then the Messenger will say: "O my Lord! Truly my people took this Qur'an for just foolish nonsense. Thus, have We made for every prophet an enemy among the sinners: but enough is your Lord to guide and to help." (25:30- 31).



1.2 Believe and Follow the Qur'an Completely

The believers learn and follow the Quran completely to the best of their abilities. Believing in a part of faith while rejecting the rest is not acceptable from the believers. None of God's commands can be ignored. All are equally important. Besides, God does not like partial implementation of His guidance. Citing the example of the Children of Israel, the believers are told that 'Believing in a part of faith while rejecting the rest is a disgrace to people in their both lives' God tells people: "And remember We took a covenant from the Children of Israel (to this effect): Worship none but Allah; treat with kindness your parents and kindred, and

orphans and those in need; speak fair to the people; be steadfast in prayer and practice regular charity. Then did you turn back, except a few among you, and you backslide (even now).

And remember We took your covenant (to this effect): Shed no blood among you, nor turn out your own people from your homes: and this you

solemnly ratified, and to this, you can bear witness. After this it is you, the same people, who slay among yourselves, and banish a party of you from their homes; assist (Their enemies) against them, in guilt and rancor; and if they come to you as captives, you ransom them,

though it was not lawful for you to banish them.

Then is it only a part of the Book that you believe in, and do you reject the rest? But what is the reward for those among you who behave like this but disgrace in this life? - And on the Day of Judgment, they shall be consigned to the most grievous penalty. For Allah is not unmindful of what you do. These are the people who buy the life of this world at the price of the Hereafter: their penalty shall not be lightened nor shall they be helped." (Qur'an 2:83-86).

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1.3 God does not Like Partial Implementation of His guidance

In the early days of Islam, Makkan Pagans, in order to dishonor and ridicule the Qur'an, divided what was so far revealed into bits, and apportioned them to people coming for the pilgrimage to Makkah by different routes, slandering and abusing the Prophet of God. People are told that God will, of surety, call them to account, who ridicule His revelation in any form: "Strain not your eyes. (wistfully) at what We have bestowed on

certain classes of them, nor grieve over them: but lower your wing (in gentleness) to the Believers. And say: "I am indeed he that warns openly and without ambiguity,"- (Of just such wrath) as We sent down on those who divided (the Scripture into arbitrary parts),- (So also on such) as have made the Qur'an into shreds (as they please). Therefore, by the Lord, We will, of a surety, call them to account, for all their deeds." (Qur'an 15:88-93).

1.4 Making Excuses for not Understanding the Qur'an

Making excuses and citing reasons for not learning or understanding the Qur'an is rejecting it with ingratitude. God tells this in Surah Bani Israel that, "And We have explained to human, in this Qur'an, every kind of similitude: yet the greater part of men refuse (to receive it) except with ingratitude!" (Qur'an 17:89).

Everything in the Qur'an is explained in detail from various points of view, by commands, similitudes, examples, stories, parables, etc. It does not merely narrate stories or lay down vague abstract propositions. It gives every detailed help in the outward and inner life. One form in which the Qur'an can be received with ingratitude is to pay verbal tributes to it but not study it as it ought to be studied or to disobey its precepts and standards.

1.5 With Excuses and Lies People Refuse to Reform

With excuses and lies, people refuse to reform their evil traditions and behavior. This applies to all people: more so to the people who call themselves Muslims but do not behave like Muslims. This is because God send to them a Messenger and the Qur'an and they believed but most of them refuse to understand the Quran and live as God commands them in the

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Qur'an: God tells them in Surah Saba, "When Our Clear Signs are rehearsed to them, they say, "This is only a man who wishes to hinder you from the (worship) which your fathers practiced." And they say, "This is only a falsehood invented!" And the Unbelievers say of the Truth when it comes to them, "This is nothing but evident magic! But We had not given them Books which they could study, nor sent messengers to them before you as Warners. And their predecessors rejected (the Truth); these have not received a tenth of what We had granted to those: yet when they rejected My messengers, how (terrible) was My rejection (of them)!" (Qur'an 34:43-45).

2 BELIEVERS MUST LIVE AS GUIDED AND CONVEY THE GUIDANCE

(Develop Humanity With The Qur'an)

During Khutba-tul Wada', after praising, and thanking God the Messenger PBUH said: ...O' people, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. ... Reason well, therefore, O' people, and

understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the Qur'an and my example, the Sunnah and if you follow these you will never go astray. ...All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. ...".

2.1 God has Guarded the Quran For Future Generations

To guide future generations, God has assured people that He will guard the Qur'an from corruption, "We have, without doubt, sent down the Message (i.e. the Qur'an); and We will assuredly guard it (from corruption)." (Qur'an 15: 9). God's commands are valid today as they were valid at the time of its revelation. So, reading the Qur'an is like God is talking to us in the language we understand. While listening to Him attentively, our objective should be to find what He is telling us, how to live and behave under our circumstances and how to solve our present-day problems.

2.2 The Qur'an should be Learned in a language one Understands

People are told that God sent the Messengers to explain and teach people divine guidance in their own language. From this one can conclude that it is God's Sunnah to guide people in their own language: "We sent not a messenger except (to teach) in the language of his (own) people, in order to make (things) clear to them. Now Allah leaves straying those whom He pleases and guides whom He pleases: and

