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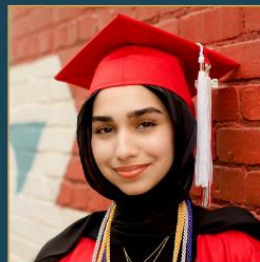
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*“RAMADAN IS THE MONTH
IN WHICH THE QURAN WAS
REVEALED AS A GUIDE FOR
HUMANITY WITH CLEAR
PROOFS OF GUIDANCE AND
THE DECISIVE AUTHORITY”*



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ASSALAMU ALAIKUM WA RAHMATU ALLAH WA BARAKATUH,

DEAR READERS,

A SEASON OF WONDERS HAS BEGUN. PARADISE HAS OPENED ITS GATES, ANGELS ARE IN OUR PRESENCE, AND FOR A TIME, WE ARE FREE FROM SHAYTAN'S WHISPERS. YOUR HEART IS READY TO RECEIVE THE LIGHT AND BLESSINGS OF RAMADAN.

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IF THESE WERE MY FINAL WORDS TO YOU, THEY WOULD BE THIS:

HOLD TIGHT TO THE DIVINE ROPE.

THE DIVINE ROPE IS THE QURAN—THE COMPANION WHO WILL NEVER ABANDON YOU. IN THIS LIFE, IT IS GUIDANCE, MERCY, AND BARAKAH. IN THE GRAVE, IT IS SOLACE AND LIGHT. ON THE PATH, IT IS STEADFASTNESS. ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT, IT IS AN INTERCESSOR. THE QURAN WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU. BY ALLAH'S PERMISSION, IT WILL LEAD YOU TO THE HIGHEST PLACE IN PARADISE.

TAKE A STEP CLOSER TO THE QURAN THIS RAMADAN! REVIVE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE QURAN, STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH, AND FIND GUIDANCE IN EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE, IN SHAA ALLAH.

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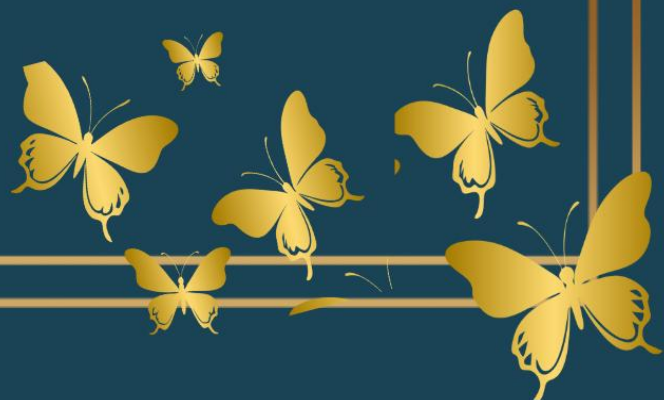


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*“WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND
OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE
AND APPRECIATION TO THE
MYM MEMBERS FOR
VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME
TO OUR YOUTH GROUP.*

*YOUR HONESTY AND HEARTFELT ADVICE WAS
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ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE THAT JOURNALISTS
HAD WRITING THEIR ARTICLES AND THE
HARDSHIPS THEY FACED. THIS WAS VERY EYE-
OPENING TO THE GIRLS AND IT EXCITED MANY
TO START WRITING ARTICLES THEMSELVES!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH MYM MEMBERS FOR
JOINING US AND SHARING YOUR VALUABLE
ADVICE WITH US, WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT!”*

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MEETING YOU HAD WITH OUR GIRLS YOUTH
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WE LEARNED MANY THINGS FROM YOU,
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BRING MANY FACTS AND INTERESTING TOPICS
TO LEARN ABOUT, THAT SET UP THE YOUNG
MUSLIMS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO BE
SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE.
JAZAKUM ALLAH KHAIR.”*

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THROUGH IT.*

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WE ARE DELIGHTED TO GIFT YOU FREE ACCESS TO THE HIGH
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PURPOSE, AND HELPS YOU FINISH STRONG WITH LIFELONG
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*The Power of
The Quran
By Farha Aboelzahab*

The Quran is a divine revelation sent down from Allah (SWT) through Angel Gabriel (AS) to Prophet Muhammad (SAW). This Holy Book was revealed not just for Muslims but for all of humanity. The first revelation occurred on Laylat Al-Qadr, or The Night of Power, when Angel Gabriel (AS) told Prophet Muhammad (SAW) to 'Iqra'—meaning 'read.' He continued, 'Read in the name of your Lord who created,' which is the first verse of Surah Al-Alaq. The Quran is our guide to the right path, known as Al-Huda, and it has numerous other qualitative names as well.

The Quran was revealed in the holy month of Ramadan. While Ramadan is often associated with fasting, it is also the month in which Angel Gabriel (AS) delivered the first revelation to Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in Ghar Hira'. The Quran specifically mentions Laylat Ul-Qadr, the Night of Power, in Surah Al-Qadr. Although the exact date of this night remains unknown, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) informed us that it falls within the last ten days of Ramadan. On these nights, Muslims are encouraged to engage in prayer, charity, supplication, and additional acts of worship. Allah (SWT) states in Surah Al-Qadr:

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ

"The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months."

This verse emphasizes the immense rewards of worship on this night. However, worshiping Allah (SWT) should not be limited to these nights alone; rather, it should be a continuous practice, reflecting our love, reverence, and gratitude towards Him.

The Quran is known by many qualitative names that describe its attributes. The exact number of names varies, with some scholars suggesting 32 and others claiming 55. Each name highlights an aspect of the Quran's significance. One of the most well-known names is **Al-Karim** (The Generous), derived from the root word 'Karam,' meaning generosity and beneficence. This name reflects the Quran's role as a source of divine wisdom and guidance.

Another significant name is **Al-Huda** (The Guidance), frequently mentioned in the Quran, such as in Surah Al-Baqarah (2:2):

"That is the book, no doubt about it, guidance for those who are conscious of Allah!"

This verse affirms the Quran's credibility and its function as a guide for those who seek Allah's path.

Some may wonder why reading the Quran is essential if they are already Muslim. The answer is simple: Allah (SWT) has commanded us to read and reflect on the Quran. Just as Salah (prayer) is a means of connecting with Allah (SWT), reading the Quran also fosters spiritual growth, cleanses the heart, and shapes us into better individuals. The Quran provides numerous benefits, including immense rewards, elevated status, moral guidance, mercy, and divine healing. It contains stories of the prophets (AS) and their teachings, offering insights into overcoming life's struggles. Reading the Quran ignites a light within our hearts and brings solace during challenging times. Therefore, it is essential to not only recite the Quran but also understand its meanings and implement its teachings in daily life.

A hadith further highlights the importance of learning and teaching the Quran:

عَنْ عُثْمَانَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ
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Uthman bin Affan (RA) reported that the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

"The best of you are those who learn the Quran and teach it."

(Source: Sahih al-Bukhari 5027)

This hadith underscores the virtue of not only acquiring knowledge from the Quran but also sharing it with others. Teaching the Quran enriches our Ummah, fostering collective spiritual growth and strengthening our community's foundation in faith.

The Quran is a divine revelation that serves as a lifelong source of guidance. It imparts essential principles of life, clarifies obligations and freedoms, and holds the highest regard among all books. More than just a book, it is Allah's (SWT) guidance to the right path. In conclusion, we should consistently read, understand, and embody the Quran's teachings, ensuring that its wisdom remains a guiding force in our lives."





*The Light of The
Divine Guidance
By Zannatun Noor*

There are only so few words I know to use,
That I look up their meanings,
Trying to rhyme and beautify my thoughts.
Fashioning vocabulary to encompass
The intricacies of my emotions
Is a struggle.

But who am I compared to The Majestic Lord?
The Fashioner who so beautifully wove phrases
Into a patchwork revealed in stages.
A blanket of chapters
Designed to protect us
From the harsh cold of worldly wickedness.
Our souls in distress tread through the darkness,
When The Straight Path
Suddenly illuminates ahead of us.
Guided by its steady glow,
InshaAllah, we will arrive at the Gardens beneath which rivers flow.



*The Holy Quran's
Guidance on Resolving
Social Conflict
By Sana Haqiqi*

Social conflicts are a common occurrence in modern society, particularly for young individuals navigating their emotions and surroundings. The Quran provides timeless guidance on overcoming such conflicts through three essential steps: speaking kindly, reconciliation, and forgiveness.

The first step in conflict resolution is speaking kindly. Words have the power to de-escalate tensions and prevent conflicts from arising. The Quran emphasizes this principle in Surah An-Nisa (4:36): “Worship Allah ‘alone’ and associate none with Him. And be kind to parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, near and distant neighbors, close friends, ‘needy’ travelers, and those ‘bondspeople’ in your possession. Surely Allah does not like whoever is arrogant, boastful.” This verse highlights the importance of kindness and humility in fostering harmonious relationships.

The second step, reconciliation, is crucial for mending relationships and restoring trust. The Quran encourages reconciliation in Surah Ash-Shura (42:40): “The reward of an evil deed is its equivalent. But whoever pardons and seeks reconciliation, then their reward is with Allah. He certainly does not like the wrongdoers.” This verse underscores the value of resolving disputes amicably and the spiritual reward associated with such efforts.

Finally, forgiveness completes the process of conflict resolution by freeing individuals from resentment and distrust. Surah Al-Hijr (15:85) states: “We have not created the heavens and the earth and everything in between except for a purpose. And the Hour is certain to come, so forgive graciously.” This verse serves as a reminder of the temporary nature of worldly conflicts and the importance of embracing forgiveness for personal and spiritual growth.

In conclusion, the Quran offers profound wisdom on addressing social conflicts through kindness, reconciliation, and forgiveness. By applying these principles, individuals can contribute to a more compassionate and understanding society. The Quran remains a vital source of guidance for those seeking resolution in times of discord.

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*Five Tough Truths from
the Quran That Make
Your Life Easier
By Ahmed Khan
& Huda Hussain*



1- Allah is number ONE in your heart:

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ ءَابَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا
وَمَسَاكِينُ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِّنْ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرٍ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا
يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ

سورة التوبة 24

True success and peace in life come from placing Allah first in our hearts. In Surah At-Tawbah, Ayah 24), Allah reminds us that if our love for family, wealth, or possessions surpasses our love for Him and His Messenger, then we are at risk of being led astray. The verse warns that prioritizing worldly attachments over our relationship with Allah leads to loss, as He does not guide those who rebel against His commands. This is a powerful reminder that our ultimate purpose is to seek Allah's pleasure above all else.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ also reinforced this concept in a hadith recorded by Sahih Tirmidhi 2414:

"Whoever seeks to please Allah, even if it displeases people, Allah will suffice him. And whoever seeks to please people at the cost of displeasing Allah, then Allah will leave him to the people." (Authenticated by Al-Albani, Sahih Al-Jami' 2311)

This hadith teaches us the danger of constantly seeking validation from others. Relying on people's approval can be exhausting and disappointing because human opinions are ever-changing. On the other hand, when we prioritize Allah's guidance, He grants us confidence, peace, and sufficiency. It's easy to feel discouraged today when others do not support our dreams or interests. Not everyone will share their enthusiasm, and seeking approval from others can lead to self-doubt. However, true confidence is not something we are born with—it is built over time through trust in Allah and self-awareness. We set ourselves up for disappointment when we depend on anything temporary — whether people, material success, or societal validation. Allah alone is eternal, and relying on Him provides unshakable strength.

That being said, balance is essential. Completely ignoring others' opinions can lead to arrogance or isolation. Instead, we should take advice from those who genuinely care while ensuring that our ultimate reference point remains Allah's guidance.

By keeping Allah first, we find inner peace, self-confidence, and true success—both in this world and the next.

2- No one is responsible for you but YOU:

The message, “No one is responsible for you but you,” reminds us of the importance of accountability for oneself and personal growth. It encourages us to take responsibility for our actions and decisions while not overly dependent on others. This does not mean that we cannot have support from friends and family, but it ultimately means that the primary responsibility for our feelings and thoughts lies within ourselves. Learning about our needs and struggles is crucial to take self-accountability as we navigate life. These ideas align with the Islamic concept of self-reliability in this Dunya to be more spiritual and closer to our Lord.

The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) reinforced this message in a hadith from Sahih Al-Bukhari 2409:

“Every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. The leader of the people is a shepherd and is responsible for his subjects; a man is a shepherd of his family and is responsible for his household; a woman is a shepherd of her husband's home and children and is responsible for them; and a servant is a shepherd of his master's property and is responsible for it. Every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock.”

This hadith ties to the idea that we must re-evaluate our roles and responsibilities we have in life, take charge of them, and complete them with utter sincerity and mindfulness. Personal growth and change start from within, and once we make that change, we will start to see positive transformations.

In the statement, “embracing our inner child,” we are urged to be more mindful of our choices by reconnecting with our purity and sincerity of our unconditional, true selves. Taking accountability and acknowledging our actions is vital, but forgiving ourselves for the sins we commit and moving on after we repent to Allah (SWT) is important. Holding on to regret and shame can hinder our progress, so it’s essential to acknowledge our mistakes, repent to Allah (SWT), and then forgive ourselves and move forward. Embracing one’s inner child teaches us the importance of being true to ourselves while constantly evolving to better versions of ourselves.

In conclusion, the Qur’an emphasizes that transformation starts within us. As Surah Ar-R’ad (13:11) stated, “Allah will not change the condition of a people unless they change themselves.” This verse reminds us that self-accountability, sincere intentions, and personal growth are all key to spiritual growth in this Dunya.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ

“Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves.”

سورة الرعد 11

3- Sins are inevitable, but the door of repentance is open:

Sins are inevitable in our journey through this life; despite our best efforts to avoid them, we may still fall short. The pursuit of perfection can often lead to burnout, causing negative outcomes such as procrastination, toxic comparisons, and the fear of taking risks. In order to grow as an individual, we must let go of the perfectionist mindset and focus on doing our best, knowing that it’s okay to make mistakes. Making sincere Tawbah to Allah (SWT) opens the door for character development and spiritual growth.

In the Qur’an, Allah reassures us of His boundless mercy, reflected in the verse: “Say, ‘O Prophet, that Allah says,’ ‘O My servants who have exceeded the limits against their souls! Do not lose hope in Allah’s mercy, for Allah certainly forgives all sins.¹ He is indeed the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” (Surah Az-Zumar, Ayah 53)

قُلْ يٰٓعِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا ۗ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ
الرَّحِيمُ

سورة الزمر 53

This verse gives hope to those who constantly feel burdened and regretful for their mistakes, and reminds us that Allah's mercy is always available to those who repent.

In conclusion, sins are part of being human, and Allah's mercy is greater than anything we can imagine. Instead of seeking perfection, we strive for self-improvement and constantly seek repentance from our Lord. Self-improvement over perfection allows us to seek the spiritual growth we need for our inner peace.

4- Wholehearted Submission:

Islam's core is the submission to Allah through monotheism and obedience to Him with humility and surrender. Wholehearted submission is the ability to accept situations out of our control, reducing your discomfort and stress since resistance multiplies your pain. You accept the situation instead of fighting or dueling with it. A lack of radical submission can take forms such as trying to change people, blaming circumstances, or feeling resentful for what Allah SWT has written for you.

Remind yourself of what Allah said:

قُلْ لَّن يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَنَا هُوَ مَوْلَانَا ۗ وَعَلَىٰ اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ
(Surah At-Tawbah, Ayah 51)

"Say, 'Nothing will ever befall us except what Allah has destined for us. He is our Protector.' So in Allah let the believers put their trust."

This Ayah reminds believers that all events, including hardships, occur within Allah's divine plan. This Ayah encourages us to maintain faith even during global conflicts and personal chaos. It teaches that we can find inner peace by trusting Allah's plan even in the harshest external circumstances. This deeper sense of

surrender shifts our focus from immediate pain to a broader spiritual understanding—that Allah is with the believers, guiding them toward His justice and mercy.

But the lesson of trust in this Ayah is not just to comfort us psychologically—it's also a call to remain steadfast and keep doing what is right with patience and reliance on Allah. It is a call to ignite our skills and improve ourselves to be better every day. We accept our emotions, and at the same time, we believe that relief will come, either in this world or in the Hereafter. If your heart truly believes in Allah's wisdom and the Hereafter, you will continue to put in the effort and do what pleases Him, even if you still can't see a happy ending in this world. You change what you can and move on from what you can't.

Trusting Allah is not just about words; it's about how we respond to uncertainty and what is going on in our lives. It raises a deeper question that tests our faith: Do my feelings and actions reflect a deep trust in the unseen that Allah has told us about?

If you doubt the answer, repenting and reform is time. Alhamdulillah, there's still time to fix your compass on your journey toward Allah's pleasure.

5- Life is a test but Allah prepares us to pass it:

Allah created life and death as a test to see who among us will strive to do the best deeds. In Surah Al-Mulk, Ayah 2, He says:

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ

سورة الملك 2

"He is the One Who created death and life to test which of you is best in deeds.
And He is the Almighty, All-Forgiving."

This verse reminds us that life's trials are not random but part of a divine test designed to strengthen us. Every difficulty, failure, or challenge is an opportunity for growth. When we face setbacks, we should not see them as signs of defeat but as

lessons that help us improve. The key to success in this test is our mindset. Accepting reality and approaching difficulties with patience and grace allows us to navigate life with wisdom. While changing our perspective can be challenging, it is essential for personal growth and spiritual development. Trusting that Allah’s plan is always in our best interest helps us remain steadfast in times of hardship.

Additionally, we are not meant to go through life’s challenges alone. The people around us—our family, friends, religious leaders, and mentors—can provide guidance and support. Seeking wisdom from those who uphold Islamic values can help us make better decisions and stay on the right path.

Ultimately, Allah does not test us beyond our ability. He provides us with the tools, support, and inner strength needed to pass these tests. By placing our trust in Him, learning from our failures, and surrounding ourselves with righteous company, we can navigate life’s trials successfully and attain His mercy and forgiveness.

Now, you tell us which Ayah helps you the most!





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The Divine Rope
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Imagine yourself lost in a vast desert, the scorching sun above, endless dunes stretching in every direction. You search for a way out, for something to hold onto, something to guide you home. And then, in the distance, you see it—a strong, unbreakable rope hanging down from the sky, waiting for you to grasp it. That rope is the Quran, the divine guidance sent by Allah to lead us through the challenges of life. Allah tells us in the Quran:

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided."
(Surah Aal-Imran, Ayah 103)

This verse is more than just words; it is a lifeline. The Quran is our direct connection to our Creator, the anchor that keeps us steady when life becomes overwhelming. But the question is—are we holding on to it? And if we are, how tightly?

The Power of Consistency

One of the greatest struggles we face today is being consistent with the Quran. We live in a world filled with distractions—endless notifications, social media, schoolwork, responsibilities. It's easy to say, "I'll read the Quran tomorrow," and before we know it, days, weeks, or even months pass without opening it. But consistency doesn't mean reading pages upon pages every day. It means building a relationship with the Quran, even if it starts with just a single verse. The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said:

"The most beloved deeds to Allah are those that are done consistently, even if they are small." (Sahih Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

So start small. One verse a day. One page. Five minutes after Fajr or before bed. Whatever you do, make it a habit, and you will find that the Quran becomes a part of your daily life—like the air you breathe, like the food that nourishes you.

Seeking Strength in the Quran

Life is not always easy. There are moments of sadness, confusion, and uncertainty. Sometimes, we feel distant from Allah. Sometimes, we feel lost. But the Quran is not just a book to be read—it is a source of strength, a healing for our hearts.

"We send down the Quran as a healing and mercy for the believers." (Surah Al-Israa, Ayah 82)

Have you ever opened the Quran and found a verse that spoke directly to what you were going through? That is not a coincidence. That is Allah speaking to you, reminding you that He is always near, that He sees your struggles, that He has not forgotten you.

Whenever you feel weak, turn to the Quran. Let its words enter your heart. Let it remind you of your purpose, your worth, and your path.

The Danger of Neglecting the Quran

In Surah Al-Furqan, Ayah 30, Allah (SWT) describes a painful moment on the Day of Judgment when the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) will say:

"O my Lord, indeed my people have taken this Quran as [a thing] abandoned."

Imam Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy on him, described different ways people abandon the Quran:

1. **Not listening to it or paying attention to it.**
2. **Not acting upon its teachings.**
3. **Not seeking guidance from it in our decisions.**
4. **Not reflecting on its meaning.**
5. **Not using it for spiritual healing.**

When we neglect the Quran, we begin to feel disconnected—not only from Allah but from our true selves. The emptiness in our hearts cannot be filled by anything else. No amount of entertainment, social media, or worldly success can replace the peace and fulfillment that comes from connecting with the words of our Creator.

Practical Steps to Strengthen Your Bond with the Quran

If you feel distant from the Quran, don't worry—it's never too late to reconnect. Here are some simple ways to hold tightly to the divine rope:

1. **Have a sincere intention:** Although we know that we can't live without the Barakah of the Quran and we can't find peace away from it, we must sincerely seek Allah's pleasure whenever we open the Quran.

2. **Make Duaa:** Ask Allah to make the Quran beloved to you, to open your heart to its wisdom, and to help you stay consistent.
3. **Seek refuge in Allah from Shaytan:** The last thing Shaytan wants is to see you with the Quran. He knows he will lose his war with you if you become a student of Allah’s Book. That’s why Allah ﷻ says in Surah An-Nahl, Ayah 98: *“So when you recite the Quran, seek refuge in Allah from the accursed Shaytan.”*
4. **Start small:** Even one verse a day is better than none. Don’t overwhelm yourself—just begin. Find a small change you can make to improve your Quran habit and work on it.
5. **Find a Quran partner:** Just like a workout buddy helps you stay committed to exercise, having a friend to read and reflect with can keep you motivated.
6. **Create your Quran plan:** Set achievable goals to fill the gap between where you are now and where you want to be next Ramadan regarding your relationship with the Quran. Write it down and create a plan to make it happen. Block daily time in your schedule to fulfill your Quran plan, and share it with your partner.
7. **Tie Quran to your daily routine:** Link your recitation to existing habits—after Fajr, before sleeping, or even while commuting.
8. **Surround yourself with reminders:** Keep a copy of the Quran near you, listen to recitations, use apps and sites like [Quranly App](#) and [Quran.com](#), and follow pages that inspire you with Quranic reflections.

Reflect on the Quran

The Quran is not a passive exercise; rather, it requires active engagement and a sincere desire to seek knowledge and wisdom. Don’t just read—think. What is Allah telling you? How can you apply it in your life?

Imam Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy on him, said:

“The key to unlocking your heart is to reflect on the Quran, as Allah said: ‘Then do they not reflect upon the Quran, or are there locks upon [their] hearts?’

(Surah Muhammad, Ayah 24)

Here are some ways to deepen your reflection:

- Seek Allah’s help and make Duaa before reading.
- Read a translation alongside the Arabic.
- Dive into a tafsir to understand the context.
- Listen to lectures and read insights about the chapter you are studying.
- Take notes—Quran journaling is a brilliant reflective exercise.
- Talk about it and share your reflections with others.
- Use platforms like QuranReflect.com to engage with reflections from scholars and fellow learners.

Your Rope, Your Choice

The Quran is here, waiting for you. It is a rope that never breaks, a guide that never misleads, a light that never dims. But you have to choose to hold on to it. Imagine your future self—one year from now, five years from now. Do you want to be someone whose heart is filled with the words of Allah, someone who finds peace, clarity, and purpose in the Quran? That future starts today, with one small step, one verse, one sincere effort to hold tightly to the divine rope. So, will you grab it? Will you hold on? The choice is yours.





*Oh Allah, make the Quran the spring
of our hearts, and the light of our
 chests, the banisher of our sadness,
 and the reliever of our distress.*



*Better Than
One Thousand Months
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You are behind, and you have a lot of things to do. This time, your work should be during the night. "How much do you think I will give you for ten nights?" the Master asked.

"Oh, my Master! You know I need this job badly, and I trust You. I know You are Just, and I won't be afraid of unfair treatment," the servant answered.

"What about increasing your rate since it is a night shift?" the Master suggested.

"Then I will be so happy and thankful," the servant replied with a smile.

"Would you accept if I multiply your rewards by 30,000 times?" the Master offered.

What if the servant says no and turns his back because he doesn't want to stay awake during these ten nights?

There is nothing like unto Allah—our Master, our Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Generous—who is offering us a valuable gift. Our job is to worship Him (SWT); we are His servants in this life. We need His forgiveness desperately. We are in so much need to protect ourselves from Hellfire, to have a home in Jannah, to add good deeds to our books, and to see our prayers answered. Allah (SWT) says in the Quran: "The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter. Peace it is until the emergence of dawn." (Surah Al-Qadr, Ayah 3-5)

The blessed Laylatul Qadr can be found in any of the last ten nights of Ramadan, which are the most blessed nights of the year. Subhan Allah! Such immense rewards are to be gained during these blessed ten nights. Anas bin Malik (RA) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "This month has come to you, and in it, there is a night that is better than a thousand months. Whoever is deprived of it is deprived of all goodness, and no one is deprived of its goodness except one who is truly deprived." (Sunan Ibn Majah)

How can we afford to miss out on one of them? Who is to say that we will live to see the next Ramadan?

O Allah, make us among the winners that night! O Allah, with Your mercy, help us not to be deprived.

Our beloved Messenger (ﷺ) used to strive more in worship during Ramadan than at any other time of the year, and he would devote himself more to worship in the last ten nights of Ramadan than in the earlier part of the month. (Sahih Muslim)

Aisha (RA) reported: "With the start of the last ten days of Ramadan, the Prophet (ﷺ) used to tighten his waist belt (i.e., work harder), pray the whole night, and keep his family awake for prayers." (Sahih Al-Bukhari)

Abu Hurayrah (RA) relates that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "Whoever stands (in voluntary night prayer) in Ramadan out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven. And whoever spends the night of Laylatul Qadr in prayer out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven." (Sunan An-Nasa'i)

We must make the best of these ten nights and follow in the footsteps of our beloved Prophet (ﷺ), In Shaa Allah. We should increase our worship and devotion during this period.

And no matter what, here are a few simple yet powerful tips to do with your family every night to gain great rewards and win the blessings of Laylatul Qadr, In Shaa Allah:

1. Repent to Allah (SWT)

Repentance is the first thing we need to do to be ready for these ten nights. All human beings commit sins. We cannot be sinless, but we can definitely control being sinful by working on disciplining our nafs (lower self), purifying our thoughts and actions, doing good deeds, seeking righteous companions, and repenting often.

Allah (SWT) says: "Indeed, Allah loves those who are constantly repentant and loves those who purify themselves." (Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayah 222)

He didn't say "Allah accepts"; He said "Allah LOVES" those who are constantly repentant. Yes, He said "loves." How beautiful and powerful is that?

Never think that you are hopeless or that you've lost the battle. Never. As long as you're breathing, you can completely change the situation, reclaim your life, control the sin, and not allow it to control you.

Allah (SWT) says: "Say, 'O My servants who have transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.'" (Surah Az-Zumar, Ayah 53)

2. Pray Isha and Fajr in Congregation

The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said: "One who performs Isha prayers in congregation is as if he has performed Salah for half of the night. And one who performs the Fajr prayers in congregation is as if he has performed Salah the whole night." (Sahih Muslim)

If that night is Laylatul Qadr, then it equals the worship of a whole thousand months!

3. Recite Surah Al-Ikhlās Three Times

The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) asked his companions: "Is anyone of you incapable of reciting one-third of the Quran in one night?" They considered it burdensome and said: "O Messenger of Allah, which of us can do that?" He (ﷺ) said: "Surah Al-Ikhlās is equivalent to one-third of the Quran." (Sahih Al-Bukhari)

4. Give Charity

Even giving one dollar on Laylatul Qadr could be multiplied as if you continued giving for one thousand months.

5. Say This Special Du'aa

Aisha (RA) reported: "I asked, 'O Messenger of Allah! If I realize Laylatul Qadr, what should I supplicate in it?' He (ﷺ) replied: 'Allahumma innaka 'afuwwun tuhibbul 'afwa fa'fu 'anni' (O Allah, You are Most Forgiving, and You love to forgive; so forgive me)." (Sunan At-Tirmidhi)

6. Avoid Arguments, Disputes, Hatred, or Enmity

Did you know that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) observed i'tikaf during the middle ten days of Ramadan in search of Laylatul Qadr before it was revealed to him? When these nights were over, he commanded that the tent be taken down. Then, it was made manifest to him that Laylatul Qadr was in the last ten nights of Ramadan, and he commanded the tent to be pitched again. He then said:

"O people, Laylatul Qadr was made manifest to me, and I came out to inform you about it. Then two people came arguing with each other, so it was taken away from my memory, and I forgot it. So seek it in the last ten nights of Ramadan." (Sahih Muslim)

Let's avoid arguments, disputes, hatred, or enmity so that we do not lose the blessings of this night. Make sure to do these simple deeds every night with your family since we don't know which night Laylatul Qadr is.



*O Allah, You are the
Most Forgiving, and
You love to forgive;
so forgive us*





*MAY ALLAH ACCEPT
FROM US AND
FROM YOU. AMEEN*

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مِنَّا وَ مِنْكُمْ*



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