

REVELATION OF THE QURAN

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
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شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَآيَايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our obedience towards Allah the Almighty by doing everything that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The revelation of the Quran was a historic event. The first revelation to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) came when he was alone, prostrating to Allah the Almighty in the cave of Hira'. The arrival of this revelation was recognition of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as a messenger of Allah. The Qur'an is the greatest miracle of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) preserved until the Day of Judgment. The greatness of its

language, the beauty of its verses and the superiority of its contents make the Qur'an incapable of being copied; not even one verse. This proves that the Qur'an is not the creation of the Prophet (peace be upon him) who was known as an *ummi* (illiterate), being unable to read or write.

The Quranic miracle will be greater, when more Muslims read and make it the major reference for everyday life. Those who keep the Qur'an as their main reference will surely receive the reward of Allah the Almighty as Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Tirmizi:

مَنْ قَرَأَ حَرْفًا مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ فَلَهُ بِهِ حَسَنَةٌ وَالْحَسَنَةُ بِعَشْرِ أَمْثَالِهَا لَا أَقُولُ الْمَ
حَرْفٌ وَلَكِنْ أَلِفٌ حَرْفٌ وَلَامٌ حَرْفٌ وَمِيمٌ حَرْفٌ

Which means: “[Whoever recites a letter] from Allah's Book, then he receives the reward from it, and the reward of ten the like of it. I do not say that Alif Lam Mim is a letter, but Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter and Mim is a letter.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Through the Glorious Qur'an, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) made the Companions the greatest generation of the Qur'an. They succeeded in liberating mankind from the slavery of fellow beings, to the full devotion of Allah the Almighty and successfully followed the law of Allah the Almighty. All this is because they really appreciated the teachings of the Quran.

Unfortunately, there are a handful of Muslims today who interpret the Qur'an according to their interests and desires. Such people invoke the wrath of Allah the Almighty as He says in the Quran in Chapter 2 (Al-Baqarah), verse (ayat) 85:

أَفْتُوْمُنُونَ بِبَعْضِ الْكِتَابِ وَتَكْفُرُونَ بِبَعْضٍ ۚ فَمَا جَزَاءُ مَنْ يَفْعَلُ
ذَٰلِكَ مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا خِزْيٌ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ

أَشَدِّ الْعَذَابِ ۗ وَمَا لِلَّهِ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾

Which means: ...Then is it only a part of the Book that ye believe in, and do ye 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...

Today there are many techniques for reading and memorizing the Quran. Parents can choose the techniques of study that interests their children as long as these techniques are consistent with the Quranic learning method.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us make the Quran as a guide for our lives. Commit the Qur'an in our hearts by reading, understanding and endeavoring to memorize it at all times. Make it a daily practice no matter where we are. Parents also need to plan a program of Qur'an classes for their children. Make it a daily practice to read the Qur'an with our family. If we are an employer or a leader in the workplace, implement the practice of reciting the Quran at work. May we be rewarded as mentioned by the Prophet (peace be upon him) in a *Hadith* narrated by Imam Muslim:

اِقْرءُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ شَفِيعًا لِأَصْحَابِهِ

Which means: "Read the Qur'an, for it will come as an intercessor for its reciters on the Day of Resurrection."

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وَنُنزِّلُ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

وَلَا يَزِيدُ الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا خَسَارًا

Which means: We send down (stage by stage) in the Qur'an that which is a healing and a mercy to those who believe: to the unjust it causes nothing but loss after loss.

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي
هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ
الرَّحِيمُ.