

NUZUL QURAN

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا.
مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Him in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters

Nuzul al-Quran means the simultaneous descent of the al-Quran from Luh Mahfuz (Preserved tablet; the heavenly preserved record of all that has happened and will happen) to Baitul Izzah ('House of Honour' i.e. referring to a place located in the first heaven; the heaven nearest to us; which is in line with the

Kaabah in Makkah) which occurs in the month of Ramadan. The al-Qur'an was revealed gradually to the Prophet (pbuh) according to the commands of Allah the Almighty in a period of approximately 23 years. It has given profound meaning to Muslims throughout the ages.

Al-Quran is the source of guidance. The Qur'an is also a mercy (*rahmat*) and syifa '(cure) to human beings. It is also a *furqan* (which distinguishes) between the right and the wrong. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (surah al-Baqarah) verse 185:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ

Which means: *The month of Ramadan is the one in which the Qur'an was revealed as guidance for mankind, and as clear signs that show the right way and distinguish between right and wrong.*

The revelation of the al-Qur'an requires us to appreciate truly the contents of the Qur'an. The Qur'an is not just to be read and memorized; but more importantly is that we understand the *maqasid* or purpose it was revealed. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Tirmizi which means: “Remember! There will be slander”. Sayyidina Ali bin Abi Talib asked: “What is the way out from it O Prophet”? The Prophet (pbuh) replied: “The Book of God.

In it are stories before you and news of what will come after you and the law between you. The Qur'an is the decisive word that separates the right and the wrong and is not a joke. Anyone who leaves it because of arrogance will be severely punished by Allah the Almighty. And anyone who seeks guidance other than that will be misled by Allah the Almighty. It is the firm rope of Allah and it is a wise teaching, it is sirat al-mustaqim (the straight path), it is a book which by reason of adhering to its teachings, one's lust will not deviate and it is a book that the words are not vague or twisted and the scholars are never satiated with it. Likewise, the beauty and satisfaction of reading it will never be lost and its amazing content is endless. It is a book that the jinn did not stop listening to until they said: "Indeed, we heard an amazing recitation of the Qur'an. It pointed to the right path and we believed in it". Whoever says that its words are true and whoever does good deeds with it, will be rewarded and whoever judges with it is just. And whoever calls to it; it will point to sirat al-mustaqim (the straight path). Whoever says that its words are true and whoever does good deeds with it; will be rewarded and whoever judges with it is just. And whoever calls to it; it will point to sirat al-mustaqim (the straight path).

Dear brothers and sisters

In conjunction with Nuzul Al-Quran, let us earnestly read the Qur'an and invite family members to recite at least one chapter (*juzuk*) or one hour a day instead of watching television and looking at the phone.

Read the Quran during this month of Ramadan and continue on to the other eleven months. Make the al-Qur'an our lifelong friend. Let us take lesson from the decree of Allah the Almighty in chapter 17 (surah al-Israk) verse 9:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ
الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا

Which means: *Surely this Quran guides to what is most upright, and gives good news to the believers who do good that they will have a mighty reward.*

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ آيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ،
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ
لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ
الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.