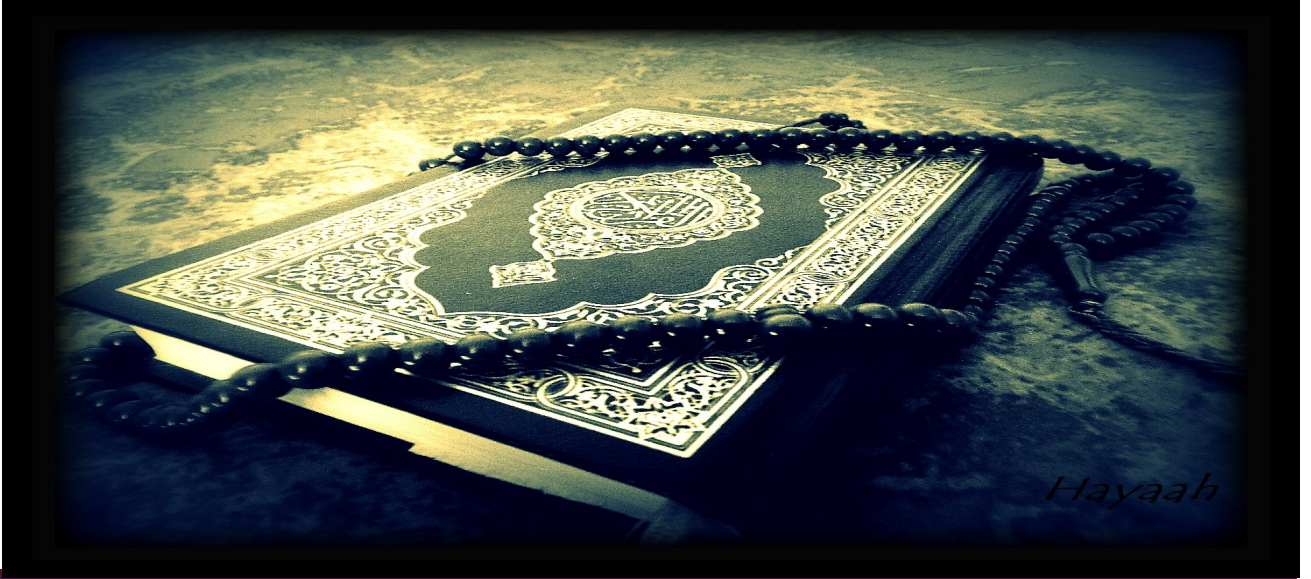


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Virtues of the Holy Quran

The Holy Prophet ﷺ stated:

- ❑ **This Qur'an is the Banquet of Allah, so take as much as you can from His banquet.**
- Indeed, this Qur'an is the Rope of Allah,
- and it is the clear light and is the effective healing.
- It is a protection for the one who clings to it and a rescue for the one who follows it.
- It is not crooked and it puts things straight.
- Its wonders do not cease.
- It does not wear out with repetition'
- ❑ (Al-Mustadrak)
- 'This is the time when knowledge is to be taken from the people, until what remains of it shall not amount to anything.'
- The Torah and the Bible are with the Jews and Christians, but what do they avail of them?
- ❑ (Tirmidhi).

The Holy Prophet ﷺ stated:

- 'nothing will be left of the Holy Qur'ān except its writing' (Baihaqi)
- When the faith will ascend to the Pleiades, a man from among the Non Arabs would bring it back. (Bukhari)

Amirul mu'mneen Hazrat Mirza
Masroor Ahmad (aba) said:

‘In this era, it is only through the light of the teachings of the Promised Messiah (as) that one is able to acquire the knowledge and wisdom of the Holy Qur’an and it is the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community alone that is carrying out this task across the world’.

The Promised Messiah (as) stated:

The door to Holy Qur'an's blessings will always remain open and it will remain illumined and manifest as it was at the time of the Holy Prophet (sa). It is true that most Muslims have abandoned the Holy Qur'an. Despite this, the splendour, blessings and the effects of the Holy Qur'an are ever-living and fresh. In this era, I have been sent as a proof of this. Allah the Almighty has always sent His people in His support at the right time, as He has promised:

﴿إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ﴾

‘Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian.’

The Promised Messiah (as) stated:



“It is my belief that the Holy Qur’an is perfect in its teaching and that there is no verity that has been left out of it, as Allah, the Glorious, has said:

‘We have sent down to thee the Book which is an exposition of everything.’ And Has also stated:

‘We have not left out anything from the Book.’



“This is the task particularly for those who have been helped with Divine revelation by way of Prophethood or great saintliness. For those people who not being recipients of Divine revelation are not competent to expound Qur’anic insights, for them it behoves that they without attempting to extract the verities of the Qur’an and interpret them themselves, should whole-heartedly accept all those practices which have been handed down by generations and are established practices.”

Allah the Almighty stated:

﴿لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ﴾

‘None shall touch it [the Holy Quran] except those who are purified’.

Regarding this, the Promised Messiah (as) stated, **“Those who are enlightened with the divine revelation are included among the purified. Regarding them it is the way of Allah that from time to time He discloses to them the hidden intricacies of the Holy Qur’an.”**

THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS) STATED:

“It is my belief that there are three things which God the Almighty bestowed upon you for your guidance. The very first is the Qur’an, in which there is mention of God’s Oneness, His Power, and His Greatness, and within which the decision has been made regarding the disagreements between the Jews and the Christians.

For instance, the disagreement and error is made that Jesus, son of Mary (as) was killed on the cross, and subsequently became accursed, and that his ascension was not the same as that of the other prophets [i.e., spiritual ascension].’

HUZUR AQDAS (ABA) EXPLAINED THIS BY
STATING:

‘It is the belief of those who follow the Judaic faith that Allah the Almighty did not bless Prophet Jesus (as) with His Nearness. And so the Holy Qur’an refuted this very idea, stating that this allegation against Prophet Jesus (as) is wrong.’

THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS) FURTHER STATED:

‘Furthermore, it has been forbidden by the Qur’an that you worship anything except God; not any man, nor any animal, nor the sun, the moon, or any star, nor any worldly provisions, nor your own selves.

Thus, be vigilant, and do not take even a single step contrary to God’s teachings and the Qur’an’s guidance. I wholeheartedly say to you that whoever disregards even one minor commandment out of the 700 commandments of the Holy Qur’an, he closes the door to salvation by his own hand upon himself.

‘Every form of good is contained within the Qur’an.’

This is surely the truth. Woe to those people who give precedence to anything else over the Qur’an. The fountainhead of all your success and salvation is within the Qur’an. There is no religious need of yours that cannot be found in the Qur’an. The testifier to either your truthfulness or your falsehood on the Day of Judgement is the Qur’an, and there is no other book under the Heavens that can give you such direct guidance.”

THE HOLY PROPHET ﷺ SAID:

“Anyone who has nothing of the Qur’ān within him is like a ruined house.” (Tirmidhī)

THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS) STATED:

“God has been most beneficent towards you in that He has bestowed upon you a book like the Qur’an. I tell you truly that if the book which has been recited to you was recited to the Christians, they would not have perished. If this favour and guidance which has been bestowed upon you had been granted to the Jews in place of the Torah, some of their sects would not have denied the Day of Judgement. Therefore, appreciate this favour that has been bestowed upon you. It is a most precious favour; it is a great wealth. If the Qur’an had not been revealed, the whole world would have been nothing more than a filthy half-formed lump of flesh. The Qur’an is a book, in contrast with which, all other guidance amounts to nothing.

HUZUR AQDAS (ABA) STATED:

‘Now the statistics show that the majority of Christians are rejecting Christianity and abandoning it, due to the fact that they attain no spirituality therein. Unfortunately, despite having the Holy Qur’an, the Muslims are not acting upon it and therefore not benefiting from its spirituality. Furthermore, they are rejecting the one whom Allah Almighty sent to spread its knowledge and understanding’.

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

‘Surely, this Quran guides to what is most right; and gives to the believers who do good deeds the glad tidings that they shall have a great reward.’ (17:10)

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ﴿١﴾
صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٢﴾

‘The Qur’an can purify a person within a week as long as it is followed in letter and spirit. The Qur’an can make you like the Prophets, as long as you do not flee from it yourself.

Which other scripture, besides the Qur’an, gives hope to its readers from the very outset and teaches the prayer:

Guide us in the right path, The path of those on whom you have bestowed your blessings’

﴿وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ
وَحَسُنَ أُولَٰئِكَ رَفِيقًا﴾

‘And whoso obeys Allah and this Messenger of His shall be among those on whom Allah has bestowed His blessings, namely, the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs, and the Righteous. And excellent companions are these.’ (4:70).




The Promised Messiah (as) stated:

“How strange is the condition of Muslims, that despite Allah the Almighty having taught them this prayer, they still say that not even a single person can attain this status, let alone many. Apparently, there is no one in the Ummah who can attain this rank’.

The Promised Messiah (as) further stated:


“According to them, this door [to Divine discourse] is now closed for eternity. Does such a belief dishonour Islam and the Holy Prophet (sa) or establish its superiority?”

You people lay the blame on us, so you should answer as to why you close a door that is contrary to a prayer taught by Allah the Almighty Himself. Who is truly guilty of blaspheming God? You or us?




“I say truthfully that whoever holds this belief disgraces Islam and has failed to understand the essence of the Shariah.

One of the aims of Islam was not only to enable humankind to verbally proclaim the Unity of God, but to truly believe it; one should not only imagine heaven and hell but truly believe in them and experience a heavenly delight in this very life and attain salvation from the sins which man with savage traits is immersed in.”




“It is an imperative injunction upon you that you do not leave the Holy Quran like a discarded thing. Your life depends on this. Those who honour the Quran will be honoured in heaven.” Do not become completely averse to the Holy Quran; do not abandon it so as to not act upon it at all. Recite it regularly and act upon its guidance because “those who honour the Quran will be honoured in heaven. Those who give precedence to the Quran over every Hadith and every other saying will be given precedence in heaven. Today, there is no book on the face of the earth for mankind except for the Quran. The sons of Adam have no Messenger and Intercessor but Muhammad, the Chosen One, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Endeavour, therefore, to cultivate true love for this Prophet of glory and majesty, and do not give precedence to anyone over him, so that in heaven you may be counted as those who have attained salvation. Remember, salvation is not something that will be manifested after death. On the contrary, true salvation exhibits its light in this very world.”




“Who is the one who attains salvation? Such a person is he who believes that God is true and that Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, is the Intercessor between God and all His creation, and that under the heaven there is no Messenger equal in rank to him, nor is there any book equal in status to the Quran. God did not desire that anyone should remain alive eternally, but this Chosen Prophet lives forever.”

“The Holy Prophet (sa) is the Seal of Prophets and the Holy Quran is the Seal of Books. Thus, there can be no other creed or prayer. One cannot attain salvation if he abandons that which the Holy Prophet (sa) has said or demonstrated, and that which is contained in the Holy Quran. Whoever abandons these is bound for hell. This is our faith and belief. However, it should be borne in mind that the door to revelation and [Divine] discourse is open to this Ummah. (Allah the Almighty speaks and this door of discourse is open, not closed). And this door is a constant testament to the veracity of the Holy Quran and truthfulness of the Holy Prophet (sa).




“Allah the Almighty has bestowed us a prophet who is the Seal of the Believers, the Seal of Men of Understanding, and the Seal of the Prophets. In the same manner, God revealed a book unto him that is a combination of all books and the Seal of Books.

“The title ‘Seal of the Prophets’ with which the Holy Prophet (sa) has been addressed inherently demands that the book revealed to him is also the ‘Seal of Books’ which contains all perfection. And indeed, it does contain all perfection. It is a basic principle of Divine revelation that the grandeur and power of the revelation is relative to the power to purify and inner perfection of the recipient”.




Huzur Aqdas (aba) stated:

‘The Holy Prophet’s (sa) purifying power and inner perfection was the most lofty and un-surpassable by any other – neither in the past, nor in the future. He attained the highest degree of perfection, the likes of which there never was, nor will be. Even then, people allege that, God forbid, we consider the Promised Messiah (as) to be above the Holy Prophet (sa) and commit blasphemy against him. After hearing these words, any sensible and just person can never say that an Ahmadi is blasphemous towards the Holy Prophet (sa).’



“It is for this reason that the Holy Quran is also higher in rank and status than all previous books and scriptures. No other scripture has ever attained this rank because the Holy Prophet’s (sa) capacity and purifying power was so profound and because he attained a level of perfection that raised him to the pinnacle. At such a stage, the Holy Quran revealed to him is also perfect. Just as the wonders of prophethood culminated in the Holy Prophet (sa) and reached perfection, so too did the miracles of revelation reach perfection in the Holy Quran. He is the Seal of the Prophets, and his scripture is the Seal of Books.”


“The perfection of the Holy Qur’an is seen and its miraculous character is proved from every point of view that is to say, from the aspect of excellence of composition, of the sequence of its subjects, of its teaching and its perfection and of the fruits of its teaching. That is why the Holy Qur’an has not demanded its match from any particular aspect, but has issued a general challenge demanding a match from any aspect. Whether it be from the perspective of excellence of composition, its meanings and contents, its teachings, its prophecies or matters of the unseen mentioned in the Qur’an. From whichever point of view it is looked at, it is a miracle.”



“It should never be forgotten that the Holy Qur’an, which is the Seal of Books, is not merely a compilation of stories. Those who, due to their misconceptions and oversight, have deemed the Holy Qur’an to be a mere collection of stories have not utilised their ability to perceive the truth.”

“Among the lofty excellences of the Holy Qur’an are its teachings, because they completely concord with the human nature and interests. For example, the Torah teaches a tooth for a tooth and an eye for an eye. The Gospels say that there should be no retaliation to harm, in fact if someone strikes your right cheek then turn the other cheek. However, the Holy Qur’an says,

“The recompense of an injury is an injury the like thereof; but whoso forgives and thereby brings about an improvement, his reward is with Allah.” [42:41]



This means that the retaliation to an injury should be an equal injury, however, whoever forgives a person who wronged them, and this forgiveness results in the wrongdoers reformation and teaches them to abstain from committing the same crime again, then forgiveness is better than recompense, otherwise to punish would be more prudent. This is because people possess different natures; there are some who, upon being forgiven, never commit the same crime again and abstain from it. Then, there are others who commit the same crime even after being freed from imprisonment. Hence, because people have different natures, the best teaching is that which has been presented by the Holy Qur'an. The teachings of the Torah and the Gospels are not at all complete, in fact those teachings only pertain to a periphery branch of the human tree and both teachings can be likened to a law which is specific for a certain group of people or specific to a certain place. However, the Holy Qur'an considers all the different natures of people.”

عَنْ يَزِيدَ بْنِ بَابْنُوسَ قَالَ: دَخَلْنَا عَلَى عَائِشَةَ فَقُلْنَا:
يَا أُمَّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، مَا كَانَ خُلُقُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ؟ قَالَتْ: كَانَ خُلُقُهُ الْقُرْآنَ (الأدب المفرد)

‘His character was the Qur’an’

&

‘He was a ‘walking Quran’.

وَمَنْ فَرَّقَ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ الْمُصْطَفَى، فَمَا عَرَفَنِي وَمَا
رَأَى"

“Whoever differentiates
between me and the
Mustafa ﷺ has neither
seen me nor recognised
my station” (Khutba
Ilhamiyya)

لَمَّا أَرَى الْفِرْقَانُ مَيْسَمَهُ تَرَدَّى مَن طغى
مَن كَانَ نَابِعَ وَقْتِهِ جَاءَ الْمَوَاطِنَ أَلْتَعَا

When the Quran revealed its luminous face, every transgressor fell;

Even the most brilliant orator of the time came forward speechless.

وَإِذَا أَرَى وَجْهَهَا بِأَنْوَارِ الْجَمَالِ مُصَبَّغَا
فَدَرَى الْمَعَارِضُ أَنَّهُ أَلْغَى الْفَصَاحَةَ أَوْ لَعَا
When the Quran showed its face, coloured with the light of beauty,

The opponent immediately realized that he was far removed from eloquence, speaking nonsense.

نُورٌ عَلَى نُورٍ هُدًى، يَوْمَا فِيَوْمَا فِي الثَّغَا ... مَن كَانَ مُنْكَرَ نُورِهِ قَدْ جِئْتُهُ مَتَفَرِّغَا
Its guidance is light upon light, which brightens day by day;

To those who deny its light, I have come for them with full devotion.

فِيهَا الْعُلُومُ جَمِيعُهَا وَحَلِيبُهَا لَمَنْ ارْتَغَى ... فِيهَا الْمَعَارِفُ كُلُّهَا وَقَلْبِيُّهَا بَلْ أَبْلَغَا
It contains all the sciences and their milk for whoever would drink its froth;

All types of knowledge and their wells [from whence they originate] are found in it, and even more.