



A Palestinian man holds a copy of the Noble Quran he found among the rubbles at the Masjid Al-Abrar after Israeli air strikes in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip earlier this year. Israeli heavy weapons sparked ferocious battles with Palestinian Mujahidin in the 23-day war that killed approximately 1,300 Palestinians, including children, women and 40 martyrs from the Mujahidin. Picture: AFP

# Life and Death by **Al-Quran**

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**R**eciting and memorising the Quran has benefits that cannot be counted.

The Noble Quran is the Word of Allah which is not approached by falsehood – neither from before it nor from behind it, and whoever is blessed by Allah to recite it all or memorise it all, that is the highest objective and the lofty rank that necks only stretch forth to attain.

Allah lightens up the heart of one who recites the Quran with the noor (light) of Iman (faith) and He protects him from the darkness of the Day of Judgment. He distances him away from unbearable difficulties, guides him to the straight path, expands his chest with it and He makes the angels supplicate for the bearer of the Quran with mercy and forgiveness. It is by the Quran that hearts and homes are built, and they are sustained and enveloped by goodness and blessings.

The devils (sayatin) leave it and stay away from it, and Allah elevates the capabilities of the Qari (reciter/memoriser of Quran) in this world and in the Hereafter.

## **Successful Business**

The People of Quran hope for a trade that will never perish. They live with it by their hearts and souls, without desiring to attain by it the

vanities of this temporary life – they hope for trade and gain that that will never perish.

Allah says, "Verily, those who recite the Book of Allah, perform prayers, and spend (in charity) out of what We have provided for them, secretly and openly, hope for a (sure) trade-gain that will never perish. That He may pay them their wages in full, and increase them, out of His Grace. Verily! He is Oft-forgiving, Most Ready to appreciate." (Quran, surah al-Fatir: 29-30)

"Increase" is intercession in the Hereafter, according to scholars.

## **Knowledge**

Ibn 'Abdil-Barr said, "The Quran is the foundation of knowledge, so whoever memorised it before his coming of age (i.e. puberty), then he went along to study whatever would aid his understanding of it from language, then that would be a great help for him in attaining his objective from it (i.e. knowledge)." (*Sahih Jami'*)

Indeed no Muslim can ever do without the Book of Allah. For the scholar uses its verses to derive evidences, the one who teaches people 'Aqidah (creed) requires every verse in the Book and the one who teaches them the Sunnan (ways) of Allah in past nations also has a need towards the Book of Allah.

So in a nutshell, the Quran is the course and path for a complete life and no Muslim can ever do without it,

regardless of his condition or state.

## **Straight Path**

We know for sure that if a youth keeps himself busy in the memorisation of the Quran from a young age, then that will keep him busy from falling into sin and disobedience. From there, he will be going from memorisation to revision and from studying the *Tafsir* (interpretation) of those verses to striving upon learning the *Asbab an-Nuzul* (causes for revelation). Like that he'll find himself moving from knowledge to knowledge until at the end of the matter, he becomes a scholar from the righteous scholars of this Ummah.

## **Life Advantages**

In a time when the people of this world are busy with their worldly affair and vanities, and they make their gatherings one of amusement, heedlessness and slander – the people of Quran are taking advantage of every moment and living by the Quran, in heart and soul, reciting it, memorising it, pondering over it and acting upon it.

Indeed the *nafs* (soul) commands evil and if you do not busy it in obedience, it will busy you in disobedience. Time is like a sword, if you do not cut it, it will cut you – so take advantage of life... memorise the Book of Allah and act upon it.

## **Easily-Accomplished**

Memorisation of Quran is easy and easily-accomplished. Allah the

Exalted says, "And We have indeed made the Quran easy to understand and remember, but is there any that will remember?" (surah al-Qamar: 17)

Indeed, from the miracles of the Noble Quran is the ease of memorisation upon all tongues such that the non-Arab and others besides them are able to memorise it. Memorisation of the Quran is the basis of learning (and pursuing studies). Allah, the Exalted and Most High described this Quran saying,

"Nay, but they, the clear Ayat are preserved in the breasts of those who have been given knowledge." (Surah al-Ankabut: 49)

## **People of Allah**

The reciters of the Quran are the people of Quran. The Prophet said, "Indeed, Allah has people from amongst Mankind: the people of Quran, they are the people of Allah and His specialties..." (Ahmad and Nasa'i)

It is also well known that the gatherings of the people of Quran, none is present therein except people of righteousness and piety, and hence the Quran puts you in the companionship of (these) elite. Indeed, the Prophet said, "A man is upon the way of his friend, so let each one of you look to whom you befriend." (Abu Dawud and At-Tirmizi)

## **Elevated Ranks**

Allah raises a people by this Book. Just like the carrier of Quran has the

most right to leading the people in their Solat, he also has the most right to leadership and government. *Khalifah* 'Umar placed a freed slave as a governor because "Indeed he recites the Book of Allah and he is knowledgeable of the Fara'id (obligations), did your Prophet not say, 'Truly, Allah raises a people by this Book and debases others by it?'" (Muslim)

## **Better than World**

Memorisation of the Quran is better than the world and all that is in it. If the people of this world take delight in their world and the people of status take delight in their status and the people of wealth take delight in their wealth, then the bearer of Quran is more worthy of taking delight in the speech of Allah.

## **Allah's Love**

With the Quran is the love of Allah attained. The Quran is the speech of Allah, so whoever loves the speech of Allah, Allah loves him. It is narrated from 'Aisyah about a man who led his army unit in Solat and always concluded his recitation with Surat Al-Ikhlās.

Upon their return to Madinah, they mentioned this to Messenger of Allah who said, "Ask him why he does so?" The man said, "This chapter contains the Attributes of Allah, the Gracious, and I love to recite it."

The Messenger of Allah then told them, "Tell him that Allah loves him."

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