

ALLAH ALEEM UL HAKEEM

SAYS

QUR'AN

IS EASY

TO

UNDERSTAND

SYED IFTIKHAR HAIDER

TORONTO _ CANADA

IN THE NAME OF
ALLAH
THE BENEVOLENT
THE MERCIFUL

*DEDICATED
TO THOSE
WHO
DARE TO THINK*

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1. WRONG NOTIONS

Since centuries a wrong notion has been infiltrated into the minds of Muslims by some special interest groups that "Qur'an is not understandable to a common man" and therefore such easy short cuts have been invented to bypass Qur'an that it no longer remains, an essential part of our learning process. Although the same Qur'an was revealed through the Holy Messenger s.a.a.s for all of mankind i.e. *Moumin, Kafir, Munafiq*, educated, uneducated, young, old, good, bad, Christian, Jew, urban or rural people.

Qur'an was sent as HUDAN LIL NAAS and ZIKRUN LIL AALEMEEN (Guidance for all of Mankind and Advice for all states of Human existence.)

The curriculum of major madrassahs (of any sect) comprise of more than 40 books on Dars e Nizami and other subjects, in a 7 years course, yet only Surah Al - Baqarah of Qur'an and some *ayaat* specific to "*fiqhee masaail*" are included. Rest of the Qur'an is left to their own will and desire to learn.

Without getting involved in any Historical debate on the subject, I have preferred to seek guidance from The Supreme AUTHOR of the Holy Qur'an.

2 – UNDERSTANDING QUR’AN

In 54th surah “*Al Qamar*” of *Qur’an* ul Hakeem, in ayaat number 17,22,32&40 The All-Knowing and All-Wise ALLAH s.w.t , repeats the following statement four times :-

“We have made this Qur’an easy to understand. Is there any one who will pay attention to its words”.

If Allah s.w.t, Who created human mind and its capabilities, repeats the above ayat four times in one small surah , then how could it be possible for any *Muslim believer* to say “*Quran is difficult to understand*” ? And that too, before even making as much effort to understand it, as they did for their primary or middle school books.

In 12th surah YUSUF , ayaat # 1 & 2 , Allah Rehman ul Raheem says :-

“Alif. Laam. Ra. ! These are the ayaat of a Book that is clearly apparent to understand (12:1.) Verily we have revealed the Qur’an in Arabic (Your mother tongue) so that you can understand it.” (12:2)

In 41st surah Ha Meem Al-Sejadah , ayat # 44 Allah s.w.t says :-

“And if We had revealed Qur’an in a language other than Arabic (Ajami) then these people would have said that why have these ayaat not been clearly explained to them. How come the language of

Qur'an is Ajami while their language is Arabic. Tell them, that for those who have Faith, Qur'an is Guidance and Cure for all spiritual ailments."

In 14th Surah Ibrahim a.s. ,ayat : 4. Allah s.w.t. says:-

"We have never sent a Messenger except with a message in the language of his people so that they could clearly understand the message.

In a situation like this all that is required of non Arab Muslims is to learn Arabic in order to get an ever lasting gain in the eternal life; Just like they learn English, French , Spanish , Urdu , Hindi, or any other language, for their livelihood in this short worldly life.

One could also make an effort to consult different translations of Qur'an and a dictionary to see which meaning is more consistent with the text of the *Ayat* (sentence), the *Rukuh* (paragraph) and the whole of *Qur'an* because **Qur'an never contradicts itself**.

The teachers while teaching a language, normally give exercises to FILL IN THE BLANKS and to MAKE SENTENCES FROM A WORD, in order to know, how much a student has understood the meaning and usage of the words. Similarly from **Index of Quranic words we can find out how Allah s.w.t. has used these words in sentences and which meaning of a word carries itself consistently in almost all ayaat .**

QUR'AN, BEING KALAM ALLAH IS IN ITSELF A MASTERPIECE OF LITERATURE AND USES WORDS AND SENTENCES THAT ARE MOST APPROPRIATE TO CONVEY THE DESIRED MEANINGS. NO ONE CAN

REPLACE THESE WORDS WITHOUT LOSING THE MEANING OF THE TEXT.

In *Qur'an al Majeed* the Meanings as well as the beauty of the narration is at its utmost perfection. Therefore in order to understand Qur'an, try to keep an eye on each and every word of the ayat. Just like an accountant or a mathematician can never afford to miss a digit in their calculations. Or a scientist can not ignore a fact or a data.

In 47th surah Mohammed s.a.a.s, ayat : 24 Allah s.w.t says :

"Why don't they contemplate on Qur'an ? have the locks been placed on their hearts" ? (47:24)

In surah 6 Al – Enaam , ayat :65 Allah s.w.t. says :-

"See how well We explain these revealed ayaat so that you may Understand their wisdom. (UFQAHOON)"

The word used is "ufqahoon" which has the same root as for "Faqih" or "fiqah". Therefore every **MOUMIN** is supposed to do "ufqahoon on ayaat of *Qur'an*" and become a **faqih** himself. Ayaat number 6:99/ 7:179/ 8:65 / 63:3 also repeat the above message.

In surah 2 Al Baqara ayat :219 and 266 Allah s.w.t. says : -

"This is how Allah s.w.t. explains His ayaat so that we may reflect." (2: 219, 266)

3. WHY DOES THE QUR'AN APPEAR DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND

In 6th surah Al-Enaam , Ayaat:126,127, Allah Rehman ur Raheem says:

"According to the laws created by Allah, any one who chooses to be guided, his heart is opened to accept Islam. But the one who chooses himself to go astray then in that case according to the rules set by Allah his heart becomes so narrowed to accept Islam as if he is climbing a mountain peak, high up to the sky. This is how they get covered with the filth of immorality according to Allah's law if they do not believe in His guidance.(126). This is the path of your Lord, a Straight Path. We explain our ayaat in full detail for those who care to receive their advice.(127)

4. WHEN TO READ QUR'AN

- 1- Read it in the morning when your mind is fresh.
- 2- Read it at night when you have more free time.

Surah 17 Bani Israel ayat : 78 and 79 reveal :-

"And the sQur'an in the morning, verily reading of Quran in the morning reveals its meaning very clearly."(17:78) "And during a portion of night, keep awake with it." (17:79).

(It is very unfortunate that in some translations the Qur'an al-fajr has been replaced with Salaat ul fajr) .

(Regarding the work to be done at night; the word used in the Ayat is "FA-TAHAJJED BAHEE". Since AllAH s.w.t is talking about Qur'an in the previous ayat therefore the reference of the word "BAHEE" (with it) can be nothing other than Qur'an itself. Please note that the word TAHAJJED is used only once in Qur'an, as in this ayat. That means keeping awake at night to study Qur'an. just like any one doing his studies or important work at night for any other purpose. *Tahajjed* can never mean recitation of a couple of small surahs to Allah s.w.t. ten/eleven times, as it is being done these days.) .

Further detail of how to read Qur'an at night is given in the following **ayaat number 1-4 and ayat number 20 of the 73rd Surah MUZZAMMIL.**

Ayaat 1 to 4

1-O ! You Muzzammil !

2- Stay awake at night but a little less.

3-Half a night or little less than that

4-Or little more than that and study Qur'an slowly, point by point.

Ayat number 20.

20- Your Allah knows that you, along with a small group of people keep awake with Qur'an sometime 2/3 of the night, sometime 1/2 of the night or sometimes 1/3 of it . Allah knows the measure of night and day. Knowing that you may not be able to continue this routine He has turned to you with kindness. Therefore now read out of Qur'an what ever you can easily read .Allah knows that some of you could be sick; some have to go on a business trip and some times you might have to go to battle. Therefore read out of Qur'an what you easily can. and establish Salaat and spend in zakaat.

(unfortunately this Qur'an reading has now been replaced with "salaat e tahajjed" , that means reciting couple of small surahs to Allah, without knowing their meaning and then label ourselves as "pious,Tahajjed Guzar ".)

5. HOW TO READ QUR'AN SO THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND.

73rd surah Muzzammil : ayat : 4

"Read Qur'an slowly in small understandable portions."

73rd surah Muzzammil, ayat : 20

"Read Qur'an, as much you can easily read."

34th surah Saba , ayat : 46

"Tell them (O! My Messenger) that I advise you of only one thing that you should get together in twos or alone and contemplate on my ayaat. Then you will realize that this companion of yours has not lost His mind but He is none other than a Warner before the terrific doom."

V – HOW TO LISTEN TO QUR’AN

7th surah Al - Eraaf . ayat : 204

“When ever Qur’an is recited, listen to it attentively (no other sound should draw your attention) and stay completely quiet (you should not even think of any thing to speak) so that you can receive the REHMAT.”

25th surah Al- Furqaan , ayat : 73

“When they (Ibad ur Rehman) are being explained the Ayaat of their Rubb ,they do not attend them like deaf and blind .”

VI – THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

It is so tragic that for the Muslims today, the recital of just a word of Qur'an or just a small surah of Qur'an, without even knowing its meanings, has been made equal to the study of whole Qur'an. **Sawab** is a word which has lost its meaning and the word is used so vaguely, to make us believe that we can reap a harvest without sowing seeds.

Keep in mind that most of the translations are normally based on the New or Old Dictionary meanings. Only at those places where the sectarian believes differ, the selected meanings of ayaat also differ.

So much so, that over 1400 years the kind of kingdoms which have been ruling over Muslims from very early period had to introduce and associate such meanings with Qur'an through *Shan e Nazool, Tafaseer, Aqwaal, week Ahadees*, historical statements and Biblical stories, so that the "Establishments" could have the justification to do what ever they wished, in the name of religion.

That is why after the death of REHMAT UN LIL ALIMEEN, THE LAST MESSANGER OF ALLAH s.a.a.s. only the cruel dynasties of Ummayeds, Abbasides, Fatimies, Pathans, Ottamans, Safavees, Mughals etc. could rule over Muslims just as Nimrods, Pharaohs and Romans ruled over their people.

Efforts were made during these periods to modify the meanings of Qur'an and down grade its status, so that they could introduce their own brand of religion which

could better suite their kingship and their criminal set of desires.

THE KIND OF ZULM THAT TOOK PLACE IN KARBALA WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE IN ISLAM WITHOUT RESORTING TO SUCH MEANS.

To elaborate my point that how far Qur'an was neglected, I would like to narrate only one example of such actions.

28th Surah Al-Qasas ayat : 85, that states:-

"Verily Allah is the One who has made Qur'an FERZ upon you, in order to lead you successfully to the place of return (Ma'ead)."

In this ayat, Allah s.w.t. very clearly states that Qur'an has been made FERZ (COMPULSORY COMMANDMENT) upon you; ***yet it is very strange and tragic that Qur'an has not been mentioned as FERZ or Wajib in any fiqah books of any sect of Islam; like Namaz , Roza , Haj , zakaat are being enforced as FERZ .***

In order to succeed in removing Qur'an from the FERZ list a very strange kind of **Shan-e-nazool** has been associated with this ayat and on that basis the translations are now being done to minimize the whole significance of this ayat.

I have studied this ayat with the help of six urdu and four English translations and they agree and disagree with each other in varying degrees.

Findings of the Study

Urdu Translation of the word FERZ in six Qur'ans

Three-----Translates it as "FERZ."

One -----Translates it as "NAZIL FERMAYA".

One -----Translates it as "MUQARRER KIYA HUA HUKEM".

One -----Translates it as "WAJIB"

English translations of the word FERZ in four Qur'ans

One ----Translates it as "GIVEN YOU QUR'AN FOR LAW"

Two ----Translate it as "ORDAINED."

One ---- Translates it as "COMMANDED TO FOLLOW"

Another disputed word "MAEAAD" in this ayat.

URDU TRANSLATORS

One --- Translates it as "Tumharey thikaney ki teraf "

One ---Translates it as "Dobara pehli jageh jana. Yaeni
jaye pedaish MAKKA"

One ---Translator says " Jageh phir janey ki"

One ----Translator says "bazgesht ki jageh"

One ----Translator says "behtareen enjaam ko
pohanchna"

One ----Translator keeps the term as "MAEAAD".

ENGLISH TRANSLATORS

Two ---- Translators say "back to your home"

One ----Translates, "Place of birth"

One ----Translates " place of return"

Now let us see what the standard **ARABIC-URDU** Dictionaries have to say about these words.

1- FAREZ means; 1-FERZ MUQARRER KARNA
2- WAJIB THEHRANA

2_ AL_MAEAAD means; 1- WAPESS LOTNEY KI JAGHA
2- AAKHARET 3-JANNET
4- ANJAAM
5- MANZIL – E – MAQSOOD
(Destination)

In this context, Let me share with you a personal experience regarding this ayat (28:85) ; that took place about fourteen (14) years ago.:-

“In a congregation of about ten(10) top ranking ulema of different sects Of Islam, I was invited to attend.

At the start of the meeting the khutaba that was recited from a book contained the word “MAEAAD”, three times. This reminded me of the same word being used in Qur’an. (In the above mentioned ayaat 28 : 85.)

When I got my turn, then after reciting the above ayat and paying due respect to all ulema I posed an open question that :-

“Allah Aleem ul Hakeem has made Qur’an FERZ according to this ayat of surah Al-Qasses.

Why it is so, that no book of fiqah in any sect , that I know of ,writes about Qur’an being FERZ like NAMAZ ,HAJ, ROZA or ZAKAAT have been declared as Ferz.?

If any one of the noble ulema present here have the knowledge about any FIQAH BOOK where Qur'an has been written as Ferz , I would be pleased to know that."

The organizer of the meeting, asked me if this ayat was written in Qur'an.

With due respect, I gave him the surah and ayat number.

Qur'an was looked into and my statement was confirmed.

Finally he happened to read the margin note which gave the **SHAN_ E _ NAZOOL** of this ayat quoting that:

"This Ayat was revealed during the pilgrimage of the Holly Prophet s.a.a.s when he was very sad and Allah s.w. gave him an assurance through this Ayat to console him that this Qur'an has been made Ferz upon him so that it could take him back to Mecca."

The maulana was very happy to comment that since the purpose of the ayat was only for that moment , that is why Qur'an was not declared Ferz by any muslim sect.

Very respectfully, I raised the following counter questions.:-

1. Does this statement mean that, the Qur'an which was revealed during the thirteen years of Meccan period, was meant to get the Holy Prophet s.a.a.s out of Mecca and The Qur'an of ten years Madni period was then meant to take him back to Mecca. This would also imply that the whole purpose of Qur'an was to get the Holy Prophet s.a.a.s out of Mecca and then back in to **Mecca**.

2. If this was so, then why our Holy Prophet s.a.a.s did not stay in Mecca after returning there?

3. In the address (Khutba) which was read from a book in the beginning of this session, repeated the word **MAEAAD** three times. The meaning of that word as we all know is "**The Day Of Judgment**". Then how come the same word which is used only **once** in *Qur'an* should mean **Mecca** Instead of the Day of Judgment.

It is a **shame** that we are reading this Qur'an, without understanding a word. Instead of reading Qur'an to ourselves, we recite this book back to Allah s.w.t Who in the first place had revealed It to us through the Holly Prophet s.a.a.s .so that we could understand it and follow it.

Even the establishment of **SALAT**, a daily program on the basis of which the entire **Religion of Islam** was established, has been reduced to just a recitation of Surah Al- Fatiha plus one smallest surah, about 50 times in a day repeatedly;, without making any effort to understand it ourselves or act upon, what we say.

Besides that, very innocently, we make ourselves believe that we are becoming billionaires in earning **SAWAB**. I don't know who are we deceiving. Not Allah *Lateef ul Khabeer*, of course.

*From this brief introduction you might have noticed how badly we **Muslims** are treating Qur'an our **Holy Book**.*

Had we treated Qur'an respectfully, the battles like Karbala ,Jamal , or Siffeen would never have occurred and the Muslim world today would not be in its present pitiful state.

There is no way that any book can ever be understood by just reciting or memorizing it with perfect phonetics, without even trying to understand a word of it.

If we do not understand Qur'an, the fault is ours not of Qur'an. We just simply don't want to understand it.

By understanding Qur'an we might become capable to stop ourselves, our families, friends, colleagues, neighbors or our superior Masters connected with mosques from doing anything against this book.

BUT

WE DO NOT WANT TO DO SO.

THEY DO NOT WANT SO.

NO BODY WANTS QUR'AN EXCEPT A TRUE MOUMIN.

8. FINAL WARNING

According to Quran, (28th Surah Furqan ,30th Ayat.) our *Rehmat un lil Aalemeen Rasool*, who is supposed to be *Shafeeh ul Ummat* ,will complain before Allah *Rehman ur Raheem* on the Day of Judgment ,in very sad words.

The ayat reads :-

"And Rasool will say," O My Rubb ! My own people held this Qur'an as if they had no relationship left with it." (25:30)

My Dear *Moumneen* and *Mouminaat!* before that day comes, let us all get connected with Qur'an . The Master Of The Day Of Judgment tells us to get **guidance** and **light** from it in order to walk on *Sirat e Mustaqeem* , otherwise we will not be able to show our faces to Allah *Ghafoor ur Raheem* on the Day of Judgment.

Let us all help each other to achieve our Eternal Bliss under the guidance of *Qur'an ul Hakeem*. May Allah *REhman ul raheem* help us.

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