

AL-OUR'AN: THE TRUE GUIDE FOR MUSLIMS



Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, it is hoped that our lives will become blessed and filled with bountiful rewards from Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. Truly, we are grateful to we are grateful to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala

for granting us the ability in performing the 'ibaadah of fasting in the blessed month of Ramadaan. The topic of today's khutbah is "Al-Qur'an: The True Guide For Muslims."

Al-Qur'an is the book of Allah that was revealed to His Messenger, Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, a book that is perfect and complete, which serves as the guiding manual for

mankind for all times, regardless of their race or skin color, wherever they may be. The revelation of al-Qur'an has changed an entire system that was based upon

jaahiliyyah and kufr, to the light of Islam, which is the only deen that Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala is pleased with. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"The month of Ramadaan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion." (al-Baqarah 2:185)

Alhamdulillah, I am confident that we have busied ourselves with the tilaawah of al-Qur'an. May we all complete our tilaawah with completeness and ease.

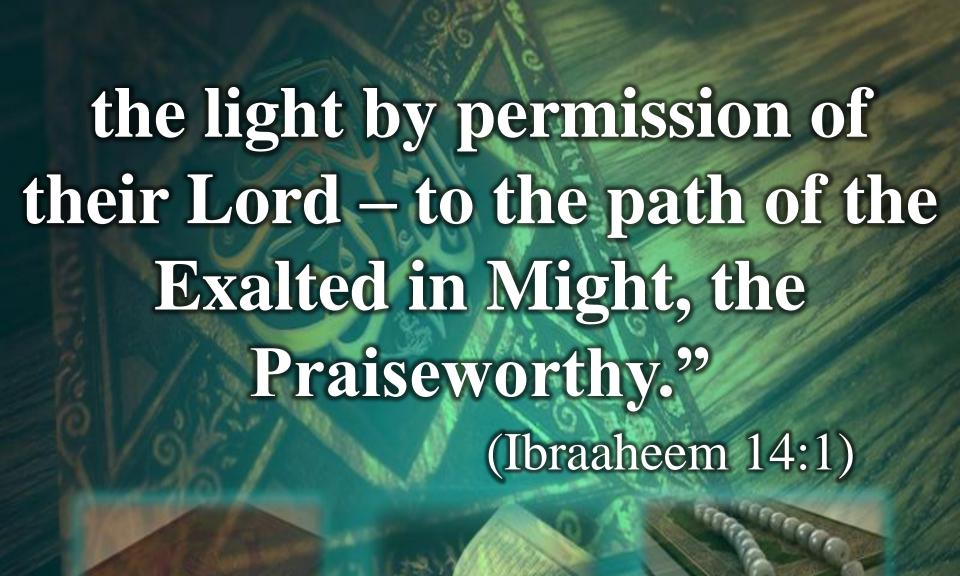
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stated that the best of concern and emphasis should be placed on attaining greater understanding of the knowledge of al-Qur'an (Qur'anic sciences), where it will lead one in achieving and fulfilling mankind's true objective of life.

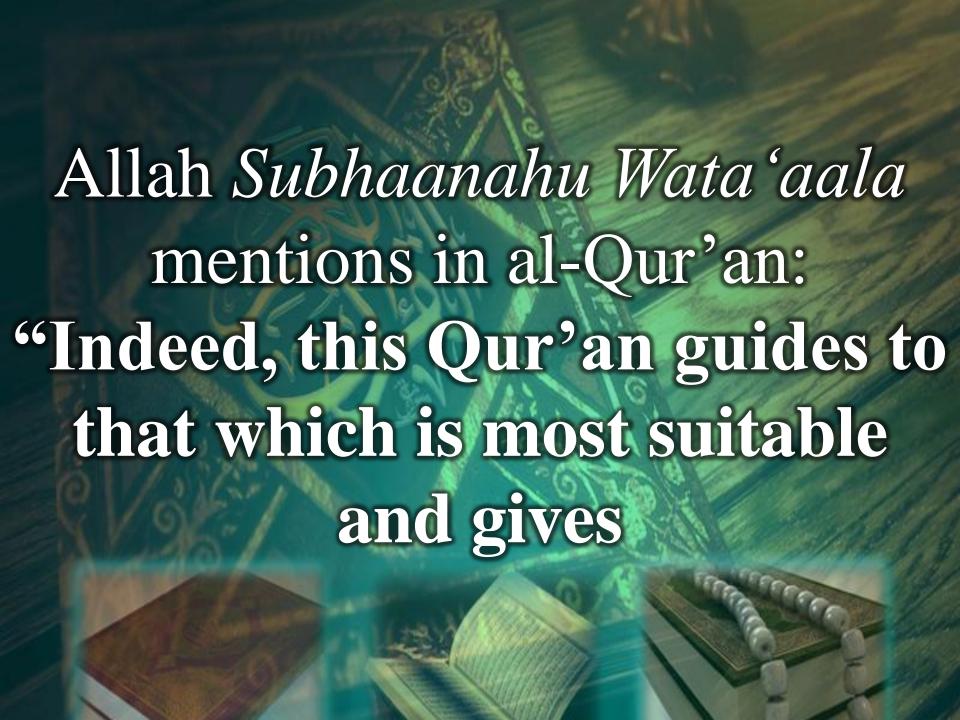
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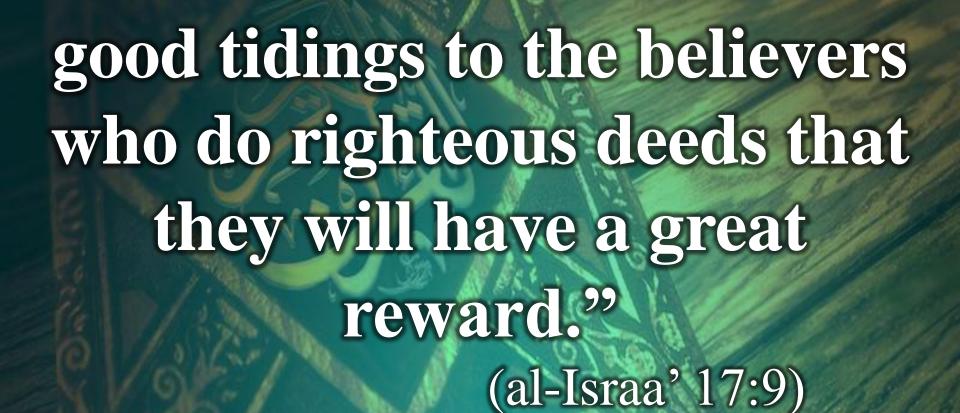
many, and among them are: 1- Al-Qur'an takes mankind out of error and misguidance into the light of guidance, by the Will of Allah, as He Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions:

"Alif, Lam, Ra. [This is] a Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that you might bring mankind out of darknesses into



2- Al-Qur'an provides guidance to the Straight Path, the path that is pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, which brings mankind to the blissful life in this world and the Hereafter.



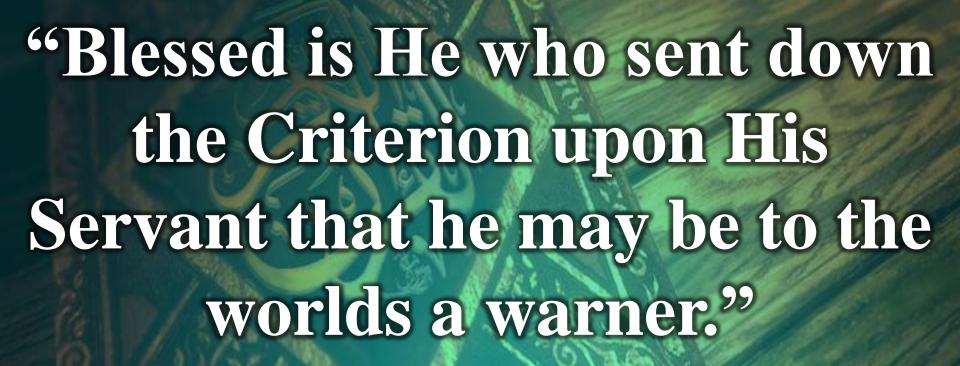


3- Al-Qur'an provides explanation, guidance, mercy, and glad tidings to the Muslims, as Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions:

"... And We have sent down to you the Book as clarification for all things and as guidance and mercy and good tidings for the Muslims."

(an-Nahl 16:89)

4- Al-Qur'an is a book of criterion which distinguishes between truth and falsehood, as Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions:



(al-Furqaan 25:1)

All of these roles are embedded in the objectives of al-Qur'an in transforming mankind unto full and complete servitude to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala Alone.

Al-Qur'an has placed great emphasis on several important aspects that touches upon the lives of mankind such as matters of 'aqeedah, akhlaaq, societal living, economics, and

siyaasah (administration). 'Aqeedah is the main agenda and focus that is heavily emphasized in al-Qur'an, that is to be the guiding principle and doctrine in mankind's lives

Al-Qur'an is the source of 'aqeedah that clearly expounds matters of belief which necessitates full yaqeen (certainty). It is waajib for every one of us to fully accept the explanation

of creed mentioned in al-Qur'an, as the Companions of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had accepted wholeheartedly the 'ageedah of Islam without an iota of doubt.

Furthermore, they had manifested their true 'ageedah in their great sacrifices with their lives and wealth, defending the deen of Allah.

In forming the transformation and renewal of the minds, al-Qur'an invites mankind unto having the pure tawheed of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, using their mind and intellect

in observing and contemplating upon the signs of Allah's greatness. And also to cutoff any elements of shirk that can corrupt the 'aqeedah.

In matters of akhlaaq, a big portion of al-Qur'an addresses this great matter, which is praiseworthy characteristics such as amaanah, ikhlaas, disciplined, loving and

caring, well-mannered (sound adaab), generous, and many more.

Al-Qur'an also emphasizes on the importance of societal or community living that entails ties of kinship,

neighbor relations, and the relationship between Muslims and non-Muslims. All these have its due rights upon each other that are to be observed and fulfilled.

In economics, al-Qur'an focuses on reforming the views and attitudes of mankind towards wealth. Islam promotes mankind to become thrifty (economical), avoid economic activities

from unlawful sources, and placing great importance on unity and cooperation in economic development and also the development of the Muslim ummah.

In siyaasah and administrative affairs, al-Qur'an plays an important role in the lives of mankind. More over, al-Qur'an covers and has great influence upon various aspects of lives.

Al-Qur'an has outlined 5 important fundamentals, namely implementation of authority (governance) based upon the Sharee 'ah, upholding justice,

practicing the concept of shura, guaranteeing freedom, and ensuring that the leaders are executing duties with honesty and amaanah. Al-Qur'an further enhances and develops Qur'anic minds, having the following attributes and characteristics:

1- Imaan

Placing imaan as the foundation for thinking and thoughts. Anything that is being thought of, digested, contemplated, pondered, and observed will not exit from

the realm of imaan unto Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, as the thinking process is deemed as 'ubudiyyah towards Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

2- Knowledge Al-Qur'an is one of the great source of 'ilm that is based upon al-Haqq. Everything that it contains is kalaamullah. Al-Qur'an invites mankind to utilize

their intellect in attaining 'ilm through the process of learning, observing, research, and others, so that the 'ilm obtained will take one closer to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

3- Balance Al-Qur'an focuses in inculcating a balanced mind, not one-sided, whereby the need for dunya and aakhirah are both fully weighed and considered in Islam.

The spiritual andphysical need also have their due place in Islam, without blind submission or outright denial of their statuses. Everything is granted their duly and deserving rights.

4- Compatibility with reality Al-Qur'an is relevant and sets right on the reality of mankind's lives where it touches and addresses the lives of mankind. It is no illusion or fantasy, nor is

ambiguous, vague, and not understandable. Moreover, it is active and dynamic, in tune with the reality of mankind, whether in matters of 'aqeedah, 'ibaadah, or Sharee 'ah.

Since al-Qur'an is very significant as our guidance for life, then we must ensure that no one will debase or put it in a negative light, as in the teaching of Syed Mohd al-Mashhur that

was

declared as deviant by the Fatwa Committee of Selangor. Syed Mohd al-Mashhur claimed that the existing al-Qur'an is not the real and actual al-Qur'an. The real al-Qur'an is

embedded within our bodies and it is called "Nur Hakim." Hence, the current al-Qur'an has been abrogated by "Nur Hakim." Similarly, the teachings of the Qadiyanis, claiming that

the real al-Qur'an is located in Lawh al-Mahfoodh. The writing (text) of al-Qur'an is a creation of mankind, hence it can be held and carried without wudoo'.

The Samaniah Imam Bonjol Tariqah has claimed that al-Qur'an is only a book of history. In addition, there are other deviant teachings that insert additions into the content of the existing al-Qur'an.

These are among the challenges of the Muslim ummah nowadays, that we must unite to deflect and reject these deviant teachings that are quietly influencing the Muslims.

Let us strive to increase our effort in ensuring that our families not only are able to recite al-Qur'an competently, but more importantly to understand its contents, internalize and put

them into practice. Indeed, it is truly hoped that al-Qur'an will become the true and absolute reference for us in every aspect of our lives.

Conclusion:

1- Al-Qur'an has placed great emphasis on human life such as matters of 'ageedah, akhlaaq, societal living, economics, and siyaasah (administration).

2- It is waajib upon the Muslims to take al-Qur'an as their life manual, in heading towards the path that is pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

"Ta-Ha. We have not sent down to you the Qur'an that you be distressed. But only as a reminder for those who fear [Allah]."

(Ta-Ha 20:1-3)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلْاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قُوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأحياء مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our imaan, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful akhlaag, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty. Allaahummaa ameen



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