

Important Sciences of Quranic Study

The Holy Quran is one of the main sources of Divine guidance provided to us by the Almighty. It is a comprehensive Manual for every day navigation on a believer's journey towards God. It consists of Islamic code of laws, history of mankind, stories of different Prophets, religious, moral, social, economic and political issues.

In order to familiarize ourselves with this precious gift from God and make it alive in our everyday life, some of the steps suggested are:

1. Improve Recitation (Tilawah) –

The word 'Quran' is derived from the verb q-r-a (to read, recite, to intone). Some of the reasons why recitation in Arabic is emphasized include:

- (i) Preservation of the Divine message
- (ii) Deriving lessons from the original message
- (iii) The miraculous impact of the Arabic recitation

2. Exploring different translations available –

- (i) M.H Shakir -Holy Quran, English Translation
- (ii) Aqa Mirza Mahdi Pooya & S. V. Mir Ahmad Ali: The Holy Quran - Text, Translation and Commentary
- (iii) Ali Quli Qarai - The Qur'an: With a Phrase-by- Phrase English Translation
- (iv) <https://quran.al-islam.org/>

3. Using Index of Quran to look up verses by topics –

- (i) Ali Quli Qarai has 64 pages of Index at the end of his translation
- (ii) <http://corpus.quran.com/qurandictionary.jsp>
- (iii) <https://www.islamicity.org/quransearch/?q=topics>

Example:

David ('a) 2:251; 4:163; 5:78...

- Birds 21:79...
- Celebrates Allah's glory 34:10...
- Craft and industry 21:80...
- Fount of copper 34:12
- House of David 34:13
- Iron made soft for 34:10

4. Practical steps for pondering over Quranic verses

A. Examine the verse

- i) Read it closely to comprehend it
- ii) Divide it into parts

- iii) Write down the lessons you derive from it
 - iv) Read it again to ensure you have not missed out key points
- B. Dig deeper into the verse
- i) Write questions about the verse
 - ii) Link it to other verses, Hadith, stories, lessons.
 - iii) Link points within a verse and to Divine attributes (at the end)
- C. Make it a part of yourself
- i) Write it down (in your collection of favorite verses, Quran Journal, Personal diary)
 - ii) Think of it at relevant times and apply it to your situations
 - iii) Use it in your essays, school presentations
 - iv) Ensure that it has an impact on you and your lifestyle

Other Useful Tips

- Do not rise from your prayer mat until you have recited a few verses of the Quran
- Learn the titles of the surahs & ways to quickly locate a verse
- Allocate a certain time in your schedule dedicated for Studying the Quran
- Begin your family and social gatherings with a Reflection on Quranic verses and concepts.
- Enjoy your experience of having Allah talk to you directly

Sources:

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