



ALI 702: Quranic Arabic & Knowledge, Level 1

Wednesdays Aug 6 to 27, 2025; 7 – 8 pm NY/Toronto time.

Description: Quranic Arabic helps Muslims learn the language of the Quran with a goal of comprehending the Divine message directly. In this online course, specially tailored for past and present Madrasah teachers, we will learn simple Quranic vocabulary and grammar. To make it interesting, occasionally we plan to cover simple rules of Tajweed, stories and historical events in the Quran and the relevance of the Quran in our daily lives. Participants will need to put in an average of two hours a week to work on the course. In this level, we will identify nouns and their different forms, a few verbs, and particles from the Sūras recited in daily prayers.

Texts: *The Phrase-by-Phrase English Translation* of the Quran by Syed Ali Quli Qarai, and *Qur'anic Language Made Easy* by Hafiza Iffath Hasan.

Participants can use any Quran translation. However, using the same translation helps all of us participate actively.

Du'ā before reciting the Quran

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ * اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي نَشَرْتُ عَهْدَكَ، وَكِتَابَكَ، فَاجْعَلْ نَظْرِي فِيهِ عِبَادَةً، وَقِرَائَتِي فِيهِ
فِكْرًا، وَفِكْرِي فِيهِ إِعْتِبَارًا، وَلَا تَجْعَلْ قِرَائَتِي قِرَاءَةً لَا تَدُبُّرَ فِيهَا، بَلْ اجْعَلْنِي
أَتَدَبَّرُ آيَاتِهِ وَأَحْكَامِهِ، إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الرَّؤُوفُ الرَّحِيمُ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent the Merciful. O Allah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad. O Allah I have opened Your Pledge and Your Book. So, make my looking at it worship, and my reciting it thoughtful, and my thinking on it, a means of deriving lessons; and do not make my recitation without reflection. Rather make me ponder over its verses and its rules. Surely You are the Kind, the Merciful.

House keeping items

- Thank you for registering for the course.
- Let us pray that Allah ﷻ grants us success
- Ensure to revise your lesson before the class
- Keep Qarai translation of the Quran with you
- Try to buddy with one or two from this class
- Feel free to ask questions during Q & A time. I will stay behind to answer your questions.
- Ask your buddy to mark your homework. If you are not sure, get the answers in the next session.

سُورَةُ الْقَدْرِ – Sūrat al-Qadr

The following sūrah has been copied from www.tanzil.net

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ * إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ
الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾ تَنَزَّلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ
فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ﴿٤﴾ سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ﴿٥﴾

Translation: In the Name of Allah, the All-beneficent, the All-merciful. Indeed, We sent it down on the Night of Ordainment. (1) And what will show you what is the Night of Ordainment? (2) The Night of Ordainment is better than a thousand months. (3) In it the angels and the Spirit descend, by the leave of their Lord, with every command. (4) It is peaceful until the rising of the dawn. (5)

Tajwīd rule: madd lazim – obligatory prolongation when long vowel is followed hamza (i.e., alif with a vowel).

Significance of al-Qadr

Imam Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (a): One who recites Surat al- Qadr loudly is like a person who raises sword in the way of Allah (swt) and one who recites Surat al-Qadr in low voice is like a person who is smeared in blood fighting in the way of Allah (swt) . One who recites it ten times, Allah (swt) will forgive one thousand sins committed by him. [Ref: *Thawāb al- A'māl*, p 169)

Shaykh Tusi in *Misbah al-Mutahajjid*: The Noble Prophet's a prayer consists of two rakaats: In every rak'ah al-Hamd is recited once *and Inna anzalnahu* (i.e., Surat al-Qadr) fifteen times while standing, fifteen times in rukū', fifteen times when you stand after the rukū', fifteen times when you prostrate, fifteen times when you raise your head, fifteen times when you prostrate for the second time and fifteen times when you raise your head for the second time.

Then one stands and recites the second rak'ah in the same way as the first and when you have completed the prayer and performed any other related acts of worship that you wish, there will be no sin that you will have committed but that Allah (swt) will have forgiven it. (Tabātabā'ī, *Sunan an-Nabi*, p 151)

Course outline

Session 1: the instructor will briefly explain the objectives of the course and introduce the text, Quran translation and other material we plan to use. The participants will introduce themselves and inform the reason for taking this course. We will list the sūrahs we all recite in daily prayers. Use of diacritical marks to indicate long vowels.

Our objective is to comprehend the Divine Message without using means (dictionary, translation, lecture, etc.) where possible and interact with tilawah and listening.

Text: *Qur'anic Language Made Easy* by Hafiza Iffath Hasan

Translation: *The Qur'an, with a Phrase-by-Phrase English Translation* by Ali Quli Qarai

Homework session 1

- 1, classify the words in Sūrahs al-Fatiha, al-‘Asr and al-Kawthar between *ism* (noun), *fi’l* (verb) and *harf* (particle). Use www.quranwbw.com to find meanings of every word in an Ayat.
- 2, list three prayers in which reciting al-Qadr is mustahab (recommended).
- 3, mention at least two lessons we can derive from the Du'ā before tilāwah.

The texts for the course

our past courses are available at <https://academyofislam.com/quranic-arabic/>

Ali Quli Qarai	Hafiza Iffat Hasan	AbdulWahid Hamid
<i>The Qur'an: with a phrase-by-phrase English translation</i>	<i>Qur'anic Language Made Easy</i>	<i>Access to Qur'anic Arabic</i>

