



ALI 702: Quranic Arabic & Knowledge, Level 1

Session 2: Wednesday Aug 12, 2025; 6:30 – 7:30 pm 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.

Course Outline: A quick review of lessons and homework for Session 1. Lessons 3 and 4 on detached and attached pronouns. Highlighting the two types of the pronouns in sūrahs al-Fātihah, al-Tawhīd, al-Kawthar and al-ʿAsr. Use of diacritical marks to indicate long vowels.

سُورَةُ الْقَدْرِ – Sūrat al-Qadr

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ * إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ
الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾ تَنْزِيلُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ
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)

مَنْ قَرَأَهَا أُعْطِيَ مِنَ الْأَجْرِ كَمَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ وَأَخْيَا لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ: *He who recites it (Sūrat al-Qadr) will be rewarded like someone who fasted Ramadan and has kept vigil on the night of al-Qadr.* (Majma' al-Bayān 10:516)

Du'a 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. (Ref: Makārim al-Akhlāq, p. 343; shortened version of the Du'a taught by Imam al-Sādiq (عليه السلام)).

Answer to HW, Q 1, Session 1

Sūrah al-‘Asr and al-Kawthar categorized into nouns (*ism*), verbs (*fi‘l*) and particles (*harf*).

	Sūrat	al-	‘Asr	-	العَصْرِ	سُورَةُ		
حُسْرٍ	لَفِي	الْإِنْسَانَ	إِنَّ	وَالْعَصْرِ	الرَّحِيمِ	الرَّحْمَنِ	اللَّهِ	بِسْمِ
n	p + p	n	p	n + p	n	n	n	n + p
بِالصَّبْرِ	وَتَوَاصَوْا	بِالْحَقِّ	وَتَوَاصَوْا	الصَّالِحَاتِ	وَعَمِلُوا	آمَنُوا	الَّذِينَ	إِلَّا
n + p	v + p	n + p	v + p	n	v	v	n	p

Surat	Al-	Kawthar	-	الْكَوْثَرِ	سُورَةُ	
الْكَوْثَرِ	أَعْطَيْنَاكَ	إِنَّا	الرَّحِيمِ	الرَّحْمَنِ	اللَّهِ	بِسْمِ
n	n + n + v	p	n	n	n	n + p
الْأَبْتَرُ	هُوَ	شَانِكَ	إِنَّ	وَانْحَرُ	لِرَبِّكَ	فَصَلِّ
n	n	n + n	p	n + p	n + n + p	v + p

Answer to HW, Q 2, Session 1

Bismillāh. Mustahab prayers in which reciting Sūrat al-Qadr is *mustahab*:

- 1) **Salāt for the 1st night of an Islamic month**, recite in the 1st rak'ah after Sūrat al-Fātihah 30 times al-Tawhīd and after the 2nd rak'ah, recite 30 times al-Qadr. After the prayers offer charity, which will InshāAllah assure your safety for that month.
- 2) In **Salāt of Hadiyah Mayyit** (gift to a deceased believer), recite after al-Fātihah, al-Qadr in the first rak'ah and al-Kawthar in the second.
- 3) In the **Salāt of Wahshat** which is recited by the relatives on the first night after the burial. In the first Rak'ah after al-Fatihah, recite Ayat al-Kursi once; and in the second rak'ah, recite al-Qadr 10 times. After the prayer say: O Allah bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, and send the reward of this prayer to grave of so and so (اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، وَابْعَثْ ثَوَابَهَا إِلَى قَبْرِ . . .). Mention the name of the deceased.

Please note that there are numerous Hadith on the *fadhīlat* (excellence and merits) of reciting Sūrat al-Qadr. May Allah grant us *tawfiq* (success) to recite it often.

Answer to HW, Q 3, Session 1

Bismillāh. Lessons that can be derived from the Du'a before tilawah. If we read the Du'a with translation and reflection we can notice the following points:

- 1, addressing to Allah directly and confessing that the Quran is Allah's covenant & pledge (وَكِتَابَكَ) (اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي نَشَرْتُ عَنْكَ) and His scripture
- 2, make my looking at it as worship (فَاجْعَلْ نَظْرِي فِيهِ عِبَادَةً) – Imam al-Sadiq's response to someone who asked if he should recite the Quran from memory or by looking at the scrolls (mushaf)? The origin of Quranic calligraphy in holy places.
- 3, our recitation should be full of contemplation and reflection (وَقَرَأْتِي فِيهِ فِكْرًا)
- 4, derive admonitions & lessons when reflecting upon Quranic verses (وَفِكْرِي فِيهِ إِعْتِبَارًا)
- 5, do not make my tilawah a mere quick recitation (وَلَا تَجْعَلْ قِرَأْتِي قِرَاءَةً لَا تَدُبُّرَ فِيهَا)
- 6, look for Divine signs and laws (بَلْ اجْعَلْنِي أَتَدَبَّرُ آيَاتِهِ وَأَحْكَامِهِ)
- 7, Indeed, Allah will provide all the above as He is Kind and Merciful.

Homework for session 2

Bismillāh. After answering your questions, email it to your buddy for his/her comments.

Question 4, find some information on the importance of the book *Majma' al-Bayān*.

Question 5, Highlight attached and detached pronouns in Surat al-Qadr

Question 6, find a few Quranic verses in which not pronouncing the long vowel correctly may change the meanings.

The texts for the course

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<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>

