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The Role of Qur'an in Building a Knowledgeable and Moral Generation

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمَنَّانِ، هَدَانَا لِدِينٍ يَحْتُ عَلَى الرُّقِيِّ بِالْإِنْسَانِ، وَالتَّطَلُّعِ
إِلَى مَا فِيهِ الْخَيْرُ لِلْأَوْطَانِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ
أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ:
فَأُوصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، قَالَ اللَّهُ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى ﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا
وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ ﴾ (1)

All praise be to Allah .He is the One who is generous to His servants with His countless blessings and provisions. He has guided us to a path that encourages His servants to develop and progress and to seek what is good for their country. I bear witness that Allah is One and that He has no partners. And I bear witness that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the slave of Allah and His Messenger. Oh Allah, send your commendations, favors and blessings

(1) Surah Al-Nahl (16:128)



upon Him! And upon his family, his companions and all those who follow them with goodness until the Day of Judgement.

After that, I advise myself and you all, to fear Allah the Almighty. He says in the Quran: “Surely Allah is with those who shun evil and who do good (deeds).”⁽²⁾

Oh, beloved Muslim brothers! The assumption that Islam is a senseless religion without any scientific competence is a big mistake. In reality, the glory and victory of knowledge, development and advancement of civilization that the western society has achieved is all due to the work of Muslim Scholars. For, not long after the Islamic Nation saw the light of day, strong leaders, mighty commanders, and great scholars emerged among its individuals who shocked the world. They crossed the high mountains and deserts of the Hijaz and traveled with the Islamic Nation to the highest peak of civilization. During this period, the European countries were taught how to produce their own money by Muslims. In the light of the Glorious Qur’an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), Muslim Scholars of that time, in addition to religious education, experimented and advanced in many other sciences. Among them were chemistry, algebra, astronomy, medicine, finance, architecture, and new theories were developed and their most valuable results were achieved. The medical texts written by Muslim scholars were used as reference books in Europe until the 16th century AD. And on top of that, Muslims were far ahead of them in building

(2) Surah Al-Nahl (16:128)



large cities and roads. While people wandered the streets of Europe in the dust ridden roads during the day and in the darkness at the night, it was Muslims who built modern markets, lighted the streets, built hospitals, universities, and schools in their countries. In every field of learning, Muslims have advanced to such an extent that others cannot advance unless they follow them.

Oh, beloved Muslim brothers! This progress was achieved by bringing up generations of Muslims on a strong faith and a strong scientific foundation. This is also evident from the first verses that were revealed to the Prophet of this Nation (peace be upon him). In those verses, Allah reveals:

﴿ أَقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ * خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ * أَقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ * الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ * ﴾

﴿ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ﴾⁽³⁾

“Read (O Prophet)! In the Name of your Lord Who created. He created humans from a clinging clot. Read! And your Lord is the Most Generous. Who taught by the pen. He taught humanity what they knew not.” He also revealed that He has exalted the rank of the true believers and the scholars. He says:

﴿ يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ ﴾⁽⁴⁾

“Allah will elevate those of you who are faithful, and (raise) those gifted with knowledge in rank.”

(3) Surah Al-'Alaq (96:1-5)

(4) Surah Al-Mujadilla (58:11)



Oh, beloved Muslim brothers! A generation built on knowledge and morality can be produced by referring to the Qur'anic curriculum in education and upbringing. It is a curriculum that requires contemplation. A deep dive in to the Qur'an shows that the most complete method of knowing Allah is the method of thinking.

Referring to this, Allah reveals in His Book:

﴿إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَأَخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لآيَاتٍ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ *
الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَمًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ
رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَطْلًا سُبْحَانَكَ فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ﴾⁽⁵⁾

“Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the day and night there are signs for people of reason. (They are) those who remember Allah while standing, sitting, and lying on their sides, and reflect on the creation of the heavens and the earth (and pray), “Our Lord! You have not created (all of) this without purpose. Glory be to You! Protect us from the torment of the Fire.”

Oh, beloved Muslim brothers! These two verses contain powerful words that make hearts tremble with fear. Touching words that bring tears to the eyes. Why shouldn't it be? These words are from the All-knowing Allah the Almighty. These words guide man to use his mind, the noblest jewel given to man, to think about the Might of Allah, to stand before Him in worship, and to confess his

(5) Surah Al-Imran (3:190-191)



own poverty, his lack of knowledge and his sins. There are many such verses in the Qur'an that show the greatness of Allah's power to those who reflect.

Oh, beloved Muslim brothers! Taking advantage of the small amount of knowledge given to man by Allah, he has forgotten himself because of the progress and development he has made. He has also forgotten his Creator. This breakthrough has made him feel like he has the whole universe in his grasp. However, if he had heeded to the words of Allah the Exalted, he would have understood his poverty. Allah says, revealing the Greatness of His knowledge and the infiniteness of His power.

﴿ وَلَوْ أَنَّمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ أَقْلَمٌ وَالْبَحْرُ يَمُدُّهُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ سَبْعَةُ أَبْحُرٍ مَّا

نَفَدَتْ كَلِمَاتُ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴾⁽⁶⁾

“If all the trees on earth were pens and the ocean (were ink), refilled by seven other oceans, the Words of Allah would not be exhausted. Surely Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.”

Oh, beloved Muslim brothers! If we want to build a new generation on knowledge and morality, we too must instill the noble faith and knowledge contained in the Qur'an in the hearts of our children. If that is not done, the future of the country will deteriorate day by day. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْفَعُ بِهَذَا الْكِتَابِ أَقْوَامًا، وَيَضَعُ بِهِ الْآخَرِينَ ﴾.⁽⁷⁾

(6) Surah Luqman (31:27)

(7) Sahih Muslim (817)



“Verily, Allah elevates some people with this Qur'an and humiliates others.” In this hadith, the Prophet (peace be upon him) is referring to the Qur'an. Allah exalts the nations that follow the Qur'an in the fullest sense. He humiliates those nations that abandon the Book of Allah, the Holy Qur'an, and do not act according to it. It is the perfect curriculum that guides man to make his life successful in both worlds. Therefore, I advise you to learn from such words and work hard to build a perfect generation upon knowledge and morality.

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ الْجَلِيلَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِجَمِيعِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

Second Khuthuba

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ، عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، هَدَانَا لِنُورِ الْإِسْلَامِ، وَأَرْشَدَنَا لِطَرِيقِ الْعِلْمِ وَالْإِيمَانِ، وَأَشْهَدُ
أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمْ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ، وَمَنْ
تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى
وَاحْشَوْهُ. فَقَدْ قَالَ تَعَالَى فِي مُحْكَمِ كِتَابِهِ، ﴿يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنْ تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ
لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرَ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ﴾ (8)



Praise and Gratitude to Allah the Almighty, who taught us the things that man does not know through the pen. And I bear witness that there is no God but Him, and that there is no partner to Him. He is the One who guided us with the light of Islam. And He has guided us to the path of knowledge and faith. And I bear witness that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. O Lord of Creation and Majesty! send Your commendations, favors and blessings upon him! And upon his family, his companions and all those who follow them with goodness until the Day of Judgement.

Then know! O servants of Allah! Fear Allah the Almighty! For, Allah says: “O believers! If you are mindful of Allah, He will grant you a standard) to distinguish between right and wrong), absolve you of your sins, and forgive you. And Allah is the Lord of infinite bounty.”⁽⁹⁾

Oh, beloved Muslim brothers! A good generation can be built on knowledge and morality by including the Qur'anic curriculum in every aspect of teaching and cultivation of our children. Instead of teaching the literal meaning of its verses, we should focus in directing the children's mind to the scientific facts contained within it. By strengthening the foundation of faith on those truths. By learning lessons from the Qur'an. Through the verses giving glad tidings of the joy of Heaven and the verses that warn of the doom of hell, mental health and spiritual health can be satisfied. Through the

(9) Surah Al-Anfal (8:29)



prescribed methodology of upbringing in the Qur'an, the children's souls can be given peace and spiritual satisfaction can be achieved. There is no doubt that if a generation is taught about Allah and brought up on an unshakable foundation of monotheism, the Islamic Ummah will return to its original position. For Allah has promised it. Allah says:

﴿ وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا ۗ يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا ﴾⁽¹⁰⁾

“Allah has promised those of you who believe and do good that He will certainly make them successors in the land, as He did with those before them; and will surely establish for them their faith which He has chosen for them; and will indeed change their fear into security— (provided that) they worship Me, associating nothing with Me. But whoever disbelieves after this (promise), it is they who will be the rebellious.”

Oh, beloved Muslim brothers! Allah the almighty has commanded His servants with a very strong command. He says:

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴾⁽¹¹⁾

(10) Surah An-Nur (24:55)

(11) Surah Al-Ahzab (33:56)



“Indeed, Allah showers His blessings upon the Prophet, and His angels pray for him. Oh believers! Invoke Allah’s blessings upon him and salute him with worthy greetings of peace.”

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ
الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ، وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ خُلَفَائِهِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ
وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيٍّ وَعَنْ سَائِرِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ أَجْمَعِينَ.

O Lord of Creation and Majesty! Peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his Pious and Pure Companions. Oh Allah! Be pleased with the four Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali (may Allah be pleased with them all) and all the Companions and Followers in this blessing and peace. Oh, our Creator! Grant our parents, teachers and all those responsible for education and upbringing, the wisdom and strength to build a good generation on the righteous path of the Glorious Qur'an! Grant victory and help to those who work to glorify Your Word in the ends of the earth! Give them patience and establish their feet in the path of truth!

Oh, our Creator! After a good life, grant us a good end! Do not turn us away from the path after You have guided us. Do not send upon us universal wrath because of the sins of the sinners among us. Remove pain and sickness from our society and grant us perfect health and well-being. Place blessings in the oceans that surrounds us, with bountiful supply of fish.



Oh, our Creator! Protect our country from all diseases and illnesses and keep us in perfect health and well-being! Make our country prosperous and keep it prosperous! May Allah grant guidance, victory, and strength to the leaders You have chosen to lead Islam and the affairs of the world in the path of reform! Forgive the sins of the dead and the living among us and have Mercy on us! Grant us goodness in this world and goodness in the Hereafter and Save us from the torment of Hell!

Give wisdom to the leaders whom You have chosen to rule by Islam and run the world in the righteous path and guide them to the path that pleases You!

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ!
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ! ﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ﴾ (12)
أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ الْجَلِيلَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ وَادْعُوهُ يَسْتَجِبْ
لَكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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