بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
JOURNEY TOWARDS LIGHT...

Enlightenment of the Hearts!
O People of the Scripture, there has come to you Our Messenger making clear to you much of what you used to conceal of the Scripture and overlooking much. There has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book.
By which Allah guides those who pursue His pleasure to the ways of peace and brings them out from darknesses into the light, by His permission, and guides them to a straight path.
From Anas ibn Malik who said that Allah's Messenger (sas) said: Verily Allah has his family members among people. They said: And who are they, O Messenger of Allah? He (sas) said: They are the people of the Qur'an the people of Allah and his select ones.
WHAT DOES THE QURAN TALK ABOUT?
We have certainly sent down to you a Book in which is your mention. Then will you not reason?

(Al-Anbiya 21:10)
Those who know vs. those who do not!

Say, "Are those who know equal to those who do not know?" Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding.
The Book of Quran Does not Throw its Gems at Everyone!
And among them are unlettered ones who do not know the Scripture except in wishful thinking, but they are only assuming.
QURAN – A BOOK FOR INTELLECTUALS?

IS IT FOR US?
38:29

[This is] a blessed Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that they might reflect upon its verses and that those of understanding would be reminded.
"But none will grasp the message except the men of intellect." (Quran 2:269)
He gives wisdom to whom He wills, and whoever has been given wisdom has certainly been given much good. And none will remember except those of understanding.
WHAT ALLAH WANTS FROM US?
Indeed, the worst of living creatures in the sight of Allah are the deaf and dumb who do not use reason.
And do not be like those who say, "We have heard," while they do not hear.
Then do they not reflect upon the Qur'an, or are there locks upon [their] hearts?
Indeed in that is a reminder for whoever has a heart or who listens while he is present [in mind].
ARE WE ONE OF THEM?

The Illiterate?
The Living Dead?
The Seeing Blind...
The Hearing Deaf...
The Speaking Dumb...
CONSEQUENCES OF TURNING AWAY FROM QURAN
And the Messenger has said, "O my Lord, indeed my people have taken this Qur'an as [a thing] abandoned."
Thus, [O Muhammad], We relate to you from the news of what has preceded. And We have certainly given you from Us the Qur'an.

Whoever turns away from it - then indeed, he will bear on the Day of Resurrection a burden, [Abiding] eternally therein, and evil it is for them on the Day of Resurrection as a load -
And whoever turns away from My remembrance - indeed, he will have a depressed life, and We will gather him on the Day of Resurrection blind."
He will say, "My Lord, why have you raised me blind while I was [once] seeing?"

[ Allah ] will say, "Thus did Our signs come to you, and you forgot them; and thus will you this Day be forgotten."
And thus do We recompense he who transgressed and did not believe in the signs of his Lord. And the punishment of the Hereafter is more severe and more enduring.
LIVING THE BOOK OF ALLAH!

Not possible without Love for the Book!
Attachment with the Book!
Interaction with the Quran!
LIVING WITH QURAN

Every moment...every breath...every Day!
ENGAGING WITH THE QURAN

Emotional Involvement (Heart)
• Preparation for Inner Participation
  • Purity of Intention and Purpose
• Feeling the Presence of Allah
• Hearing from Allah
• Allah’s Direct Address
• Feeling every word for Myself
• Dialogue/Conversation with Allah
• Trusting and Expecting Allah’s Rewards

Physical Involvement (Body)
• Purity
• Humility and Surrender
• Tarteel
• Response of the Tongue
• Response of the Eyes (Tears)

Intellectual Involvement (Mind)
• Comprehension
• Deep thinking and Reflection
• Obedience and Change
• Trust and Dependence

Spiritual Involvement (Soul)
• Self Purification
• Seeking Allah’s Help and Protection
• Supplication and Dua

Active Engagement/
Total Inner Participation

Engaging with the Quran
Pure hearts will never find satisfaction enough from the Book of Allah!