Allah, the Creator
Allah, the Sustainer
Allah, the Supreme
Allah, the Glorified
Allah, the Most Gracious
Allah, the Most Merciful
Allah, the all Powerful
Allah, the Everlasting

Let’s get Close to Allah!

Let’s Get Enlightened with Allah’s Noor!
Let’s Connect with Quran!
بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
Aren't we Blessed?
And We have certainly honored the children of Adam and carried them on the land and sea and provided for them of the good things and preferred them over much of what We have created, with [definite] preference.

[Al-Isra 17:70]
The Most Merciful(1) Taught the Qur'an(2), Created man(3), [And] taught him eloquence(4).
What does it mean to me and Why do I need it?
QURAN- ALLAH'S LIGHT, A CLEAR BOOK!

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.
Alif, Lam, Ra. [This is] a Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that you might bring mankind out of darknesses into the light by permission of their Lord - to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Praised -
And indeed, your Lord - He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful. And indeed, the Qur'an is the revelation of the Lord of the worlds. The Trustworthy Spirit has brought it down upon your heart, [O Muhammad] that you may be of the warners -in a clear Arabic language. (Ash-Shu’ra 26: 191-195)
We have certainly sent down to you a Book in which is your mention. Then will you not reason?

(Al-Anbiya 21:10)
Analyze the impact of Quran!
“The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, feel a fear in their hearts and when His Verses are recited unto them, they increase their Faith; and they put their trust in their Lord (Alone)”

[Al-Anfaal(8):2]
O mankind, there has to come to you instruction from your Lord and healing for what is in the breasts and guidance and mercy for the believers.

(Yunus 10: 57)
Those who believed (in the Oneness of Allâh), and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allâh, Verily, in the remembrance of Allâh do hearts find rest

Al-Ra’d 28
Say, "In the bounty of Allah and in His mercy - in that let them rejoice; it is better than what they accumulate."
Understanding our Obligations to the Quran

To understand, read, apply and teach?
Indeed Allâh conferred a great favour on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger (Muhammad SAW) from among themselves, reciting unto them His Verses (the Qur'ân), and purifying them (from sins by their following him), and instructing them (in) the Book (the Qur'ân) and Al-Hikmah [the wisdom and the Sunnah of the Prophet SAW (i.e. his legal ways, statements, acts of worship)], while before that they had been imanifest error.

[Ale Imran 3:164]
OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE QURAN

- To Believe in the Quran
- To Read It
- To Understand it
- To Act upon its Teachings
- To Convey its Message and Teachings to Others
MEANING OF: TILAWAH

• Meaning of: Tilawah
  – is the word that the Qur'an uses to describe the act of its reading.
  – No single word in English can convey its full meaning.
• Its primary meaning is to follow.
• Its secondary meaning is to read.
• Tilawah as the act of reading in which words must follow each other in order for their meaning to make sense.
• Following of the Quran must mean that we learn from the words of the quran and make it a blueprint for our lives.
TOTAL ENGAGEMENT IN TILAWAH OF QURAN

• “Tilawah or recitation is an act in which your whole person, soul, heart, mind, tongue and body—participates. In short your whole existence becomes involved (p.22)” – Khurram Murad – The Way to the Quran
علم التجويد

The Art and Science of Reciting the Holy Quran
To Beautify, Bring at the Level of Excellence, To make Superior (in terms of Quality)

Tajweed(n) – is to make our pronunciation of the Quran better, meaning perfect, meaning as it was revealed.
LINGUISTIC AND APPLIED DEFINITION OF TAJWEED

• Linguistic Definition:
  – Betterment: ‘proficiency’ or ‘doing something well’

• Applied definition:
  – Articulating every letter from its articulation point and giving the letter its rights and dues of characteristics.
RIGHTS AND DUES OF LETTERS

• Rights of the letters
  – Are its required characteristics that never leave it.

• Dues of Letters:
  – are its presented characteristics that are present in it some of the time, and not present at other times. E.g. the madd, idghaam
THE SCIENCE OF TAJWEED

• Tajweed is one of the most prominent sciences of Qur’an.

• It is the science governed by:
  – deep-rooted static rules
  – derived from the oral recitation of the Qur’an by the Prophet Muhammad after hearing the revelation from the angel Gabriel.
WHY TAJWEED?

• No rules revealed?
• The mixture between Arabs and non Arabs.
• Preserving the Arabic Tongue
• Preserves the recitation of the Qur’an from mistakes
• Guarantees the reader of the Qur’an integrity of pronunciation
• Most important element in reciting the Quran in a beautiful manner
THE KNOWLEDGE OF TAJWEED

• The knowledge of Tajweed is contingent on four matters:
  – Knowledge of the articulation points of the letters
  – Knowledge of the characteristics of the letters
  – Knowledge of what rules change in the letters due to the order of letters
  – Exercising the tongue and a lot of repetition
IMPORTANCE OF TAJWEED

• The ornament of the Qur’anic recitation is a good melodic voice
• Allah loves the recitation with such a voice
• Ideal recitation of the Quran
  – Manner which helps the person to comprehend, surrender, and experience humility
What the Quran says?
Surah Al Baqarah, 121:
Those to whom We gave the Book [the Taurât (Torah)] [or those (Muhammad's Peace be upon him companions) to whom We have given the Book (the Qur'ân)] recite it as it should be recited (i.e. followed), they are the ones that believe therein. And whoso disbelieves in it (the Qur'ân), those are they who are the losers.
And recite the Qur'an (aloud) in a slow, (pleasant tone and) style  
Al-Muzzammil [73:4]
According to Sunnah
RECITING THE QUR’AN MELODIOSLY ACCORDING TO THE SUNNAH (1)

• The Prophet (SAW) used to recite the Qur’an in slow, measured, rhythmic tones as Allah had instructed him, not hurriedly, but rather “he would recite a surah in such slow rhythmic tones that it would be longer than it would seem possible.” (Muslim, Muwatta)

• He would stop at the end of each ayah (Abu Dawud).

• He commanded people to recite in a beautiful voice in a pleasant melodious tone.
RECITING THE QUR’AN MELODIously ACCORDING TO THE SUNNAH (2)

- Prophet (PBUH) said
  - “Beautify the Qur’an with your voices [for a fine voice increases the Qur’an in beauty].” (Bukhari)
  - “He who does not recite the Qur’an in a pleasant tone is not of us.” (Abu Dawud)
  - “Truly the one who has one of the finest voices among the people for reciting the Qur’an is the one whom you think fears Allah when you hear him recite.” (Daarimi, Tabaraani)
Quran in My Life

Analyzing the Place of Quran in our Lives
Why do I read the Quran?
When and How much do I Read the Quran?
Why should we read the Quran?
KEY TO IMPROVING RELATION WITH QURAN

Formula for bonding with Quran

Correct Recitation  Understanding
WHY IS CORRECT RECITATION SO IMPORTANT IN GETTING CLOSE TO THE QURAN?

• The beauty of the Quran in its original Arabic is unmatched – translations cannot do justice.

• The essence and the feel of the Quran cannot be captured without recitation in Arabic!

• Whatever we speak and hear carries an effect straight to our hearts; some sounds have healing effects, others destructive.

• The sound of the Quran is the most beautiful, healing, sound we can hear in this world, but only if recited correctly!

• Truly becomes a source of peace and closeness to Allah if recited beautifully. We start to enjoy our recitation!
Improving our relation with the Quran

Indispensable!
What can we do to improvise upon our relation with the Quran
How can we make Quran our best friend?
Let's Ask Ourselves and Make a Commitment!

It is obligatory on all of us to learn Tajweed!
Benefits of Tajweed
BENEFITS OF LEARNING TAJWEED

• The benefits of learning Tajweed are many as reflected in some of the following Ahadeeth:
  – There are ten rewards for each letter you recite from the Quran “Whoever reads a letter from the Book of Allah, he will have a reward. And that reward will be multiplied by ten. I am not saying that “Alif, Laam, Meem” is a letter, rather I am saying that “Alif” is a letter, “laam” is a letter and “meem” is a letter.” [Tirmidhi]

  – The Qur’an will lead you to Paradise! The Qur’an is an intercessor, something given permission to intercede, and it is rightfully believed in. Whoever puts it in front of him, it will lead him to Paradise; whoever puts it behind him, it will steer him to the Hellfire.”

  – [An authentic hadith found in At- Tabaraanee, on the authority of ‘AbdullaahibnMas’ood]
BENEFITS OF LEARNING TAJWEED

- The reciters of the Qur’an will be in the company of the noble and obedient angels ‘Aa’ishah, may Allah be pleased with her, relates that the Prophet (SAW) said:

  “Verily the one who recites the Qur’an beautifully, smoothly, and precisely, he will be in the company of the noble and obedient angels. And as for the one who recites with difficulty, stammering or stumbling through its verses, then he will have TWICE that reward.”

  [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]
Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) said:

"It will be said to the beholder of the Qur’aan:

‘Recite, ascend, and Rattil (recite slowly and distinctly) as you used to Rattil in the life of this world, for verily your level (in Paradise) is at the last verse you read’”

(Abu Dawud & At-Tirmidhi)
"The best among you is the one who learns and teaches the Holy Qur'an" (Sahih Bukhari)
We are Blessed Indeed!

For we are the chosen ones!
Is Quran Difficult?

To Read, Learn, Teach, Apply?
And indeed, We have made the Qur'ân easy to understand and remember, then is there any that will remember (or receive admonition?)

*Al-Qamar (54: 41)*
GUARANTEE... QURAN IS NOT DIFFICULT!

Be Assured... It's a Promise from Allah!
On the Seekers' Path to Knowledge
There is only One Guiding Light!

We are in this together!
Quran is Allah’s Noor
... Let’s Enlighten our lives with it!
Become Quran’s Friend

Make Quran your Best Friend
Let's learn to Beautify our Recitations

And start our journey towards better fulfilling our obligations to the Quran!
LETS LIVE THE QURAN!
DUA IS A MUST!
With Open heart...Clear Mind....
If We had sent down this Qur'an upon a mountain, you would have seen it humbled and coming apart from fear of Allah. And these examples We present to the people that perhaps they will give thought.