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QMajd



Ameer's Message

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh my beloved MAJD,

I pray to Allah (swt) that each and every one of you reading this may read this letter in the best of your health and ever increasing eman. Ameen.

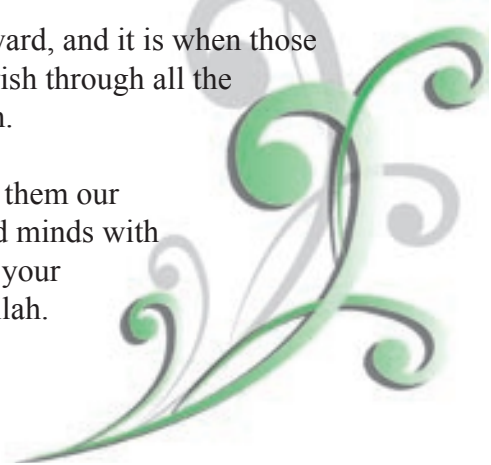
Over the past three years or so, I have seen this qabeelat grow from something very small, to the biggest body of students in AlMaghrib. I have seen some of the challenges faced, the challenges conquered, and the issues left alone. I have seen the struggles, the passion, the brotherhood and sisterhood that the first ameer of Majd drove this city on. I have seen that same passion being carried onto the next ameer/ah and their team, who evolved this qabeelat from being a "normal" qabeelat into being one of the best structured qabeelats in the world. I have seen the sleepless nights, the tiresome days, the constant conference calls, and the running around of each and every person involved in making this class, an experience that is never to be forgotten. Such that each person who ever visits Toronto, or hears about QMajd, it would leave a resounding noise in their ears, constantly echoing its true Glory, such which is only provided by the rahma of Allah(swt) and truly to Him is all thanks.

This qabeelat and the amount of hard work the volunteers and each and every student does, is what makes it so great. The amount of joy that comes to me to see it succeed can only be returned in making more and more dua for the success of our deen in the West and into the akhira, inshaAllah.

To have a great leader, great followers must exist, and to have great success, great minds must be present, and to have passion, great energy must be felt throughout each and every person seeking success. Such is the case with our qabeelat. At the time of Rasulullah(saw) and the khulafa rashideen, great men took the responsibility of leading the Muslims, great men stood up for their deen, great men spread the deen to all the lands, it was such great men who took this responsibility of upholding their deen and carrying it forward. They knew the importance of institutionalizing the studies of the quran, the hadith, the sunnah, and the implementation of such teachings throughout each and every community. It was men like Umar bin Khattab (ra) who kept this deen in its place, it was men like Abu Bakr (ra) whose humble character attracted so many to Islam, it was the hayyah of Uthman (ra) for which people admired him as a leader rather than his wealth or status, it was the courage of Ali (ra) that left a resounding mark for many Muslims to look back upon, even in during the worst of times, for centuries to come.

Such great men are needed today, in our time to carry this deen forward, and it is when those men stand up and take a stance, then truly will we see our deen flourish through all the lands, carrying its true meaning and the truest of followings inshaAllah.

My brothers and sisters, it is our duty to reach out to people and teach them our deen, once we attain such knowledge, do not leave it in your hearts and minds with ignorance, spread what you learn to others so they too may benefit. Tell your friends and family to attend these classes so they too may benefit, inshaAllah.





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And participate as much as you can to make this qabeelat great and to take this qabeelat to reach new heights, so we may reach out to more and more people, so that they too may benefit. **VOLUNTEER TODAY!!**

Alhumdulillah I can gladly say that I am proud of each and every one of you who attend these classes, participate in them, volunteer to make these classes better, purely for the sake of Allah (swt).

If you ever have any concerns, comments or complaints, please never hesitate to email me at m2jabbar@gmail.com, and inshaAllah I will reply to the earliest availability.

May Allah (swt) grant each and everyone of you the most beautiful of houses in al-Firdaus, surrounded by the most beautiful of gardens, carrying the most beautiful of heavenly scents, amongst which you hear the most unique songs of the ever so cheerful birds, encompassed by vistas never heard of or seen by any man nor woman, such beauty that no artist could depict in the most beautiful of his or her artistic capabilities, such which only He (swt) can provide. Ameen.

JazakAllahu khair for your time and patience. Wa salaamu alaikum wa rahmatullah.

Your brother in Islam,

Umer Abdul-Jabbar

Ameer

Ameerah's Message

Alhumdulilaah, was salaatu wa salaam 'alaa RasulAllah

As Salaamu Alaikum Warahmatullah!

'Each one of you is shepherd. And each one of you will be asked about your flock. A ruler also is a shepherd and he will be asked about his flock. And every man is a shepherd to his family. And a woman is the custodian of her husband's house and his children. Thus each one of you is shepherd, and each one will be asked about his flock.'

- Hadith of Al Bukhari and Muslim, on the Authority of 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar

8:35 p.m., January 4, 2008. I get a call from a HQ staff member for a final interview for the Ameerah position. Not caught off guard, I kept my composure and answered questions to the best of my ability. At the end of the call, I had accepted the position (a decision that took me 6 months to make).

12:28 a.m., January 5, 2008. I get an email from Sr. Sarah Awan (now, a former Ameerah), congratulating me for my new position, sincere adi'yaa and advices.

This is how the journey began. Walhamdulillah.

Having just marked over three months in this position, I am nothing but grateful. It has been a rollercoaster ride, thus far. Being involved in QMajd, since its early days (though not quite the beginning), I have witnessed it go from just a bunch of students working to organize things to a professional organization, then to a leading 'brand', breaking and shattering records throughout North America and the UK.

Stepping into the Ameerah shoes, I then observed the qabeelah from a completely different angle. The sincerity of its students, our instructors' love when it comes to educating students of the deen, and the rivalry of the fellow qabaa'il which have definitely added spice to this role.

And most importantly, it made me acknowledge the Blessing of our Lord. GTA is a very blessed community, mashaAllah, and the potential to do good is very high. May Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala reward all the previous ameers and ameerah, the past shura and the veteran students of ours who have set the standards so high and surpassed all the obstacles in making QMajd a reality. Ameen.

I can undoubtedly say that after the bounty of Allah tabarak wa ta'ala, consulting Him and asking Him for guidance and protection, it's the sincere dedication of the students, the hard work of our volunteers (where each one of them is special and an important asset to the community, may Allah bless and protect them), the zeal of our Ameer, and the support (though instigating at times) of our advisors and well-wishers, mainly the HQ and the senior qabeelah members, which has led us this far, and will take us even farther for many generations to come, inshaAllah ta'ala.

QMajd is here not just to shatter class size records, but it is here to set standards for the ummah, and to unite our brothers and sisters in faith, with love, compassion and strong bonds of akhuwa, fi sabeelillaah, with the right intention and the right methodology of our Rasul (peace be upon him) and of the Rightly Guided Khaleefahs, and those who followed them.

InshaAllah ta'ala, we have an even longer way to go as the Qabeelah. We haven't taken over the world yet!

Rabia Khan
Ameerah

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Seeking the Truth

Many of us have adopted an “Ignorance is bliss” mentality, where we rationalize that so long as we don’t know about something, it cannot affect us. We feel that it is much easier to live ignorantly, surrounded by what we are comfortable with so we don’t have to deal with reality and its difficulties, and we can be happy. However, we forget the significance of knowledge and the role that it plays in our lives: with knowledge we gain understanding, compassion, and a global perspective on many issues. Without knowledge and our hunger to seek it, we would still be rubbing sticks together, trying to ignite a fire. Knowing this, we still shield ourselves from ‘too much’ knowledge because we fear that it may challenge us; we see it more as a burden than enlightenment. This is a mentality that we, as Muslims, have come to adopt against studying our own religion.

When we go to study subjects such as Math and Science, we have an expectation on what we will learn: logs, trig, mitosis, carbohydrates. None of these have a direct impact in the way we live but we seek it with greater enthusiasm than we seek knowledge about Islam because there is no ‘unknown’ factor. With the study of Islam, we might discover that our favourite food is haram, that we skip an important step in our prayer and as a result we must change our lives to be in accordance to the sunnah and the correct practice of Islam. This is the burden we fear. Allah says in the Quran: “...Say: Are those who know equal to those who know not?” [AzZumar/9] There is only one answer to this thought provoking rhetorical question: no.

A Doctor is classified as having a greater status than an Engineer because he studies the creation rather than objects created by the creation. Well, what about one who studies the Creator? Undoubtedly, an ‘Alim is more superior in rank than a Doctor. Often, we hear from people practicing another profession that they study what will gain them benefit and is most useful but there is nothing more useful than studying Islam.

Allah says in the Quran, “...Allah elevates to high positions those from amongst you who are faithful and those who have acquired knowledge...” [Al Mujadilla/11]. For this reason, we should do anything and everything (provided that it’s halal) to attain knowledge like the ‘Ulamah of the past. Bukhari, Ibn Tamiyyah, Imam Ahmed, and practically all the greatly renowned scholars spent their lives in travel to seek the truth, and we too should follow in their footsteps, because knowledge is truly not the burden we perceive it to be.

AmatulWadood's

A Complete Dua

Bismillah

How many times have we heard the dua: Rabbana aatina fid-dunya hasanah, wa fil-akhirati hasanah, wa qinaa athaban naar? Have we ever contemplated how complete this dua is?


Allah (glory be to Him) says:

فَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنُ يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَمَا لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِن خَلْقٍ
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“And among the people is he who says, “our Lord, give us in this world,” and he will have in the Hereafter no share. But among them is he who says, “our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good and in the Hereafter [that which is] good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire.” [Surat AlBaqarah/ 200-201]

These ayaat are in the part of Surat AlBaqarah that addresses Hajj and its rites. In the first part of the ayah (“And among the people is he who says, “our Lord, give us in this world,” and he will have in the Hereafter no share.”) Allah (glory be to Him) says that there are people who remember only the dunya in their dua, even when making dua during Hajj. Why make dua for only the dunya even at such a time? *When a person makes dua, he focuses on what he wants most, the thing that is most important to him, and what he thinks about the most.* For these people - may Allah not make us from amongst them - the dunya is their priority, and they think most about it wherever they are. This is the case whether they are performing tawaf or standing at ‘Arafat, they only think about attaining the dunya.

In the second part of the ayah, Allah explains that such a person will not have a share in the hereafter. Why? Because that is not what he was

asking for. In the ayah, the Arabic word “Khalaq”  means a portion or share which is given to someone because of his good character; therefore, we also learn from this ayah that good character leads and opens doors to doing good deeds.

Then there is the other type of person, the one who says: “our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good and in the Hereafter [that which is] good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire.” The blessings he is asking for in this dunya is rizq, offspring, wealth, a home, family, and good health. We live in this dunya, we have needs, and we are allowed to ask for them. The companions would even ask Allah for help when their shoelaces broke. As such, these people also ask for “hasanah” (good) in this world.

Then they say, “and good in the hereafter.” The good they speak of is Jannah, and all the steps that lead to it. There are duas implied in this great one, amongst them is that they ask for protection from the punishment of the grave, they ask that when the trumpet is blown on the Day of Judgment they are not among those who are terrified, they ask that their book will be given to them in their right hand, they ask that when their deeds are weighed, their good deeds will be heavier than their bad deeds, they ask that when they have to cross the Siraat, they cross it with ease and quickness. They also ask to pass the Qantarrah (the arched bridge) without any hardship and they ask to enter Jannah with ease.

When we make this duaa, we should have all of

these things in mind inshaAllah, but what state of mind would a person have to have for him or her to ask such things? Only when he or she knows about them, and knows that they are the steps that we will go through in the akhirah can that person ask for them. Knowledge of what we are asking for helps our duas come from the heart; when a person knows what he is asking for, he is no longer merely repeating the words “hasanah” in the akhirah and “hasanah” in the dunya, he sincerely thinks about what the words include.

In the final part of the ayah, Allah says that these people will then ask for salvation from the hellfire, because they realize and understand what a severe torment and punishment it is.

It was reported from Anas ibn Malik that Rasul Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) recited this du’aa the most [Saheeh Muslim/35/6705]. When Anas ibn Malik would make his normal dua, he would include this dua with it. Therefore, we too should make this dua as much as we can, and with the meaning in mind.


May Allah make us among those who will have good in this dunya, good in the hereafter and those saved from the torment of Hellfire.

Ameen



The Definition of the Quran

By: *Alm Seeker*



So what exactly *is* the Quran?

Scholars define the Quran as this: The Arabic speech of Allah that was revealed to the Prophet (peace be upon him) both in word and in meaning. It is collected between the two covers of the mushaaf, was narrated in mutawaatir chains, and is a challenge to humankind.

We can learn six important things about the Quran from this definition.

① The Arabic Speech of Allah

The Quran is the speech of Allah, in Arabic. This means that anything that's not Arabic isn't the Quran. You can't pray in English, in French, in Swahili, in Urdu – it must be in Arabic.

② Revealed to the Prophet

We know that Allah revealed many revelations – including the Injeel and the Tawrah and the Zabur. Those are also revelation of Allah—but they're not the Quran. Only what Allah revealed to the Prophet (peace be upon him) is the Quran.

3. Revealed in Word and Meaning

Not only is the meaning of the Quran the same as what Allah meant; but the words themselves are also from Allah, Unlike Hadith Qudsi, where the meaning is from Allah, and the words are from the Prophet (peace be upon him).

4. Collected between Two Covers

Hadith Qudsi is also the speech of Allah, but it's not Quran. Similarly, there are verses that used to be in the Quran, but aren't anymore – even though they were once! These are the abrogated verses, and they're not considered Quran anymore, even though we still know what some of these revelations were.

5. Mutawaatir

The Quran was related in a mutawaatir fashion – so many narrators narrated it, at every single step in the chain of narration, making it impossible that they all lied or made a mistake.

6. A Challenge to Humankind

The Quran is an ongoing challenge to the human race – create a book, a surah, a verse like it; but nay, we will NEVER be able to. Allah Himself says so.



One other important part of the definition of the Quran is that Allah promised that He will protect it, until the end of time - and that promise doesn't apply to anything else (such as the Sunnah, or Hadith Qudsi).

And you thought you knew the Quran!

May Allah allow us all to become saahibul-Quran, Companions of the Quran, those whom Allah will give the highest level of Jannah.

Ameen.





In the Footsteps of the Ameer

As students of QMajd, many of us undoubtedly lead very busy, fast paced lives. Some of us who volunteer in the community have busier lives than most. Despite all our hectic schedules and busy lifestyles, many of us have wondered – what does the Ameer of the Qabeelah do? Does he just tell everyone what to do, throwing out orders and relax? Last month, an undercover brother decided to stalk the Ameer and post excerpts from Gmail chat sessions to see what he was really up to, and he presents his findings with much trepidation.

So how does a day in the life of the Ameer of our beloved Qabeelah, QMajd look like? This article will give you an insight of how dedicated and hard working the Ameer is, and also a glimpse of his very jovial personality.

After memorizing my lesson for the morning, I closed my Mushaf and walked over to the computer to check my mail. It was approximately 10:00 am and I could not help but

recall someone's wish on the AlMaghrib Forums for an 'undercover' article about how the Ameer spends his day. With a slight grin on my face, I logged onto Gmail and to no surprise, I saw the Ameer online. I thought to myself, what a golden opportunity to go 'undercover' on him. I began talking to him about how tiresome the previous day was. He told me that he came home really late from work and then opened his Gmail to find plenty of emails that he had to respond to. He explained to me that if he did not respond to the emails today there would be two more emails tomorrow asking him to respond to the initial email.

Br. Umer is not the average brother you see at your local masjids and halaqas. Due to his extensive leadership skills and personal efforts, he has been elevated to the extent of being known as the local "Bhai" (Umer Bhai), the brother of the community, MashaAllah. He is well known throughout the community such that even all the aunties of the community refer to him

By Tausif Hussain

as “Umer Bhai” or brother. Now everyone knows what happens when you have a bunch of aunties discussing things about you: somehow the news reaches these so called “hookup aunties” as our beloved Sheikh Yasir Qadhi calls them. Curious to find out what Umer Bhai had to say regarding the marriage topic, I decided to ask him, and this is how our conversation went:

Me: So bro when are you going to get married?

Ameer: lol its going to be undercover. No one will know. Who knows I may already be married. Muhahahahahhaa. Lol.”

As you can see, despite being flooded with work and pressure on a daily basis, our Ameer is still humorous Alhumdulillah.

Brother Umer was brought with two other brothers that are also in leadership positions, MashaAllah, and he has gotten a lot of support at home when it comes to work. His older brother, Ali Jabbar, has just been re-elected this year as the president of the Student Union at Ryerson University. His younger brother is also actively involved in many programs around the city. Brother Umer’s home life can be compared to that of a sister because he and his brothers fulfill the duties of a daughter at home. Brother Umer cleans the house, he can cook and bake a few things if there is a need, and he participates in daily household chores. When I asked Umer how it feels like to live with two brothers, his reply was: “Alhumdulillah it feels good, my older brother has always been in a leadership position, in YM, in other organizations, in politics, in school, in MSA, so it’s nice to have

him there for advice when I am facing a difficult situation. Same goes for my younger brother as well, he is very talented, and he too is a leader. It’s fun to have a younger brother as well, Alhumdulillah. My life with them is amazing, Alhumdulillah, I could not be happier, all 3 of us are pillars for our parents, where one may lack in something, the other completes it.”

So what does Brother Umer do during his spare time? Let’s just say Brother Umer’s week is something you could call out of the ordinary. Four out of the seven days of the week he attends university, and another four days he works (two days on the weekend and two days during the week). Brother Umer is currently studying Graphic Communications Management (GCM) at Ryerson University. Many of you may already be aware that this field of study in particular requires a lot of creativity and imagination as it has a lot to do with marketing. Brother Umer initially studied engineering, but later realized that he actually wanted to go into marketing. When I asked him why he changed his career choice, he told me that it was because in engineering he would have been very caught up with studying that he would hardly have any time to work for the deen. By switching to GCM he was able to get in touch with his creative side, and he was also able to spend more time for the sake of Allah. As we can see, MashaAllah, his crucial decision to switch careers and devote more time for the sake of Allah is now evident. During the weekends and the day that he does not attend university he spends most of his day working at Home



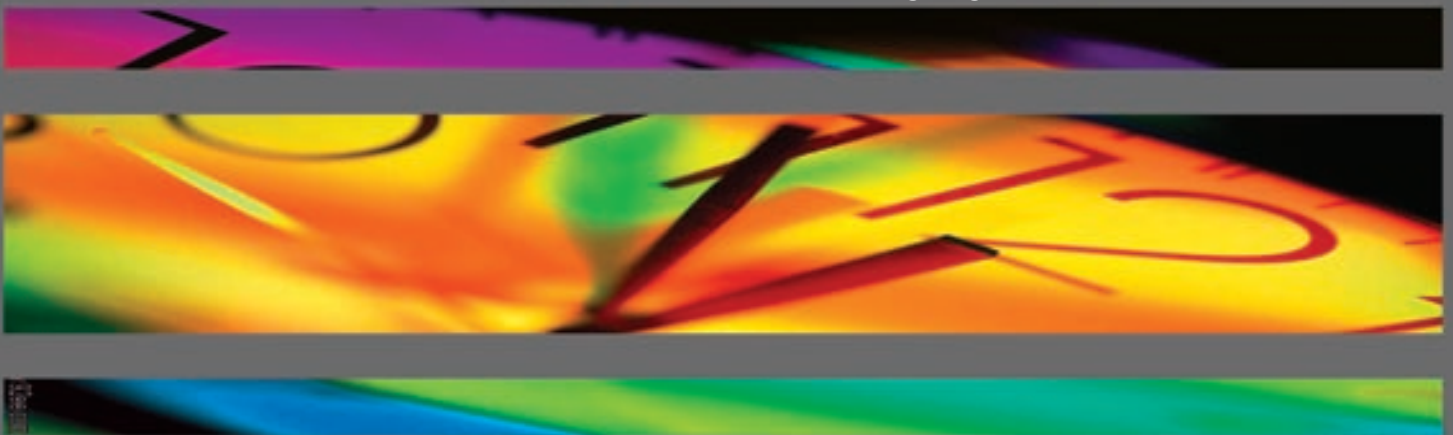
Depot. MashaAllah, he is currently a supervisor at the Home Depot location he works at. In addition to all of this, he has to allocate time throughout his day to work on his other extra curricular activities such as Qmajd, Al Maghrib Head Quarters, ICNA Young Muslims, Ryerson MSA, and others.

Some may think that being the Ameer of QMajd is easy play. Those that think so should think again because with leadership comes many more responsibilities, and with more responsibilities comes a lot less sleep. I can personally recall many instances when I have been up late at night doing my work and right when I was about to go to sleep the Ameer would sign onto Gmail to begin his work. While many people are asleep peacefully, the Ameer would stay up late at night doing work for the community. MashaAllah, true dedication is what makes Brother Umer outshine others. I personally think that Brother Umer is more dedicated than the job entails, MashaAllah. When I asked Brother Umer how serious the volunteer workload for the Qmajd Shura is, the reply I got was: "You will get used to everything; soon the work will be like your second family. This will be your wife, your child, your love. Lol." You can see the diligence Brother Umer has simply by the choice of his wording, MashaAllah.



We have all now witnessed the life of our Ameer and what his position entails. Like our lives the Ameer's life encompasses many of the components that typical our daily lives as well; we all have jobs, university, extracurricular activities to attend too. However, what personifies someone as a leader rather than an ordinary person? The characteristics that distinguish a leader from others are their commitments to hard work and the embodiment of the phrase "lead by example." We all know that during the time of the Sahabah (May Allah be pleased with them), the Ameer of the believers was well known to the entire society. The entire community knew the Ameer not just as person with prominence and position, but also as a person whom they could make a personal connection with. So, when the Ameer spoke, people listened; when the Ameer made a decision, people trusted and followed. As the people in the past did, we need to be able to build a personal connection with our Ameer as well, and that is the

main purpose of this article. As a disclaimer before I end this article InshaAllah. The Ameer, although very hard working as mentioned in this article, has a very different side to him too, which only those very close to him get to see. The Ameer's lucrative personality contains many lame jokes including his infamous marriage jokes. Therefore, I urge everyone to strengthen their relationship with the Ameer, so that InshaAllah we all can witness this rather intriguing side of him.



ROUTE 114 TALENT



For the second week of Route 114, Majdians were given the opportunity to share their creative side with the class as assignment. The assignment was split into two categories: one was calligraphy, where the individual was judged on their Arabic handwriting abilities, while the other category of submissions involved creative methods and materials on which the Quran is written on. Over the course of the day the previously empty registration room filled up with submitted pieces, 163 in all, creating a gallery of QMajd talent for all to see.

It took over three hours for the judges to carefully evaluate and decide on the winners.

May Allah azza wa jaal reward everyone who participated for their effort!

Calligraphy Winners



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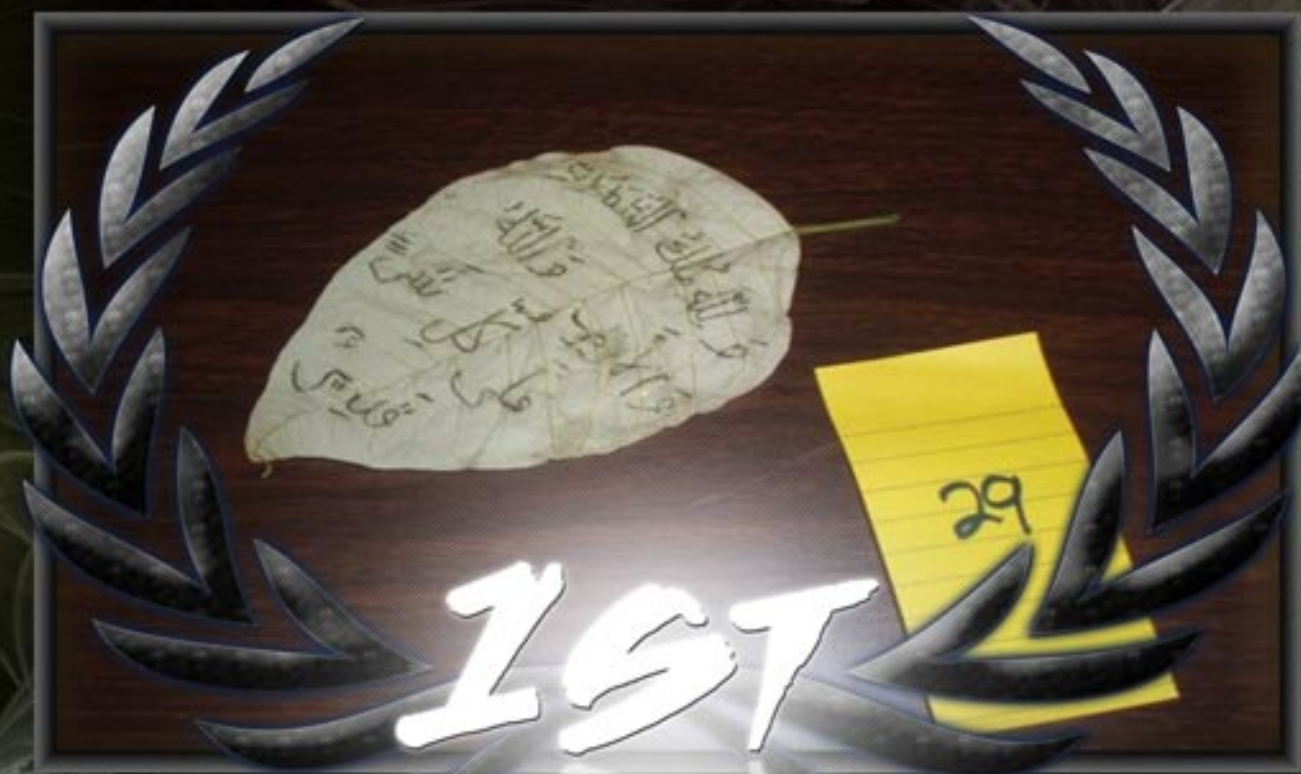


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Calligraphy Winners



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Healing Diseases with Qur'aan and the Virtues of Ruqyah

By : Dr. Sada f Sheikh

Allah sent Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) with guidance that encompasses all aspects of our lives. Abu Dharr said once that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) left us and no bird flapped its wings in the sky except that he had taught us some knowledge about it (narrated by Ahmad-20399). It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: “Allah has not sent down any disease but He has also sent down a cure for it” (narrated by al-Bukhaari-5678). Here I want to emphasize that the Quran is not a book of medicine, rather it is a book of guidance for mankind. We have abandoned Quran by not using it as a source of cure of diseases and we tend to seek for cures by other means. We should consult the Quran during times of sickness, as Allah says: “*And We send down of the Quran that which is a healing and a mercy to those who believe (in Islamic Monotheism and act*

on it), and it increases the Zaalimoon (polytheists and wrongdoers) nothing but loss” [al-Isra':82].

Ruqyah is a sunnah of our beloved Messenger (peace be upon him). It is one of the greatest remedies that the believer should use regularly. The Prophet (peace be upon him) has taught us things for healing and decreasing sickness, and along with these teachings comes a reward. This is part of Allah's mercy towards this blessed ummah and the Prophet's care for it. Our beloved Messenger (peace be upon him) is the one whom Allah described as: “*Verily, there has come unto you a Messenger from amongst yourselves. It grieves him that you should receive any injury or difficulty. He is anxious over you; for the believers (he is) full of pity, kind, and merciful*” [al-Tawbah 9:128].

Among the things that the Prophet (peace be upon him) taught us are the following:



Reciting Surah al-Fatiha

It was narrated from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri that some of the companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him) came to one of the Arab tribes. They asked them for hospitality but they refused to welcome them. The chief of that tribe was stung by a scorpion. They said: ‘Do you have any remedy or someone who can recite ruqyah?’ They said: ‘You did not offer us hospitality, so we will not do anything until you give us something in return.’ They agreed upon a flock of sheep as compensation. Then he started to recite the Essence of the Quran, (i.e. Surah al-Fatiha) and he collected his saliva and spat at the site of the injury. The chief recovered quickly. The sheep were brought, but the companions said: ‘We will not take them until we ask the Prophet (peace be upon him).’ So they asked him and he (peace be upon him) smiled and said: “How did you know that it is a ruqyah?

Take them and give me a share of them” (narrated by al-Bukhaari, 5404; Muslim, 2201).

Ibn al-Qayyim said: “There was a time when I fell sick in Makkah, and I could not find a doctor or any medicine, so I treated myself by reciting it (Surah al-Fatiha). I would take some Zamzam water and recite it over it several times, then drink it. I recovered fully by these means, then I began to do that whenever I felt a lot of pain, and I benefited greatly from it” (Zaad al-Ma’aad- 4/164).

If a person blows with saliva after reciting Quran, such as Surah al-Fatiha, it is the greatest kind of ruqyah that may be recited over a sick person. Some of the salaf did this, and it is effective and beneficial by Allaah’s leave.

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It was narrated from ‘Aa’ishah that when any of us fell sick, the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) would wipe him with his right hand then say: “*Adhhib il-ba’s, Rabbi l-naas washfi anta al-Shaafi laa shifaa’a illa shifaa’uka shifaa’an laa yughaadir saqaman* (Remove the harm, O Lord of mankind and heal him, for You are the Healer and there is no healing except Your healing, with a healing which does not leave any disease behind)” (narrated by al-Bukhaari-5675 and Muslim-2191).

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It was narrated that ‘Aa’ishah said: “If one of his family fell sick, the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) would blow over him and recite al-Mu’awwidhaat (Surah Al Falaq and Surah An-Nas). When he fell sick with his final illness, I started to blow over him and wipe him with his own hand, because it was more blessed than my hand” (narrated by al-Bukhaari-5735 and Muslim-2192).

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It was narrated from ‘Uthmaan ibn Abi’l-‘Aas al-Thaqafi that he complained to the Messenger of Allaah (peace be upon him) about a pain in his body. The Messenger of Allaah (peace be upon him) said to him: “Put your hand on the part of the body that hurts and say Bismillah (in the name of Allaah) three times. And say seven times: *A’oodhu Billaahi wa qudratihi min sharri ma ajid wa uhaadhir* (I seek refuge in Allaah and His power from the evil of what I feel and worry about)” (narrated by Muslim, 2202).

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It was narrated from Abu Sa’eed al-Khudri that Jibreel came to the Prophet (peace be upon him) and said: “O Muhammad, are you sick?” The Messenger (peace be upon him) said: “Yes.” He (Jibreel) said: “In the name of Allah I perform ruqyah for you, from everything that is harming you, from the evil of every soul or envious eye may Allah heal you, in the name of Allah I perform ruqyah for you” (narrated by Muslim-2186).



It was narrated that Abu'l-Darda' said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) say: "Whoever among you suffers some sickness, or his brother suffers some sickness, let him say: 'Our Lord Allah Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your will is done in heaven and on earth; as Your mercy is in heaven, bestow it upon the earth. Forgive us our sins. You are the Lord of the good. Send down some Your mercy and healing upon this pain,' and he will be healed" (narrated by Abu Dawood-3892).



It was narrated from Ibn 'Abbaas that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "The one who visits a sick person who is not dying, and says seven times in his presence, 'Aas ullahaa Raabil Arsheel Azeemi Aae Yushfiyaka' [I ask Allah the Almighty, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, to heal you], Allah will heal him from that sickness (narrated by Abu Dawood-3106).



Whilst reciting these ruqyahs over yourself you should wipe your hand over the face, chest and stomach, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) used to do. If you are doing it on a sick person then it will be good to sit near person's head so that you will be breathing over him as you recite the ruqyah. There is nothing wrong with blowing lightly onto his face with a little saliva while doing it. Ibn al-Qayyim said: "The ruqyah comes from the heart and mouth of the one who is reciting ruqyah, so if it is accompanied with some of his saliva and breath that will have a stronger effect" [Zaad al-Ma'aad (4/164)].

The Prophet (peace be upon him) used to blow into his hands when going to sleep, after reciting *Qul Huwa Allaahu Ahad*, and *Qul A'oodhu bi Rabbi'l-Falaq* and *Qul 'A'oodhu bi Rabbi'l-Naas*, then he would wipe his hands over his face and whatever he could of his body.

If there is some sickness that has caused the problem, there is nothing wrong with treating it with permissible medicines because of the general meaning of the words of the Prophet (peace be upon him): "Treat disease, for Allah has not created any disease but He has also created a cure for it, except for one disease, namely old age" (narrated by Abu Dawood-3855).



No matter what the cause of the disease is, a Muslim has to depend on Allah, put his trust in Him and accept His will and decree with patience. He must have certain faith that there is reward and much good in that, by Allah's leave. Allah never decrees for the believer anything but that which is good for him, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "How wonderful is the affair of the believer, for all his affairs are good and that does not apply to anyone apart from the believer. If something good happens to him he is grateful, and that is good for him, and if something bad happens to him he bears it with patience, and that is good for him" (narrated by Muslim, no. 2999).

Undoubtedly a person may suffer from diseases. Treating these diseases by means of the things prescribed in shariah, (i.e. ruqyah) is more effective than treating them with physical medication. There is no contradiction between using permissible physical medication as prescribed by doctors and using spiritual medication such as ruqyah, seeking refuge with Allah, and other duas that are proven in sound reports; these two methods of treatment may be combined, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) did. It was proven that the Prophet (peace be upon him) used both kinds of treatment when he said, "Strive to pursue that which will benefit you and seek refuge with Allah, and do not feel helpless." And he said: "Seek treatment, O slaves of Allah, but do not seek treatment with things which are haram." And Allah is the Source of strength.

By: Brother Ameen The Book of Allah



I stood on the platform of the subway station, awaiting the arrival of the train. I was frustrated because I was running late for work and I didn't have access to a car of my own. The doors opened and my gaze fell on a set of open seats; I rushed to claim them as my own.

I patiently sat in my seat while entertaining myself with random thoughts. Soon afterwards, a Muslimah entered the train and took the seat in front of me; my gaze, that had initially been patrolling the train, had now fallen to the ground. After some time, my neck became stiff and I raised my head to stretch the muscles and noticed the sister was reading a book. I looked closer at the book and it probably contained 600+ pages. I was interested to know the topic of her reading but I dared not question her, so I remained silent and looked away. Moments later, Shaitan produced me to look back at the book and I focused my gaze on the cover page, whereupon I noticed that she was reading a science-fiction book.

I became confused: my facial expressions had changed and new thoughts presented themselves to me. I started to ask myself why she would spend so much precious dunya time in reading a book which would bring her little benefit. I then began to answer that question myself, giving her the benefit of doubt: perhaps she was studying the author's style of writing for one of her classes?

I was interested to know the topic of her reading but I dared not question her

Unintentionally, I had been staring into the cover of her book for an extended period of time while entertaining myself with thoughts about her choice of reading. She caught my gaze and remained silent, but I was never a person to hide my feelings from appearing on my face. She noticed that my face expressions were changing as new questions presented themselves to me and she suddenly spoke. She uttered some words which I did not catch, because my mind was embarked upon a different road while my gaze was fixed on her book. I think she repeated herself again, but nothing had changed from my side. I was deeply entertaining some thoughts and I didn't catch a word she had said, until she closed her book with a manner of annoyance and I returned to my conscious state of mind. I suddenly realized that I was staring at her direction, so I turned my head away from her.

"Are you ok?" she asked.

"Sorry about that... I'm fine," I answered shyly.

"You were staring at my book. Is something wrong?" she asked once again

"No," I quickly stated.

It didn't look as though she had accepted my answer

but I didn't feel the need to converse any longer; I wanted to go back to my daydreams but found it difficult to escape what had just occurred.

"I just have one question, if you don't mind," I asked her

She agreed and I continued in saying, "I don't mean to protrude but I was wondering if you are reading that book for school?"

She responded in the negative and I was overtaken by confusion: not only would the book bring her little benefit but it was 600 pages long, which I assumed would have taken her a long time to get through.

I may have been unfair in my assumptions about this sister, but I just wanted my sisters-in-Islam to be spending their precious time in reading books that were of greater benefit, like about the Women of Islam.

I started to question myself on what the greatest book which was present in our time, and required the most attention, was. The answer was obvious; it was the Quran.

Now seriously, how much time do we spend in reading and reflecting over the words of Allah? I

bet most people are not too proud of their answer. What prevents us from putting aside some time during our day to read the book of Allah? The excuses we have to answer this question can fill an ocean; however, to sum it up, Shaitan has kept us busy with useless things. I admit that I have also been guilty of not paying more attention to the words of the Quran and I'm ashamed of it, because the book of Allah is truly beautiful. It is the only book known to mankind that relates the events of the past, discusses the issues of the present and mentions what will happen in the future. It leaves nothing untouched. Everything from the time of Adam (peace be upon him) to the moment when the people of the fire will enter the fire and the people of Jannah will enter Jannah is mentioned in the Book that will forever remain the way it is today. The Quran is truly a unique book.



Unfortunately for many Muslims in our time, they only share an intimate relationship with the Quran for 30 days, sometimes even 29 days, and such days are known to us as Ramadan. It's disgraceful if you really think about it.

On the Day of Judgment, when you and I and every other personality known to the pages of history will be present, the Quran will either be a witness for or against every individual. Through the Quran, this Ummah will be granted the status to witness against the people of the past: on that day when the people of Nuh (peace be upon him) claim that he had not delivered the message of Islam to them and Allah asks Nuh about the claim of his people, Nuh will state that he fulfilled his duty. Nuh will say that his people were the wrong doers and they refused to accept the message of tawheed; it will be Nuh's word against his people.

Although Allah is sufficient as a witness, on that Day, the truth of the matter shall be brought forward and it will be none other than Ummat Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) that will testify on behalf of Nuh against his people. Even though we hadn't seen it happen with our own eyes, we know from

the knowledge we have from the Quran that they refused Nuh and refused the message of Islam.

We are from the best of Nations, because we have been given the best of mankind as a teacher and the best of books as a guide; we should keep in mind that not only is the Quran a guide, but it is also a trust, and with this trust comes accountability - so be prepared to answer for your relationship or lack thereof with the Quran.

Now the question which must be asked is if we have done enough to gain the endorsement of the Quran or do we claim a place amongst the foolish?

When I ponder over the striking difference between the companions of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) and the Muslims of



our present time, I compare it to the difference between the day and night. Which of these portions of the day would it be easier to start and complete a journey? Would it be during the day light or in the darkness of the night? The obvious answer is during the day light; therefore, when we start our lives and chose to embark upon the path of obedience, we must follow the path of those who have seen the light and have tasted the sweetness of iman. Such people are known to us as the companions of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him). While we continue to ignore the beauty that shines from the words of Allah, they (may Allah have mercy on them) lived the words of the Quran.

I once asked a companion of mine where his Quran is, he responded that he didn't know, that it was somewhere in his house and he would go look for it. When Uthman Bin Affan was asked about the Quran, he said "If our hearts were pure, we would never have our fill of the words of Allah"

I asked another companion to tell me three things he loved in this world and he replied, "Rollo ice cream, women and the last ten nights of Ramadan," while Uthmaan Bin Affaan once said, "Three worldly things have been made dear to me: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and reading (the) Quran"

I asked a companion to tell me one thing that he cannot abstain from and he said he could not go a day without taking a shower, while Uthmaan Bin Affan once said, "I would not like the day to come when I do not look in the Covenant of Allah (ie. the Quran)."

Perhaps the comparison of my companions to Uthmaan (may Allah have mercy on him) is not fair, because Uthmaan was from amongst the best of mankind; the purpose of the comparison was only to illustrate that there is success in making the Quran a key part of our lives.

The Quran has been around from before our time and it will remain protected far after you and I have departed from dunya; corruption will never touch the words of Allah.

Many times we are reminded of the importance of establishing a good relationship with our neighbours and family members but how many times are we reminded that establishing a strong relationship with the Quran will determine whether we are admitted into the gardens of paradise or left to be of those unprotected from the fire. I remind myself first and I remind you, that our success as an Ummah and as individuals depends greatly on our relationship with the book of Allah. Let's embark upon the path that includes a life with the Quran and not just a moment of recitation and no reflection.

...and Allah knows best!



Ibtissam Ahmed's

Ashaab-al-Quran

Have you ever imagined what your life would be like if the Quran was your companion, your best friend? The one you seek advice from, the one you turn to in times of hardship? A friend, whom when you hear, you fall to the ground in tears.

In a world full of dilemmas, disease and hatred, you possess a dear friend that is pure, divine and error-free. A divine companion that none can harm or change, a friend sent to you from the Almighty, the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Being a companion of the Quran is a blessing and a beautiful aspect of being a Muslim. This is because, one learns to build a relationship with the words of their Creator and thus living and existing accordingly.

There are many ways to become closer to the book of Allah. Amongst the many ways is to memorize a portion of the Quran daily and to understand its meaning.

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Be **sincere** in your quest

Acquire a **teacher/friend** to **recite** to

Memorize a portion **daily** and make it a habit

Stick with the **same mushaaf**

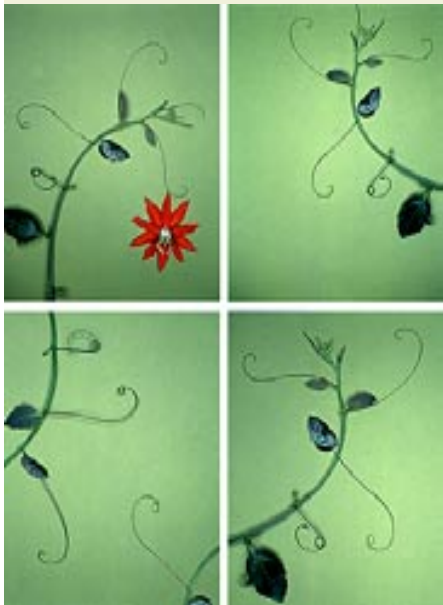
Acquire a **companion/friend** that can **help** you

Make lots of **dua**

Always keep in mind the rewards that you are receiving when doing anything for the sake of Allah. Eventually, one will notice changes in their day-to-day life. Hence one should know that the greatest sign that knowledge has entered your heart is that you implement that which you have learnt.

In conclusion, one should strive hard to attain the pleasure of Allah azza wa jaal and this could be done in many ways. Amongst those ways is coming closer to the book of Allah and acting upon it. The Quran is a living miracle containing no mistakes as Allah states (in translation):

“Do they not consider (ponder over) the Quran (with care)? Had it been from other than God, they would surely have found therein discrepancies”. (4:82)



A LITTLE TASTE OF

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Hospitality

Firstly I would like to say Jazzak'Allah Khair for all your hospitality. You made us out of towners feel at home. That is why I feel reluctant to say this, but I have to tell you that your reign as the top Qabeelat is coming to an end. UK is coming to take you down, Insh'Allah.
-- Asad. Qabeelat Al-Shams

QMajd rocks BIG time!

-- Mariam Raza. Qabeelat Itihaad

MashaAllah I truly enjoyed listening to shaykh Uthman. During Route 114 with shaykh ibn Faqih, he played the qira'at for us, but the live recitation was much nicer mashaAllah! May Allah ta'ala reward him and grant him the status of being among the companions of the Qur'an. Ameen.

-- Amotullah. Qabeelat Nuraayn

This has got to be one of the coolest classes ever! Savoured every minute of it...Barak'Allahu feekum for giving us Alhuda students a venue to learn even from far away cities. Alhamdulillah!

-- Sr. Haider. Qabeelat Itihaad

I just wanted to say huge jazakum Allah Khair to QMajd team for your wonderful hospitality. Masha Allah! It was a good experience for us to be with you all on your sold out class. We enjoyed everything including the bad weather... snow ... it was really beautiful. Please keep us and our qabeelah in your duas.

-- Quest. Qabeelat Haqq

WOW! MashaAllah. That was an amazing experience. Especially for people that were new to AlMaghrib (I was one of them). Alhamdulillah I hope we have more new people then some of regulars inshaAllah. Not to put those veterans down but... they know who they are!

--- Ibn Masud. Waterloo

This out of towners is from South Africa, but just to set the record straight...I didn't come to Toronto for AlMaghrib, I came for the DU certification...but when I heard that there was going to be an AlMaghrib seminar, I extended my stay alhamdulillah.

My brain is a bit mushy from the certification and after travelling more than a day to get here, I have not had the opportunity to recover from jet lag, hence I have spent limited time in the class.

However what I saw was very inspiring alhamdulillah...I was most touched by the authenticity of people there...the sisters are so warm, welcoming and loving, and they really love for the Pleasure of Allah...this was amazing to experience.

I got addicted to Tim Horton's in Downtown =)

I did meet the Ameerah, and the previous Ameerah...let me see how good I am at remembering names, the new Ameerah is Rabia and the previous one Sarah...and they are both lovely.

Brother Noor's wife, and Brother Noor have been exemplary hosts, as were all the other sisters who have been so kind to me since I got here, I can't name them all in case they object!

The goodie bags were lovely...I liked the roll of chewy sweets especially as well as the water bottle, of which I got two woo hoo.

Take care sisters...it was amazing.

-- Umm Amir. South Africa

I can safely say that there is NO PLACE in North America, NO WHERE, that students gather to learn the Deen - with binders, pens, taking notes, preparing for an exam - like they do in QMajd.

-- Mohammed Alsharief

Out of town? Love your taste of QMajd hospitality and email us at: hospitality@qmajd.com



Route 114 Crossword Puzzle!



Across

1. A ruling which applies to general members of the set it covers
8. The context and reason of revelation
10. A verse revealed in Madina
13. A common mode of preservation of the Quran
16. A meaning derived from context rather than the primary meaning of the word
17. Verse or word that gives you a primary image, used in a literal sense
18. A verse, a sign
19. A verse revealed in Makkah
21. The abrogating verse
22. Recitations, the various ways the Quran is recited

Down

2. An abrogated verse
3. The apparent meaning of a verse
4. An implied or not explicitly mentioned understanding of the verse
5. A verse which only has one meaning, this meaning is clear
6. Comes before every surah except Surah Taubah
7. Sayings of the Prophet sullulahu alaihi wa salam in which he narrates directly from Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala
9. The disjointed letters beginning certain Surahs of the Quran
11. The Quran is divided into 30 of these
12. Revelation
14. A verse which is unclear and ambiguous in it's meaning, may have multiple meanings
15. A ruling which defines an exception to a set
20. Methodology of reciting the Quran



QIRAAT KHAAS AYAH MAJAAZI BASMALAH
 MUTASHABIH AHRUF MANSOOKH MAFHOOM
 MANTOOQ AL-MUQATTA'AAT ASBAAB-AN-NUZUL AAM
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It's been a hectic four months, to say the least.

The late night emails and correspondence, nightmares of writers going MIA just hours before deadline, writing up detailed guidelines for the team, searching through hundreds of photographs and comments, nagging at a certain Ameer and Ameerah for the perfect introduction. Articles read. Reread. Revised.

I won't try and convince anyone it was easy, but I can't complain either. I've been blessed with the most wonderful team I could ever ask for - patient, consistent and hardworking - and I'd like to thank you all for it, though no words could express how thankful I am to have worked with such a great team of people. May Allah reward you all for your efforts.

Our newsletter is only a reflection of Qabeelat Majd and its students, so I encourage you all to contribute. We could not do this without you.

We've put together something much greater than the hours and effort that went into it. I pray to Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala that the knowledge in these pages will be of benefit to all our readers.

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