

INVITATION TO THE QUR'AN

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EFFECTIVE MODES OF DA'WAH

INVITE TO QUR'AN

MODEL LIFE OF PROPHET (s)

**BE A ROLE MODEL OF TRUTH
AND COMPASSION**

INVITE TO QUR'AN

Signs in and around us:

سَنُرِيهِمْ ءَايَاتِنَا فِي الْآفَاقِ وَ فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ حَتَّىٰ يَتَّبِعِنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُ
الْحَقُّ

We will show them our signs in the farthest regions and in their souls until it becomes manifest to them that this is the Truth (41: 53).

...MEDITATION

كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَارَكٌ لِيَدَّبَّرُوا آيَاتِهِ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

(Here is) a book which we have sent down upon you, full of blessings, that they may meditate on its signs, and the men of understanding may receive admonition (38: 29).

Let us then carefully meditate in the signs in and around us to find the answers of :

Is Qur'an sent down by God?

What does it specifically teach?

THE QUR'AN?

-WORD OF GOD!

COULD PROPHET (S) HAVE WRITTEN IT?

He could not read or write even his own name!

The Qur'an says:

وَمَا كُنْتَ تَتْلُوا مِنْ قَبْلِهِ مِنْ كِتَابٍ وَلَا تَخُطُّهُ بِيَمِينِكَ

And thou were not able to recite a book before it, nor were thou able to write it with thy right hand (29:48).

NO CONTRADICTION

It claims:

أفلا يتدبرون القرآن و لو كان من عند غير الله لوجدوا فيه
إختلافاً كثيراً

Do they not consider the Qur'an with care? Had it been from other than Allah, they would surely have found therein much discrepancy (4: 82).

Consistency in Teaching:

In the Qur'an, a reader notices the consistency of ideas without any contradiction, and excellence in its language.

In all human writings, a reader easily finds different points or sentences at different level of excellence. Also, sometimes, the writings become below standard or contradictory. Not a single verse is below standard

Language:

All human writings have either become obsolete or have undergone many revisions. In fact even the languages themselves have changed.

On the other hand, Arabic, because of the Qur'an, not only has not changed but the language of the Qur'an has become its standard.

Strictly speaking It is neither prose nor poetry.

It is composed in a very astounding and amazing way – something that has a quality of prose and poetry both!

It is prose where every verse synchronizes in rhythm with the previous one

CAN A HUMAN WRITER CRITICISE HIMSELF?

A good deed of the Prophet (s) is regarded as too liberal and undesired at that moment:

Allah give you grace! Why did you grant them exemption until those who told the truth were seen by you in a clear light, and you had proved the liars (9: 43).

The choice of Prophet (s) of not liking honey of a plant was not acceptable :

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ لِمَ تَحْرِمُ مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ لَكَ تَبْتَغِي مَرْضَاتَ أَزْوَاجِكَ

O Prophet! Why do you hold to be forbidden that Allah has made lawful to you? You seek to please your consorts (66: 1).

MIRACULUS NEWS OF PAST

The Qur'an told its readers that the body of the drowned Pharaoh is saved as a sign for the future generation:

فَالْيَوْمَ نُنَجِّيكَ بِبَدَنِكَ لِتَكُونَ لِمَنْ خَلَقَ آيَةً

This day shall we save thee in thy body that thou may be a sign to those who come after thee! (10: 92).

...AND FUTURE!

The Qur'an prophesied the victory of Roman Byzantine Empire over the Iranian Empire (nine) years in advance when it said:

عُلبِتِ الرُّومُ - في أدنى الارض و هم من بعد غلبهم سيغلبون

The Roman Empire has been defeated. In a land close by, but they after their defeat will soon be victorious (30:1-2).

SOME SCIENTIFIC TRUTHS

Though the Qur'an is not a book of science, but whenever it talks about knowledge of nature and its system, it gives accurate information. None of its claims has ever been found faulty by the most modern science.

(1) The Qur'an talked about galaxies at the time when no body knew any thing beyond sun, moon, and the earth:

**يا معشرالجن والإنس إن استطعتم أن تنفذوا من أقطار
السموات والارض فانفذوا**

***O you assembly of Jinn and men! If it be
you can pass beyond the zones of the
heavens and the earth, pass you! (55:
33).***

(2) The Qur'an tells us that everything in this world is created in pairs, may that be humankind, jinn-kind, animals, plants or electro-magnetic charge:

ومن كل شئ خلقنا زوجين لعلكم تذكرون

And of everything we have created pairs that you may receive instructions (51: 49).

(3) The Qur'an says all living things are created from water:

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

***And we made from water everything living. Will they not then believe?
(21:30).***

(4). The Qur'an told us more than 1400 years back that it is the frontal upper part of brain that plans, lies, sins, thinks of truth or good:

كَلَّا لَئِن لَّمْ يَنْتَهِ لَنَسْفَعًا بِالنَّاصِيَةِ . نَاصِيَةٍ كَاذِبَةٍ خَاطِئَةٍ

Let him beware! If he desist not, we will drag him by the forelock: a lying, sinful forelock! (96: 15-16).

(5). The Qur'an says that mountains are pegs that keep earth in its orbit:

Peg (78: 7):

وَالْجِبَالَ أَوْتَادًا

وَأَلْقَى فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَنْ تَمِيدَ بِكُمْ

And he has set up on the earth mountains standing firm, lest it should shake with you (16: 15).

(6) The Qur'an gives three stages of embryonic growth:

ثُمَّ خَلَقْنَا النُّطْفَةَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْعَلَقَةَ مُضْغَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْمُضْغَةَ
عِظَامًا فَكَسَوْنَا الْعِظَامَ لَحْمًا ثُمَّ أَنشَأْنَا لَهُ خَلْقًا آخَرَ

*Then we made the sperm into a **leech-like structure** (clot of blood); then of that clot we made a **chewed-like substance** (lump); then we made out of that lump bones and clothed the bones with flesh; then we developed out of it another creature (23: 14).*

(7) Human anatomist have shown that sensory receptors of pain are located in the skin. The Qur'an tells us that in order to let non-believers feel pain continuously in Hell, their skin will be changed again and again:

كُلَّمَا نَضِجَتْ جُلُودُهُمْ بَدَّلْنَاهُمْ جُلُودًا غَيْرَهَا لِيَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ

As often as their skins are roasted through, we shall change them for fresh skins, that they may taste the penalty (4: 56).

(8) The Qur'an says two different mixing seas maintain their identities with a barrier:

وَهُوَ الَّذِي مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ هَذَا عَذْبٌ فُرَاتٌ وَهَذَا مِلْحٌ أُجَاجٌ وَ
جَعَلَ بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخًا وَحِجْرًا مَّحْجُورًا

It is he who has let free the two bodies of flowing water: one palpable and sweet, and the other salt and bitter: yet has he made a barrier between them, a partition that is forbidden to be passed (25: 53).

A CHALLENGE NOT MET YET!

The Qur'an throws a challenge to all those doubters to compose even one chapter like its. It even advises them to take help from others than God (2:21):

فَاتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّن مِّثْلِهِ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ

This challenge is there for more than the last 1400 years, and so far none has been able to compose a single chapter parallel to its.

STILL SAFE AND UNALTERED!

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لِحَافِظُونَ

We have, no doubt, sent down the Message, and we will assuredly guard it (15:9).

Today the Qur'an remains exactly the same as it was compiled and distributed more than 1400 years ago by the third caliph of Islam-Uthman (r).

ITS TEACHINGS?

- TRUTHFUL CODE
OF LIFE!

The Qur'an is Guidance

It tells about itself:

هَذَا بَلَاغٌ لِلنَّاسِ وَ لِيُنذِرُوا بِهِ وَ لِيَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا هُوَ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ
وَ لِيَذَّكَّرَ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

Here is a message for mankind: let them take warning there from, and let them know that He is One God: let men of understanding take heed (14: 52)

Here now from this verse it is clear that the Qur'an is a Message for mankind from their Lord God who is one.

Total submission to only one God is required.

BELIEF IN ONE GOD

This belief is not just a blind dogma. It appeals to our sense of understanding.

ولو كان فيهما آلهة إلا الله لفسدتا

***If there were in the heavens and the earth other gods besides Allah, there would have been confusion in both!
(21: 22)***

BELIEF IN ALL PROPHETS

We have sent you (Muhammad) inspiration, as we sent it to Noah and the messengers after him. We sent inspiration to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the tribes, to Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron, and Solomon, and to David we gave the Psalms.

Of some messengers we have already told you the story, of others we have not, and to Moses Allah spoke direct. (4: 163-164).

MARY AND VIRGIN BIRTH

“Behold!” The angels said: “O Mary! Allah gives you glad tidings of a Word from him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honor in this world and the Hereafter and of those nearest to him. He shall speak to the people in childhood and in maturity, and he shall be of the righteous.” She said, “O my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man has touched me?” He said, “Even so Allah creates what he wills.” (3: 45-47).

JESUS & HIS MIRACLES

And a messenger to the Children of Israel, “I have come to you with a sign from your Lord, in that I make for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by Allah’s leave; and I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I quicken the dead, by Allah’s leave; and I declare to you what you eat, and what you store in your houses” (3: 49).

DISCIPLES OF JESUS

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا أَنْصَارَ اللَّهِ كَمَا قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ
لِلْحَوَارِيِّينَ مَنْ أَنْصَارِي إِلَى اللَّهِ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ

O you who believe! Be you helpers of Allah: As Jesus the son of Mary said to his disciples, “Who will be my helpers to (the work of) Allah?”

The disciples said, “We are Allah’s helpers!” (61: 14)

BELIEF IN ALL BOOKS

نزل عليك الكتاب بالحق مصدقاً لما بين يديه و انزل
التوراة والإنجيل

*It is He who sent down to you
(Mohammad) in truth the Book
(Qur'an) confirming what went before
it, and He sent down the Torah and
the Gospel (3: 3).*

SOCIAL ORDER

SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES

The Qur'anic teachings are based on due consideration of Physical, Spiritual, and Temperamental development, needs and rights of human beings: individual as well as collective.

...BALANCE & JUSTICE

All such developments and rights must be based on balance and justice:

واقيمواالوزن بالقسط ولا تخسروالميزان

So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance (55: 9).

... AND MODERATION

وكذلك جعلناكم أمة وسطا لتكونوا شهداء على الناس

Thus have we made of you a moderate nation that you might be witnesses over the nations (2: 143).

And I forbid you of extremism (Prophet)

Some Salient Teachings

... GENERAL

All humans are equal-honor goes to righteous!

O mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes that you may know each other. Verily the most honored of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you (49: 13).

JUSTICE AND KINDNESS

إن الله يامر بالعدل والإحسان وإيتاء ذى القربى و ينهى
عن الفحشاء والمنكر والبغى

Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin, and he forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion (16: 90).

... KINDNESS

ولا تستوى الحسنة ولا السيئة إِدْفِعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ
فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ

***Nor can goodness and evil be equal.
Repel (evil) with what is better; then
will he between whom and thee was
hatred become as it were thy friend
and intimate (41: 34)***

... Kindness

لا ينهاكم الله عن الذين لم يقاتلوكم في الدين و لم
يُخرجوكم من دياركم أن تبرؤوهم و تقسطوا اليهم إن الله
يحب المقسطين

Allah forbids you not with regard to those who fight you not for faith, nor drive you out of your homes, from dealing kindly and justly with them, for Allah loves those who are just (60:8).

FORGIVENESS

خذ العفو وأمر بالمعروف وأعرض عن الجاهلین

Hold to forgiveness, command what is right, but turn away from the ignorant (7: 199)

Allah is gentle, and loves gentleness. He gives on the basis of gentleness and not terror (Muslim).

Freedom of Religion

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ

***Let there be no compulsion in religion
(2: 256)***

No Unjust Killing

***ولا يقتلون النفس التي حرم الله إلا بالحق --- يلقى اثمًا
Nor slay such life as Allah has made
sacred, except for just cause... meets
punishment (25: 68).***

Even suicide not allowed

Society, in general, does not permit suicide.

Islam too does not allow suicide:

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا

And do not kill yourselves. Indeed Allah is merciful to you (4: 29).

WHAT IS THEN JIHAD?

“It was and it remains a duty for Muslims to commit themselves to a **struggle** on all fronts- moral, spiritual, and political- *to create a just and decent society, where the poor and vulnerable are not exploited,* in the way that God had intended man to live”

(Karen Armstrong, Muhammad, p168)

Defense but no transgression:

Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress limits; for Allah does not love transgressors (2: 190).

Fight to help oppressed:

And why should you not fight in the cause of Allah, and of those who, being weak, are oppressed? (4: 75).

CHARITY

و ءاتى المال على حبه ذوى القربى واليتامى والمساكين
وابنَ السبيل والسائلين و فى الرقاب

And spend of your substance, out of love for him, for your kin, and orphans, and needy, and the wayfarer, and those who ask, and for the ransom of necks (2: 177).

...CHARITY

الذين ينفقون اموالهم بالليل والنهار سر و علانية فلهم
اجرُهُم عند ربهم ولا خوف عليهم و لا هم يحزنون

Those who spend of their goods by night and by day, in secret and in public, have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear nor shall they grieve (2: 274).

...SOME SPECIFICS

PARENTS

ووصينا الإنسان بوالديه إحساناً حملته أمه كُرها
ووضعته كرها و حَمَلَهُ وَفَصَّالَهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا

We have enjoined on man kindness to his parents: in pain did his mother bear him, and in pain did she give him birth. The carrying of the (child) to his weaning is thirty months (46: 15).

WOMEN

Right:

و لهنَّ مِثْلُ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ

And women shall have rights similar to the rights against them according to what is equitable (2: 228).

Privilege:

الرجال قوامون على النساء

Men are the protectors and maintainers of women (4: 34).

Right to Earn and Own:

وللنساء نصيب مما اكتسبن

To women belongs the share of what they earn (4: 32).

Privilege:

و بما انفقوا من اموالهم

They (men) support them (women) from their means (4: 34).

Equal Rewards:

أني لا أضيع عمل عامل منكم من ذكر أو انثى

Never will I suffer to be lost the work of any of you, be he male or female (3: 195).

Concessions:

(a) Excused from salat in congregation

(b) Excused from fighting

Hijab?

A symbol of special Recognition and Honor!

“O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and believing women to put on from their robes over themselves (while going out). It is better way that they are recognized.” (33: 59)

Are robes of judges, lawyers, doctors, professors, etc. symbol of suppression?

PEOPLE AROUND

And do good to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, indigents, kin (or near) neighbors, stranger (or distant) neighbors, the companions by your side, the wayfarer, and your servants: for Allah loves not the arrogant, the vainglorious, nor those who are niggardly and enjoin niggardliness on others, and hide the bounties which Allah has bestowed (4: 36-37).

Government by the People

The Qur'an teaches believers to decide their matters by consultation and vote:

وَأْمُرْهُمْ شُورَىٰ بَيْنَهُمْ

Who conduct their affairs by mutual consultation (42: 38).

WEALTH DISTRIBUTION

ولذى القربى واليتامى والمساكين وابن السبيل كى لا
يكون دولة بين الاغنياء منكم

*And to kindred and orphans, the
needy and the wayfarer in order
that it may not merely make a
circuit between the wealthy
among you (59: 7).*

وأخردعوانا ان الحمد لله رب العالمين ---

**THANK
YOU!**

