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“Mid - Assignment”

① Holy Quran is the last sacred book of Almighty Allah revealed on Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Quran is the book of guidance for all mankind. The responsibility of the safety of this Holy Book is taken by Almighty Allah by Himself. Quran is a source of great inspiration, guidance and wisdom for millions of Muslims all over the world.

We can say Holy Quran is a living miracle. The Holy Quran was revealed to Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) in a period that extends to about 23 years. During this time the Holy Quran that we recite today was revealed in bits and pieces and in order not as we see today.

• Dignity of Holy Quran:-

In Quran, Almighty

Allah says,

“And we have sent down





the Book explaining all things, a guide, a mercy and glad tidings to Muslims" (Quran, 16:89)

Quran is the book of guidance, mercy and glad tidings. Other than that we as Muslim should believe Quran is the Book free of doubts. The authenticity of Quran in terms of its preservation is concerned, Allah says in Quran

"We have without doubt, sent down the message; and We will assuredly guard it (from corruption)". (Quran 5:9) So, we can say that the Quran in present form is the same as it was revealed and there can be no doubt regarding its being Divine in nature and a source of guidance without doubt.

#### • Islam Holy Book Facts:-

Quran is the final Holy Book of Islam, Holy books were revealed but after the revelation of Quran, no more books are going to be revealed by Allah.

#### • What is the meaning of word Quran?

Different names had been given to the Holy Book Quran. The word Quran has also been repeated in the Holy Book 68 times. There are two



different meanings of the word Quran.

- According to one opinion, the meaning of word Quran is 'to collect' as the word has been derived from 'al-Qar'
- According to second opinion, meaning of Quran is 'to recite' considering the word Quran being derived from 'Qara'

The second meaning of Quran 'to read' is considered to be accurate meaning as the Muslims have been asked to recite the Book for guidance and also because of the fact the Allah started the revelation by the word 'read':

- Division of Holy Quran:-

The Islamic Book, Quran is divided into 114 chapters. There are 30 different parts of it, and each part is named as Juz.

Division of Quran into chapters and parts makes recitation of Quran easier for the Muslims.

② Surah Quraish, is the 106<sup>th</sup> surah of the Quran, and is classified as a Meccan surah, meaning its revelation was before Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and his followers



migrated from Makkah to Madina (the journey known as hira). It is a short surah and consists of only 4 ayat (verses)

The Quraish was a mercantile Arab tribe that historically inhabited and controlled Makkah and the Kaaba.

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was born in the Banu Hashim clan of the Quraish tribe. This Surah urges the Quraish, tribe who dominated Makkah, to serve Allah, who had protected them, for the sake of their own future.

• Subject Matter:-

This surah orders the Quraish to turn to Allah, recognizing His control and Lordship since He protected them by blessing their business transactions, and provided them with food, health and protecting them from fear.

• Chapter meaning for us:-

Just as Allah reminded them of His blessings, we as believers are encouraged to see His blessings in our lives. We live in a society that is blessed beyond its means. We live in a society where one of the greatest killers is over consumption. We must use this to remind others of its danger and the



fact that blessings require us to thank Allah.

③ The fourth Kalma is also referred as Tauheed meaning, "oneness of God." This is the first pillar which is centre of Islam. It holds that Allah is One (Al-Ahad) and single (Al-Wahid).

In the Quran one of the worst sine you can commit is shirk, which refers to associating partners or to accept others alongside Allah. Shirk is a serious sin and according to Quran it is unforgivable.

In the Quran, Surah Ghafir describes the Oneness of Allah and is a good introduction to learning about Tauheed.

1. Say, "He is Allah, (who is) One,
2. Allah, the Eternal Refuge
3. He ~~is~~ neither begets nor is born,
4. Nor is there to Him any equivalent"

• Translation of Kalma Shahadat:-

(There is) none worthy of worship except Allah. He is the Only One. (There is) no partners for Him. For Him (is) the kingdom. And for Him (is) the Praise. He gives life and



causes death. And He (is) alive. He will not die, never, ever. Possessor of Majesty and Reverence. In His hand (is) the goodness. And He (is) the goodness. And He (is) on everything powerful.

• Definition of Tauheed in the Quran:-

1) "This is the creation of Allah, so show Me that which those (whom you worship) besides Him have created, Nah, the Zalimun (the polytheists, wrongdoers and those who do not believe in the Oneness of Allah) are in plain error"

(Luqman 31:11)

2) "And indeed We sent Noh (Noah) to his people, and he said: "O my people! Worship Allah! You have no other Allah (God) but Him. Will you not ~~be~~ be afraid (of Him i.e. of His punishment)"

(Al-Mu'minun 23:23-4)

• Namaz and Tauheed:-

Every Muslim in His five Prayers confirms His Belief

"You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything)"

(Al-Fatiha 1:5)



## • Effect of Tauheed On Human Lives:-

When an individual pronounces the testimony:

"Ash-hadu An-Lailaha Illallah Wa Ash-hadu Anna Muhammadan Rasoolullah"

I testify that there is no worthy of worship except Allah and I testify that Muhammad (SAW) is the messenger of Allah.

Believing in it and acting upon it, he experiences a noticeable change in his life.

By understanding who is Allah, as well as the purpose of his creation, he will be able to achieve success in this life and the next.

1. This belief produces in man the highest degree of self-respect and self-esteem. The believer knows that Allah Alone is the Possessor of all power, and no one besides Him can benefit or harm a person, or provide for his needs.

2. Along with self respect, this belief also generates in man a sense of modesty and humbleness. A believer never becomes proud or arrogant.



3. The belief in "La ilaha illallah" creates an attitude of peace, decreases the jealousy, greed. The believer understands that wealth is in Allah's hands, and the man's duty is to struggle fairly.

4. This belief makes man believe that only source of success is purity of soul and righteousness of behavior. He has perfect faith in Allah who is above all needs.

As to those who do not believe that there is any Being having power over them, to whom they should be responsible for their good or bad actions, therefore, they consider themselves independent. Allah says:

"Have you seen he who has taken as his god his (own) desire, and Allah, knowing (him as such), left him astray, and has set a seal upon his hearing and his heart, and put over his vision a veil? So who will guide him after Allah? Will you not then remember?"  
(Quran 45:23)

