

JUZ 1

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Recitation of the Glorious Qur'an is always commenced with Ta'awwuz (seeking protection from shaytan) and Basmallah (praising Almighty Allah). This wards off interference and negative effect in recitation. We begin every act by invoking the name of Allah and remembering His mercy and kindness.

GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF SURAH FATIHA

Surah Al-Fatihah, also known as the Opening chapter, is the first chapter of the Glorious Qur'an, the greatest Surah, and a supplication from the servant to the Master (Allah). It consists of seven verses and is considered one of the most important chapters of the Qur'an. It is the only chapter that is compulsorily recited in every Salah. It has many names and titles, like As Shifa, Al Burhaan, Fatihatal Kitab, Subam Minal Masani, and is also known as the "Mother of the Qur'an" because it introduces many of the key themes and concepts of the Qur'an. Reciting this Surah regularly helps to purify the heart and strengthens the connection with Allah.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF SURAH FATIHAH

The Surah begins with the Basmalah, "*In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful,*" which is a common Islamic phrase that is recited before starting any task.

The Surah praises and glorifies Allah, the Lord of all worlds. It highlights the oneness and uniqueness of Allah and acknowledges His sovereignty and authority over all things.

The reader asks for Allah's guidance and help, emphasising the importance of seeking Allah's guidance in all matters and recognizing that true success and guidance can only come from Him.

Further verses describe some of the qualities of Allah, such as His mercy and judgment. Allah is the most merciful and compassionate, but at the same time, He is also the ultimate judge who will hold all accountable for their actions.

Only Allah deserves to be worshipped and we seek His help and guidance in all aspects of their lives.

We ask Allah to guide us upon the Straight Path, which is the path of righteousness that leads to success in this life and the Hereafter.

The final verse is a supplication or prayer, in which Muslims ask Allah to guide them, forgive their sins, and protect them from evil.

BENEFITS OF SURAH FATIHAH

Surah Al-Fatiha is considered to be the most spiritually powerful Surah in the Qur'an, and provides guidance, protection, forgiveness, and blessings from Allah. Ta'ala.

It is often recited as a form of supplication, seeking Allah's protection from physical and spiritual harm. Surah Fatiha helps to establish a spiritual connection with Allah, which is pivotal to our spirituality.

This Surah can have a healing effect on the body and mind. It should be recited often, seeking Allah's help and cure from physical and spiritual ailments.

Overall, reciting Surah Al-Fatiha brings blessings and Barakah (divine blessings) into one's life.

SURAH AL BAQARAH - ADVOCATING BELIEF IN ONENESS, THE MESSENGERS AND SCRIPTURES

*That is the Book, wherein is no doubt, a guidance for the God-fearing.
(Al-Baqarah 2:2)*

Guidance and its prerequisites are important for discovering truth, as it requires knowledge and absolute truth. The Qur'an provides this guidance in Surah al-Fatihah, and there is no room for doubt. However, there are prerequisites for benefitting from this guidance, such as the need to shed preconceived ways of discovering truth and the proliferation of secularism. The first prerequisite for seeking guidance is that the seeker must be a person of Taqwa (conscious of duties to Allah).

Taqwa is both an attitude and a state, and is the result of a lifelong struggle. It is the intention to follow Allah's command, leave out whatever

He forbids, and seek knowledge to translate it into action. Therefore, The Qur'an may be of no use to those who have no desire for guidance and direction.

In Surah Baqara, Allah invokes man to believe in the unseen, to establish Salah and to spend in Allah's way from the provisions that He has granted. The details of Imaan are described as belief in the Qur'an, belief in all the Prophets and the previously revealed Divine Scriptures and conviction in the Hereafter.

Belief in all Divine Scriptures

And who believe in what has been revealed to you and what was revealed before you; and who are certain of the Hereafter. (2:4)

It goes without saying that individuals who believe in the Qur'an will receive instruction from it. But why is it necessary to believe the earlier scriptures? It is because we have to affirm that the revealed scriptures always existed. Nabi Muhammad ﷺ was the culmination of a long line of Prophets, each of whom brought the identical message and numbering approximately 124,000.

Adam ﷺ was taught Everything

“And He taught Adam the knowledge of everything, and then presented him to the angels.” (2:31)

Adam ﷺ was taught the names and identities of all things, which the angels did not know. In this way, the angels recognised his superiority. Knowledge and information of all sciences and concepts was embedded within Adam ﷺ.

Bani Israeel were given many Favours

“O Children of Israel! Remember My favour which I bestowed upon you and that I preferred you over the Alamin (all nations).” (2:47)

Allah reminds the Children of Israel of the favors that He granted their fathers and grandfathers, how He showed preference to them by sending

them Messengers from among them and revealing Books to them, more so than any of the other previous nations.

Establishment of Baitullah

“When Ibraheem raised the foundations of the House, (aided by his son) Ismaeel, Our Lord, accept from us, Verily You are All Hearing,” (2:127)

Ebrahim ؑ was given the honour to resurrect the foundations of the Great House - Al Ka'bah and call humanity to for pilgrimage. Hazrat Ebrahim ؑ and his beloved son Ismaeel ؑ drew from the rocks around the mountains of Makkah to reconstruct the Ka'bah. This historic event was completed by father and son with the help of the angels and the elevator known as the Maqame Ebrahim. The completion of this monumental task was culminated with a dua for forgiveness and acceptance.

Who will you Worship after Me?

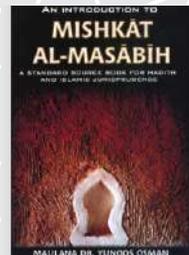
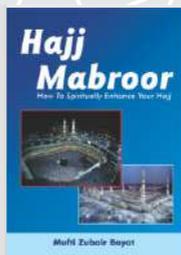
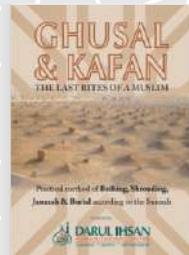
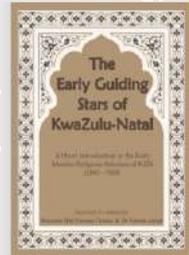
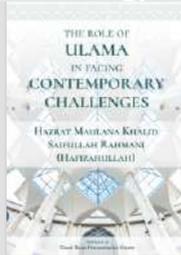
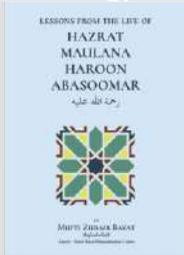
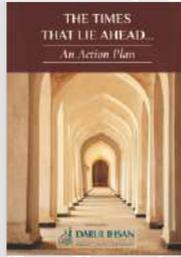
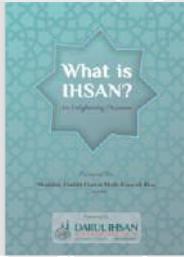
“Were you (Jews) there to see when death came upon Yacoob? When he said to his sons, 'What will you worship after I am gone?' they replied, 'We shall worship your God and the God of your fathers, Abraham, Ismaeel, and Ishaaq, one single God: we devote ourselves to Him.’” (2:133)

When Yacoob ؑ was on his death bed, his foremost concern was the faith and Iman of his progeny. In his dying breaths, he reinforced the lesson of Oneness and the path of the messengers with his sons, as illustrated in the verse.

“This practice of the Prophets provides a special guidance to parents: just as parents are keen to secure the worldly comfort and happiness for their children, they should pay equal, if not greater, attention to the discipline of their external and internal behaviour and upbringing. Is it at all reasonable that one should strain every nerve to protect one's children from the heat of the sun, but leave them exposed to the fire of Hell?” (Mariful Qur'an)

From this example of the Prophets we also learn that it is the duty of the parents and the right of the children that one should prioritise the spiritual well being of one's own children.

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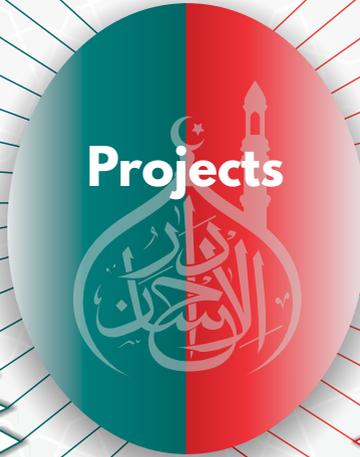
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Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre provides education, guidance, social, empowerment and welfare services to the community. In providing this service, we adopt a holistic approach, that gives due importance to basic needs as well as human rights and dignity of those that we serve.

Founding Philosophy

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre is a multi-purpose, humanitarian-services providing organisation. 'Ihsan' means compassion towards mankind and to act with excellence. The Centre was established in the year 2000 with the primary objective of serving humanity and alleviating poverty and hardship locally and abroad. Since its inception, it has developed and established many humanitarian projects and provides a variety of free services to the community.

Key Objectives

One of the key objectives of the Centre is to promote a better understanding of humanity and peace, thereby serving as a bridge-builder between faiths and communities. Through guidance, Ubuntu and empowerment, the organisation hopes to train and develop the youth to become torch bearers of hope, peace and compassion to humanity.

