

# NEVER BEEN TOO LATE: MEMORIZATION OF THE QURAN FOR ADULT & BEYOND

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# Objectives of the presentation



- To explain the historical steps of delving in Quran memorization.
- To discuss learning methods and how it can be used for memorization.
- To discuss the difference in memorization strategies used by young & older people.
- To present the different division, chapters & sura of the quran including the “Easy” & “more difficult” for the purpose of charting a plan for memorization.
- To discuss the behavioral qualities required in the person interested in quran memorization

## Objectives-2

- To share our suggestion of the best time, best venue and best strategies helping in the task
- To discuss the tools (electronics, time organization and partnerships) that facilitate memorization.
- To present different types of “masahif” that might help in memorization.
- To discuss ahadeeth that facilitate memorization
- To present timetable for completing the task
- To discuss the benefit & precautions of quran memorization

# How the whole journey started?

**THIS IS MY 5.5 YRS EXPERIENCE WITH QURAAN MEMORIZATION STARTING @ 55 YRS OF AGE.**

**PRIOR TO SERIOUS MEMORIZATION APPROACH, WE HAD ON & OFF MEMORIZATIONS OF PARTS OF QURAAN.**

**A SHAYKH OF OUR MASJID ASKED A GROUP OF SOME COMMITMENT OF MEMORIZATION TO START AFTER RAMADAN. 5 PEOPLE COMMITTED TO COMPLETE AL-BAQARA THEN STARTED AL-EMRAN (WE ENDED TO 2)**

**CONTINUED AFTERWARD WITH ALLAH HELP TO SURAH AL-A'ARAF WHEN A NEW QARI JOINED THE MASJID & STARTED TO HELP ME COMPLETING MY ENDEVOUR.**

**DAILY SESSIONS FOR 5.5 YEARS RESULTING IN COMPLETING THE TASK AL-HAMDULELLAH**

# WHO SAID THAT MEMORIZATION IS ONLY FOR THE YOUNG?


- Most of the companions of Prophet's Mohamed (PBUH) were beyond age 50 when they memorized the Qura'an or part of it.
- Abu-Baker, Omar (may ALLAH be satisfied with them all) were old enough when they memorized the Qura'an.
- Omar (rAa) took almost 5 yrs to memorize sura Al-Baqara (for a # of reasons)

# THE GOODNESS OF MEMORIZATION OF THE QURA'AN



- It will illuminate your grave (as it is Noor)
- It will illuminate your passage on the SIRAT.
- It will be a Shafa'a (intersession)... for you before almighty ALLAH at the day of judgment.
- You will be elevated in paradise as high as the number of AYAT you have memorized from the Qura'an.

# The differences in memorization between young & adult individuals



- CNS of youngsters accept information at faster rate (neural plasticity).
- Such absorption of information reduced in rate beyond age 40 yrs. of age
- Retention of information in youngsters correlate with protein synthesis & circuits modifications → long lasting.
- Protein metabolism in adults is slower than youngsters.

# Neural Plasticity (changes) in young & Old



- Brain circuitries (that consolidate the information & promote learning) changes consistently in young. Information processing is fast & solid.
- In older brain some degenerative processes affect the speed of information processing. It results in slow learning.
- These differences varies based on genetic & environmental factors.
- However, there are ways of boosting adult memorization capacity.



# Divisions of the Quran



- Scholars divided the Q. into 4 divisions:
  - The 7 long suras (Al-Baqara, Al'-Emran, Al-Nesa'a, Al-Maeda, Al-Anaam, Al-A'araf (6) + Al-Anfal+ bara'a Or Yunus)
  - Al-Ma'oun; all suras that include >100 ayats (plus or minus). These are after Yunus.
  - Al-Mathani (following al-Maeen). It includes less than 100 ayats with repetition of some of its ayats.



- Al- Mufasssal Or Al-Muhkam (It is the last several suras of the quran). Called al-Mufasssal because of the frequent separation of its suras by “Bismillah al-Rahman Al-Raheem”

Al-Mufasssal starts from “ Sura Al-Hujurat or Sura Qaf

# Al- Mufasssal is divided to 3 subsections:

1. The long (al-Hujurat to al-Borouj)
2. The medium (Altareq- Lam Yakun)
3. The short (Iza Zulzelat- end)

# More on the Division of the Quran



- Thirty Juz'a (each Juz'a is almost 20 pages + or -)
- Each Juz'a consists of 2 Hizb
- Each Hizb consists of 4 Rub'a (quarters)
- Each quarter is almost 2 pages (+ or -)
- This will help in making the plan for quranic memorization

# Length of AYATS



- It varies from one Sura to another, from one segment of the sura to other segment.
- Example: The longest Aya in the whole Quran is “Aya of money Loan” (almudayana) toward the end of Sura Al\_Baqara. It is one page long.
- Sura Al-Ma’eda: most ayats are 1/2 a page
- Sura al-Shua’ara: each aya is 2-3 words.
- “Mudhamatan” is one Aya in Sura Al-Rahman; (Alif lam meem, Saad..etc)

# Types of “Masahef” books of Quran



- Mushaf Al-Hoffaz. The quranic book for those who want to memorize the Qura'an. It is the Madina' Mushaf. Each page start with an Aya and end with an ayah. Good for visual memory.
- Example: Sura Al-Baqara, p3 end with “Wama Kano Muhtadeen”. P4 end with “Oeddat Lil Kafereen”
- Picture

# Types of “Masahef”- Mushaf Al-Azhar



- An aya may have 1/2 in one page with the rest of the Aya in the following page.
- Picture- Mushaf al-Hoffaz (Madina) on the right, Mushaf al-Azhar on the left. ayaqoul Al-Sofaha'a in both mushaf.



وَقَالُوا كُنُوا هُودًا اَوْ نَصْرٰى تَهْتَدُوا قُلْ بَلْ مِلَّةَ اِبْرٰهٖمَ  
خَنِيفًا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِيْنَ ﴿١٣٥﴾ قُولُوا اٰمَنَّا بِاللّٰهِ وَمَا  
اُزِلَ الْيَنَّا وَمَا اُنْزِلَ اِلَيْنَا مِنْ رَبِّنَا وَمَا اُوْتِيَ النَّبِيُّوْنَ  
وَالْاَسْبَاطُ وَمَا اُوْتِيَ مُوسٰى وَعِيسٰى وَمَا اُوْتِيَ النَّبِيُّوْنَ  
مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَا نَفْرَقُ بَيْنَ اَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُوْنَ ﴿١٣٦﴾  
فَاِنْ ءَامَنُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا ءَامَنُكُمْ بِهِ فَقَدِ اهْتَدَوْا اِنْ لَوْلَا فَآئِنَا  
هُمُ فِي شِقَاقٍ فَيَسْئَلُكُمْ اَللّٰهُ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ  
﴿١٣٧﴾ صِبْغَةَ اللّٰهِ وَمَنْ اَحْسَنُ مِنْ اَللّٰهِ صِبْغَةً وَنَحْنُ لَهُ  
عٰبِدُوْنَ ﴿١٣٨﴾ قُلْ اَتُحٰجُّوْنَ اِلَى اللّٰهِ وَهُوَ رُبُّكُمْ  
وَلَا اَعْمَلُنَا وَلَكُمْ اَعْمَالُكُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُخْلِصُوْنَ ﴿١٣٩﴾ اَمْ  
تَقُوْلُوْنَ اِنْ اِبْرٰهٖمَ وَاسْمٰعِيْلُ وَاسْحٰقُ وَيَعْقُوْبُ  
وَالْاَسْبَاطُ كَانُوْا هُودًا اَوْ نَصْرٰى قُلْ ءَاَنْتُمْ اَعْلَمُ اَمِ اللّٰهُ  
وَمَنْ اَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَتَبَ شَهِدَةً عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَمَا اللّٰهُ وَمَا اللّٰهُ  
بِغَفِيْلٍ عَمَّا يَعْمَلُوْنَ ﴿١٤٠﴾ تِلْكَ اُمَّةٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ  
وَلَكُمْ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ وَلَا تُنْشَلُوْنَ عَمَّا كَانُوْا يَعْمَلُوْنَ ﴿١٤١﴾

سَيَقُوْلُ السُّفَهَاءُ مِنَ النَّاسِ مَا وَلَهُمْ مِنْ قِبَلِهِمُ اَنَّى كَانُوْا  
عَلَيْهَا قُلْ لِلّٰهِ الْمَشْرِقُ وَالْمَغْرِبُ يَهْدِيْ مَنْ يَّشَآءُ اِلَى صِرَاطٍ  
مُّسْتَقِيْمٍ ﴿١٤٢﴾ وَكَذٰلِكَ جَعَلْنٰكُمْ اُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُوْنُوْا  
شُهَدَآءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُوْنَ الرَّسُوْلُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا وَمَا  
جَعَلْنَا الْقِبْلَةَ الَّتِي كُنْتَ عَلَيْهَا اِلَّا لِنُعَلِّمَ مَنْ يَتَّبِعُ الرَّسُوْلَ  
مِمَّنْ يَنْقَلِبُ عَلَى عَقِبَيْهِ وَاِنْ كَانَتْ لَكَبِيْرَةً اِلَّا عَلَى الَّذِيْنَ  
هَدٰى اللّٰهُ وَمَا كَانَ اللّٰهُ لِيُضِلَّ اِيْمَانَكُمْ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ بِالنَّاسِ  
لَرءُوفٌ رَّحِيْمٌ ﴿١٤٣﴾ قَدْ رَآى ثَقْلُبُ وَجْهَكَ فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ  
فَلَنُوَلِّيَنَّكَ قِبْلَةً تَرْضٰهَا فَوَلْ وَجْهَكَ شَطْرَ الْمَسْجِدِ  
الْحَرَامِ وَحَيْثُ مَا كُنْتُمْ فَوَلُّوْا وُجُوْهَكُمْ شَطْرَهُ وَاِنْ الَّذِيْنَ  
اُوْتُوْا الْكِتٰبَ لَيَعْلَمُوْنَ اَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَمَا اللّٰهُ بِغَفِيْلٍ  
عَمَّا يَعْمَلُوْنَ ﴿١٤٤﴾ وَلَئِنْ اَتَيْتَ الَّذِيْنَ اُوْتُوْا الْكِتٰبَ بِكُلِّ  
ءَايَةٍ مَّا تَبِعُوْا قِبْلَتَكَ وَمَا اَنْتَ بِتَابِعٍ قِبْلَتِهِمْ وَمَا بَعْضُهُمْ  
بِتَابِعٍ قِبْلَةَ بَعْضٍ وَلَئِنْ اَتَّبَعْتَ اَهْوَاءَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ  
مَآجَآءِكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ اِنَّكَ اِذَا لَمِنَ الظَّٰلِمِيْنَ ﴿١٤٥﴾

اَمْ يَقُوْلُوْنَ اِنْ اِبْرٰهٖمَ وَاسْمٰعِيْلُ وَاسْحٰقُ  
وَيَعْقُوْبُ وَالْاَسْبَاطُ كَانُوْا هُودًا اَوْ نَصْرٰى قُلْ ءَاَنْتُمْ اَعْلَمُ  
اَمِ اللّٰهُ وَمَنْ اَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَتَبَ شَهِدَةً عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَمَا اللّٰهُ بِغَفِيْلٍ  
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وَلَكُمْ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ وَلَا تُنْشَلُوْنَ عَمَّا كَانُوْا يَعْمَلُوْنَ ﴿١٤٧﴾ سَيَقُوْلُ السُّفَهَاءُ مِنَ النَّاسِ  
مَا وَلَهُمْ مِنْ قِبَلِهِمُ اَنَّى كَانُوْا عَلَيْهَا قُلْ لِلّٰهِ الْمَشْرِقُ وَالْمَغْرِبُ  
يَهْدِيْ مَنْ يَّشَآءُ اِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيْمٍ ﴿١٤٨﴾ وَكَذٰلِكَ جَعَلْنٰكُمْ اُمَّةً  
وَسَطًا لِّتَكُوْنُوْا شُهَدَآءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُوْنَ الرَّسُوْلُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا  
وَمَا جَعَلْنَا الْقِبْلَةَ الَّتِي كُنْتَ عَلَيْهَا اِلَّا لِنُعَلِّمَ مَنْ يَتَّبِعُ الرَّسُوْلَ  
مِمَّنْ يَنْقَلِبُ عَلَى عَقِبَيْهِ وَاِنْ كَانَتْ لَكَبِيْرَةً اِلَّا عَلَى الَّذِيْنَ هَدٰى  
اللّٰهُ وَمَا كَانَ اللّٰهُ لِيُضِلَّ اِيْمَانَكُمْ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ بِالنَّاسِ لَرءُوفٌ رَّحِيْمٌ ﴿١٤٩﴾  
قَدْ رَآى ثَقْلُبُ وَجْهَكَ فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ فَلَنُوَلِّيَنَّكَ قِبْلَةً تَرْضٰهَا فَوَلْ  
وَجْهَكَ شَطْرَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ وَحَيْثُ مَا كُنْتُمْ فَوَلُّوْا وُجُوْهَكُمْ  
شَطْرَهُ وَاِنْ الَّذِيْنَ اُوْتُوْا الْكِتٰبَ لَيَعْلَمُوْنَ اَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَمَا اللّٰهُ  
بِغَفِيْلٍ عَمَّا يَعْمَلُوْنَ ﴿١٥٠﴾ وَلَئِنْ اَتَيْتَ الَّذِيْنَ اُوْتُوْا الْكِتٰبَ بِكُلِّ ءَايَةٍ

مَّا تَبِعُوْا قِبْلَتَكَ وَمَا اَنْتَ بِتَابِعٍ قِبْلَتِهِمْ وَمَا بَعْضُهُمْ  
بِتَابِعٍ قِبْلَةَ بَعْضٍ وَلَئِنْ اَتَّبَعْتَ اَهْوَاءَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَآءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ اِنَّكَ اِذَا لَمِنَ  
الظَّٰلِمِيْنَ ﴿١٥١﴾ اَلَّذِيْنَ اَلَيْسَ لَهُمُ الْكِتٰبُ يُرْوٰهُ كَمَا يَرُوْنَ اَنۡتَ اَمۡرٌ  
وَاِنْ رَفِعتَ مِنْهُمُ لَيَكْتُمُوْنَ الْحَقَّ وَهُوَ يَكْمُنُ ﴿١٥٢﴾ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ وَلَا  
تَكُوْنُ مِنَ الْمُنْكَرِيْنَ ﴿١٥٣﴾ وَلِكُلِّ وُجْهٍ هُوَ مُوَلِّیُّهَا فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ  
اِنَّ مَا تَكُوْنُوْنَ اِلَآیَاتُ بِهِمُ اللّٰهُ جَمِیْعًا اِنَّ اللّٰهَ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَیْءٍ وَقِيْرٌ ﴿١٥٤﴾ وَمَنْ  
حَيْثُ خَرَجْتَ فَوَلِّ وَجْهَكَ شَطْرَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ وَهُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ  
وَمَا اللّٰهُ بِغَفِيْلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُوْنَ ﴿١٥٥﴾ وَمَنْ حَيْثُ خَرَجْتَ فَوَلِّ وَجْهَكَ شَطْرَ  
الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ وَحَيْثُ مَا كُنْتُمْ فَوَلُّوْا وُجُوْهَكُمْ شَطْرَهُ لَئِنْ لَمْ يَكُوْنِ  
لِلنَّاسِ عَلَیْكُمْ حُجَّةٌ اِلَّا الَّذِيْنَ ظَلَمُوْا مِنْهُمۡ فَلَا تَخْشَوْنَهُمۡ وَخَشَوْنَ  
وَلَا تَهۡمِجُوْا عَلَیْهِمْ وَلَا تَكۡفُرُوْا عَنْهُمۡ ﴿١٥٦﴾ كَاۡرِیۡنَا فِیۡكُمْ  
رَسُوْلًا مِّنۡكُمْ یَتْلُوْا عَلَیۡكُمْ ءَایٰتِنَا وَیُرِیۡدُكُمۡ وَیُعَلِّمُكُمُ الْكِتٰبَ  
وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَیُعَلِّمُكُمُ مَا لَمْ تَكُنُوْا تَعْلَمُوْنَ ﴿١٥٧﴾ فَاَذْكُرُوْا اَۤذۡرَکُمۡ  
وَاشْكُرُوْا لِیۡ وَلَا تَفْکُرُوْا اِنَّ یَّٰۤاَیُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ ءَامَنُوْا سَتُعۡیَبُوۡنَ بِالضَّبَرِ  
وَالضُّكُوۡرِ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ مَعَ الصَّٰبِرِيۡنَ ﴿١٥٨﴾ وَلَا تَهۡوُلُوۡا مِنْۢ بَقۡلٍ فِیۡ سَبۡیِلِ اللّٰهِ

# Types of “Masahef”- Mushaf Al-Tazyeel



- Each page (usually the left side page) end with an ayah.
- The first 2 words of the next aya in the next page is inserted in the left lower corner of the page
- This will keep the continuity in the reading & memorization.
- Good for visual memory. (Picture)



# Mushaf with footnote (Tazeel)



# Methods of Learning (educational physiology)



- Auditory (hearing/listening)
- Visual ( seeing/word identification)
- Kinesthetic (feeling/word or item configuration using skin senses)- Blind
- Combined ?

# Procedures for Qura'anic memorization in Adults (25 points)




- 1. Intention (Neyyah): To meet almighty ALLAH with His words in your heart & mind. Not necessarily to get the label “Hafiz” or “**Hamel al-Quraan**”
- 2. Perseverance: It took me 5 yrs.+ to complete the task.
- 3. Built-in, in your system of daily life (like going to work, breakfast, lunch.....etc).
- 4. Determination & Consistency:
- 5. Companionship:



6. Selecting time for memorization

- 7. Selection of site (facility):
- 8. Use of dead time for your advantage:
- 9. Electrical/electronic support:
- 10. Use of visual, auditory & kinesthetic sensations to promote learning.
- 11. Clear mind
- 12. Focus on the target.

- 13. Break the assignment to attainable segments
- 14. Reward yourself 
- 15. Read the contents in Nafel prayers
- 16. Use one type of Mos'haf (Madina Qura'an); Don't change.
- 17. Read a short meanings of the AYAT before memorization (Mushaf King Abdulaziz University).
- 17-B Learning reasons for revelation of Ayat support memorization (use the compendium of the Quraan for Al-Zuhaily)
- 18. Repetition, repetition & repetition.



- 19. Keep with the Qura'an (The Qura'an is jealous)
- 20. Seek the help of almighty ALLAH ( Dua'a)
- 21. Value the task.
- 22. Keep an eye on the “Motashabihat”
- 23. Easy Sura's are those with Quranic stories (Yousuf, Taha,, Al-Kahf..etc)
- 24. Difficult Sura'a are those with A'hkams (Al-Nisa'a).
- 25. One page memorization with one Juza' recall (al-Azhar method).



# Build-it In your system of Daily life



- Similar to work, food times, sleep times, TV times, reading times;(**HIVE A QURAN slot in your schedule**).
- Missing it will make you feel guilty.
- When you fulfill it you feel happy/content (sense of achievement).
- Out-of town: different story (you may use different strategy)

# Determination/Consistency



- **Daily** commitment.
- Have a daily “Werd” of one Juzu's.
- Reduce the absentia or inconsistency to a minimum.  
Make-up for the missed time.



# Companionships



- 1. Read with a Sheikh: will teach you correct pronunciation, motashabihat;
- 2. Have a companions for different sura's or sections of the Qura'an (Sahib Ale-Emran, Sahib Al-Ma'edah...etc). Have a promise to recall some of those sections memorized with them whenever you meet.
- Companion's memorization will promote yours & vice versa.

# Memorization with A Sheikh



- Memorization with a sheikh helps in improving commitment; pronunciation of the words and in **getting more comments on the relations of ayahs to each other.**
- It will also help in correct recitation of the Qur'an.

# Companion & the Shaykh must master the Arabic Language



- The verbatim, the “Tashkeel”, the word’s meaning, all are important aspects for perfection of the memorization.
- Example: “Innama Yakhsha ALLAHA’ Min Ebadehi Al-Olama’o.

# Time selection



- Best time: after Fajr prayer. Fresh start
- 30-60 min. minimum (weekdays)
- >60 min. @ weekends (Sat. & Sundays)
- Have enough sleep time before session of memorization.
- Fatigue compromise memorization.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Best time between Maghreb & Isha'a
- Recall's best time: is during tahajjud prayer before Fajr prayer

# Selection of site (Venue)



- Select a corner or fixed site in the masjid. Use it all time. It will connect Ayat of the Qura'an with specific fixed image.
- Select a specific room at your home for Quranic reading, memorization & recall. It connects Ayat with fixed surrounding.

# Use of dead time for your Advantages



- Listen to quranic recitation of recalled segments during driving time to work & on the way back. Mumble the wording with the reciter.
- Do the same during travel time (in the airport, airplane....etc).
- Keep a pocketsize moshaf with you for reading or recalling specific segments at waiting rooms or during dead times.

# Use of Electronic media for memorization

- Use a Mohaffiz (Mp3) unit. It has 3 speeds (slow, medium & fast). Medium speed used for new Ayat of Hifz. Use the fast speed for recall.
- Use the forward & backward button for beginning and end of Ayat. This will improve the connections between the Ayat
- Use the Muhaffiz in the car, airplane, during shopping as well as all other dead times.
- You can jump between Ayat & different sura's

# Use of Visual, Auditory & Kinesthetic



- Recitation in the Moshaf promotes visual memory of the Ayat. You'll recall the location of the Ayat in relation to the beginning of the Rukuu (Rob'a), Juzu'o & Sura.
- Recitation of the Qura'an loudly promotes auditory memory. You'll recall the tone of the verbatim of the ayat.



# Clear mind



- The more you clear your mind from world problems (work, family ...etc) the faster you will memorize what you read.
- It has been told that “you will be associated with an ANGLE helping you while you focus on the qura’an. He’ll abandon you when your mind sway out.

# Focus on the Target



- Read the whole page first and try to connect its contents to each other.
- Re-read each ayah 3X.
- Recall it from memory. Make mistakes (don't worry)
- Re-read it again 1x from Mushaf.
- Recall it from memory again.
- Then go to next ayah.

# Breakdown the assignment to attainable segments



- Segment may be selected for its theme e.g. and your Rabb said to the angles .....
- Connect segments to each other- Don't loose the connecting statement (words). This will smoothen out during recall for the Juz'a.

# Reward yourself



- Select your reward.
- Do it as you go. Don't miss it.

# Read the contents in Nafle Prayers



- Doing mistakes!!.. Open the mushaf for correction.

# Use ONE Mus'haf all the time



- I like mushaf Al-Madinah (mushaf al-Hoffez).
- Every page started with the beginning of an ayah.
- Every page ends with the last word of a complete ayah.
- The mushaf ending with the first word from next page (printed in the lower left corner) would help in connecting pages together.

# Read a short meaning of the Ayat before memorization



- The meaning of the verbatim “ Alfaz/words”.
- The meaning of the ayah.
- Learn “ asbab al-Nozool” (reason for revelation of the ayah)
- Make a connection between those 3 items whenever possible.

# Repetition, Repetition & Repetition





# Keep with the Qura'an



- The Qura'an is jealous: You desert Him, He will desert you. ( Story of Shaykh. Jebril)

# Seek the Help of ALLAH for memorization

- Dua'a
- With Dua'a, good intention & good determination you will gain an acceleration
- Acceleration will increase to full speed as you become more serious and sincere about the task at hand.

# Tips for memorization from Seerah (Hadith of prophet Mohamed, SAAW)



- Sayedna ALI (RAU) came to prophet Mohamed (SAAW) complaining from difficulty in memorization & keeping up with the retention of the Quraan.
- prophet Mohamed responded by:
  - At the night of Jumua'a (Thursday night) during Tahajjud prayer (4 raka'as) recite the following:
    - ✦ Sura Yaseen: 1<sup>st</sup> Raka'a
    - ✦ Sura Al-Dukhan: 2<sup>nd</sup> Raka'a

# Tips for memorization-2




.In the second 2 raka'as recite:

.Sura Al-Sajda: 1<sup>st</sup> raka'a (3<sup>rd</sup>. In total)

. Sura Al- Mulk: 2<sup>nd</sup> raka'a (4<sup>th</sup>. In total)

• Then follow that with:

- Make Thana'a on ALLAH (Alhamdu lellah....)
- Followed with Prayer on prophet Mohamed and all prophets, ask ALLAH to forgive all believers including those who preceded you and follow this with the DUA"A:

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- “O ALLAH, forgive me and take me away from all sins, & Forgive me that I do not do what is unnecessary for me & guide me to do the best of action that you may accept from me.
  - O’ALLAHumm who perfect the heavens & earth, whom you have all the glory and generosity & whom you have the unparalleled “EZZAH”, I ask You Ya ALLAH, Ya Rahman with your glorification & the light “NOUR” of your face To guide my heart to memorize Your Book in the same way you taught me to learn it.

- And guide me to recite it in the way that satisfy you.
- “O’Allahum Badee’a Samawat wa Al’Ard; Za Aljalal wal Ekram; wal ezzati allati La Turam, I ask you Ya ALLAH, Ya Rahman, Bi Jalalek wa Nour Wajhek that you enlighten my vision with your book & to unleash my tongue in its recitation & to elevate my heart with it & to broaden my chest with it & Utilize my body in it; No one can help me to do this goodness except you & no one can give me this except You, & La Hawla wa La Quwwat Illa Bellah Al Aleyy Al Azeem

- O' Ali, you do that 3 Jumuaa Or 5 Jumua'a or 7 Jumua'a Your dua'a will be accepted Insha'ALLAH.
- O'with whom He send me with the truth, no believer will do that & be mistaken.
- Ibn Abbas (the narrator of the Hadeith) said “ Fa waLLAHI, that after 5 or 7 weeks Ali return to prophet Mohamed (SAAW) saying (in similar meeting) that: previously I used to learn around 4 ayats and I loose them & now I learn around 40 ayats and its seams that I am looking at them during my recitation. Also I used to learn one hadith and forget it, Now I listen to many Ahadith and recall them not loosing one word



- prophet Mohamed (PBUH) responded: You are a believer Wa Rabbo al Ka'aba (testimony from prophet Mohamed, SAAW).
- Next slide is the Arabic version of the Hadith.



## الدعاء لحفظ القرآن

عن ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما قال: «بينما نحن عند رسول الله ﷺ، إذ جاءه علي بن أبي طالب رضي الله عنه فقال: يا أبا أنت، تغلّت هذا القرآن من صدري فما أجِدُنِي أقدر عليه. فقال له رسول الله ﷺ: يا أبا الحسن أفلا أعلمك كلمات ينفعك الله بهن، وينفع بهن من علمت ويثبت ما تعلّمت في صدرك؟ قال: أجل يا رسول الله فعلمني. قال: إذا كان ليلة الجمعة، فإن استطعت أن تقوم في ثلث الليل الآخر فإنها ساعة مشبودة. والدعاء فيها مستجاب، فقد قال أخي يعقوب لبيه: سوف أستغفر لكم ربي. يقول حتى تأتي ليلة الجمعة. فإن لم تستطع فقم في وسطها. فإن لم تستطع فقم في أولها. فصل أربع ركعات: تقرأ في الركعة الأولى بفتحة الكتاب وسورة يس (١) وفي الركعة الثانية بفتحة الكتاب وحَمَّ الدخان، وفي الركعة الثالثة بفتحة الكتاب وأَمَّ تَرْسِلَ (السجدة)، وفي الركعة الرابعة بفتحة

الكتاب وتبارك الفصل، فإذا فرغت من التشهد فاحمد الله وأحسن الشاء على الله وصلّ على وأحسن وعلى سائر النبيين واستغفر للمؤمنين والمؤمنات ولاخوانك الذين سبقوك بالإيمان ثم قل في آخر ذلك:

اللهم ارحمني بترك المعاصي أبداً ما أبقيتني، وارحمي أن انكلف ما لا يعنيني، وارزقني حسن النظر فيما يرضيك عني، اللهم بديع السموات والأرض ذا الجلال والاکرام، والعزة التي لا ترام، أسألك يا الله يا رحمن بجلالك ونور وجهك أن تلزم قلبي حفظ كتابك كما علمتني وارزقني أن اتلوه على النحو الذي يرضيك عني. اللهم بديع السموات والأرض ذا الجلال والاکرام والعزة التي لا ترام، أسألك يا الله يا رحمن بجلالك ونور وجهك أن تنور بكتابك بصري، وأن تطلق به لساني وأن تفرج به عن قلبي، وأن تشرح به صدري، وأن تستعمل به بدني، فإنه لا يعينني على الحق غيرك،

ولا يؤتيني إلا أنت ولا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله العلي العظيم.

يا أبا الحسن: تفعل ذلك ثلاث جمع، أو خساً، أو سبعا تحب ياذن الله، والذي بعثني بالحق ما أخطأ مؤمناً قط. قال ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما: فوالله ما لبث علي إلا خساً أو سبعا حتى جاء رسول الله ﷺ في ذلك المجلس، فقال: يا رسول الله إني كنت فيما خلا لا آخذ إلا أربع آيات ونحوهن فإذا قرأتين على نفسي تغلّت، وأنا أعلم اليوم أربعين آية ونحوها فإذا قرأتين على نفسي فكأنما كتاب الله بين عيني ولقد كنت أسمع الحديث، فإذا ردّدته تغلّت، وأنا اليوم أسمع الأحاديث، فإذا تحدثت بها لم أخرم منها حرفاً. فقال رسول الله ﷺ عند ذلك: مؤمن ورب الكعبة يا أبا الحسن، (١).

# Value the Task



- It is the tight rope to ALLAH (SW)
- It contain knowledge of the past, information about those to come after you & Status “Zekr” of those among you.**(Khabar ma qablakom, wa zikr ma baynakom, wa nabao ma baadakom)**
- Sura Fater “ and then we inherited the book to those whom we have selected ...

# Keep an eye on the Motashabihat



- Examples: Innama al hayat el Donya La'eb wa lahow' OR Lahwo' wa la'eb.
- And WE HAVE said to the Angle prostrate to ADAM, and they did except "Iblees"- ABA wa Istakbar . This discussion was repeated in different ways in the Q.
- **(We may need a whole lecture on "Mutashabihat" )**

# Some tips to solve Al-Mutashabehat



- Al-Lahw' before al-Laeb Ya man Tamoot fi al-A'araf wal ankabout (Azhar).
- Iblis: ABA wa Stakbar (both came jointly in Al-Baqara. They were split later in the quraan
- Sura Taha contain ABA.....
- Sura "Sad" contain wastakbar.....
- A book about mutashabehat !!!!

# Easy Sura's are those quoting stories of the Qura'an

- Sura YOUSUF
- Sura Al-Kahf.
- Sura Maryam
- Sura Taha.
- First 1/2 of sura Ghafer
- First 1/2 of sura Al-Qasas

# Other Easy Suras



- Al- Maedah.
- Al-Anfal.
- Al-Hajj.
- Ibraheem
- Al-Isra'a
- Al'- Emran is more easier than al-Baqara
- Yaseen, al- Najm, Qaf
- In general; the suras you memorized earlier or at young age can be recalled easier even after forgetting it

# Difficult Sura's are those of the Ahkam



- Al-Nisa'a
- Al-Tawbah
- Al- Nahl
- Al-Hejre.

# Important tips in memorization



- Read what you want to make hifz of 5X immediately before going to sleep.
- Then read or recall them once in the early morning (before fajr)
- Learn the reported “reason for revelation”. Asbab al-Tanzeel (Al-Mawsoua’al Quraneyya Al-Moyassara (Sh. Alzoheily et.al)



## How to reduce the “Tafallut” (loss of flow) of the quran

- “Tafallut” is loosening the flow & continuity between different AYAT, resulting in reducing the “Hifz”. To reduce that:

- While you memorize one Aya, keep your eye on the beginning of the next aya.
- e.g. Alef Lam meem- Zalika.....
- La Rayba feehee- **Hodan lel**.....

Always keep that system during your revision of the memorization.

@ Tafallut is more common at the beginning &/or end of the ayat.

Eg. End of ayat: Al-samme’a al-Aleem; Al- Ghaffor Al-shakoor, Al-Zalemeen, Al-Kafereen.

Beginning of Ayat: Watlu Alyhim Naba’a Nouh; W’ azkor fil Kitab Ismael Innahu Kan sadek al-wa’ad wa kan Rasula Nabeyya.

# The use of Muhaffiz Al-Qura'an

- Use a “Muhaffiz” similar to a recorder to listen & to memorize some Ayat during your travel to work & back home
- Recently many application on cell phones can do the same e.g. Mushaf “ King Saud University Mushaf” <http://goo.gl/2owloadfter dZkHSJ>. After download open the program & download the pages without internet
- Benefits of Muhaffiz:
  - Select the reciter/Qari.
  - Select the sura, Juz', Hezb or aya
  - Repetition of an Aya several times (10x)
  - It has the meaning of the ayat
  - Demonstration.

# Different Type of Mohaffez



# Avoiding SINS will improve your memorization



- Imam Al-Shafei complains to his Sheikh (Wakee') his poor memorization. He responded by advising him to avoid sins.
- I complain to Wakkei' my poor memorization, He advised me to avoid sin. He inform me that Knowledge is "NOOR" and the "NOOR" of ALLAH is not awarded to a sinner.

# The more Ayats you memorize/day the faster you complete the Quran: A Table



DAILY MEM	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
1 AYAH	17	7	9
3 AYAT	5	10	13
5 AYAT	3	6	7
7 AYAT	2	6	3
9 AYAT	1	11	12
11 AYAH	1	7	6
13 AYAH	1	4	6
15 AYAH	1	2	1
17 AYAH	1	0	10
19 AYAH	0	11	1
1/4 PAGE	6	9	18
1/2 PAGE	3	4	24
1 PAGE	1	8	12
2 PAGES	0	10	6

# Loosing the Quraan is loosing the JANNAH (after entering in)



- The more Khatm el-Quraan the more it is cemented in your mind.
- Use it or loose it.

# THE PARABLE OF THOSE WHO MEMORIZE THE QURAAN IS SIMILAR TO THOSE WHO RECEIVED A JANNAH IN THIS LIFE



- A large Jannah with 114 sections, 60 different gardens, 240 types of orchards. You get in to:
  - Feel the smoothness of the roses (Rahama, blessing...etc)
  - Smell the fragrance of the created perfumes (
  - Listen to the holly music & rhyme of the ayats (Yaseen, Al-Rahman...etc)
  - Reflect on the created glory of ALLAH (sophesticated structures)
  - Hug the softness of meanings.
  - Taste the sweetness of the fruits (of your deeds)
  - Get knowledge of the antagonistic behavior

@ Literally select what you like most, when you need it.

# What about “YOU” to memorize the Quran



- I am proposing a class of memorization of the Q.
- Whoever interested you have to be ready for the following:
  - Make a sincere Neyyah & attend fajr prayer
  - Devote 30 min.- 45 min. daily after Fajr (WD)
  - Buy a muhaffiz (electronic)
  - Commit for 3 yrs. of consistent attendance



# Maintenance of quran memorization



- ***This will need another presentation***
  - ***Thank you***
    - May almighty ALLAH accept this activity in yours & our deeds at the day of Judgment.
- Ameen.....

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

# Thank You



- May Almighty ALLAH accept this activity in yours and our good deeds, at the day of Judgment. Ameen.