

Prophet's ﷺ complain to Allah about his nation (ummah) abandoning the Quran:

What is the meaning of abandoning the Qur'an?

In Sura Al-Furqan (25) Ayat 30, the Holy Prophet complains about his people abandoning the Qur'an.

وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا

And the Messenger will say: "O my Lord! Verily, my people deserted this Qur'ân.

Apparently, the Prophet will make this complaint on the Day of Judgement.

1. Who are the people he is complaining about?
2. What is the meaning of abandoning the Qur'an?
3. What are the consequences?

The questions could be answered from two different perspectives or by two different interpretations: A historical perspective related to time of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and the implication for us or every generation afterwards.

Who are the people he is complaining about?

Historically apparently all Scholars are in consensus, that the people our Messenger (peace be upon him) was complaining about were his people: the tribe of Quraish!

But this could also apply to any Muslim (after the time of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) and now) who abandoned the Quran.

What is the meaning of abandoning the Qur'an?

Some of the meanings from the historical perspective were quoted by scholars, but most could be found in the Quran itself:

They used **not to prevent one another from wrongdoing that they did...**[Q 5:79](#)

They didn't advise each other or prevent each other from doing wrong.

And they **prevent [others] from him** and are [themselves] **remote from him ...**[Q 6:26](#)

They tried to keep themselves and others away from listening to the Quran

Do not listen to this Qur'an and **speak noisily** during [the recitation of] it ..[Q41:26](#)

They didn't listen to the Quran and tried to create disturbance, by speaking loudly, so that the believers also couldn't listen!

Abandoning the Quran also means that they didn't hold belief on it and neither have they followed teachings of Quran. Some said here "*Mahjoor*" is from "*hajr*" which means inappropriate talk means people disregarded the Quran by calling it as a poetry, story or as a magic.

Then Allah (SWT) consoled Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him in next ayah by asking him to be patient as previous prophets were and then stating that Indeed I am sufficient for you to guide and help.

كَفَىٰ بِرَبِّكَ هَادِيًّا وَنَصِيرًا ۗ وَكَذَٰلِكَ جَعَلْنَا لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ عَدُوًّا مِّنَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ۗ وَ

And this is how We had appointed guilty people as enemies to every Prophet; and Allah is Sufficient, to guide and to aid.(25:31)

Imam al-Qurtoby quoted a hadith from a book of [a-Tha'labi](#) on the authority of Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) to explain abandoned:

ممن تعلم القرآن وعلق مصحفه لم يتعاهده ولم ينظر فيه جاء يوم القيا
متعلقا به يقول يا رب العالمين إن عبدك هذا اتخذني مهجورا فاقض بيني
وبيناه

From this we could conclude some meanings for hajr/abandoning for any later generation.

They don't apply the rules of the Quran.

- *They don't listen to it* (which may also mean take it as a basis for rules).
- *They don't believe in it* (or reject parts of it).
- *They don't base the ahkam of sahari'a on it.*
- *They read it but don't try to understand and reflect on the meanings of what they read.*
- They don't read the Quran.
- They don't teach and memorize it.
- *They left the Quran and took other sources for religious ruling* (from tafsir ibn Kathir)
- *They don't seek cure for their spritual disease and help in it.*
- They just keep it as a decor unused in their houses.
... One could summarize they don't make it a part of their lives! And this is in total contradiction to our Belief. As we are asked as Muslims to follow the example of our beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him) about whom his wife 'Aisha (May Allah be pleased with her) said “His character was the Qur'an / He was walking Quran”
- Some of those point are more serious than others!

- Also note that a lot of those listed points are directly related to the meaning of the word [Quran](#) itself!

What are the consequences?


We know from the Quran what happened to the people of book when they abandoned their books (Q [7:169](#)).

On the other hand we have the opposite consequence if we don't abandon the Quran: According to this hadith from sahih [Muslim](#) (see also in sunan ibn Majah) our Messenger has said:

By this Book, Allah would exalt some peoples and degrade others.

Which some of his Sahaba (May Allah be pleased with them) have seen later as described in the hadith above. In another narration Prophet said Quran will be witness for you or against you on the Day of Judgment.

So the major consequence of abandoning the Quran is: losing the guidance and a weakness of our faith and believe and we may lose the right path and get lost in this dunya (worldly life) as other nations whom have been given guidance by Allah did.

May Allah save us that our beloved Prophet  becomes prosecution witness against us in front of Allah on the day of judgment by claiming that we abandoned the Quran..