

Preoccupying Oneself With The Books Of The Scholars Over The Book Of Allaah

A man once went to 'Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab and said, "O Leader of the Believers, when we conquered Al-Madaain, we found a book that contained in it beautiful speech."

'Umar asked him, "Was that speech from the Book of Allaah?"

The man replied, "No."

Then 'Umar asked someone to hand him a stick, after which he proceeded to beat the man, and all the while he (ra) was reciting the saying of Allaah:

الر تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْمُبِينِ
إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ

نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ أَحْسَنَ الْقَصَصِ بِمَا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ وَإِنْ كُنْتَ
مِن قَبْلِهِ لَمِنَ الْعَافِلِينَ

"Alif-Laam-Ra. These are the Verses of the Clear Book. Verily, We have sent it down as an Arabic Qur'an in order that you may understand. We relate unto you (Muhammad) the best of stories through Our Revelations unto you, of this Qur'an. And before this (i.e.

before the coming of Divine Inspiration to you), you were among those who knew nothing about it (the Qur'an)." [12:1-3]

'Umar then said, "Verily, what destroyed those who came before you was the fact that they took themselves to the books of their scholars and priests, while they abandoned the Torah and the Injeel (Gospel). And they continued to do that until the Torah and the Injeel became obliterated, and the knowledge that they contained went away [Ref Manaagib Umar, by Ibn Al-awzee, page 23]

Now a days it has become very common that in our Masajid and other religious gathering ,to read from our scholars books, their life stories, their miracles, their piousness etc or mentioning of Ahadith [not from Bukhari or Muslim] (some are weak, not authentic, fabricated etc.

Ummah has forgotten that Quran is our text book, rest are mere references, on the Day of Judgment, our deeds will be judged based on how much we followed Quran and implemented in our life, How much we implemented Sunnah in our lives, not which scholar or Imam said other then Quran and sunnah.

Let see what Quran says about the source of seeking " HIDAYA"
GUIDANCE.

1. **شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَن**
شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ وَمَن كَانَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ
بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَاكُم وَلَعَلَّكُمْ
تَشْكُرُونَ

Translation: It is the month of Ramadan in which Quran was revealed, guidance for mankind with clear teachings showing the Right path and a criterion of truth and falsehood. [2/185]

2. **إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ**

The true religion with Allah is Islam. The people of the book adopted many different ways rather than follow the true way of Islam even after the knowledge of truth [i.e Allah's Book] had reached them[3/19]

3. **قُلْ أَيُّ شَيْءٍ أَكْبَرُ شَهَادَةً قُلِ اللَّهُ شَهِيدٌ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمْ وَأُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ لِأُنذِرَكُمْ بِهِ وَمَنْ بَلَغَ أَتَيْنَكُمْ لَتَشْهَدُونَ أَنَّ مَعَ اللَّهِ آلِهَةً أُخْرَى قُلْ لَا أَشْهَدُ قُلْ إِنَّمَا هُوَ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ وَإِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِمَّا تُشْرِكُونَ**

----- This Quran was revealed to me that I should warn you thereby and also whomsoever it may reach.-----.[6/19]

4. **إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ**

As for Admonition/guidance, indeed it is We Who have revealed it and it is indeed We Who are its guardian/protector [15/9]

5. **وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ**

We have made this Quran an easy means of admonition/guidance/understand/remember/advice. Then, is there any who would take admonition/guidance/advice? [Q54/17]

Note: This Aya is repeated 4 times in Surah Qamar.

6. نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ وَمَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِجَبَّارٍ فَذَكَرَ بِالْقُرْآنِ مَنْ يَخَافُ وَعَيْدٍ

You {Muhammad (ﷺ)} are not there to compel them to believe, so admonish/advice/guide them with this Quran every such person who fears my warning. [Q50/45]

7. فَبِأَيِّ حَدِيثٍ بَعْدَهُ يُؤْمِنُونَ

Now what message can there be after this Quran in which they will believe? [Q 77/50]

Lets summarize what is said in these seven different verses about giving admonition, guidance, warning, advice, easy understanding of Quranic message and challenging any book who can guide them other then Quran.

1. This book (Quran) is a perfect guidance for mankind and consists of clear teachings which show the right way and are a criterion of Truth and falsehood.

2. In the sight of Allah there is only one system of life and way of conduct which is both in accord with reality and morally right. This consists of man's acknowledging Allah as his Lord and his sole object of his worship and devotion and surrendering himself to His obedience and service according to His instructions given in His revealed Scriptures communicated by Allah through His messengers. No human speech, book or lecture substitutes Quran's or true scriptures before Quran. Other Nations (Jews, Christians etc) followed their religious leaders tempered book of Allah and were misguided.

3. Allah himself witnesses that the Prophet has been designated by Him and that what he communicated (Quran) was by His command. In order

to bear witness to something, mere guesswork and imagination are not sufficient. What is required is knowledge on the basis of which a person can state something with full conviction. When Quran is here why we need scholar's book to spread knowledge of Deen.

4. Since Allah has send this zikr (Quran) for admonition, guidance, it is His word and He is preserving it until the last Day, so nobody has any excuse that he did not get the guidance which was free from any tempering.

5. Allah has challenged that He made Quran easy for admonition. One way of admonition is the dreadful torments that descended upon the rebellious nations when they denied Allah's books and His messengers and the other means is this Quran, which guides you to the right path by argument and instruction. So is anybody there who will heed to this challenge? So when Quran is here is here to lead us to right path with arguments and instructions why we need other books to spread Allah's message.

6. Allah is categorically saying that O Prophet ﷺ admonish with this Quran every such person who fears my warning.

7. Allah ﷻ is telling the whole humanity in unequivocal term that the greatest Message that could distinguish the truth from falsehood for man and show him right guidance, has been sent down in the shape of Quran. If a person does not believe its guidance even after reading it or hearing it read, what else after this will show him the correct guidance?

After analyzing the above Quranic Ayats it is very clear that to spread the message of guidance from Allah, we have to use Quran and no

other book and to supplement and to elaborate its teaching we need to know the authentic Ahadith/Sunnah of Prophet. The most authentic books of Ahadith are Bukhari and Muslim which is accepted by all scholars of Islam. Unfortunately we have made Quran as a source of reward only by reading it (without its meaning), memorizing it or reward for dead people.

After 9/11 hundreds of people accepted Islam just by reading its translation in their native languages. While there is no comprehensive, global statistical data that specifically tracks how many people have accepted Islam solely by reading translations of the Quran in their native languages, there are several anecdotal reports and localized studies that highlight this phenomenon.

1. **Personal Stories and Testimonials:** Many Islamic organizations and websites feature testimonials from individuals who embraced Islam after reading the Quran in translation. These stories often emphasize the impact of the Quran's message and the clarity provided by translations in making the faith accessible.
2. **Da'wah Organizations:** Various da'wah (Islamic outreach) organizations report on their activities and often mention the number of people who convert to Islam. While these reports might not break down conversions by the method of introduction, some do highlight the role of Quran translations in the process. For example, organizations like the Islamic Education and Research Academy (iERA) and GainPeace distribute translated copies of the Quran and report significant interest and conversions as a result.

3. **Localized Surveys and Reports:** In specific regions, there might be surveys or reports that indicate the influence of Quran translations. For instance, some surveys conducted by Islamic centers in non-Muslim majority countries have noted that reading the Quran in translation was a significant factor in many conversions.
4. **Academic Studies:** Some academic studies on religious conversion might mention the role of religious texts. For instance, studies on conversion to Islam in Western countries sometimes note that the availability of the Quran in English and other languages plays a crucial role in attracting new converts.

For a more precise and statistically significant understanding, it would be ideal to look into detailed research studies or surveys conducted by academic institutions or major Islamic organizations that systematically track and analyze the reasons behind conversions, specifically focusing on the influence of reading Quran translations. However, such detailed data might be scarce or fragmented.

So if thousands of people revert to Islam by just reading translation of Quran (not Tafseer and proper Quranic education), we can see the power of Allah's word, so why not take Quran in our hands, its translation which most audience are familiar with it and give talk from it rather reading from books of old scholars, who were not even familiar with the modern day challenges our new generation is facing.

Can anybody tell that if a non Muslim wants to know about Islam, what book will you give him? Quran or some scholar's written book and by the way can anybody tell how many non Muslims reverted to Islam by reading only Muslim's Scholar's book? **A FOOD FOR THOUGHT.**