

# Compelling Beauty of the Holy Qur'an



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# SUMMARY

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A true believer proves the superiority of the Qur'an by practicing its beautiful teaching

Jama'ats should hold exhibitions focussing on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an

Hafiz Saleh Muhammad Alladin sahib and Co. Muhammad Saeed sahib passed away

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Hudhur (aba) recited the following verses of the Holy Qur'an at the start of his Friday Sermon today

'We have explained *the truth* in this Qur'an in the various ways that they may be admonished, but it only increases them in aversion.'  
(17:42)

وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَا فِي هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ  
لِيذَكَّرُوا ۗ وَمَا يَزِيدُهُمْ إِلَّا نُفُورًا ﴿٤٢﴾

'And We are *gradually* revealing of the Qur'an that which is a healing and a mercy to the believers; but it only adds to the loss of the wrongdoers.' (17:83).

وَنُنزِّلُ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ  
وَلَا يَزِيدُ الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا  
لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۗ وَلَا يَزِيدُ الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا

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Hudhur (aba) said time and again, the rancour and malice of the detractors of Islam against Islam, the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet (pbuh) surfaces



The ill-natured American priest, who was verbally abusive about the Holy Qur'an in September 2010 and had talked of burning it, but had desisted at the time due to some pressure. However, two days ago, he committed this foul act



He justified it by calling on a [so-called] 'jury' of 12 people in which a Muslim Imam represented Islam

Council on American-Islamic Relations was asked to comment on this but they declined, saying they did not wish to give the man seeking his fifteen minutes of fame any more publicity

**A foul act**

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# A foul act and the correct reaction

Hudhur (aba) said such dreadful acts have always been committed against Islam and are hurtful to a true believer

However, the reaction should not be to put a price on the person's head, as some have done, or take out demonstrations and cause damage to one's own country

The correct reaction to such matters should be to present such a picture of the Qur'an through one's word and deed that the world itself condemns the perpetrator

# A true believer and the Holy Qur'an

A true believer proves the superiority of the Qur'an by practicing its beautiful teaching. When this teaching will become evident to the world

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was sent to once again spread the message of the Holy Qur'an

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**'Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth glorifies Allah, the Sovereign, the Holy, the Mighty, the Wise. He it is Who has raised among the Unlettered *people* a Messenger from among themselves who recites unto them His Signs, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom, although they had been, before, in manifest misguidance; And *among* others from among them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise.'** (62:2-4).



### Revolution

- Hudhur (aba) said in the first phase, God sent the Holy Prophet (pbuh) who, with this teaching, brought a revolutionary change in the extremely denigrated world



### Purification

- He purified those who were ignorant. From the animal-like state these people became human, and then became knowledgeable humans and ultimately became godly people



### Imam of our time

- In the current age, God's mercy and grace sent the ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to recite the Qur'an and guide and thus increase people in faith

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## The miracle of Qur'anic teachings

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) told us about the hidden pearls of wisdom of the teaching of the final *Shariah*. Thus was God's favour on believers, fulfilled in the person of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as prophesied by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

'The claim of the Christian missionaries that the Qur'an does not set forth anything new on the Unity of God and on Divine commandments which is not contained in the Torah, is altogether false.

An ignorant person reading the Torah might fall into the error that it sets forth the Unity of God, and directions with regard to worship, and the rights of mankind, and that there is nothing new which has been set out in the Qur'an, but only a person who has not pondered the Word of God would fall into this error

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There is a great part of matters Divine that finds no mention in the Torah; for instance, it does not mention the finer stages of the Unity of God.

The Qur'an discloses that the Unity of God does not mean merely that we should not worship idols, or human beings, or animals, or the elements, or heavenly bodies or satans, but that the Unity of God has three stages.

**The first stage** of the Unity of God is for the common people who desire to be delivered from the wrath of God Almighty.

**The second stage** is for those who desire to be closer to God than the common people.

**The third stage** is for those special ones who desire to achieve closeness to perfection.

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The first stage is that no one should be worshipped except God, and that one should refrain from the worship of everything that is limited and created, whether it is on the earth or in heaven.

The second stage of the Unity of God is that in one's own affairs and in the affairs of others, God Almighty should be regarded as the true force and that means should not be so emphasised as to become associates of God. For instance, to say that had it not been for X one would have suffered a certain loss, or that if it had not been for Y, one would have been ruined, would amount to *shirk*, if by such pronouncements it is meant that X and Y truly possess some power.

The third stage of the Unity of God is to exclude the desires of one's ego from one's love of God Almighty and to devote oneself entirely to His Greatness. Such Unity of God is not to be found in the Torah. Also there is no mention of salvation or hell in the Torah, except some slight indications here and there. In the same way, there is no detailed mention in the Torah of the perfect attributes of God Almighty.

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Had the Torah contained any *Surah* like the one in the Holy Qur'an: 'Say, 'He is Allah, the One; Allah, the Independent and Besought of all. He begets not, nor is He begotten; And there is none like unto Him.' (112:2-5) then perhaps the Christians might have refrained from the worship of a creature.

Also the Torah has not set forth the degrees of rights but the Qur'an has set forth this teaching also in perfection. For instance, it says: '**Verily, Allah requires you to abide by justice, and to treat with grace, and give like the giving of kin to kin;** (16:91)

Allah enjoins equity, benevolence and graciousness between kindred. This means that our sympathy with mankind should be prompted by natural eagerness and not by any motive of seeking acknowledgement, as for instance, a mother has sympathy for her child.

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The Torah also fails to establish the existence of God and His Unity and His perfect attributes on the basis of reason, but the Holy Qur'an has established all these doctrines and the need of revelation and Prophethood with arguments based on reason, and by stating everything in a philosophic way, has made it easy for seekers after truth to appreciate it.

These arguments are put forth in such an excellent manner in the Holy Qur'an that it is not within anyone's power, for instance, to put forth any argument on the existence of God which is not contained in the Qur'an. A strong argument in support of the need of the Holy Qur'an is that all the previous Books beginning with the Torah and ending with the Gospel are addressed to a particular people, namely, the children of Israel and state in clear words that the directions contained in them are not for the general benefit, and are limited to the children of Israel. But the Holy Qur'an aims at the reform of the whole world and is not addressed to any particular people but states plainly that it has been revealed for the benefit of the whole of mankind and that the reform of everyone is its purpose.'

['Kitab ul Bariyyah', Essence of Islam, Vol. I, pp.468 – 471]

# The superiority of the Qur'an

Hudhur said this is but a glimpse of what the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained about the superiority of the Qur'an



Ahmadis are fortunate, indeed can be called fortunate only when they try and adopt this teaching and show the luminous teaching to the world about which they raise objections



Then alone will we be rightfully counted among the latter-ones.

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Hudhur (aba) said in one of his sermons he had commended the German Jama'at as an example of holding exhibitions in various venues, including church halls, on the Holy Qur'an that had had positive results.

Hudhur (aba) said his inference was that Jama'ats in other countries too should hold such exhibitions; however, this was not done

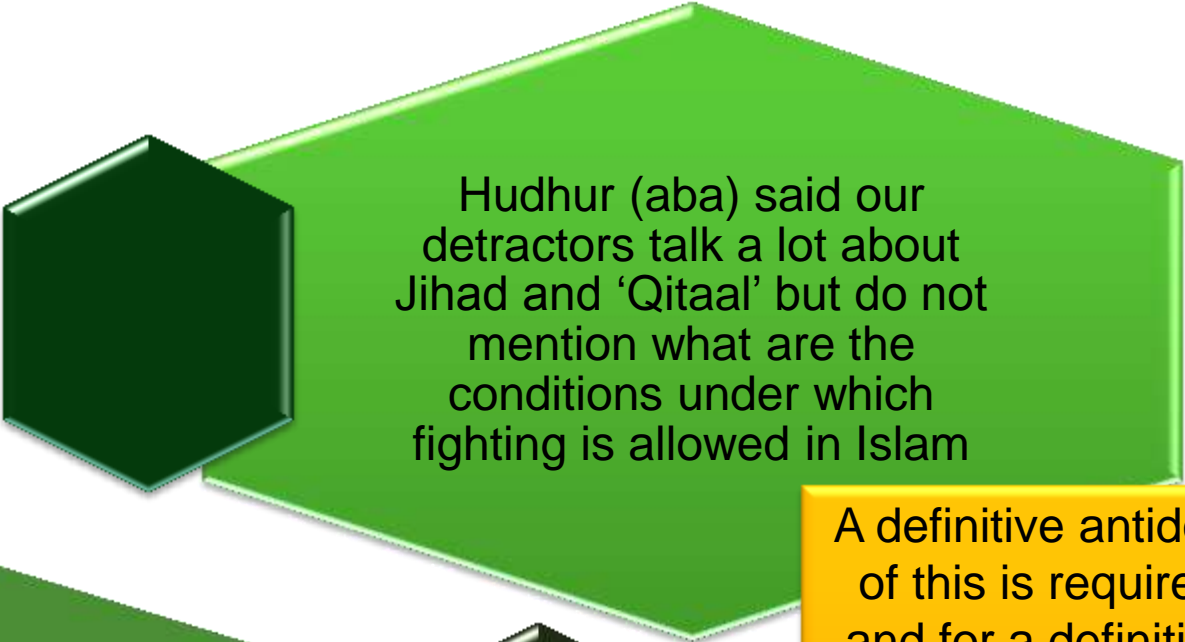
Hall should be hired and proper exhibitions should be held with posters and banners depicting the teachings of the Qur'an and copies of the Holy Qur'an with translation should be beautifully displayed

## The Holy Qur'an Exhibition

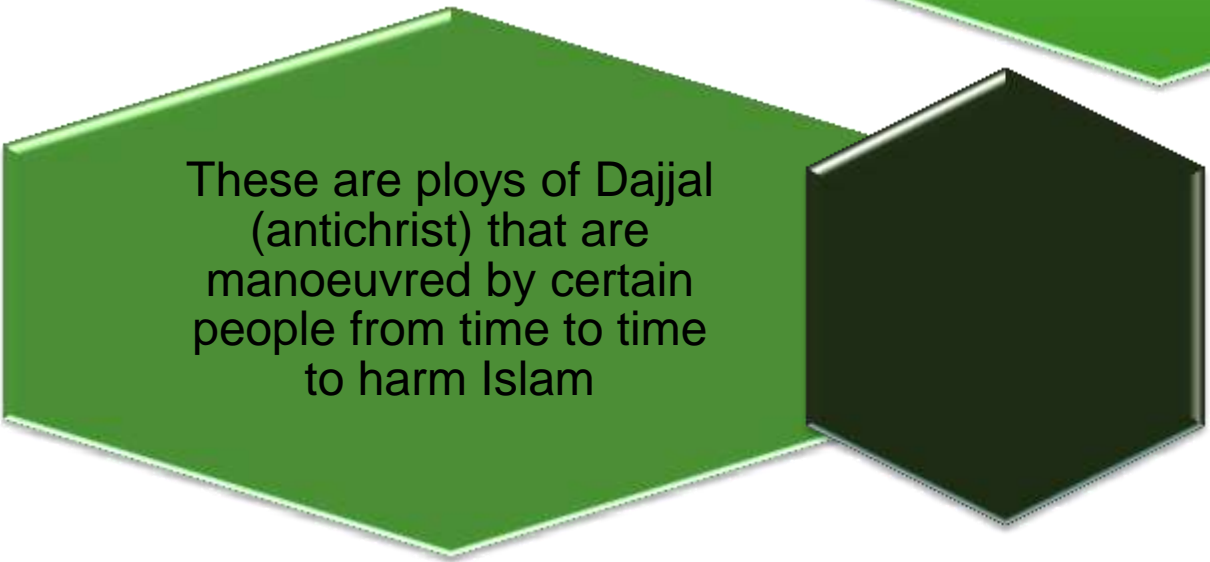
Due to the attention to Islam, some people are writing in positive light as well, often they report accurately about our Jama'at. God knows what their intention is but we should take advantage of this

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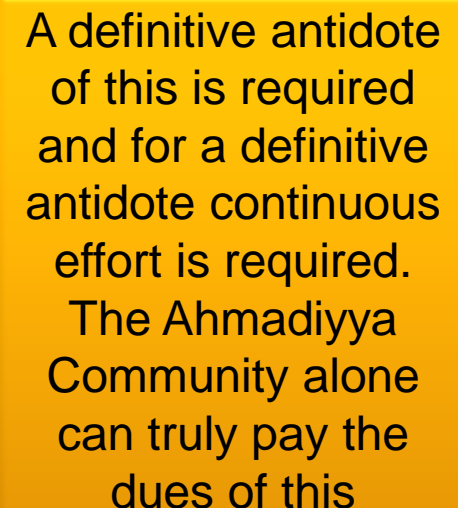
# The teachings of the Holy Qur'an



Hudhur (aba) said our detractors talk a lot about Jihad and 'Qitaal' but do not mention what are the conditions under which fighting is allowed in Islam



These are ploys of Dajjal (antichrist) that are manoeuvred by certain people from time to time to harm Islam



A definitive antidote of this is required and for a definitive antidote continuous effort is required. The Ahmadiyya Community alone can truly pay the dues of this



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## No other book has given as much emphasis as the Qur'an does on justice

‘Allah forbids you not, respecting those who have not fought against you on account of *your* religion, and who have not driven you forth from your homes, that you be kind to them and act equitably towards them; surely Allah loves those who are equitable.’ (60:9).

Hudhur (aba) explained that the verse 60:9 commands to extend virtue to those who do not bear enmity

It also states: ‘O ye who believe! be steadfast in the cause of Allah, bearing witness in equity; and let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be *always* just, that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah. Surely, Allah is aware of what you do.’ (5:9).

The verse 5:9 enjoins to be just and fair even to the enemy and not to respond to his foul act with a foul act

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: 'And worship Allah and associate naught with Him, and *show* kindness to parents, and to kindred, and orphans, and the needy, and to the neighbour that is a kinsman and the neighbour that is a stranger, and the companion by *your* side, and the wayfarer, and those whom your right hands possess. Surely, Allah loves not the proud *and* the boastful,' (4:37)

Such is the supremely excellent teaching of Islam which is the guarantee of peace in the world

The verse 4:37 commands good treatment of everyone, from one's parents to every human being, so that peace is established in the world

## The Qur'anic teachings on justice

Whenever we see wrong reaction as regards Islam, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the Holy Qur'an, our task is to first correct our own practices and then spread the teachings of Islam in the world.

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# Hafiz Saleh Muhammad Alladin sahib passed away



A scholarly elder of the Community who was a Hafiz of the Holy Qur'an and a renowned academic of astronomy

He was the sadr of Anjuman Ahmadiyya Qadian for the past four years. He had an MSc in Physics and a PhD in Astrophysics from an American university

He had published more than fifty research papers and had received many awards. Dynamics of galaxies and lunar and solar eclipses were his favourite subjects.

He had a deep connection with God.

Once at Karachi airport, customs unfairly held some of their electronic items which was very worrisome. He went aside to say two Nafal to Allah and soon his possessions were returned.

- Hudhur (aba) commented that someone else may have tried looking for people to help, Salih Sahib trusted in Allah

Hafiz Saleh sahib had an extremely humble disposition and he did not complain

- May God keep his children firm on virtue and be their Helper and Protector



Hafiz Saleh Muhammad Alladin  
sahib

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## Hudhur announced another funeral Prayer in absentia, that of Co. Muhammad Saeed sahib

He had served as an honorary murrabi in Vancouver, Calgary. In addition he had served as Gen. Sec. in Canada, also as president of Qadha Board as well as secretary Wasaya

He also worked on Ahmadiyya Gazette and as co-ordinator for Waqfe Nau and took part in the project of French translation of the Qur'an in Quebec

During the building of the mosque Baitul Salam there, he donated 100,000 dollars on behalf of his family

He also donated generously towards publication of the Quran in two translations

May God elevate his station and be the Helper and Protector of his children.

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