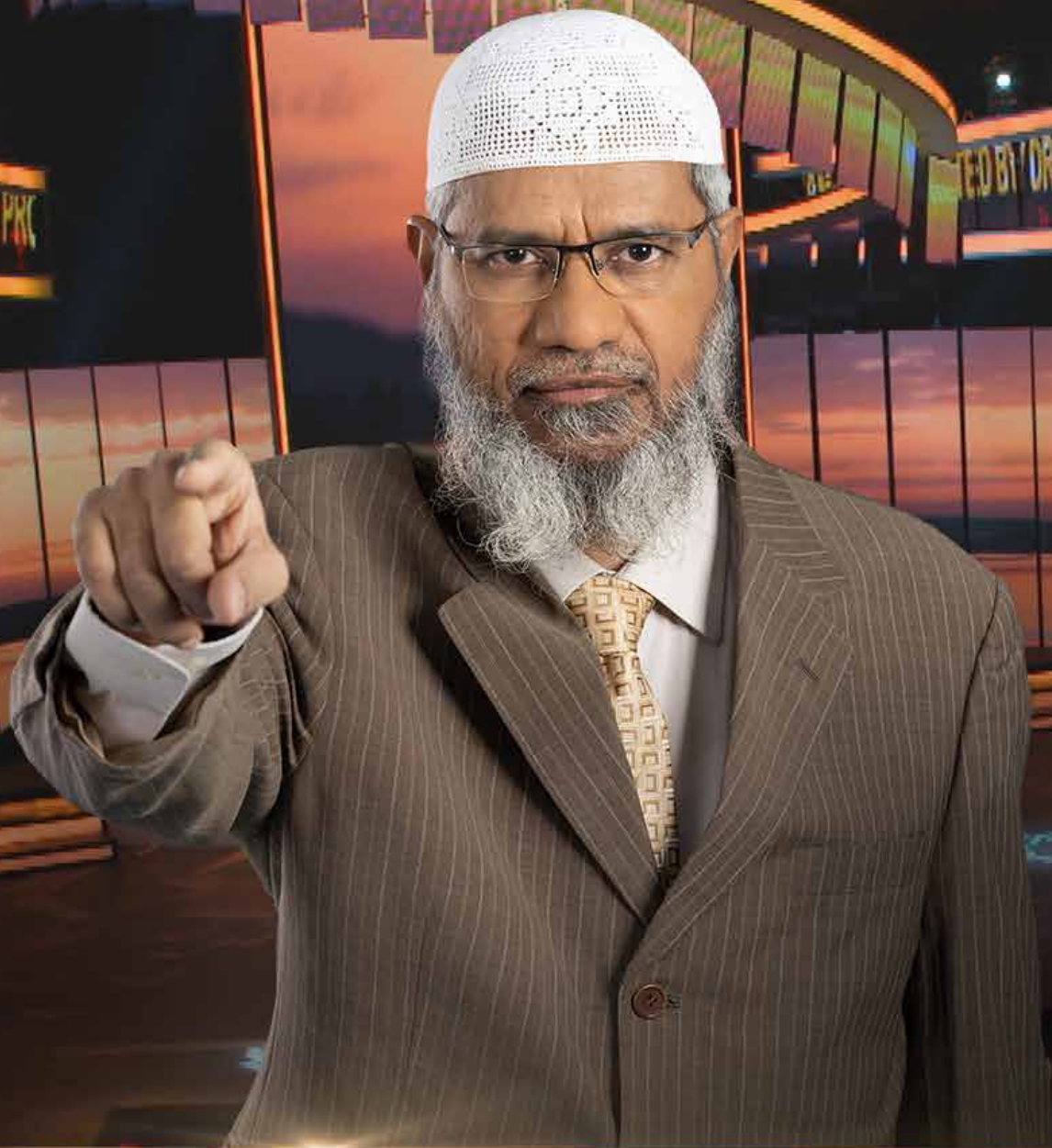


INTRODUCTION OF THE IDTP – IX

TECHNIQUES OF GIVING REFERENCES FROM THE QUR'AN



LET'S BECOME EFFECTIVE DA'EES

**INTERNATIONAL DA'WAH TRAINING
PROGRAMME – Part 9**

CONCEIVED, DEVELOPED AND CONDUCTED BY
DR ZAKIR NAIK



OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DA'WAH TRAINING PROGRAMME (IDTP)

1

This Da'wah training programme is targeted for those Muslims who want to do Da'wah to non-Muslims whenever opportunity arises or want to become part-time or full-time Da'ees.

2

It is not a knowledge-based programme but rather a technique-based Da'wah training programme.

3

However, the basic bare minimal knowledge and understanding of Islam and other religions that is required during the initial stages of Da'wah will be provided during the course of this training.



4

Special emphasis will be given to the following:

- A/ Techniques of public speaking
- B/ Structure and content of Islamic talks
- C/ Replies to Most Common Questions asked by non-Muslims
- D/ Techniques of handling Question & Answer sessions
- E/ Debating skills

5

For Da'wah to be effective, the major requirements are:

- A/ Allah's help is the most important (Al Qur'an 3:160)
- B/ Hard work and dedication (Al Qur'an 29:69)
- C/ Techniques and knowledge (Al Qur'an 16:43, 21:7)

6

One of the main objectives of this International Da'wah Training Programme is not only to have a Da'ee in every country in the world, every city in the world, every locality in the world but at least one Da'ee in most of the Muslim homes in the world if not all, In ShaAllah.



DURATION AND DIVISION

OF THE INTERNATIONAL
DA'WAH TRAINING
PROGRAMME (IDTP)

1

The total duration of the IDTP course will In Sha Allah be more than 650 hours.

A

The total duration of video recording is more than 350 hours.

B

The total duration required to read the Study Guides is more than 40 hours.

C

The total duration required to do the Assessments is more than 20 hours.

D

The total duration required to do the Evaluation is more than 20 hours.

E

The total duration required to do the Homework is more than 200 hours.



2

The IDTP is divided into Long Courses and Short Courses.

A

The IDTP is divided into 20 Long Courses, each of duration of 13 hours to 50 hours, inclusive of Video recording, Study Guide, Assessment, Evaluation and Homework.

B

The IDTP is divided into more than 140 Short Courses, each of duration of 3.5 hours to 8 hours, inclusive of Video recording, Study Guide, Assessment, Evaluation and Homework.

3

The IDTP Courses released on Al Hidaayah:

A

Minimum 2 Short Courses of the IDTP will be released every month, InShaAllah.

B

The complete IDTP will InShaAllah be released on Al Hidaayah in about 4 years.

4

Time required to complete the IDTP along with the scheduled release:

On an average 13 to 15 hours (2 to 3 Short Courses) a month will take 4 years to complete the course, InShaAllah.



COURSE TOPICS

1. Techniques of giving references from the Qur'an
2. Cross-checking of the names with meanings of the first 25 Surahs of the Qur'an

OBJECTIVES OF THIS SPECIFIC COURSE

1. To learn the techniques of giving references from the Qur'an
2. To memorise and recollect the names with meanings of the first 25 Surahs of the Qur'an

QUESTION AND ANSWER BUCKET

HOMEWORK

EVALUATION

TRANSCRIPTS

COURSE OUTLINE



ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions
Match the Columns
True or False

COURSE DURATION

Video Duration – 2 hours 28 min
Study Guide – 1 hour 2 min
Assessment – 10 min
Evaluation – 5 min
Homework – 1 hour
Total Duration – 4 hours 45 min



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TECHNIQUES OF GIVING REFERENCES FROM THE QUR'AN



LESSON 1



TECHNIQUES OF GIVING REFERENCES FROM THE QUR'AN – PART 1



I. What are the advantages of giving references from the Qur'an?

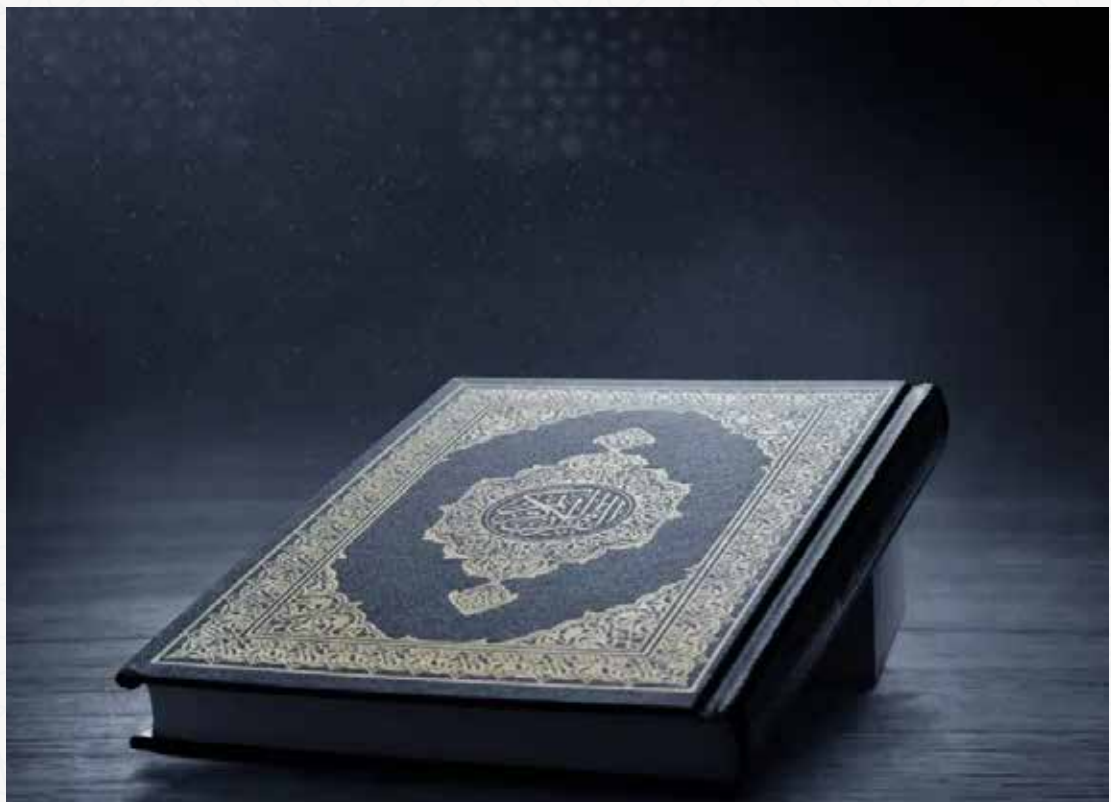


There are various reasons why giving references is beneficial.

- 1 It adds authenticity to your speech
- 2 It makes a general reference into a specific reference
- 3 It generates confidence in the audience
- 4 It helps the people who doubt to verify it later
- 5 It even helps you to reconfirm and be sure and confident in quoting references to your audience



- 6 If you quote specific references, your lecture is graded very highly.
- 7 If you quote specific references in a question-and-answer session, it is multiple times more effective and puts you on a high pedestal as a Da'ee.
- 8 It is easier for the audience to make a note and refer to it at home
- 9 It also helps a person to use the specific references and thus be able to reproduce the majority of the lecture.
- 10 Overall it makes your lecture more effective. It is beneficial for you, beneficial for the audience, and even beneficial for your enemies to get Hidaayah, In Sha Allah.





II. What is the technique of giving references from the Qur'an?



1 The master key is help of Allah (3:160)

إِنْ يَنْصُرْكُمُ اللَّهُ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ وَإِنْ يَخْذُلْكُمْ فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي
يَنْصُرْكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

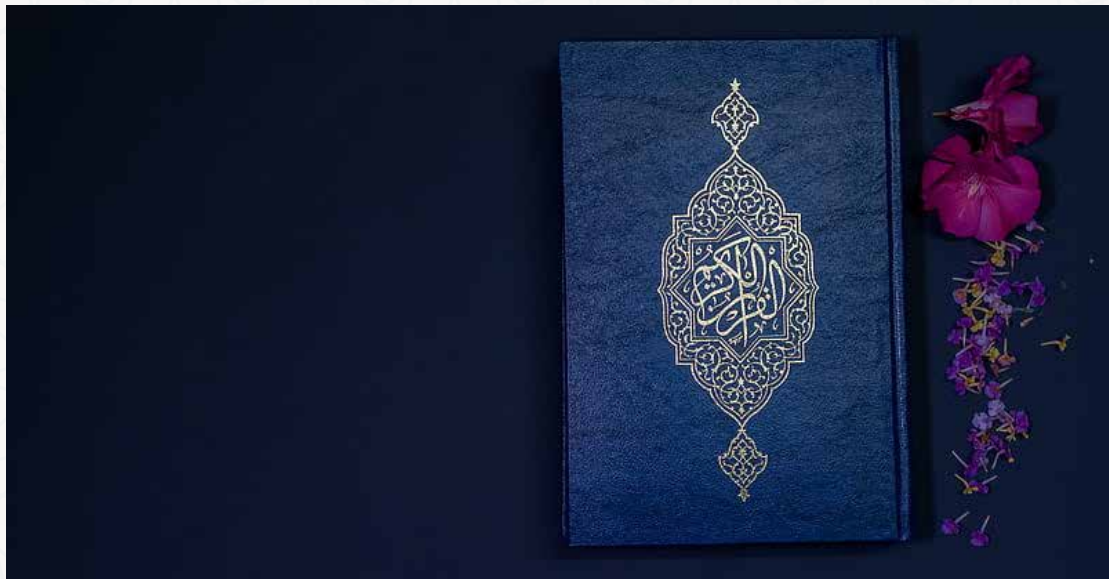


“If Allah helps you, none can overcome you: If He forsakes you, who is there, after that, that can help you? in Allah, then, Let believers put their trust.”

(Al Qur'an 3:160)



- i If one finds any difficulty in doing any good work, including memorising the Qur'anic references, the master key is the help of Allah (3:160).
- ii Mapping or other types of memorisation techniques are helpful but have their own limitations.
- iii I personally don't know of anyone who uses the above techniques for giving references in speeches on Islam and comparative religion.



2 Striving in the cause of Allah (29:69)

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا



“And those who strive in Our (cause),- We will certainly guide them to our Paths.”

(Al Qur'an 29:69)



- i If you do Jihad, strive and struggle in the way of Allah, Allah has promised that He will open the pathways for you.
- ii You cannot achieve success without Allah's help. To achieve Allah's help, the master key for Allah's help is, striving in the cause of Allah (29:69).
- iii If you strive and your pathway is not opened, then your striving is not correct.





LESSON 2



TECHNIQUES OF GIVING REFERENCES FROM THE QUR'AN – PART 2



III. What is the technique of giving references from the Qur'an? (cont'd)



1 Allah's help

2 Striving in the cause of Allah or doing hard work

3 Muraja'ah - Revision

- i** One should do Muraja'ah to such a level that you have done it so many times that Muraja'ah should not be required.
- ii** There is something like temporary memory and permanent memory.
- iii** When you continue to revise many times, it becomes a part of your permanent memory.



- iv When you do hard work now, these verses will go into your temporary memory, and you will be able to quote them. But when you busy yourself with other things and don't revise, it will go away.
- v If you want to put it in your permanent memory, you must practise it very often.
- vi Later, when you reach a certain level of memorisation, even if you don't practise, it will yet be in your permanent memory.
- vii The main test is when you memorise it, you must retain it. If you memorise and yet don't retain it, then you alone are to be blamed.
- viii Initially you must practise every day, then maybe once a week. Once it goes into the permanent memory, at least 80% of all the matter you memorised, you will be able to master it with Allah's help.





4 The style of giving Qur'anic references

- i The style of giving the Qur'anic reference is, first give the name of the Surah, then the chapter number, followed by the verse number. For e.g., Surah Aali Imraan, chapter number 3, verse number 110.
- ii Some people use Aayat which is also correct. I use "Verse" instead of "Aayat" because when I speak with non-Muslims, they don't understand what Aayat means.
- iii When giving the Surah names, one should give the Surah name first, then the chapter number, followed by its English translation. For example, Surah Al Fatihah, Chapter number 1, the Opening or Surah An Naas, Chapter number 114, the Mankind.





2

CROSS-CHECKING OF THE NAMES WITH MEANINGS OF THE FIRST 25 SURAHS OF THE QUR'AN



LESSON 3



CROSS-CHECKING OF THE SURAH NAMES – PART 1



IV. Important Reminders



1 Umar (ra) and his fear of being a "Munafiq"

Muhammad (pbuh) had told the names of 14 Munafiqeen to Hudhayfah ibn al-Yaman (ra) and told him not to tell anyone. When the news spread that Muhammad (pbuh) has said that amongst the people around him there are 14 Munafiqeen, Umar (ra), whom the Prophet (pbuh) called as the second-best Muslim in the world after the Anbiya and Abu Bakr (ra), went to Hudhayfah (ra) and asked him to tell those 14 names, he replied, "I cannot tell you the names." "Am I one of them?" Umar (ra) asked. He said, "No." Umar (ra) said, "Alhamdulillah."



Imagine even in a wild dream, who can think that Umar (ra) can be considered a Munafiq? His Iman was so strong, yet he went and verified, “Am I one of the Munafiqoon?”

We learn from the Seerah of the Prophet (pbuh) and the life of the Sahaabah (ra) what true Islam is.





2 Da'ees' life should be an open book

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا قَوِّمِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ
أَنفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِن يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا فَاللَّهُ
أَوْلَىٰ بِهِمَا



“O you who believe! stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both.”

Al Qur'an 4:135

It is very important for a Da'ee to always speak the truth. His life should be an open book. He should never lie.





3 A Da'ee should be specific in his response

- i Many a time people give vague answers. When you give a specific response only then you realise your mistake.
- ii An intelligent person is someone who learns from other people's mistakes. An average person is someone who learns from his own mistakes. A fool is the one who doesn't learn neither from his nor from others' mistakes.





LESSON 4



CROSS-CHECKING OF THE SURAH NAMES – PART 2



V. Important Reminders (cont'd)



- 1 The best person to analyse yourself is you yourself. The best person to improve yourself is you yourself.
- 2 If you know your weaknesses, that becomes your strength. Knowing your weaknesses is one of the biggest strengths of a person.
- 3 Someone who says I don't have any weakness, that is his biggest weakness.
- 4 If Allah helps you and if you strive in the way of Allah, Allah has promised that He will open the pathways.
- 5 When you don't have a competition you will not improve. You only improve when you have a competition.



- 6 As a Da'ee you should take precaution in your choice of words while answering so that no one can trap you.
- 7 When you are not confident about your answer you should always say, In Shah Allah.
- 8 One should neither be too overconfident nor be underconfident.
- 9 When Allah raises you high, and you start having Takabbur, the higher you rise, the harder you will fall.
- 10 The higher you rise, the humbler you must be. The higher you rise, the more you must thank Allah (swt).
- 11 When recollecting what one has memorised one should not let what is going on in your mind to be reflected on one's face. On a higher level, the art is that you do not let the opponent know what is happening in your mind.





LESSON 5



CROSS-CHECKING OF THE SURAH NAMES – PART 3



- 1 **AL FAATIAH**
THE OPENING **الْفَاتِحَة**
- 2 **AL BAQARAH**
THE HEIFER (THE COW) **الْبَقَرَة**
- 3 **AALI 'IMRAAN**
THE FAMILY OF IMRAAN **آلِ عِمْرَان**
- 4 **AN NISAA'**
THE WOMEN **النِّسَاء**
- 5 **AL MAA'IDAH**
THE TABLE SPREAD (or THE REPAST) **الْمَائِدَة**
- 6 **AL AN'AAM**
THE CATTLE **الْأَنْعَام**
- 7 **AL A'RAAF**
THE HEIGHTS **الْأَعْرَاف**
- 8 **AL ANFAAL**
THE SPOILS OF WAR **الْأَنْفَال**
- 9 **AT TAWBAH** (or BARAA'AH)
THE REPENTANCE (or DISAVOWAL) **التَّوْبَة**



10

YOONUS
JONAH

يُونُس

11

HOOD
HOOD

هُود

12

YOOSUF
JOSEPH

يُوسُف

13

AR RA'D
THE THUNDER

الرَّعْد

14

IBRAAHEEM
ABRAHAM

إِبْرَاهِيم

15

AL HIJR
THE ROCKY TRACT

الْحِجْر

16

AN NAHL
THE BEES

النَّحْل

17

AL ISRAA' (or BANI ISRAA'EEL)
THE NIGHT JOURNEY
(or THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL)

الْإِسْرَاءِ



18

AL KAHF
THE CAVE

الْكَهْف

19

MARYAM
MARY

مَرْيَم

20

TAA HAA
(Arabic Letters) TAA HAA

طه

21

AL ANBIYAA'
THE PROPHETS

الْأَنْبِيَاء

22

AL HAJJ
THE PILGRIMAGE

الْحَجَّ

23

AL MU'MINOON
THE BELIEVERS

الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

24

AN NOOR
THE LIGHT

النُّور

25

AL FURQAAN
THE CRITERION

الْفُرْقَان



VI. Participants giving first 25 Surah Names



Fariq Naik



1

46 seconds (26 seconds)*



Remaan Younis



2

1 minute 3 seconds



Arsh Zagade



3

1 minute 11 seconds (41 seconds)*



Firdaus Wong



4

1 minute 18 seconds

***Note:** Timings clocked based on their personal style of giving Surah names.



Arshi Qureshi



5

1 minute 40 seconds



Abdul Karim Sabo



6

2 minutes 3 seconds



Muhamad Fadhli



7

2 minutes 26 seconds



Umar Yousuff



8

3 minutes 2 seconds



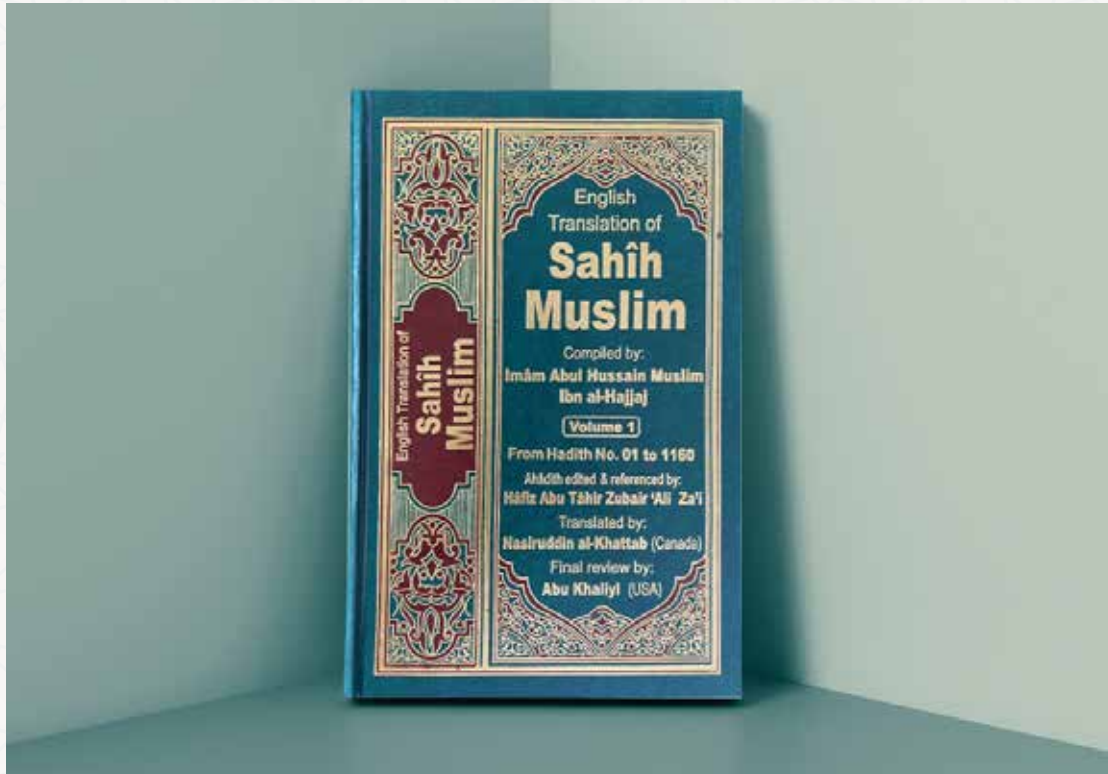
LESSON 6



REVISION OF THE SURAH NAMES – PART 4



VII. Important Reminders (cont'd)



1



Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said:

“When a man dies, his acts come to an end, but three: recurring charity, or knowledge (by which people) benefit, or a pious child, who prays for him (for the deceased).”

(Sahih Muslim – Vol 4 Hadith 4223)

2

Being confident is good. Never be overconfident.



- 3 Participants / Subscribers have three targets to achieve in giving the Surah names – 26 seconds, 46 seconds, and 49 seconds.
- 4 It is not Dr Zakir Naik teaching you, but you have to teach yourself. Allah is there to help everyone. It is for you to decide whether you want Allah's help or not?
- 5 You can practise the Surah names in front of the mirror or ask your colleague or friend or family member to check your Surah names.
- 6 When you learn any new material, the more you practise, the more confident you will become.
- 7 The key to learning is striving in the way of Allah. If you strive, your pathway is opened and Allah's help will come. If Allah's help comes, none can overcome you.
- 8 If you strive and the pathway is not opened, you yourself are to be blamed.
- 9 Allah will test you whether you will work hard even if takes 2 to 3 hours to memorise the Surah names or you will give up.

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ
وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالْثَّمَرَاتِ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ



“Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere.”

Al Qur'an 2:155



- 10 The more you strive, the more success you will get. The more success you get, if you're a true Mu'min, your faith in Allah will increase. The more the faith in Allah increases, the more the help of Allah will come.
- 11 One thing is reaching a level; the other thing is maintaining that level. To reach a level is very difficult but to maintain is more difficult.
- 12 Time yourself. Try and excel. Once you excel, try and put it in your permanent memory. Put it in a cache. If it is there in the cache, to retrieve it is easy.





**QUESTION &
ANSWER
BUCKET**



Q1 In what ways does quoting references in your lectures help the people to get Hidaayah?

ANSWER

I know many people whom Allah gave Hidaayah through my lectures, Alhamdulillah.

They would initially not believe in what I say in my lectures. Many people claim that I say things out of context, I say things which don't exist, I just bluff. They try and check my references given in the lecture, and they do this to criticise me. But when they check and know that I am not bluffing, they stand up for me and condemn the people who criticise me for speaking the truth. Even the enemies of Islam start respecting you, Alhamdulillah.

The best example for this is in the life of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Even his enemies called him 'Al Amin', the trustworthy, the truthful, and many of them were given Hidaayah to become a Muslim later.



Q2 Why is guessing an answer a red flag for Da'ees?

ANSWER

When asked a question, a Da'ee should never guess the answer.

When you toss a coin the chances of you guessing it right, heads or tails, is 50%. It is not correct for a Da'ee to use this logic of chance or fluke to answer the questions.

If you give answers by fluke, then it gives a wrong impression to your audience that you are just trying your luck. Being smart is good, but being extra smart is not.

Imagine, in the question-and-answer session if someone asks you a question and you give a vague answer, the next person waiting in the que will think that you are bluffing. This negative impression about you will become an obstacle for your Da'wah.



Q3

The incident when Dr Zakir Naik went blank on the stage for one of the most important talks of his life.

ANSWER

It is my routine that I always pray 2 Rak'at Salaah before my talk for Allah's help and 2 Rak'at after the talk for Shukr of Allah.

For one of the most important talks of my life, 'Similarities between Hinduism and Islam', which I had revised it very well, when I went on the stage to deliver the talk, I became totally blank. It was the largest gathering for any of my talk at that time, 18,000 people, about 19 years back in January 2004 at Azad Maidan, Mumbai. I became blank and I did not know what I was saying. That was one of the worst times ever I gave a talk, and ironically that was the time when I was prepared the most.

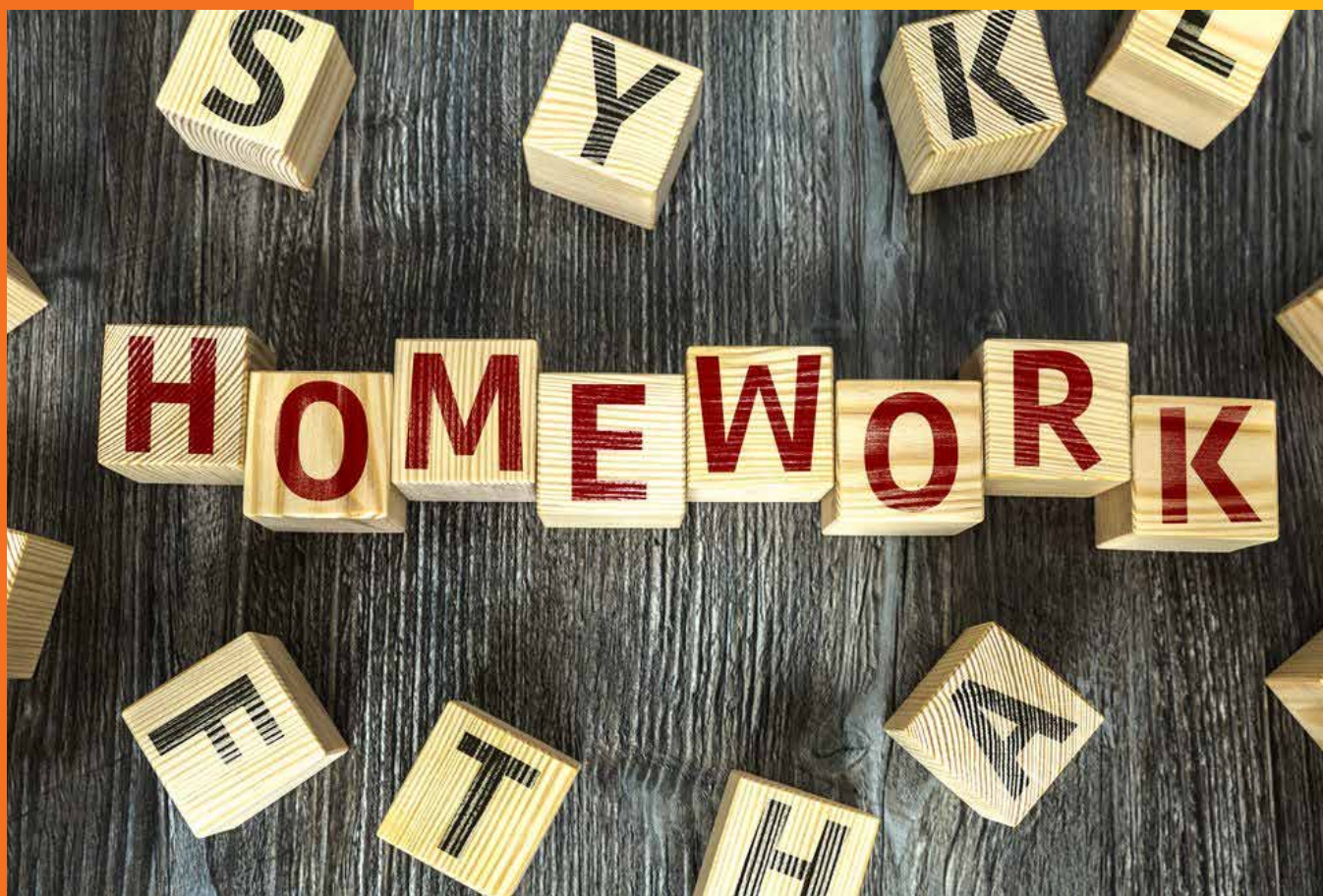
I finished the talk and during the question-and-answer time I came back to my normal, and I answered the questions.

Later, when I went back to the editing table and saw the recording of the talk, Alhamdulillah, it was excellent. I'm not worth it, *Haazaa min Fadhli Rabbee*, it was Allah's help alone that made that talk such a huge success. My Iman in Allah (swt) increased.



With all your ability, with all your confidence, with all the awards you get, within a fraction of a second Allah can make a hero into zero.

When Allah raises you high but you start having Takabbur, the higher you rise, the harder you will fall. The higher you rise, the humbler you must be. The higher you rise, the more you must thank Allah (swt).



**MEMORISE THE FIRST 4 SETS OF
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SURAH TAA HAA CHAPTER 20 VERSE 25 - 28

(25) (Moses) said: “O my Lord! expand me my breast;

(26) “Ease my task for me;

(27) “And remove the impediment from my speech,

(28) “So they may understand what I say.”

قَالَ رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي ﴿٢٥﴾

وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي ﴿٢٦﴾

وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّن لِّسَانِي ﴿٢٧﴾

يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي ﴿٢٨﴾

SURAH AN NISAA' CHAPTER 4 VERSE 3

(3) If ye fear that ye shall not be able to deal justly with the orphans, Marry women of your choice, Two or three or four; but if ye fear that ye shall not be able to deal justly (with them), then only one, or (a captive) that your right hands possess, that will be more suitable, to prevent you from doing injustice.

وَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَلَّا تُقْسِطُوا فِي الْيَتَامَىٰ
فَانكِحُوا مَا طَابَ لَكُمْ مِّنَ النِّسَاءِ
مَثْنَىٰ وَثَلَاثَ وَرُبْعَ فَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ
أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا فَوَاحِدَةً أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ
أَيْمَانُكُمْ ذَٰلِكَ أَدْنَىٰ أَلَّا تَعُولُوا ﴿٣﴾

SURAH AN NISAA' CHAPTER 4 VERSE 129

(129) Ye are never able to be fair and just as between women, even if it is your ardent desire: But turn not away (from a woman) altogether, so as to leave her (as it were) hanging (in the air). If ye come to a friendly understanding, and practise self-restraint, Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.

وَلَنْ تَسْتَطِيعُوا أَنْ تَعْدِلُوا بَيْنَ
النِّسَاءِ وَلَوْ حَرَصْتُمْ فَلَا تَمِيلُوا كُلَّ
الْمِيلِ فَتَذَرُوهَا كَالْمُعَلَّقَةِ وَإِنْ
تُصْلِحُوا وَتَتَّقُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ
غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ﴿١٢٩﴾

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SURAH AN NOOR CHAPTER 24 VERSE 30


(30) Say to the believing men that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty: that will make for greater purity for them: And Allah is well acquainted with all that they do.

قُلْ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ
وَيَحْفَظُوا فُرُوجَهُمْ ذَٰلِكَ أَزْكَىٰ لَهُمْ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

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