

Manners in Reciting Qur'an

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What is Qur'an?

- The word of “*Qur'an*” comes from three basic letters which are ق (*qaf*), ر (*ra*) and ا (*hamzah*).
- قرأ means reads.
- قرآن is its form of noun (*mashtar*) meaning ‘reading’ or ‘something that is read’.

Definition

كلام الله المنزل على نبيه محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم المعجز بلفظه المعتاد بتلاوته المنقول بالتواتر المكتوب في المصحف من أول السورة الفاتحة الى آخر السورة الناس

The words of Allah that were **revealed to His Messenger, Muhammad shallallahu 'alayhi wasallam** (Saw), that the text is a **miracle**, its reading **counted as a worship**, and delivered to us **continuously** (*mutawattir*), written in a **manuscript** (*mushaf*), from the first surah, Al Fatihah, to the end, surah an Naas.

Manners

- Qur'an is not a common reading → necessary to understand the manner while reciting.

Manners:

- Physical or external manners
- Manners of heart

Physical or external manners

Purity of body, clothes and place

- Reciting Qur'an is a part of worships (*ibadah*) → requires well preparation
- Do not read Qur'an in bathroom or dirty places
- Wear proper and clean clothes that also cover *aurat*.

- Facing *qiblah* (direction to Ka'bah), if applicable
- Clean body. Recommended to do *wudhu* and teeth brushing prior to reading Qur'an.
- Ensure that you are in a state of purity, not having great *hadats* e.g. menstruation.

لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ

Seeking refuge and protection to Allah

- Read *isti'adzah* before reading
- Further discussion in specific session

أعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم

Avoiding cutting off reading to talk or make conversation with people

- Be focus, need proper time
- Do not make normal conversation in the middle of reading Qur'an, except it is urgent
- Do not do anything that is unrelated to Qur'an, for example wiggling legs

Stopping at a verse of warning and seeking protection with Allah

- When finding a verse of warning, for example a verse that warn us about hell and punishment, stop reciting and seek protection to Allah.
- The reverse; when finding a verse of mercy that describe Allah's merciful, paradise and rewards –stop reciting and asking the Merciful of Allah.

Manners of heart

Understanding the origin of words

- Place into the heart the understanding that these words are not man's words. It is holy from Allah.
- Not common words; that will lead us to the goodness and helps either in the world (*dunya*) or eternity (*akhirah*).

Presence of heart while reciting

Understanding the meaning, as we could

- Difficult for those not understanding Arabic.
- Read also the translation will be helpful.
- More exploration; learn the interpretation (*tafsir*).

Avoiding reciting Quran while sleepy

- Lead to slip or mistakes that may result in wrong meanings.
- Every letter has each sounds and doing mistakes in pronouncing the letters may result in different meaning.
- Further discussion about mistakes when reading in specific session

Individualization.

- Do not just recite Qur'an
- Making it meaningful personally.
- Internalize what we read and take the message from what we read for our daily life.