

### Introduction TO QUR'AN CITY

Mention the Qur'an and the mental image is of a paperback or hardcover rectangular book in Arabic, which may contain transliteration and /or translation into another language.

Recitation and memorisation are essential, for they are tools of preservation and ensure the continuity of the original text.

However, the Qur'an was sent as an essential guidance for a human being to reach their full potential. To

engage with the Qur'an, after having learnt to recite, means to start with familiarising oneself with its suwer (chapters), ayaat (verses) and layout.

The challenge was to make this wisdom accessible to one and all by translating it into the contemporary everyday 'language'

When we first embarked upon the journey of Quran City, we were challenging the norms...

The inspirational verse was 66:11 where Allah quotes the dua of Sayyida Aasiya when she said:

"Rabb! Build for me a house with You in Janna"

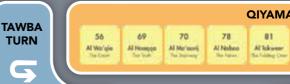
To us, this meant investing in real estate in Janna and so began the building of Qur'an City.





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**QUL CORNER** 

### What IS QUR'AN CITY?

The Arabic word Surah, used for a chapter of the Qur'an is derived from a verbal root, which means to enclose or surround, and was used in reference to the outer bounds of the wall of an ancient city. It is also used with reference to the stages in the construction of a building.

The concept of buildings and a city representing the Qur'an developed.

A city is made up of many different elements that are working with each other. Together, they form the city's personality, organically working and interlocked together. Just like the buildings in a city, there are similarities and differences between surahs. However, each surah still has its own distinct personality.

As when you know the layout of a city in its entirety, you begin to understand the full picture and are able to take full advantage of all the buildings within.

Similarly, knowing the full picture of Qur'an city and being able to delve into the basics of each individual building, gives greater insight...

With 114 buildings, Qur'an City is divided into 19 suburbs which circle Muhammad City Centre. The placement of the buildings in the suburbs are based on their and/or the opening verse of each chapter (sura).

Each building can be distinguished as Makki or Madani through their roof tops. Yellow for Makki and Green for Madani. The chapters revealed in Makka are known as Makki, and the chapters revealed in Madina known as Madani. There are 86 Makkan chapters and 28 Madani chapters.

The distinction between them can be described as the journey from the why? (the nature of belief) to the how? (the manifestation of belief into a way of life which leads towards one's personal best). The presence of Makkan verses in Madani and vice versa shows that why and how are interwoven throughout the journey of life.



#### MAKKAN SURA - BEFORE HIJRA (WHY OF RELIGION?)

- The verses (ayaat) are brief and short
- Invitation to submit to Divinity and follow Divine Guidance
- Accountability emphasised on the day of Judgement and consequences of actions
- Janna and Jahannam
- Prophet Adam and Shaytan mentioned
- All the obligatory sajaadaat in Makkan chapters
- Verses addressing humanity (O humankind) in Makkan chapters
- Kallaa (never ever) used only in Makkan chapters
- Of the 29 chapters beginning with Huruful Muqatta'aat 26 are Makkan (exceptions being 2,3 and 13)



#### MADANI SURA AFTER HIJRA (HOW OF RELIGION?)

- The verses (ayaat) are longer and formal
- Focus on social responsibilities and law
- Hypocrisy mentioned
- Address to 'O you who believe' in Madani chapters (except for Suratul Hijr)
- Address to people of the book in Madani chapters
- Verses about warfare as permission to defend given



Join us in our quest of discovering the awesomeness of the Qur'an through Qur'an City...



# Entry REQUIREMENTS FOR QUR'AN CITY





There are certain entry requirements before one can enter Qur'an City.
One cannot enter without intellectual humility.



- 1. Wudhoo
- One should be able to recite the Qur'an in 'Arabic or be in the process of learning how to recite for the awesomeness of Qur'an City can only be experienced through the recitation of the book
- Seek protection from Shaytan by reciting AUDHU BILLAHI MINASH SHAYTANIR RAJEEM (I seek protection from Allah from the guilty shaytan)

- Enter in His name BISMILLAHIR RAHMAANIR RAHEEM (I begin in the name of Allah, the Incredibly Kind, the Incredibly Merciful)
- Pronounce the ultimate declaration of independence LAA ILAAHA ILLALLAH (There is no God but Allah)
- 6. Ask Divinity as taught by the Prophet (pbuh) WALZAM QALBIY HIFZHI KITAABIKA KAMAA 'ALLAMTANIY (Make me commit to my heart your book as You have taught me)



### The CITY GATES

The City Gates are inscribed with the word 'IQRA' which means to READ and RECITE. (Reading is from a parchment or book, whilst reciting is from the heart).

This is the first word and order to humanity revealed from Divinity.
This one word changed the world.
In response to this one command, the Qur'an became the most

printed, used and reproduced book in the world giving birth to entire libraries.

IQRA' in the context of Qur'an City extends to 5 things:

- 1. Read
- 2. Memorise
- 3. Understand
- 4. Apply
- 5. Teach



### Road NETWORK

The road network that links all the suburbs within Qur'an City with each other is called M14, representing the Prophet Muhammad, His daughter Fatima and the 12 Imams (pbut) who are the necessary guides to navigate Qur'an City.





#### **SURA** AL QAMAR (54)

(54) SURA AL QAMAR overlooks the City for Divinity emphasises 4 times in the chapter that the Qur'an is easy to internalise for anyone willing to put in a little bit of effort.



#### **QUR'AN CITY CENTRE**

The 4 chapters in the city centre all relate directly to the Qur'an.

#### (25) SURA AL FURQAN

The qualities of one **WHO** rejects the Qur'an and one **WHO** accepts it?

#### (96) SURA AL ALAQ

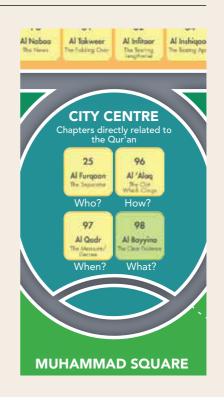
**HOW** the revelation began (in the cave of Hira)?

#### (97) SURA AL QADR

WHEN the Qur'an was revealed?

#### (98) SURA AL BAYYINA

Clarification of **WHAT** the Qur'an is – that which is a crystal-clear message from Divinity.





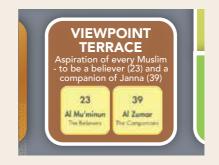
### **THE** 19 SUBURBS WHICH SURROUND QUR'AN CITY CENTRE ARE:

- 1. Viewpoint Terrace
- 2. Divine Circle
- 3. Musabbihaat Crescent
- 4. Haamidaat Crescent
- Muhammad Square which contains Ahlulbayt circle and Nidaa Street
- 6. Victory Circle
- 7. Kamil Close
- 8. Energy Zone
- 9. Healthy Zone
- 10. Comfort Zone
- 11. Qiyama Close
- 12. Ka'ba corner

- 13. Womens corner
- 14. Qul Corner
- 15. Exiled Corner
- 16. Tawba Turn
- Huruful Muqatta'aat Area which is subdivided into
  - A. Singles close
  - B. Meemaat Place
  - C. Tawaaseen Place
  - D. Hawaameem Place
  - E. Raa'aat Place
- 18. Ambiya Annexe
- 19. Oasam Place

#### **VIEWPOINT TERRACE**

The aspiration of every Muslim is to be a believer (23) SURA AL MU'MIN and a companion of Janna (39) AL ZUMAR.





#### **DIVINE CENTRE**

These 2 chapters sum up Divinity as the One Who has Total Control (67) AL MULK and He Who is Extremely Merciful (55) AL RAHMAAN.



#### **MUSABBIHAAT CRESCENT**

7 chapters beginning with the declaration of His perfection The Prophet (pbuh) made it a habit to recite these chapters before he slept at night.

(17) AL ISRAA

(57) AL HADEED

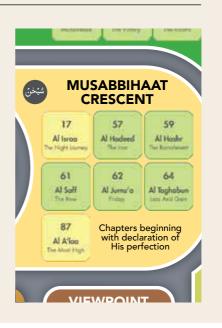
(59) AL HASHR

(61) AL SAFF

(62) AL JUMUA'

(64) AL TAGHABUN

(87) AL A'LAA





#### **HAAMIDAAT** CRESCENT

5 chapters beginning with Hamd (the praise and gratitude of Divinity) in all circumstances and at all times Hamd is when one uses what has been granted as it should be used. To be what He wants one to be.

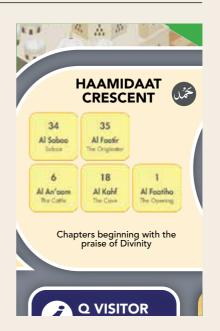
(01) AL FATIHA

(06) AL ANAAM

(18) AL KAHF

(34) AL SABAA

(35) AL FATIR



#### **MUHAMMAD** SOUARE

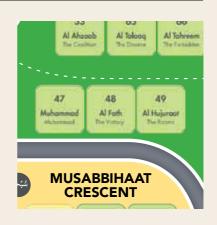
A focus on the most awesome man who walked the earth. When planning Madina, the Prophet (pbuh) had the mosque (Masjidun Nabi) as the focal point of religious, intellectual and socio-political life.

3 chapters in this square revolve around respect to the Prophet.

(47) AL MUHAMMAD

(48) AL FATH

(49) AL HUJURAT

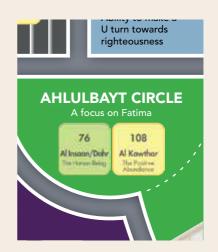




#### **AHLULBAYT CIRCLE**

The ahlulbayt are those mentioned in 33:33. The Prophet, his daughter Fatima, her husband Ali and their two sons Hasan and Husayn. (Also included are the Imams (pbut) after them) (76) SURA AL INSAN focuses around the charity of the house of Fatima & Ali (pbut).

(108) SURA AL KAWTHAR was revealed in reference to Sayyida Fatima (pbuh) and her progeny when the Quraysh called the Prophet 'abtar' (one without progeny) when his son died.



#### **NIDAA STREET**

The 5 chapters here all begin with a direct address to the Prophet (pbuh). Nidaa means to call out.

- (33) SURA AL AHZAAB
- (65) SURA AL TALAQ
- (66) SURA AL TAHREEM
- (73) SURA AL MUZAMMIL
- (74) SURA AL MUDATHIR

2 chapters are placed in between Muhammad Square and Huruful Muqattiaat Area as they belong in both suburbs.

The Prophet is titled

(20) TAHA

(36) YASEEN





#### **VICTORY CIRCLE**

(110) SURA AL NASR denotes victory as purification of the Ka'ba (outer house) and the heart (inner house)



#### **KAAMIL CLOSE**

(05) SURA AL MAAIDA (verse 3) represents the last of the revelations of the Qur'an. It was revealed in Ghadir Khum after the appointment of Imam Ali (pbuh) as his successor: "This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and have approved for you Islam as your religion." 5:3



#### **ENERGY** ZONE

Every city needs its source of energy - here it is the light of Divine energy (24) NUR.





#### **QIYAMA** CLOSE

These are some of the chapters that depict a vivid picture of the day of Qiyama

- (56) AL WAQIA
- (69) AL HAQQAA
- (70) AL MA'AARIJ
- (78) AL NABAA

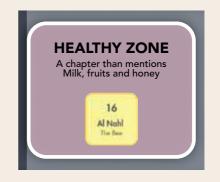
- (81) AL TAKWEER
- (82) AL INFITAAR
- (84) AL INSHIQAAQ
- (88) AL GHAASHIYA
- (99) AL ZILZAAL
- (101) AL QAARIA



#### **HEALTHY** ZONE

The Qur'an continually encourages healthy eating. This chapter speaks of honey, milk and fruits

(16) NAHL





#### **COMFORT** ZONE

2 chapters which console and comfort the Prophet giving him the motivation to continue his mission. Sura Al Dhuhaa is placed between Comfort Close and Qasam Place as it begins with an oath.

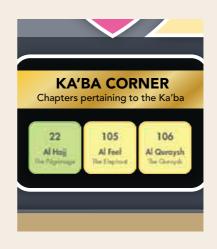
(93) AL DHUHAA (94) AL INSHIRAH



#### **KA'BA** CORNER

The 3 chapters here pertain to the Ka'ba.

(22) AL HAJJ (105) AL FEEL (106) AL QURAYSH





#### **WOMEN'S CORNER**

The 4 chapters whose name reflect femininity are grouped here.

(04) AL NISAA

(19) SURATU MARYAM\*

(58) AL MUJADILA

(60 AL MUMTAHANA

\* SURATU MARYAM is placed between Women's Corner and Huruful Muqattiaat area as it belongs in both suburbs.



#### **QUL** CORNER

These 5 chapters begin with the command (AMR) of SAY! (QUL).

(72) AL JINN

(109) AL KAAFIRUN

(112) AL IKHLAS

(113) AL FALAQ

(114) AL NAAS





#### **EXILED CORNER**

The names of the 7 chapters in this suburb signify negative traits

(63) AL MUNAFIQUN

(80) AL 'ABASA

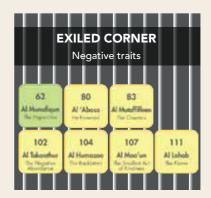
(83) AL MUTAFFIFEEN

(102) AL TAKATHUR

(104) AL HUMAZA

(107) AL MAAUN

(111) AL LAHAB



#### **TAWBA** TURN

Tawba is to make a U turn towards righteousness. These two chapters are also paired in that Suratul Tawba is an extension of Suratul Anfaal.

(08) AL ANFAAL (09) AL TAWBA





#### **HURUFUL** MUQATTA'AAT AREA

Muqatta'at are unique letter combinations that appear in the beginning of 29 chapters of the Qur'an. The word Muqatta'aat is derived from the word 'qata'a' meaning to cut (abbreviate). They are also known as fawatih or 'openers' as they form the opening ayaat of their respective chapters.

Fourteen letters (exactly half of the 28 letters of Arabic) are found in 14 different combinations occurring singly or in combinations of 2,3,4 or 5. 2 of the chapters are in Muhammad Square –

(20) TAAHAA

(36) YASEEN

and one in Women's Corner

(19) AL MARYAM

The rest are as follows:



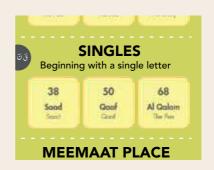
#### **SINGLES** CLOSE

These 3 chapters begin with a single letter.

(38) SAAD

(50) QAAF

(68) AL QALAM





#### **MEEMAAT PLACE**

These 7 chapters begin with Alif Laam Meem (07)

AL A'RAAF begins with Alif Laam Meem Saad)

They focus on the doubtlessness of the Qur'an.

(02) AL BAQARA

(03) AALI IMRAN

(07) AL A'RAAF

(29) AL ANKABUT

(30) AL RUM

(31) LUQMAN

(32) AL SAJDA



#### **HAWAMEEM PLACE**

Known as the crown and most decorative chapters of the Qur'an, these 7 chapters were revealed in sequence. The chronological and arranged order is the same. The emphasis is on Monotheism and each end with forgiveness.

- (40) AL MU'MIN (GHAAFIR)
- (41) AL FUSSILAT (HAA MEEM SAJDA)
- (42) AL SHURA
- (43) AL ZUKHRUF
- (44) AL DUKHAN
- (45) AL JAATHIYAA
- (46) AL AHQAAF





#### **TAWASEEN PLACE**

The 3 chapters here begin with the letters Taa Seen (27) and Taa Seen Meem (26 & 28). The main theme is Divine Guidance through Prophet hood with a focus on Prophets Musa and Sulaiman

(26) AL SHU'ARA

(27) AL NAML

(28) AL QASAS



#### **RA'AAT** PLACE

These 6 chapters contain the opening letters Alif Laam Raa - whilst Suratul Ra'ad (13) begins with Alif Laam Meem Raa. They focus on the clarity of the Qur'an. 4 of the chapters here are names of Ambiya (Prophets).

- (10) YUŃUŚ
- (11) HUD
- (12) YUSUF
- (13) AL RA'AD
- (14) IBRAHEEM
- (15) AL HIJR

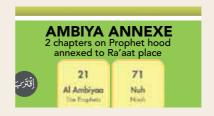




#### **AMBIYA** ANNEXE

These 2 chapters are related to the Prophets named in Ra'at place. Aptly Suratul Ambiya (23) begins with 'Iqtaraba', which means to approach or go near.

(23) AL AMBIYAA (71) NUH



#### **QASAM CLOSE**

17 Chapters beginning with an oath. The subject of the oath becomes a prelude to the subject discussed. Sura Al Duha (93) is placed between Qasam Close and Comfort close.

- (37) AL SAAFFAAT
- (51) AL ZHAARIYAAT
- (52) AL TUR
- (53) AL NAJM
- (75) AL QIYAMA
- (77) AL MURSALAAT
- (79) AL NAAZIAAT
- (85) AL BUROOJ
- (86) AL TARIQ
- (89) AL FAJR
- (90) AL BALAD
- (91) AL SHAMS
- (92) AL LAYL
- (93) AL DHUHAA
- (95) AL TEEN
- (100) AL AADIYAAT
- (103) AL 'ASR





### Curan CITY LEARNING MODULES

The learning (exploring) of Qur'an City is through a modular study programme

- Learning to recite the Qur'an (QRead 1 & 2)
- Learning the name of the chapters of the Quran.
- 3. Looking at the Qur'an as a whole (the whole city) and at the groupings of the chapters (Each suburb and city centre has chapters that are linked to each other eg. Haamidaat all start with the hamd (praise and gratitude of Allah), Musabbihaat all start with declaring His perfection)
- 4. Learning the names and general features of the chapters (identifying the buildings in Qur'an City. E.g. Each building is built to scale according to the number of ayaat in it and is identified by yellow revealed in Makka and Green revealed in Madina)
- Looking at the major themes identifying the key concepts of each chapter which are reflected in the building floors.
- Reflecting on the key verses of each section.

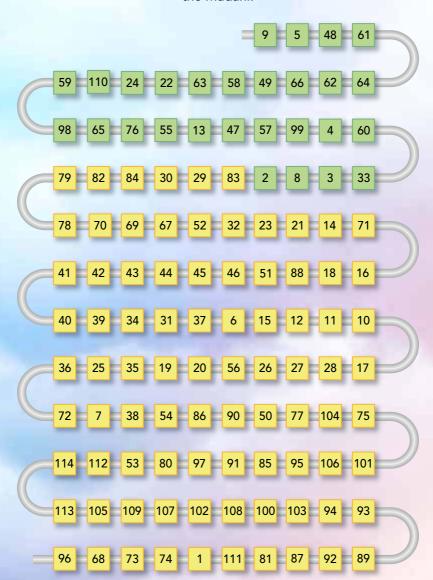
# Terminology

SURA/ SUWER 114
AYA/ AYAAT 6236
JUZ / AJZAA 30
MANZIL/ MANAZIL 7
RUKU/ RUKUAAT 540/558
WORDS 77,807



## Chronological ORDER

This is the order of suwer as they were revealed. The Makki first followed by the Madani.



# Arranged ORDER

The verses and chapters of the Qur'an were not revealed in the order they are currently set out in; however, the order is Divinely ordained.





