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WITH INTRODUCTION TO SURAHS

**AL-QURAN PRESENTED IN 365 LESSONS TO  
FACILITATE ITS LEARNING IN ONE YEAR**

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## PREFACE

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. O my Lord! Open for me my heart. And ease for me my task. And loose a knot from my tongue, so that they may understand what I say. (Al-Quran 20: 25-28).

I have no claim of being a scholar of Islam or a scholar of the Qur'an. I am just an ordinary Muslim and a humble student of the Quran and have made this venture only to earn the pleasure of God. I hope this easy translation alongwith comprehensive introductions to Surahs explaining some major teachings of the Quran would benefit the students, newly converted and ordinary Muslims, and even non-Muslims desirous of knowing about Islam. If this helps a person even a little in his understanding of the Qur'an and Islam, I would think that God has accepted my attempt.

The Holy Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad, the Prophet of Islam (PBUH) by Allah, the one God of the whole of universe, between 610 A.D. to 632 A.D. in the Arabic language in the form of lectures arranged in Ayahs (Verses) and Surahs (Chapters). So its division in Surahs and Verses is Divine. During the times of the Prophet, his companions made combinations of Surahs in 7 portions (called Manazil) in order to read it in 7 days or one week. Later on, the Qur'an was divided into 30 parts (called Juz or Para) so that the believers should read it in 30 days or one month. In the Indian sub-continent, the Qur'an was divided into 558 sections (called Raku) which facilitate its recitation in Taraveeh prayers in the Holy month of Ramadhan. In the present work, I have divided the Holy Qur'an into 365 lessons or paragraphs or lectures to help the reader to learn the Quran in one year by reading one lesson every day.

The division of the Qur'an into 365 lessons has been made in a way that no subject or event or story or parable which is under discussion in the Qur'an is broken. So all the lessons are unequal having different number of verses as the same are based on subject-matter and not on equal quantity or number of verses. This attempt is the result of painful labour, innovative approach and intense application of mind extended over quite few years. If the present division of the Qur'an in 365 portions is the pioneer or one of the first of its kind, it would be surely appreciated. This is all due to Allah's special favour on me. Otherwise an ordinary student of the Qur'an like me may not have such idea or ability to undertake a gigantic task like this.

The system of making reference to the Surahs and Verses of the Qur'an in this work specially in Index is explained as follows. For example, if reference is like this; 2(8-20) it

means Surah No 2 and its verses from 8 to 20. Take example of 17:22-39 which means Surah No 17 and its verses from 22 to 39.

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Note: If you intend to enjoy a holiday on Friday or Sunday in every week, then read two lessons instead of one on the day before proceeding on holiday.



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## TRANSLITERATION

And also key to pronunciation of Arabic words, terms and names

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### Short vowels

Fatha َ as a in art

Kasra ِ as i in pin

Dhamma ُ as u in put

### Long vowels

آ As a in rather

As a in bat or bag

Long Fatha َ as a in art

Long Kasrah ِ as ee in deep

Long Dhamma ُ as u in rule

## PUNCTUATION MARKS

Some punctuation marks have been used in the Arabic text of the Qur'an which indicate to the reader where to stop, where to pause. They help us to correctly read and properly comprehend the meaning of the Qur'an. So, before the reading or recitation of the Qur'an, it is recommended that one must understand at least the following punctuation marks:

**○ Sign of circle:** This circle is sign of the completion or end of the Ayah (verse) and in fact it is the round ta of the Ayah. On this indication one must completely stop as it is equivalent of a full stop (.) in English language. There are 6236 such signs in the Holy Qur'an which show total number of verses except verse Bismillah.

**م Sign of Meem:** It is abbreviation of Lazam and it indicates compulsory or essential stop. One must have a pause here, because if one does not do so, the meaning of the sentence may change. There are 82 to 85 such signs in the Qur'an.

**ط Sign of Ta:** It is the sign of complete pause (waqaf-e-Mutlaq). One must halt here, although the speech does not become complete here because one wants to say something more. There are 3510 such signs in the Qur'an.

**ج Sign of Jeem:** It is sign of permitted stop (Waqf-e-Jaiz) which means one may or may not stop. However, to stop here is better. But if one does not stop, one is permitted to do so. There are 1578 such signs in the Qur'an.

**ز Sign of Za:** At this sign it is better not to stop. But in case of need you are allowed to stop. There are 191 such signs in the Qur'an.

**ص Sign of Sad:** This sign indicates that one must join and read the preceding and the following part of the speech without halt. But if one pauses to breathe one can halt. There are 83 such signs in the Qur'an.

**ق Sign of Qaf:** It indicates there is stop here. Stop is allowed, but not to stop is better.

**لا Sign La:** It means: Do not stop here. If it is in the verse, one should never stop. But in case one stops due to some reason, one must read again the preceding portion and jointly read it with the latter portion to complete the sentence or verse.

If this sign is at the circle (o) which signifies the end of the verse, then one should not stop according to the view held by the majority of the reciters of the Qur'an.

قف **Qaff:** It shows: Please have a pause here. But if one does not pause, there is no change in the meanings.

س یا سکتہ **Sign of Seen or Saktah:** The reader may stop here without breaking his breath.

وقفہ **Waqfa:** It means stop. One must have a longer pause here than that he had at Saktah.

صل **Sal:** One may or may not stop here.

صلے **Sallay:** It is better not to stay and continue