

Quranic Methodology Toward Effective Communication

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Course Description:

The Quran is the message of Allah to all humankind, Muslims and non-Muslims. It is a comprehensive book which covers all aspects of life. It is a book of guidance and education through which a Muslim learns how to be successful and distinguished in his dealings with others. One of the most important things that the Qur'an has emphasized is the process and the manners of human communication. In this course, we will identify and learn the methodology of the Qur'an in communicating with one another, starting with the communication between the creator and the creation, then between mankind in all positions and situations. We will answer several questions, including: What are the most important characteristics of the methodology of Quranic communication? What are the various types of human relationships and how do we communicate within them? What are the most important means and elements of Quranic communication? What are the types of the messages one can communicate? What are the barriers to effective communication?

All this and more will be discussed and reflected upon through the presentation of some verses of the Holy Quran. We will not only learn practical skills to improve our communication, but will also reflect on various passages of the Quran. Through this effort, we will Inshallah gain a deeper love and appreciation for the miraculous words of Allah (Subhanahu wa ta'ala).

Objectives:

- To educate students about the concept, structure, characteristics, types and values of the Quranic communications.
- To instill within the student the qualities and values of being effective communicator.
- To introduce students to the significance and role of the Qur'anic communication in preserving and developing righteous individuals and society both in this life and the hereafter.
- To enable students to apply the Quranic methodology of communication in all variety of contexts and situations.
- To provide a solid foundation and essential skills for dynamic interpersonal relationships.

Final Outcome:

At the end of the course students should be able to:

- Reflect on the Qur'anic verses that pertain to matters of communication.
- Practice and apply Qur'anic communication values and tools in a variety of contexts.
- Develop an effective message for clarity and impact to contemporary contexts.
- Create an environment for open discussion and ongoing dialogue.
- Identify and develop methods to break down the barriers to effective Communication.
- Describe the basic communication process.
- Assess the multicultural communication needs of their audience and adjust their verbal and nonverbal message accordingly.
- Accurately read the nonverbal cues of their listener.
- Prepare an effective oral presentation to different audiences with different messages.
- Identify methods of enhancing listening
- Define feedback and recognize the reasons and benefits for giving feedback.

Course Outline:

- Why is the Quran's methodology of effective communication?
- Why do people communicate?
- The main sources of general communication
- The concept of effective communication .
- The importance of effective communication
- Effective communication objectives
- Characteristics of effective communication through the methodology of the Qur'an
- Elements of communication process
- The qualities of an effective communicator
- Listening and its importance in the communication process
- Feedback
- The general principles of effective Quranic communication
- Types of communication in the Quran
- Barriers to communication and the ways to overcome them.
- How Quranic communication can contribute to the unique excellent world?
- Understand different personality styles and how to match your communication style.

Course Requirements:

- Participation: (Active and productive participation in class discussions, preparation of questions and ideas for class discussion)
- Reflective written journal: (Electronic submission of reflections on each class and the most practical manners learned.)
- Group Oral Presentation: (Teamwork and power-point presentation)
- Discussion forum: each student should participate in the forum at least 5 times, each participation should be interactive with new ideas and be more than 150 words.

Grading system :

- Discussion Forum: 20%
- Class Participation: 20%
- Reflective journal 40%
- Oral presentations 20%

Teaching Methodology:

The general format for our class meeting will include: lectures, readings, guided textual analysis, group discussions, and case studies. Student are expected to discuss ideas presented in class. This class encourages holistic learning through the instructor, texts, and from other students. Particular attention will be accorded towards integrating concepts with the example of the Qur'an, Sunnah.

Course Highly Recommended Readings:

- 1- Communication Skills in Islamic Perspective
Dr. Niaz Muhammad. Dr. Fazle Omer
<http://szic.pk/journal/dec2016/1.pdf>
- 2- Principle Of Human Communication: Islamic Perspective
Md Abul Kalam Azad
<http://www.rajournals.in/images/ijararticle/v1-i6/3rajar.pdf>
- 3- The Islamic Perspective of Interpersonal Communication
Dr. Amal Ibrahim Abd El-Fattah Khalil
http://jiscnet.com/journals/jisc/Vol_4_No_2_December_2016/3.pdf
- 4- Nonverbal Communication Position of Islam
Sohrab Morvati1, Narges Shakarbigi
[https://www.textroad.com/pdf/JBASR/J.%20Basic.%20Appl.%20Sci.%20Res.,%202\(9\)8738-8742,%202012.pdf](https://www.textroad.com/pdf/JBASR/J.%20Basic.%20Appl.%20Sci.%20Res.,%202(9)8738-8742,%202012.pdf)
- 5- <http://pdfproc.lib.msu.edu/?file=/DMC/African%20Journals/pdfs/africa%20media%20review/vol7no3/jamr007003008.pdf>
- 6- Islamic Approaches and Principles of Dialogue
<http://salaminstitute.org/ashki.pdf>

Tentative class schedule:

Time	Topics	Readings and assignments
First Class: 27/1/2018		
10:00am – 11:00am	Introduction	Discussing the syllabus
11:00am – 12:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is the Quran's methodology of effective communication? • Why do people communicate? • The main sources of general communication • The concept of effective communication... 	
Break for prayer		
1:30 pm – 3:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of effective communication • Effective communication objectives • Characteristics of effective communication through the methodology of the Qur'an 	
Break for prayer		
4:00pm – 5:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of communication process • Effective communication means • The qualities of the effective communicator • Group reflections 	
Second day:28/1/2018		

10:00am – 12:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and its importance in the communication process • The general principles of effective Quranic communication 	
Break for prayer		
1:30pm 3:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of communication in the Quran 	
Break for prayer		
4:00pm - 5:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of communication in the Quran Reflections Case studies	
Third Day: 3/2/2018		
10:00am 12:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barriers to communication and the ways to overcome them. 	
Break for prayer		
1:30pm 3:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the Quranic communication contribute to the unique excellent world? 	
Break for prayer		
4:00pm 5:30pm	Group Oral Presentations	

Fourth Day: 4/2/2018		
10:00am 12:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand different personality styles and how to match your communication style. 	
Break for prayer		
1:30pm 3:30pm	Solving Common Contemporary Communication Problems	
Break for prayer		
4:00pm 5:30pm	Group Oral Presentations	

This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.