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To begin and execute a research is like walking in the path of development and evolution. When the seeds of the “questions” are planted, in the soil of the mind of the researcher, this phase initiates, and its end is culminated when the result and the outcome of knowledge and wisdom is gained.

Evidently, this end is a new chapter in itself, for growth, and announces beforehand this good news to humans. For the result of all those mental efforts will not only bring the blooming and flowering of talent and all kinds of Blessings to humans, but it also makes the mind of the researcher to ponder and shape new, more questions.

This will produce a great collection of growing plants and flowers for the seeking mind... Those “questions” are in fact, the seeds, which according to the necessities of Time and the strength of the researchers will grow and bloom by themselves. They will make Culture and Civilization to move forward.

In like manner, the increasing rate of transferring oneself from one place to another place and the decrease of the distances will make those seeds travel miles and miles, to faraway places, in order to install them inside the curious mind of other seekers. This will bring an amazing diversity and a novelty for another civilization...

It is true then, that the presence of knowledge and a good, capable management will help this project to develop itself and one has to admit indeed, that it has always played an important role...

Al-Mustafa International Publication and Translation Center, because of its global mission, and its special position among the Religious Schools and the colorful human diversity that it has developed inside itself, sees it as a moral duty to procure all the appropriate conditions for any research works, and takes its role in this matter, most seriously. To procure all kinds of necessary grounds, with an excellent management of all the existing possibilities and talents, and to care and protect all its researchers in religious fields; these are the most crucial responsibilities of the Department of Research in this International center.

We dearly hope that by being attentive to all these autonomous scientific movements, and by fortifying all the existing motives, we shall be able to witness the blooming of the Religious Culture in every part of this wide world!

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Foreword by Ayatollah Khamenei, the Eminent Leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran

In the Name of Allah, the Merciful the Compassionate

It is one of the blessings of God to make a group of the best youths of this God-seeking and mature nation be attracted to the holy Qur'an. Properly appreciated, this would be the key to many closed gates and barred ways. Familiarity and intimacy with, contemplating, knowing by heart, and seeking guidance from the Book of God are the successive stages of holding fast to the Qur'an. Now that one of the successful youths- after choosing this way- has written, with the aid of God, a booklet for helping others, I thank God and express my sincere gratitude to this dear youth. May Allah favour him and all dear youths with His grace and guidance.

**Sayyed Ali Khamenei
The Sacred Muharram 1413**

A Glance at the Life and Character of Shahriyar Parhizgar

Shahriyar Parhizgar was born in Tehran in 1343 A.H. and brought up in a religious family. From the early childhood he eagerly listened to the sweet melody of the holy Qur'an, and his parents always encouraged him to participate in the sessions of Qur'anic recitation. He learned reading the holy Qur'an in a short time, and afterwards he found his way into the circles of the great teachers of the Qur'an.

Parhizgar- besides learning the method of reciting the Qur'an and the science of tajwid- simultaneously learned Arabic grammar and also began learning the holy Qur'an by heart, and in less than four years succeeded in memorizing the whole Qur'an.

In 1362 A.H. wherein the International Contest of Memorizing and Reciting the holy Qur'an was held in Tehran, Parhizgar was awarded the first prize for memorizing fifteen parts of the holy Qur'an. Moreover, he won the first prize for memorizing the whole Qur'an in the International Contest of Memorizing and Reciting the holy Qur'an in the Islamic Republic of Iran in 1366 A.H. The last Contest in which he participated was the International Contests of Memorizing and Reciting the Qur'an in Saudi Arabia held in Mecca in 1371 A.H. In these contests he won the first prize for memorizing the whole Qur'an, which brought much honour to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Among the invaluable and enduring works of Mr Parhizgar is a complete recitation of the holy Qur'an, which is in tartil manner (reading the Qur'an in a slow and distinct manner) and has been broadcasted by the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Radio Qur'an many times. His method of recitation is now followed by thousands of people who know the holy Qur'an by heart.

Introduction

It is for some time that we have witnessed the rising of a Qur'anic wave in the expanse of our Islamic society. The sweet melody of this auspicious wave is very promising, and if continued it will no doubt have endless blessings in its wake. The frequent enthusiastic visits that young people and adolescents in love with the Qur'an pay to the experienced memorizers and reciters of the Qur'an and their humble requests concerning memorizing and reciting the holy Qur'an bring the glad tidings of the animating breeze blowing from the Qur'anic orchard. It is for a few years now that the number of the calls made to me for explaining the method of learning the holy Qur'an by heart has increased so considerably—each time, of course, out of duty I explained some points to my dear visitors—that I thought it would be better to have something written in this concern, as it might be of some use to the travellers of this luminous way.

What makes the prospect of the Qur'anic movement in this country more promising is the special attention that the eminent leader gives to this holy subject, especially that he recently has repeatedly emphasised the importance and necessity of memorizing the holy Qur'an. It is due to the exceeding attention that his eminence gives to this subject that the present treatise is honoured by the invaluable foreword of this grand teacher of the holy Qur'an, may God safeguard him, which no doubt will be a great encouragement for all the learners in this splendid path. May God support him with His added confirmation and make us grateful of the grace of his blessed presence.

Meanwhile, I have to express my gratitude to Ayatollah Khaz'ali, who himself is a great knower of the holy Qur'an by heart, for his kindness and invaluable suggestions; I ask the Bountiful God to add to his achievements.

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Shahriyar Parhizgar