

Quranic Arabic Classes at IMAN

God willing, IMAN will be hosting an ongoing series of regular weekly classes in Quranic Arabic starting this Friday October 30th, 2009, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Details are provided below. If you are interested in attending this program, please sign up by sending an email to QuranicArabic@live.com and/or show up this Friday at 6:30 PM (sharp) at the IMAN Center at 515 State St, Kirkland, WA.

Objective

The class will help participants:

1. Properly pronounce and read Quranic verses
2. Expand their Quranic Arabic vocabulary
3. Understand the etymology of Arabic words that are most commonly occurring in the holy Quran
4. Understand the sentence structure in the Arabic language
5. Develop a basic understanding of Arabic grammar

Long term goal

The long term goal of this program is for participants to have a deeper insight of the Quranic verses in their original language (Arabic).

What is this class NOT about (Non goals)

This class will not go into extensive interpretation of Quranic verses. Participants are encouraged to do so, on their own, at home, by reading different tafseers and translations to draw conclusions.

Class discussions will focus around the literal meaning of words, their roots, etc.

Target audience

Individuals who are self motivated to learn more about the meaning of Quranic verses. Adults and disciplined teenagers are welcome to attend.

Knowledge of Arabic alphabet will be assumed for this class. If you are interested in attending this class but are not acquainted with the Arabic alphabet, I strongly recommend that you contact imanprograms@yahoo.com. In that case, if there are enough people interested, we will consider having a beginner alphabet catch-up class.

Relation to previous classes: Arabic 101/102

While the class is complementary to previous Arabic programs hosted at I.M.A.N. (Arabic 101 and Arabic 102), the class will not presume the material covered in Arabic 101 and 102.

The class is designed so that if you have attended either of these classes, then you will still find a lot to learn in this class. You will get a chance to review, reinforce and apply what you have learned through exercises and our study of Quranic verses. You will also be able to extend your knowledge of Quranic vocabulary.

If you have not attended these classes, then this is the best time to jump in.

Class structure

The class builds on the premise that a study of Quranic Arabic language cannot be complete if it does not integrate phonetics (sounds, pronunciation), etymology (roots of words), vocabulary and semantics (meaning), sentence structure and grammar.

So the activities will be diverse and will revolve around Quranic text.

The class duration will be 90 minutes: Friday 6:30 through 8:00 PM, preceding IMAN's regular Friday evening program. The class will have regular weekly assignments and participants are expected to allocate 2 to 3 hours a week to review what was covered in class, familiarize themselves with new words and verses, explore new words in the Quran based on the class discussions and share their findings with the rest of the class. Many class activities will involve team work and collaboration among participants.

Classes will be designed with this suggested format:

- Questions (5 min)
- Student presentations (15 min)
- Quranic recitation (5 min)
- Phonetics and readings from the Quran (10 min)
- Class discussion on recited verses (5 min)
- New words discussions (25 min)
- Grammar observations / tips / exercise (20 min)
- Homework for next week (2 to 3 hrs at home)
 - Vocabulary lists
 - Extending what we covered in class
 - Finding more examples from the Holy Quran
- Short assessment (5 min)

Resources

- The holy Quran
- A good translation of the holy Quran
- Class presentations and notes
- Peer presentations (will be posted online)
- Juz' 'amma and online related resources
- Online resources for searching for roots and explanations of words that occur in the Quran
 - Open Quran project (<http://www.openquran.org>)
 - Zekr application (<http://zekr.org>)
 - More?
- Edward William Lane's Arabic-English Lexicon (available online for free)
- Al Mawrid Arabic/English dictionary (available for purchase online)
- Quranic vocabulary lists

- Internet

Questions

If you have any questions related to this program, please contact QuranicArabic@live.com.