

Meaning

بَيَانُ مَعَانِي الْقُرْآنِ الْكَرِيمِ

To clarify the meanings of the Noble Quraan

Explanation

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Tafseer, in the linguistic meaning, is taken from *al fassr* which is "to uncover that which is covered". And in the technical sense is "to clarify the meanings of the Noble Quraan".

And learning the *tafseer* is obligatory, as per His statement, He the Most High:

This is a Book which We have sent down to you, full of blessings that they may reflect over its *aayaat* so that men of understanding may remember.

Soorah Saad (38) aayah 29

And as per His statement, He the Most High:

Do they not then ponder over the Qur-aan or are there locks upon their hearts?

Soorah Muhammad (47) aayah 24

And the point of proof taken from the first *aayah* is that Allaah, the Most High, made clear that the wisdom behind sending down the Blessed Quraan was that the people would reflect over its *aayaat* and take a lesson from that which it contained.

And *tadabbur* (reflection) is - to think deeply about the words in order to arrive at their meanings. So if that does not occur, then the wisdom behind sending down the Quraan goes, and it becomes merely words which have no effect. And because it is not possible to take a lesson from that which is in the Quraan without understanding its meanings.

And the point of proof taken from the second *ayah* is that Allaah, the Most High, has rebuked those people who do not reflect upon the Quraan and He indicated that that is by way of their hearts being locked and goodness not reaching them.

And the *salaf* of this nation were upon that path which is obligatory, learning both the wordings and meanings of the Quraan - because through this they were in a position to act upon the Quraan in accordance with that which Allaah intended by it. For indeed it is not possible to act upon that whose meaning is not known.

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