

Saying SadaqaAllaahu al-Atheem after reading the Qur'aan

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Is it correct for the Muslim to say SadaqaAllaahu al-Atheem (Allaah the Mighty has spoken the truth) after reading the Qur'aan? Is there a text for this practice?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: All praises belong to Allaah. It has not been narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, nor anyone from amongst the companions, nor anyone from amongst the righteous predecessors, used to make this statement mandatory after reading the Qur'aan. So to engage in this practice all the time, and to regard it as though it is from the rules of recitation, and to regard it as though it is from the obligations of reciting the Qur'aan is considered to be an innovation. No authority has been sent down to for this practice.

As for the person saying it sometimes if a verse is recited to him or if he ponders over a verse and finds the clear signs of this verse in himself or other than himself, then it is no problem to say Allaah has spoken the truth, verily such and such has occurred.

Allaah (سبحانه)² said:

قُلْ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ فَاتَّبِعُوا مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا

["Say, Allaah has spoken the truth, follow the religion of Ibraaheem"].³

And Allaah (سبحانه وتعالى)⁴ says:

وَمَنْ أَصْدَقُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حَدِيثًا

["And who is truer in statement than Allaah"].⁵

And the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)⁶, said, "Truly the most truthful speech is the Book of Allaah".⁷

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) The Exalted

³ سورة آل عمران – Soorah Ale-Imraan [3:95]

⁴ (سبحانه وتعالى) (Subhanahu wa-ta'ala) The Exalted, The Most High

⁵ سورة النساء – Soorah an-Nisaa [4:87]

⁶ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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Therefore to say, Allaah has spoken the truth, in some appropriate occasions if there appears to him a good reason such as if you see something that occurs and Allaah (سبحانه وتعالى) has informed us of this thing in the Qur'aan then it is no problem. But to take the saying "Allaah has spoken the truth" as though it is from the rules of recitation, then this is something which there is no proof for, and to be committed to it is an innovation.

Rather, it has only been narrated that the supplication for reading the Qur'aan is to seek refuge in Allaah before beginning your recital. Allaah (سبحانه) says:

فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

["So when you want to recite the Qur'aan, seek refuge with Allaah from Satan, the outcast".]⁸

So (the Prophet) (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), used to seek refuge in Allaah before reading the Qur'aan. And he would say, In the Name of Allaah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful if he was starting at the beginning of a chapter except for chapter Bara⁹ (chapter 9).

As for after finishing the recital, then there has not appeared any specific supplication, not "Allaah has spoken the truth", nor other than that.

⁷ An-Nisaa'ee no.1578 - [Saheeh]

⁸ سورة النحل – Soorah an-Nahl [16:98]

⁹ سورة التوبة – Soorah at-Tawbah