

# THE JAWZIYYAH CORNER



## Have You Parted Company With the Qur'an?

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Parting company<sup>2</sup> with the Qur'an is of various degrees:

*Firstly*, refusing to listen to it and believe in it, or to pay any heed to it.

*Secondly*, ceasing to act upon it and abide by what it declares as lawful or unlawful; even if one reads it and believes in it.

*Thirdly*, abandon judging by it or being judged by it, whether in the fundamentals of the faith or in its branches; and to believe that it does not beget certainty and that its textual wordings do not beget sure knowledge.

*Fourthly*, to abandon pondering over it and comprehending it, and not seeking to discover what the Speaker intended by it.

*Fifthly*, to abandon seeking a cure or healing through it with regards to any of the heart's diseases or maladies; and to seek healing for such illnesses from other than it.

All of this is included in Allah's statement: *And the Messenger will say: "O my Lord! My people have abandoned this Qur'an!"*<sup>3</sup> This is the case despite some forms of abandonment being less severe than others.



### FOOTNOTES

1. *Al-Fawa'id* (Riyadh: Maktabah al-Rushd, 2001), 132; trans. Surkheel Sharif.
2. Ar. *bajr* - lit. "abandoning, deserting, forsaking, renouncing." The term conveys the sense of turning away from the Qur'an and disassociating oneself from it. We seek refuge in Allah from such a thing.
3. Qur'an 25:30.