

APPENDIX B

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CREATION OF THE HUMANS

The Holy Qur'an is ALLAH's words to all the people regardless of their level of understanding. In some verses (*Ayaat*) ALLAH (SWT) Gives information about His creation in a very simple and straightforward manner so they can be understood by the common people. In other verses (*Ayaat*) ALLAH (SWT) Presents more in-depth information which requires more attention and knowledge in order to be able to come up with their correct interpretation. Careful study of all the Holy verses regarding a particular creation phenomenon reveals additional information beyond that obtained from the simple and straightforward verses alone. In fact, in some verses ALLAH (SWT) Tells us to study the Holy Qur'an thoroughly and patiently in order to gain more insight and knowledge about His creation.

In Chapter 4, creation of the humans is presented as given in the direct and straightforward verses introduced in the chapter. However, more could be learned by studying and analyzing some additional verses.

In cited verse #(B-1), ALLAH (SWT) Says, "And We Have Created you, then We Have Shaped you, then We Have Said to the angels "bow down to Adam", they bowed down except Iblees,"". Let's focus our attention on the sequence of events in this verse. The first event, ALLAH (SWT) Has Created the humans (*you*). The second event, ALLAH (SWT) Has Shaped the humans. The third event, ALLAH (SWT) Said to the angels "bow down to Adam". That is, the creation and the shaping of the humans have preceded the order to the angels to bow down to Adam. The word "*you*" in this verse refers to the entire human race from Adam to the last humans who will witness the beginning of the events of judgment day. This indicates that all the humans were created and shaped before the creation of Adam. From cited verses #(4-22) and #(4-24), we have learned that all the humans are descendants of Adam and they live on the earth since Adam and his spouse descended on it. From cited verses #(4-22) and #(4-25), we have also learned that all humans, including Adam were created from dust from the earth. How could that be?. ALLAH (SWT) Wants us to study His words carefully and to think.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَاكُمْ ثُمَّ صَوَّرْنَاكُمْ ثُمَّ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا
 إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ لَمْ يَكُنْ مِنَ السَّاجِدِينَ ﴿١١﴾
 الجزء الثامن سورة الأعراف

Cited Verse #(B-1)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

And We Have Created you, then We Have Shaped you, then We Have Said to the angels “Bow down to Adam”, they bowed down except Iblees, he was not among those who were bowing down.

(part 8, Surat Al A’araaf “The Heights”)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 مَا أَصَابَ
 مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ نَبْرَأَهَا
 إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ﴿٢٢﴾ لِكَيْلَا تَأْسَوْا عَلَى مَا فَاتَكُمْ وَلَا تَفْرَحُوا
 بِعَمَاءِ تَنْكُمُ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ ﴿٢٣﴾
 الجزء السابع والعشرون سورة الحديد

Cited Verses #(B-2)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Whatever misfortune (catastrophe) occurs in the earth or in yourselves but is in a record before We Bring it to existence, truly this is easy for ALLAH. So be depressed not over what passed you by, nor exult over what came to you, for ALLAH Does not Like every vainglorious boaster.

(part 27, Surat Al Hadeed “The Iron”)

In cited verses #(B-2), ALLAH (SWT) Says, “Whatever misfortune (catastrophe) occurs in the earth or in yourselves but is in a record before We Bring it to existence, ...”. This verse shows that the occurrence of the misfortune (catastrophe) whether in the earth or in the humans is not limited to a specific time frame. That is, the misfortune (catastrophe) could happen at any time during the life span of the earth and of the humans. As stated in this verse, the misfortunes are recorded before their inception, therefore the misfortunes that will occur in the earth are recorded before the creation of the earth and the misfortunes that will occur to each human are recorded before the creation of all humans. In the first verse of cited verses #(B-2), ALLAH (SWT) Says, “Whatever misfortunes occurs in the earth ...”. Notice here “*in the earth*” and NOT “*to the earth*”. The expression “*to the earth*” means whatever happens to the earth as a whole, such as the events on judgment day (see Chapter 5). The expression “*in the earth*” defines a locality. That is the recorded misfortunes that happened and will happen in the earth are local events, such as floods, droughts, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and so forth. To come to the proper interpretation of ALLAH’s words, let’s summarize the findings from cited verses #(B-1) and #(B-2).

From cited verse #(B-1): All humans were created and shaped before the creation of Adam.

From Cited verses #(B-2): The misfortunes that will occur to each individual human during the human’s lifetime are recorded before the creation of the human race.

This does not mean that ALLAH (SWT) Has Created all the humans twice. It means that ALLAH (SWT) Has Created the humans in *two phases*. The two phases of the creation are different. Since the creation process of each individual human has gone through the two phases, therefore there must be a common ground linking the two phases. From cited verses #(4-22) and #(4-24), it is clear that *the physical creation of the human race started with the creation of Adam. This physical creation is the second phase of the creation of the human race. In the present life, physical creation means materialized existence in the present physical world (the present earth and the present universe). The first phase of the creation of the human race had not been physical in the sense described above, it must have been spiritual in a domain only known to ALLAH (SWT)*. Now from cited verses #(B-1) and #(B-2), we learn the following:-

BEFORE THE PHYSICAL CREATION OF ADAM, ALLAH (SWT) HAS CREATED ALL THE HUMAN RACE IN A SPIRITUAL DOMAIN, ASSIGNED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL OWN SHAPE, FEATURES AND FORTUNES THAT WILL BE MATERIALIZED IN THE PHYSICAL CREATION IN THE PRESENT LIFE.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْنَا الْمُسْتَقْدِمِينَ
 مِنْكُمْ وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْنَا الْمُسْتَفْخِرِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾
 الجزء الرابع عشر
 سورة الحجر

Cited Verse #(B-3)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

And We have Known the early arrivals from you and We have Known the late arrivals.
 (part 14, Surat Al Hejr “The Rocky Tract”)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 كَيْفَ تَكْفُرُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَكُنْتُمْ
 أَمْوَاتًا فَأَحْيَاكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيكُمْ ثُمَّ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾
 الجزء الأول
 سورة البقرة

Cited Verse #(B-4)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

How could you not believe in ALLAH and you were dead and He Gave you life, then He Causes you to die, then He Brings you to life, then to Him you return.
 (part 1, Surat Al Baqarah “The Heifer”)

In cited verse #(B-3), ALLAH (SWT) Says that He Has Known the early arrivals from you (the human race) and He Has Known the late arrivals. The early arrivals are all the people who came to life before us (those who were born before us since Adam) and the late arrivals are the people who will come after us (till judgment day). The Arabic word translated to the words “we have known” is the word “*alemna*”. There is another Arabic word, the word “*arefna*” which is also translated to “we have known”. There is a significant difference between the two Arabic words. The word “*arefna*” is the past tense of the verb “*ya’ref*”, which means to have a slight knowledge (just acquaintance) of something. On the other hand the word “*alemna*” is the past tense of the verb “*ya’lam*”, which means to have a complete knowledge of something (to know something inside out”. In cited verse #(B-3) ALLAH (SWT) Says that He Has Known “*alemna*” those who came before us and those who will come after us. This means that ALLAH (SWT) Had a complete and detailed knowledge of all the human race before their existence. The complete and detailed knowledge encompasses the knowledge of every fine and minute detail of each individual.

In cited verse #(B-4). ALLAH (SWT) Says that we (the humans) were dead and He Gave us life, then He Causes us to die then He Brings us to life. That is, we were *dead* before we were born (when He gave us the present life), then He Causes us to *die* then He Brings us to life (on judgment day). The first life is the physical life, that is the present life on the earth. The second life is the life in the hereafter, which will also be a physical life but different from the first life. The death between the first life and the life in the hereafter occurs when the spirit leaves the body and returns to ALLAH (SWT). The physical body ceases to function and then disintegrates over time, but the soul which contains all the characteristics and features of the human remains where it is kept in the domain of the unknown [unknown to us, but Known to ALLAH (SWT)]. Therefore, the death before we were born means that we did not have a physical body but we had a soul, that is ALLAH (SWT) Has Created our souls in the domain of the unknown before He Gave us the physical life in the present physical world.

In the last verse of cited verses #(B-5), ALLAH (SWT) Told Prophet Zakaryia That He [ALLAH (SWT)] Has Created him (Zakaryia) *before* when he (Zakaryia) been nothing (did not exist). The word “*before*” refers to the creation of the souls of all humans, because before the creation of our souls we did not exist.

In the second verse of cited verses #(B-6), ALLAH (SWT) Says, “It is He Who Shapes you in the wombs as He Pleases, ...”. On the other hand, in cited verse #(B-1), ALLAH (SWT) Says, “And We Have Created you, then We Have Shaped you, then We Have Said to the angels “Bow down to Adam”,...”. Although ALLAH (SWT) Talks about the shaping of the humans in the two cited verses, there is a fundamental difference between them. In cited verse #(B-1), ALLAH (SWT) Says, “We Have Shaped you”. The verb “*shaped*” is given in the past tense. That is, the process of shaping all the humans was done and was completed. As mentioned above, this indicates that ALLAH (SWT) Has Created the souls of all humans which contain all the human characteristics including

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَنْزَكِرِيَا إِنَّا نُبَشِّرُكَ بِغُلَامٍ اسْمُهُ يَحْيَى لَمْ نَجْعَلْ لَهُ
 مِنْ قَبْلُ سَمِيًّا ﴿٧﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي يَكُونُ لِي غُلَامٌ وَكَانَتِ امْرَأَتِي عَاقِرًا
 وَقَدْ بَلَغْتُ مِنَ الْكِبَرِ عِتِيًّا ﴿٨﴾ قَالَ كَذَلِكَ قَالَ رَبُّكَ هُوَ عَلَى هَيْنٍ
 وَقَدْ خَلَقْتكَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَلَمْ تَكُ شَيْئًا ﴿٩﴾

الجزء السادس عشر سورة مريم

Cited Verses #(B-5)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

O Zakaryia ! “We Give you good news of a son, his name is Yahya, We Have not Given this name before”. Said (Zakaryia) “O my LORD !, how could I have a son and my woman is barren and I have become so old”. He Said, so it will be, your LORD Said “It is easy for me, and I Have Created you before when you been nothing”.

(part 16, Surat Mariam “Mary”)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ
 وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ ﴿١﴾ هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَوِّرُكُمْ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ كَيْفَ يَشَاءُ
 لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢﴾

الجزء الثالث سورة آل عمران

Cited Verses #(B-6)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

From ALLAH, verily nothing is hidden in the earth or in the heaven. It is He Who Shapes you in the wombs as He Pleases, there is no God but He, The Exalted in Might, The Wise.

(part 3, Surat Aale Imraan “The Family of Imraan”)

their shapes. This was done before the creation of Adam in his physical form. On the other hand, in cited verses #(B-6) the word “*Shapes*” is given in the present continuous tense. This indicates two things, the shaping is an ongoing process and that the shaping process takes time to be completed, which happens in the womb. This leads to the following:-

THE SHAPES OF THE HUMANS AMONG OTHER CHARACTERISTICS ARE CONTAINED IN THEIR SOULS, WHICH WERE CREATED BEFORE THE PHYSICAL CREATION OF ADAM. THE CREATED CHARACTERISTICS IN THE SOUL OF EACH INDIVIDUAL ARE THEN IMPLEMENTED IN THE PHYSICAL CREATION WHILE THE HUMAN IS STILL IN THE WOMB. ALSO THE FORTUNES AND / OR MISFORTUNES OF EACH PERSON ARE PRE-ASSIGNED TO OWN SOUL [cited verses #(B-2)].

In cited verse #(B-7), ALLAH (SWT) Says, “It is He Who Constructed you and made for you the faculties of hearing and seeing and feeling and understanding...”. The construction and the making is the process of building and finishing, that is adding and mixing the proper elements to come up with the final product. This is the process of the creation of the human in the womb. The construction is usually done according to a prepared design. The design incorporates every single detail in order to ensure that the physical constructed product is identical to that envisioned in the design. ALLAH (SWT) Has Created and Incorporated all the details of the human characteristics in the human’s soul. When the time comes for the human to be physically constructed in the womb, all the design features in the human’s soul are constructed there.

In the last verse of cited verses #(B-8), ALLAH (SWT) Says that He Brings to life the bones which He Has Constructed the first time (during the formation of the embryo in the womb). We notice here the word “*construction*” rather than the word “*creation*”. That is ALLAH (SWT) Constructs the bones in the womb, according to the characteristics embedded in the souls which He Has Created before the physical creation of all the humans.

In cited verses #(4-33), ALLAH (SWT) Gave the detailed sequence of the creation of the humans while they are in the womb. At the end of the creation process, ALLAH (SWT) Says, “... then We Developed out of it another creation, so blessed be ALLAH, The best of the creators”. In these verses, ALLAH (SWT) Describes the creation process of a single human. That is the words “*another creation*” refer to the creation of a single human. This indicates that the creation of the human in the womb is the physical implementation (construction) of the previous creation of the soul of this particular individual.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأَكُمْ
 وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَرَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾
 الجزء التاسع والعشرون سورة الملك

Cited Verse #(B-7)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Say it is He Who Constructed you and made for you the faculties of hearing and seeing and feeling and understanding, little thanks that you give.

(part 29, Surat Al Mulk “The Dominion”)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 أَوَلَمْ يَرِ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنَّا خَلَقْنَاهُ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ فَإِذَا هُوَ خَصِيمٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٧٥﴾
 وَضَرَبَ لَنَا مَثَلًا وَنَسِيَ خَلْقَهُ قَالَ مَنْ يُحْيِي الْعِظْمَ وَهِيَ رَمِيمٌ ﴿٧٨﴾ قُلْ
 يُحْيِيهَا الَّذِي أَنْشَأَهَا أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ ۚ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ خَلْقٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٧٩﴾
 الجزء الثالث والعشرون سورة يس

Cited Verses #(B-8)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Do not the human see that We Have Created him from sperm, yet he acts as a strong adversary. And he made a parable for Us and forgotten his own creation, said “who gives life to the bones while they are decomposed”. Say “Who Constructed them the first time Brings life to them, and He Has the complete knowledge of all the creation”.

(part 23, Surat Yaaseen “Yaaseen”)