

APPENDIX C

PERIODIC MANAGEMENT OF THE EARTH

In Chapter 3, we have learned that all natural events that occur on the earth are triggered by some events in the heavens and in particular in the lowest heaven [Section “the heavens-earth connection”]. All the events whether in the heavens or on the earth are subjected to ALLAH’s commands. Among the natural events that occur on the earth are the distribution and the motions of the winds and the locations where the rain falls [cited verse #(3-10)]. Also the eruption of volcanoes and the earthquakes are among the earth’s natural phenomena. Archeological excavations have shown that the earth has gone through several distinct archeological periods. Scientifically, it is known that the earth is a live planet, which evolves with time. But evolution by itself does not produce drastic and profound changes such as those occurred during the earth’s archeological periods. There must be an external element that caused such changes. In the Holy Qur’an ALLAH (SWT) Has Given us a clue about this phenomenon.

In cited verse #(C-1), ALLAH (SWT) Says, “He Arranges the affair from the heaven to the earth ...”. In this verse, the word “heaven” is given in its singular form, which refers to the lowest heaven. That is ALLAH (SWT) Gives His command to the lowest heaven to perform in a way to trigger whatever events ALLAH (SWT) Wishes to occur on the earth. In the remaining of the verse, ALLAH (SWT) Says, “... then it (the affair) ascends up to Him in a day that is equivalent to one thousand years of what we count”. That is, after the affair [the commands of ALLAH (SWT)] has been executed on the earth, it goes back to report to Him.

In Surat Yaaseen, Aayah # 82, ALLAH (SWT) Says, “Verily, His command when He Wishes a thing, He just Says to it “Be”, and it is”. That is the command of ALLAH (SWT) is executed instantly. Accordingly in cited verse #(C-1), whatever affair ALLAH (SWT) Wishes to occur on the earth or to the earth, He just Says “Be” and instantly it is. After the affair is instantly executed it goes back to report to Him. The time the report takes to go from the earth to ALLAH (SWT) is a day in the sight of ALLAH (SWT),

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
يُدِيرُ الْأُمُورَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ
ثُمَّ يَعْرُجُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمٍ كَانَ مِقْدَارُهُ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ مِمَّا تَعُدُّونَ ﴿٤١﴾
الجزء الحادى والعشرون سورة السجدة

Cited Verse #(C-1)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

He Arranges the affair from the heaven to the earth, then it ascends up to Him in a day that is equivalent to one thousand years of what you count.

(part 21, Surat Al Sajdah “The Adoration”)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
يَسْأَلُهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ هُوَ فِي شَأْنٍ ﴿٢٦﴾ فَبِأَيِّ آيَةٍ رَبِّكُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾
الجزء السابع والعشرون سورة الرحمن

Cited Verses #(C-2)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Who are in the heavens and the earth ask Him every day He is Overseeing the affairs. Then which of the favors of your LORD will you deny.

(part 27, Surat Al Rahman “The Most Gracious”)

which is equivalent to one thousand of our lunar years [see Chapter 2].

In cited verses #(C-2), ALLAH (SWT) Says, “Who are in the heavens and the earth ask Him (for their needs) every day He is Overseeing the affairs (of His creation) ...”. “*who are in the heavens*” refers to the intelligent creatures in all the heavens, the angels. In this verse, ALLAH (SWT) Says, “who are in the heavens and the earth”, NOT “*who are in the heavens and who are on the earth*”. This means that the earth as an entity (not who live on it) as well as the angels ask ALLAH (SWT) for their needs. Since the word “day” is related to “who are in the heavens”, therefore this “day” is not an earth day, it is a day in the sight of ALLAH (SWT). The earth day is a period of time experienced only by the earth’s inhabitants. Cited verses #(C-2) suggests that the asking of the “who are in the heavens” and “the earth” occurs periodically every day in the sight of ALLAH (SWT), that is every one thousand lunar years.

The periodic events that ALLAH (SWT) Arranges for the earth are different from the misfortunes that happen in the earth (local events) during its lifetime [which are recorded before the creation of the earth, see Appendix B].

From cited verses #(C-1) and #(C-2), the following may be concluded:-

ALLAH (SWT) ARRANGES PERIODIC EVENTS TO OCCUR TO THE EARTH AS A WHOLE (GLOBAL, NOT LOCAL EVENTS) EVERY ONE THOUSAND LUNAR YEARS.