

# APPENDIX F

## THE WORD “WORLDS” IN THE HOLY QUR’AN

In cited verse #(D-1) ALLAH (SWT) Says “ALR (the letters A, L and R) a book whose verses are formed with utmost precision then explained in detail from A Most Wise, A Most Knowledgeable”. In cited verses #(F-1) ALLAH (SWT) Says “HA M (the letters HA and M). A revelation from The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful. A book whose verses are explained in detail, an Arabic Qur’an for people who have knowledge”. These verses emphasize the fact that each word in each verse in the Holy Qur’an is intended to give a precise meaning. If a specific word is repeated in several verses, its intended meaning must be the same in all the verses. Accordingly in order to extract the correct interpretation of a word we have to study all the verses where this particular word appears. The correct meaning of the word must be exactly the same in all the verses.

One of the misunderstood words in the Holy Qur’an is the Arabic word “*Al Aalameen*” which is translated to the English word “the worlds”. Some Islamic scholars assume that this word refers to the spiritual world and the material world. Some assume that this word refers to the animal world, the vegetation world and so on. Others assume that this word refers to extraterrestrial worlds. Although the existence of extraterrestrial worlds and extraterrestrial creatures has been implicitly mentioned in the Holy Qur’an [Chapter 3 and Chapter 4], this particular word “*Al Aalameen*” was not used in such case.

The word “*Al Aalameen*” which means “the worlds” has been mentioned in the Holy Qur’an 62 times. 34 out of the 62 times the word appears in the form “LORD OF THE WORLDS”. The 34 verses where this particular form is mentioned are listed in Table (F-1). The true meaning of the word “the worlds” cannot be extracted from this form. The remaining 28 verses where the word “*Al Aalameen*” is mentioned provide the intended and correct meaning of the word. Those 28 verses may be categorized into five groups.

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 حَمْدٌ تَنْزِيلٌ مِنَ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ① كِتَابٌ فَصَّلَتْ آيَاتُهُ  
 قُرْءَانًا عَرَبِيًّا لِقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ②  
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Cited Verses #(F-1)

**In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful**

HA M (the letters HA and M). A revelation from The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful. A book whose verses are explained in detail, an Arabic Qur’an for people who have knowledge.

(Part 24, Surat Fusselat “Detailed”)

Table (F-1)

List of the verses where the words “LORD OF THE WORLDS” appear

PART #	SURAH	AAYAH #	PART #	SURAH	AAYAH #
1	Al Fatehah	1	6	Al Ma’edah	28
7	Al An’am	45	8	Al A’araf	54
8	Al A’araf	61	8	Al A’araf	67
9	Al A’araf	121	11	Yunus	10
11	Yunus	37	19	Al Shu’ara’a	47
19	Al Shu’ara’a	77	19	Al Shu’ara’a	98
19	Al Shu’ara’a	109	19	Al Shu’ara’a	127
19	Al Shu’ara’a	145	19	Al Shu’ara’a	164
19	Al Shu’ara’a	180	19	Al Shu’ara’a	192
19	Al Naml	8	19	Al Naml	44
20	Al Qasas	30	21	Al Sajdah	2
23	Al Saaffat	87	24	Al Zumor	75
24	Ghafer	64,65,66	24	Fusselat	9
25	Al Zukhruff	46	25	Al Jathe’yah	36
28	Al Hashr	16	29	Al Haqqah	43
30	Al Takweer	29	30	Al Motaffeffeen	6

## GROUP A

In Surat Al Anbiya'a, Aayah #107 ALLAH (SWT) Says "AND WE HAVE SENT THEE [MOHAMMAD (ppbuh)] NOT BUT A MERCY FOR THE WORLDS".

Prophet Mohammad (ppbuh) was the last of ALLAH's messengers to the people. His message, the religion of Islam and the revelation of the Holy Qur'an are sent to all the people, not only to the Arabs. In that respect, the word "*worlds*" refers to all the people who inhabit the earth.

In Surat Al Anbiya'a, Aayah #91 ALLAH (SWT) Says "And she who guarded her chastity, We Have Breathed into her from Our Spirit and WE HAVE MADE HER (MARIAM) AND HER SON (JESUS) A SIGN FOR THE WORLDS".

The pregnancy of Mariam and the birth of Prophet Jesus are among ALLAH's miracles. They demonstrate to all the people, whether at the time or thereafter the absolute authority of ALLAH (SWT) and that He is Capable of Doing anything. Therefore the word "*worlds*" in this verse refers to all the people.

In Surat Al Anbiya'a, Aayah #71 ALLAH (SWT) Says "AND WE HAVE RESCUED HIM (IBRAHEEM) AND LOTT TO THE LAND WHICH WE HAVE BLESSED TO THE WORLDS".

ALLAH (SWT) Has Rescued Prophet Ibraheem and Prophet Lott from the people who were committing lewdness acts. The land which they went to is a part of the earth. ALLAH (SWT) Has Blessed this land to the people who live on the earth. That is, the word "*worlds*" in this verse refers to all the people who live on the earth.

In Surat Ale-Imran, Aayah #33 ALLAH (SWT) Says "ALLAH Did CHOOSE ADAM AND NOAH AND THE FAMILY OF IBRAHEEM AND THE FAMILY OF IMRAN OVER THE WORLDS".

Adam, Noah, the family of Ibraheem and the family of Imran were all people. They were Chosen by ALLAH (SWT) from all the people who lived at their times. That is the word "*worlds*" in this verse refers to all the people.

In Surat Ale-Imran, Aayah #42 ALLAH (SWT) Says "Behold! The angels said "O MARIAM ALLAH HATH CHOSEN THEE AND PURIFIED THEE AND CHOSEN THEE OVER THE WOMEN OF THE WORLDS".

In the Holy Qur'an, the word "women" refers only to the human females, not the females of any other species whether on the earth or extraterrestrial. Therefore, the word "*worlds*" in this verse refers to the people (the human race living on the earth).

In Surat Al Ankaboot, Aayah #15 ALLAH (SWT) Says “AND WE HAVE SAVED HIM (NOAH) AND THOSE WHO WERE IN THE ARK AND WE HAVE MADE IT A SIGN FOR THE WORLDS”.

ALLAH (SWT) Has Saved Prophet Noah and his followers from the great deluge which occurred on the earth. After the deluge has ended the Ark was grounded on Mount Judei. ALLAH (SWT) Has kept the remains of the Ark there as a reminder for the people. Therefore the word “*worlds*” in this verse refers to all the people living on the earth.

In Surat Al Saaffat, Aayah #79 ALLAH (SWT) Says “PEACE BE TO NOAH IN THE WORLDS”.

Prophet Noah was a human being. ALLAH (SWT) Has Granted him the salutation of peace from among all the people at that time. Accordingly the word “*worlds*” in this verse refers to all the people.

In Surat Al Ma’edah, Aayah #115 ALLAH (SWT) Says “ALLAH Says “I am Sending it down (the table) unto you (the companions of Prophet Jesus), so if any of you after that rejects faith I SHALL INDEED INFLICT UPON HIM TORTURE NOT TO BE INFLICTED ON ANYONE FROM THE WORLDS”.

To strengthen their belief the companions of Prophet Jesus requested from him to ask ALLAH (SWT) to send down to them a table full of all kinds of foods. When their wish was granted, that was a convincing proof that Jesus is ALLAH’s Messenger. Anyone of them who rejects faith after this incident will be tortured more severely than the torture of the unbelievers among all the people. The word “*worlds*” in this verse refers to all the people on the earth.

## GROUP B

In Surat Al An’am, Aayah #90 ALLAH (SWT) Says “Those are whom ALLAH Has Guided, so follow the guidance they have received, say “for that I am not asking a price, IT IS BUT A REMINDER FOR THE WORLDS”.

In Surat Yusuf, Aayah #104 ALLAH (SWT) Says “And for that you do not ask a price from them, IT IS BUT A REMINDER FOR THE WORLDS”.

In Surat Al Furqan, Aayah #1 ALLAH (SWT) Says “Blessed is He Who Sent down the criterion to His slave [Mohammad (ppbuh)] TO BE A WARNING FOR THE WORLDS”.

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In Surat Saad, Aayah #87 ALLAH (SWT) Says “IT (THE HOLY QUR'AN) IS INDEED A MESSAGE TO THE WORLDS”.

In Surat Al Qalam, Aayah #52 ALLAH (SWT) Says “IT (THE HOLY QUR'AN) IS INDEED BUT A MESSAGE TO THE WORLDS”.

In Surat Al Takweer, Aayah #27 ALLAH (SWT) Says “IT (THE HOLY QUR'AN) IS INDEED BUT A MESSAGE TO THE WORLDS”.

The Holy Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Mohammad (ppbuh) to be the constitution and the guidance to all mankind. In the above six verses ALLAH (SWT) Describes the Holy Qur'an as a reminder, a warning, and as a message to the worlds. This indicates that the word “*worlds*” refers to all mankind (all the people).

### GROUP C

In Surat Al Baqarah, Aayah #47 and Aayah #122 ALLAH (SWT) Says “O children of Israel! Call to mind the favor which I Have Bestowed upon you and I HAVE PREFERRED YOU OVER THE WORLDS”.

In Surat Al A'araf, Aayah #140 ALLAH (SWT) Says “He said “Would I seek for you a God other than ALLAH AND IT IS HE WHO PREFERRED YOU OVER THE WORLDS””.

In Surat Al Ma'edah, Aayah #20 ALLAH (SWT) Says “And when Moses said to his people “O my people! Call in remembrance the favor of ALLAH unto you, HE MADE PROPHETS AMONG YOU AND MADE YOU KINGS AND GAVE YOU WHAT HE HAD NOT GIVEN TO ANY ONE FROM THE WORLDS””.

In Surat Al Dukhan, Aayah #32 ALLAH (SWT) Says “AND WE HAVE CHOSEN THEM (CHILDREN OF ISRAEL) WITH KNOWLEDGE OVER THE WORLDS”.

In Surat Al Jathe'yah, Aayah #16 ALLAH (SWT) Says “And We Have Granted to the children of Israel the book and the power of command and the Prophet hood and We Have Given them for sustenance things good and pure AND WE HAVE FAVORED THEM OVER THE WORLDS”.

In the above five verses ALLAH (SWT) Says that He Has Preferred, Chosen, and Favored the children of Israel (at that time) over the worlds. This kind of selection occurs only from within the same species and the same environment. Children of Israel at that time lived on the earth. When ALLAH (SWT) Granted them the power of command, it was the command over the people who lived on the earth at that time. Therefore the word “*worlds*” in these verses refer to all the people.

### GROUP D

In Surat Al A’araf, Aayah #80 ALLAH (SWT) Says “And Lott who said to his people “you do commit lewdness NO ONE BEFORE YOU FROM THE WORLDS DID””.

In Surat Al Ankaboot, Aayah #28 ALLAH (SWT) Says “AND LOTT WHO SAID TO HIS PEOPLE “YOU DO COMMIT LEWDNESS, NEVER BEEN COMMITTED BY ANY ONE BEFORE YOU FROM THE WORLDS””.

Prophet Lott told his people that no one from the worlds before them has committed this kind of lewdness, that is no one from the people who lived before them has committed such acts. This indicates that the word “*worlds*” refers to the humans (the people).

In Surat Al Shu’ara’a, Aayat #165 and 166 ALLAH (SWT) Says “DO YOU SOLICIT THE MALES FROM THE WORLDS (for sex) and leave your spouses (females) whom your LORD Created for you, nay, ye are a people transgressing (all limits)”.

Men from the people of Prophet Lott were having sex with other men (from the worlds) instead of having sex with their wives. Since all men who were committing such acts were from the people of Prophet Lott, therefore the word “*worlds*” refers to the people.

In Surat Al Hejr, Aayah #70 ALLAH (SWT) Says “They said “DID NOT WE FORBID YOU (LOTT) FROM GETTING (SPEAK) TO THE WORLDS?”.

The unbelievers from the people of Prophet Lott (who were committing lewdness acts) prevented him from contacting and talking to people other than themselves. That is the word “*worlds*” refers to the people.

### GROUP E

In Surat Al Baqarah, Aayat #250 and 251 ALLAH (SWT) Says “And when they stood to face Goliath and his soldiers, they said “Our LORD! Pour on us patience and Let our feet be firm and Make us victorious over the unbelievers”. And so by the Will of ALLAH they defeated them and David killed Goliath, and ALLAH Gave him (David) the kingship and the wisdom and Taught him from whatever He Wills, AND WITHOUT THE PUSH OF ALLAH TO THE PEOPLE TO CHECK EACH OTHER, THE EARTH WOULD BE CORRUPTED, BUT ALLAH BESTOWS FAVORS ON THE WORLDS”.

These verses tell part of the story of David and Goliath. At the end of the verses ALLAH (SWT) Tells about one of the favors that Has Bestowed on mankind. He Pushes the people to check and to tangle with each other so that no single group or single nation

would have complete dominance on the earth, because in such case corruption would spread all over the earth. This is one of the favors that ALLAH (SWT) Has Bestowed on “*the worlds*”, that is on mankind.

In Surat Ale-Imran, Aayat #96 and 97, ALLAH (SWT) Says “The first house (of worship) placed for the people is that at Bakka (Makkah), BLESSED AND OF GUIDANCE TO THE WORLDS. In it there are undisputed signs, the place of Ibraheem (Abraham) and who enters it attains security, and it is the duty of the people to go in pilgrimage to the house, who can afford the journey, and whoever rejects the faith, SO ALLAH IS NOT IN NEED OF THE WORLDS”.

The Haraam Masjid in Makkah is the first house of worship placed to the people on the face of the earth. It is the most sacred place on the earth. It is the duty of every Muslim, who can afford the journey, to go in pilgrimage to it. The word “*worlds*” which appears twice in these verses refers to the people (mankind).

In Surat Ale-Imran, Aayah #108 ALLAH (SWT) Says “These are the signs of ALLAH, We Recite them to thee in truth and ALLAH DOES NOT WANT INJUSTICE TO THE WORLDS”.

In this verse ALLAH (SWT) is Telling Prophet Mohammad (ppbuh) that He [ALLAH (SWT)] is Reciting for him [through the angel Jibreel (Gabriel)] the verses of the Holy Qur'an. The Holy Qur'an is sent to all the people to be their constitution and their guidance. Once the people embrace the guidelines of the Holy Qur'an, there will be no injustice inflicted upon them. The word “*worlds*” therefore refers to the people.

In Surat Al Ankaboot, Ayah # 6 ALLAH (SWT) Says “And he who strived (for the cause of ALLAH), so he strives for his soul, for ALLAH IS NOT IN NEED FROM THE WORLDS”.

He who strives for the cause of ALLAH (SWT) is actually striving for his soul by gaining the acceptance of ALLAH (SWT) which guarantees him the eternal living in the paradise in the hereafter. All the gains and the rewards go to the human who strives for the cause of ALLAH (SWT). ALLAH (SWT) Gains nothing from such strive even if all the people did so. Accordingly, the word “*worlds*” refers to the people.

In Surat Al Ankaboot, Aayah #10 ALLAH (SWT) Says “And among the people who say “we have believed in ALLAH”, but when they suffer affliction in the cause of ALLAH, they treat people's oppression as if it were the wrath of ALLAH, and if a victory came from your LORD, they would say “we have always been with you”, DOES NOT ALLAH HAVE THE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IN THE HEARTS OF THE WORLDS”.

In the beginning of this verse ALLAH (SWT) Says "And among the people". This indicates that all this verse is directed and related to the people. ALLAH (SWT) Knows every thing. He Knows what the people reveal and what they conceal, that is He Knows what is in the hearts of the people. The word "*worlds*" therefore refers to the people.

FROM THE ABOVE IT MAY BE CONCLUDED THAT THE WORD "*WORLDS*" REFERS TO ALL RACES OF THE PEOPLE (THE HUMANS), SINCE "*WORLDS*" IS PLURAL.