

INTRODUCTION

The Holy Qur'an is the Holy Book of ISLAM. The verses of the Holy Qur'an were revealed to Prophet Mohammad (pbuh) by the Angel Jibreel (Gabriel), over the period of twenty three [*lunar (Hijri)*] years. One or more verses were revealed at a time. The Holy Qur'an is the last Holy Book sent from ALLAH (SWT) to mankind. It came after the Torah and the Bible. The language of the Holy Qur'an is the Arabic language.

The Holy Qur'an is a complete constitution that ALLAH (SWT) Bestowed on all mankind. Its verses give ALLAH's rules and laws for all aspects of life. Rules for the people's social life, such as behavior, marriage, divorce, inheritance, etc. Rules for trade and commerce. Rules for charity to help the poor. Rules for worshipping ALLAH (SWT). Rules for punishing the wrong doers and the sinners, in this life and in the afterlife. Rules for rewarding the believers and their good deeds, in this life and in the afterlife. In the Holy Qur'an, ALLAH (SWT) Has Told stories about some of His Prophets and Messengers and their people and the lessons that should be learned from these stories.

In some verses of the Holy Qur'an, ALLAH (SWT) Tells mankind to learn, to discover and to study every thing possible about the earth and the universe. Such knowledge leads to the efficient utilization of the unlimited resources of the earth. In other verses, ALLAH (SWT) Has given some clues and pointers about His creation. In a general description, He Tells how He Created the heavens and the earth and the forms of life. He Gave only the basics and the fundamentals of His creation without going into the fine details, for two reasons. The first reason is, to allow the people to think and to discover as much as their minds can grasp. The second reason is that the human mind is incapable of comprehending the fine details of ALLAH's creation.

To be as precise as possible in presenting the findings and the deduced conclusions, the cited Holy verses are introduced in their original Arabic language together with their English translation. Each cited verse/s is/are explained and discussed thoroughly. If some of the words in the cited verses are not clear, other verses are used to clarify the intended meaning.

Before going into the main topic of this book, several facts have to be recognized. Such recognition may be achieved by introducing some verses from the Holy Qur'an.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَا فِي هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لِلنَّاسِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَثَلٍ وَكَانَ
 الْإِنْسَانُ أَكْثَرَ شَيْءٍ جَدَلًا ﴿٥١﴾
 سورة الكهف الجزء الخامس عشر

Cited Verse #(I-1)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

And We Have Explained in detail in this Qur'an for the people from every kind of example and the human was in most things contentious.

(part 15, Surat Al Kahf "The Cave")

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ
 مِنْهُ آيَاتٌ مُحْكَمَاتٌ هُنَّ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ وَأُخَرُ مُتَشَابِهَاتٌ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فِي
 قُلُوبِهِمْ زَيْغٌ فَيَتَّبِعُونَ مَا تَشَبَهَ مِنْهُ ابْتِغَاءَ الْفِتْنَةِ وَابْتِغَاءَ تَأْوِيلِهِ
 وَمَا يَعْلَمُ تَأْوِيلَهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَقُولُونَ ءَأَمْنَاهُ
 كُلٌّ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَّكُرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿٥١﴾
 سورة آل عمران الجزء الثالث

Cited Verse #(I-2)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

It is He Who Sent down to you the book, in it are principle verses, they are the foundation (the mother) of the book, and others are similar verses, but those in whose hearts is perversity follow the part thereof that is similar, seeking discord and seeking its meaning, and no one knows its true meaning except ALLAH, and those who are firmly grounded in knowledge say, "We believed in it, all from our LORD", and none will grasp the message except those with thoughtful minds.

(part 3, Surat Ale-Emran "The Family of Emran")

In cited verse #(I-1), ALLAH (SWT) Says that He Has Explained to the people from every example. This means that an example of every thing that touches our life has been given and explained in the Holy Qur'an. This specific verse tells us humans that the Holy Qur'an contains all the information and the answers to all our inquiries regarding any thing that we might think of. It will be shown in Chapter 3 that the earth is not isolated from the rest of the universe. It is an integral part of the universe and there is a strong interaction between them. Exploration of the earth as well as of the outer space provides us with information that is so vital to our development and progress. That is why the Holy Qur'an contains verses about the creation of the heavens and the earth.

To show the absolute authority, might and power of ALLAH (SWT), some of the verses that warn and challenge the unbelievers, are followed by creation verses. In these creation verses ALLAH (SWT) Describes how He Created the heavens, the earth and life. The creation verses therefore are not grouped together. They are scattered in different locations in the Holy Qur'an.

From cited verse #(I-2), we learn two things. The verses of the Holy Qur'an are classified in two categories, *principle verses* and *similar verses*. Some of the creation verses are *principle verses* and some are *similar verses*. The creation *principle verses* describe major creation phenomena and are only mentioned once in the Holy Qur'an. The creation *similar verses* also describe creation phenomena, but they are repeated in several *Surahs*. Some of the *similar verses* are repeated with the exact wording, and some are repeated with different wording, but having the same meaning. In order to extract the correct meaning, ALL the creation verses describing a specific phenomenon must be scientifically studied and analyzed COLLECTIVELY, not individually.

The other piece of information that we learn from cited verse #(I-2) is that, ONLY ALLAH (SWT) KNOWS THE EXACT AND PRECISE MEANINGS OF THE VERSES OF THE HOLY QUR'AN. Those who are extremely knowledgeable strongly believe in the Holy Qur'an because it came from ALLAH (SWT). Some might argue that if it is only ALLAH (SWT) Who knows the exact and precise meanings of the verses of the Holy Qur'an, then why we humans are trying to explain them?. The answer to that is very simple. In many verses of the Holy Qur'an, among them cited verses #(I-4), ALLAH (SWT) Encourages us humans to study the Holy Qur'an and to spare no effort in trying to understand its meanings. The closer we come to the correct interpretation of the Holy verses, the more insight we will gain in understanding ALLAH's creation.

In some verses (*Aayaat*), and in particular the creation verses, there are some words that could very easily be misinterpreted, even for the Arabic speaking people. In order to get the correct meaning of such words and therefore, the correct meaning of the verse, we have to look at other verses in different *Surahs*, which include such word/s. This is the only way to extract the precise interpretation of the Qur'anic verses, and in particular the creation verses.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ لَئِنِ اجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَيَّ أَنْ يَأْتُوا
بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَأَيُّتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ كَانَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيراً ﴿٨٨﴾

سورة الإسراء

الجزء الخامس عشر

Cited Verse #(I-3)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Say!, “if all the humans and all the jinns were to gather together to produce alike to this Qur’an, they could not produce the like thereof, even if they backed up each other with help and support”.

(part 15, Surat Al Esra’a “The Travel”)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٤١﴾ الَّذِينَ
يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَمًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي خَلْقِ
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَطْلًا تُسَبِّحُنَا فَقِنَا عَذَابَ
النَّارِ ﴿١٤١﴾

سورة آل عمران

الجزء الرابع

Cited Verses #(I-4)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Behold !, In the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alteration of the night and the day are indeed signs for those who have thoughtful minds. Those who mention and praise ALLAH, standing, sitting and laying down on their sides and think deeply about the creation of the heavens and the earth; our LORD, You Have not Created this for no purpose, Glory to Thee, give us salvation from the torture of fire.

(part 4, Surat Ale Emran “The Family of Emran”)

Thorough study and analysis of the creation verses in the Holy Qur'an together with the utilization of the latest advances in science and technology are essential factors in their proper interpretation.

The above-mentioned concepts were utilized in writing this book. In doing so new information not known before has been discovered, which provided deeper understanding of some of the creation phenomena. Also a clear picture of the creation processes has emerged. Many of the unexplained phenomena have been explained. Some of the existing developed theories regarding the creation of the universe are proved to be partly credible and some are not. *It must be emphasized here that the creation processes described in the Holy Qur'an are the CORRECT ones since they are given by The Creator, ALLAH (SWT). The success or failure of any theory developed by humans is measured by whether it coincides with ALLAH's description or not.*

The Holy Qur'an is a linguistic miracle which can be recognized and realized by the Arabic speaking people. It is also a scientific miracle since it reveals vast and amazing information about ALLAH's creation that could never be known to other than the Creator, ALLAH (SWT). It also reveals information not discovered yet. To emphasize this fact, we turn our attention to cited verse # (I-3). In this verse, ALLAH (SWT) is Stating a fact. The Holy Qur'an is His Holy words. None of His creatures, such as all mankind and all the jinns could never be able to produce a similar to the Holy Qur'an, even if they all got together and supported each other.

Cited verses #(I-4) present very powerful and convincing statement. From the first verse we learn that *only those who have thoughtful and inquiring minds realize that the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alteration of the night and the day are signs of the absolute authority, power and knowledge of ALLAH (SWT).* It is only ALLAH (SWT) Who is capable of such creation and perfection. In the second verse, ALLAH (SWT) Defines those who have thoughtful minds. *They are those who have recognized the absolute power, might and wisdom of ALLAH (SWT) by looking at His creation.* They always mention and praise ALLAH (SWT) during their daily activities and think deeply about the creation of the heavens and the earth. They know that the heavens and the earth were created for a purpose. They want to learn as much as they could about the heavens and the earth. The more they learn, the more they believe that ALLAH (SWT) is capable of doing everything. The fear of ALLAH (SWT) becomes deeply embedded into their hearts and they always ask ALLAH (SWT) to spare them from the unbearable torture of hell's fire.

Cited verses #(I-4) show that ALLAH (SWT) Has Placed a requirement on all the believers. They must try to discover and to learn as much as they could about the heavens and the earth, guided by the Holy Qur'an. In the Holy Qur'an, ALLAH (SWT) Has given adequate information as well as clues and pointers that lead to the right direction, to discover as much as our minds can grasp.

The following fact must always be kept in mind:-

THE HOLY QUR'AN IS THE MAIN AND THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF THE RELIABLE AND CORRECT INFORMATION ABOUT ALLAH'S CREATION. THE CORRECT AND TRUE SAYINGS (*AHADEETH*) OF PROPHET MOHAMMAD (PPBUH) ARE THE SUPPLEMENTARY SOURCES.

Translation of the Holy Qur'an from the Arabic language to another language loses some of their precise meanings. To counteract such deficiency, the verses cited in this book are presented in their Arabic language together with their English translation. The English translation of the cited verses is basically that of A. Yusuf Ali *. However, we have modified some of the translation to be more precise in showing the intended meanings.

Every effort has been made by the author to be as precise and accurate as possible in explaining the meanings of the cited Holy verses. With the blessings of ALLAH (SWT), we hope that we have succeeded in presenting some of the wealth of information given in the Holy Qur'an.

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(SWT) He Who Has The Absolute Power and Glory.
(ppbuh) Prayer and Peace Be Upon Him

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