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HUM110 Islamic Studies

Lecture 07 Handouts

Quran and Its Proofs

As Allah (SWT) is the creator of this universe then assuredly, He must have developed the user manual of this complicated universe. In our world, there are many manuals out there who claimed to be comprehensive e.g. Quran, Bible, Geeta, Torah, Buddhist scripture etc. The Question is which manual we should follow? Also, we must search that, is Quran the word of God? If it is the word of God then it means we must follow it.

There are 5 ways to testify that Quran is the word of God.

Proof for Quran

- 1. Falsification Test
- 2. Scientific Phenomenon
- 3. Non-Muslim Sources
- 4. Preservation of the Texts
- 5. Linguistic Miracle

1. Falsification Test

To verify the theory, we must give a test that whether our proposed theory is correct or not. So, the question is that does Quran give the falsification test? If it's a truthful book, we will find/verify by this test.

Quran itself proves, as Allah (SWT) said:

• Do they not then consider the Qur'an carefully? Had it been from other than Allah (SWT), they would surely have found therein many contradictions." [Surah an-Nisa 4:82]

There is no clash in statements of Quran.

At another place, Allah (SWT) says "If you think that it is from other than Allah (SWT) then produce a Book like it". Allah (SWT) then made this challenge easy to come up with only 10 Surahs like Quran and then this challenge was even made easier to make a single surah like Quran and then Allah (SWT) said, they can never do this.

Another ayah says, even if all mankind and Jinn work together, they cannot produce a single ayah like Quran. By this it is also proved that Quran is a Holy Book and word of God.

2. Scientific Phenomenon

As discussed earlier that oneness & existence of Allah (SWT) can be observed / recognized by His signs all around. He also stated those signs for mankind in his Holy Book.

- Allah (SWT) mentioned scientific phenomena in Quran like stages of human lifeembryology, creation of mountains, plants, water cycle etc. Quran is very clear about these facts.
- Over 1000 of ayahs in Quran deal with science like Big bang theory, expansion of universe, creation from water etc.
- Many inventions have been done by Muslim scholars like Arabic numerals, discovery
 of 0, coffee, soaps etc. Islam and science are not two different poles.

3. Non-Muslim Sources

- What non-Muslims say about the Quran?
- There is a multi-volume encyclopedia, called the new catholic encyclopedia which looked at every detail but with the perspective of Christianity. They highlighted the work of Christians. In this encyclopedia, under the section of Quran, they mentioned that Quran is a revelation from God. So, a question has raised that if you have stated Quran as a revelation then we might have to believe in it which could question the truthfulness of Bible. So, Scholars of encyclopedia replied that we are academics and according to the facts, we have no choice but to state Quran as a revelation.
- In an article under the subject of the Qur'an, the New Catholic Church states:

"Over the centuries, many theories have been offered as to the origin of the Qur'an.

Today no sensible man accepts any of these theories!"

4. Preservation of the Texts

- If all the religious books of all religions in this universe were thrown in a sea, which Book will come back? The answer is Quran. As its preservation, has been promised by the Allah (SWT) till the day of judgement.
- Besides it is preserved in the hearts of Muslims by memorizing it.

As now Quran has been proved as a holy book and preserved for 1400 years. It is a proved miracle of Allah (SWT) as nobody can change a single word in it. This holy manual has covered all the subjects of life. So, no one can negate that holy preaching were unapproachable to us.

5. Linguistic Miracle

The Quran is widely recognized as a miraculous book, for the unique style and presentation of the Arabic language. As Muslims worldwide know, the words and surahs contained in the Quran can only have come from Allah. Unlike other religious texts, the Quran famously issues

a challenge to all mankind to try and produce even one Surah just like it. To date, nobody has been able to meet the challenge, even though many have tried.

To a native English speaker, this challenge sounds like it can easily be met, especially if they have read an English translation of the Quran. But the Arabic language is so unique and powerful, that after studying it, one can realize the great difficulty (and impossibility) of ever producing a surah which can rival or stand against the surahs contained in the Quran.

There is abundant material available regarding the proof of Quran as a linguistic miracle. One detailed document on this topic is available on the following link. It is shared for reference.

Reference:

 $https://d1.islamhouse.com/data/en/ih_books/single2/en_quran_the_linguistic_miracle_linguisticmiracle.pdf$