PROGRAMMING CONCEPTS
&
QURAN

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INTRODUCTION

The Quran is the holy book of Islam and is primarily a religious and spiritual guide rather than a source of technical or programming concepts. However, some scholars interpret verses from the Quran in a metaphorical or allegorical way to draw parallels with various aspects of life, including technology or programming. It's important to note that interpretations can vary widely, and different scholars or individuals may have different perspectives on the application of religious texts to specific fields such as programming.

While the Quran primarily addresses spiritual, ethical, and moral guidance, some scholars seek metaphors or allegorical interpretations that could be loosely associated with programming concepts. However, it's crucial to recognize that these interpretations are subjective and speculative, as the Quran was not intended to provide explicit guidance on technical fields like programming.

SOME INTERPRETATIONS

1. Unity and System Design:
The concept of Tawhid, which emphasizes the oneness of God, maybe metaphorically linked to the idea of creating well-organized and unified systems in programming. Just as God is considered one and indivisible, a well-designed program should exhibit unity and coherence in its structure.

2. Precision and Accuracy:
The Quran emphasizes the importance of accuracy and precision in conveying its message. Similarly, programmers aim for precision in their code, ensuring that each line serves its intended purpose and contributes to the overall functionality of the program.

3. Ethical Coding Practices:
Quranic teachings on ethics, justice, and compassion could be metaphorically connected to the importance of ethical considerations in programming. This includes writing secure code, respecting user privacy, and ensuring that technology is used for positive purposes.

(إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَسْتَحْيِي أَنْ يَضْرِبَ مَثَلًا مَا بَعُوضَةً فَمَا فَوْقَهَا فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَيَقُولُونَ مَاذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِهَذَا مَثَلًا يُضِلُّ بِهِ كَثِيرًا وَيَهْدِي بِهِ كَثِيرًا وَمَا يُضِلُّ بِهِ إِلَّا الْفَاسِقِينَ) [البقرة: 26]

قال السدي في تفسيره ، عن أبي مالك وعن أبي صالح ، عن ابن عباس - وعن مرة ، عن ابن مسعود ، وعن ناس من الصحابة :

(يضل به كثيرا) يعني : المنافقين ، **(ويهدي به كثيرا)** يعني المؤمنين

4. Learning and Knowledge:

The Quran encourages seeking knowledge, and this can be metaphorically related to the continuous learning process in programming. Programmers are encouraged to stay updated with new technologies, languages, and best practices to improve their skills.

فَتَعَالَى اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ ۗ وَلَا تَعْجَلْ بِالْقُرْآنِ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يُقْضَىٰ إِلَيْكَ وَحْيُهُ ۖ وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا [سورة طه 114]

5. Problem-Solving:

The Quran often presents stories of prophets facing challenges and problem-solving. This can be metaphorically associated with the problem-solving nature of programming, where developers encounter issues and work to find effective solutions.
But in the Quran, it has not faced problems in literature, but all outputs of programming face mistakes and problems in their codes.

6. Excellence in Work:

The Quran encourages excellence in any endeavor, emphasizing the concept of "ihsan" (doing things with excellence). This principle can be applied to programming, urging individuals to write efficient, well-documented, and maintainable code.

هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ ذَلُولًا فَامْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا مِنْ رِزْقِهِ ۖ وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ   [سورة الملك 15]

   "He is the One Who smoothed out the earth for you, so move about in its regions and eat from His provisions. And to Him is the resurrection"

7. Integrity and Honesty:

The Quran emphasizes honesty and integrity in all actions, which is directly applicable to ethical considerations in programming. This includes respecting intellectual property, writing secure code, and being transparent in one's work.

وَلَا تَلْبِسُوا الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْتُمُوا الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ [البقرة: 42]
   "Do not confound Truth by overlaying it with falsehood, nor knowingly conceal the Truth."

8. Collaboration and Cooperation:

The Quran encourages cooperation and collaboration among people, which can be applied to the collaborative nature of programming where teams work together to achieve common goals.

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا ۚ وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا ۗ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ ءَايَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ [سورة آل عمران: 103]

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you"

While these verses may not explicitly mention programming, they convey principles and values that can be metaphorically related to various human activities, including the field of programming. Interpreting such metaphors requires a thoughtful and respectful approach to the Quranic text, recognizing its primary purpose as a guide for spiritual and ethical living.

9. Modularity and Organization:
The Quran is divided into chapters (Surahs) and verses (Ayahs), exhibiting a structured and organized format. This structure may be metaphorically related to the programming concept of modularity, where code is organized into smaller, manageable units.

10. Sequential Execution:
The Quranic verses are typically read sequentially, and the order of revelation is also important. This order might be metaphorically related to the sequential execution of code in programming languages.

وَقُرْءَانًا فَرَقْنَـٰهُ لِتَقْرَأَهُ عَلَى ٱلنَّاسِ عَلَىٰ مُكْثٍ وَنَزَّلْنَـٰهُ تَنزِيلًا [سورة الإسراء: 106]

The succession of generations and inheritance could be metaphorically associated with the sequential execution of code by successive processes.

11. Recursion and Repetition:
The Quran often employs repetition of themes or stories, emphasizing the importance of certain messages. This repetition can be metaphorically associated with the programming concept of recursion, where a function calls itself.

Was the creation of this world programmed?

From a technological perspective, the concept of the world being "programmed" is often an analogy rather than a literal explanation. In the realm of technology, programming refers to the process of designing and instructing a computer or a system to perform specific tasks using a set of predefined instructions.

Applying this analogy to the universe or the world implies the existence of some kind of intelligent designer or programmer who orchestrated the fundamental laws and constants that govern the universe. However, it's crucial to note that this analogy has limitations, and the universe's origins and functioning may not necessarily align with the processes involved in human-made technologies.

In scientific terms, the universe's development is often explained through natural processes and physical laws, such as the laws of physics, chemistry, and biology. The idea of programming, as understood in the context of human-created software, might not accurately capture the complexity and intricacies of the natural world.

While some discussions may use the language of programming as a metaphor to convey the idea of order and structure, it's important to recognize the distinction between technological programming and the natural processes that have shaped the universe. The scientific understanding of the universe involves the study of natural phenomena and the exploration of the laws that govern its evolution, rather than a direct comparison to human programming practices.

But, if the world and all creation were programmed then all would become without any purpose. But, Allah says in Quran:

أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا وَأَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا تُرْجَعُونَ [سورة المؤمنون: 115]

" Did you then think that We had created you without purpose, and that you would never be returned to Us? "

فَتَعَالَى اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ ۖ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ [سورة المؤمنون: 116]

"Exalted is Allah, the True King! There is no god ˹worthy of worship˺ except Him, the Lord of the Honourable Throne."

وَمَن يَدْعُ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَٰهًا ءَاخَرَ لَا بُرْهَٰنَ لَهُ بِهِ فَإِنَّمَا حِسَابُهُ عِندَ رَبِّهِ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الْكَٰفِرُونَ [سورة المؤمنون: 117]

"Whoever invokes, besides Allah, another god—for which they can have no proof—they will surely find their penalty with their Lord. Indeed, the disbelievers will never succeed."

There is a question that Allah says in the Quran:

ولو شئنا لآتينا كل نفس هداها ولكن حق القول مني لأملأن جهنم من الجنة والناس أجمعين [سورة السجدة: 13]

Why does God want to fill hell?
To humans and jinn and torment them while He is the Most Merciful and able to guide them?

قال ابن كثير: يخبر تعالى أنه قد سبق في قضائه وقدره، لعلمه التام وحكمته النافذة، أن ممن خلقه من يستحق الجنة، ومنهم من يستحق النار، وأنه لا بد أن يملأ جهنم من هذين الثقلين الجن والإنس، وله الحجة البالغة والحكمة التامة.

ونقل خلاله كلام الغزالي وهو قوله: لعلك تقول: ما معنى كونه رحيما وأرحم الراحمين والدنيا طافحة بالأمراض والمحن والبلايا وهو قادر على إزالة جميعها وتارك عباده ممتحنين ؟ فجوابك: أن الطفل المريض قد ترثي له أمه فتمنعه من الحجامة، والأب العاقل يحمله عليها قهرا، والجاهل يظن أن الرحيم هو الأم دون الأب، والعاقل يعلم أن إيلام الأب بالحجامة من كمال رحمته، وأن الأم عدو له في صورة صديق، فإن ألم الحجامة القليل إذا كان سببا للذة الكثيرة لم يكن شرا بل كان خيرا، والرحيم يريد الخير بالمرحوم لا محالة، وليس في الوجود شر إلا وفي ضمنه خير، ولو رفع ذلك الشر لبطل الخير الذي في ضمنه وحصل ببطلانه شر أعظم من الشر الذي يتضمن ذلك الخير.

فتأمل ذلك يوضحه قوله تعالى: وَمَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَاءَ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا لَاعِبِينَ [سورة الأنبياء: 16]. والله أعلم

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