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Al-Qur'an: The Everlasting Superb Miracle

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Abstract

The Qur'an is the greatest gift of Allah to mankind. It is a universal message sent to the whole world through Prophet Muhammad (SAW). The Qur'an contains divine guidance. It serves as the supreme manual for man's life on earth. This is because it consists of every part and parcel of human life, such as the spiritual, social, political, economic, technological to mention but a few. It is against this background that this paper presents the meaning, names and stages of Qur'anic revelation. It also spells out the miraculous nature of the Qur'an, some scientists' comments on the scientific miracles in the glorious Qur'an, the unique value and comprehensive content of the Qur'an. It then concludes by drawing Muslims' attention to the fact that the only way out of the present-day problems is to read, understand, reflect and apply the teachings of the Qur'an into their daily life situations.

Introduction

The Qur'an was and is still the most read book on earth. It is the last revealed word of Allah to mankind in order to guide their affairs on earth. Since it's revelation over one thousand and four hundred years ago, the Qur'an has always been read, recited written, interpreted and its teachings applied. It is a divine word of Allah full of superb miracles from Surah Al-Fatihah to Surah Al-Nas. This paper, therefore, presents some of these miracles of the Glorious Qur'an.

Meaning/Definition:

a. Literal Meaning

The term "al-Qur'an" is derived from the Arabic root al-qira'ah (reading). Thus, qara'a (he read), yaqra'u (he is reading), and

qira'atan (a reading)³². In denoting the Qur'an as a reading, Allah says:

لَا تُحْرِكْ بِهِ لِسَانَكَ لِتَعْجَلَ بِهِ ۚ إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا جَمْعَهُ وَقُرْآنَهُ ۚ [القيامة: ١٦-١٧]

Move not your tongue concerning (the Qur'an) to make haste therewith. It is for us to collect it and give you (o Muhammad) the ability to read it (the Qur'an)³³.

The term "al-Qur'an" is mentioned in a number of places throughout the Book in reference to itself. Allah says:

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا [الإسراء: ٩]

Verily, this Qur'an guides (humanity) to that which is most just³⁴.

b. Technical Meaning

The Qur'an is the literal word of Allah which He revealed to Prophet Muhammad (SAW) through the angel Jibril. It was memorized by the Prophet, who then dictated it to his companions. They, in turn, memorized it, wrote it down, and reviewed it with the Prophet. Moreover, the Prophet (SAW) reviewed the Qur'an with the angel Jibril once each year and twice in the last year of his life. From the time the Qur'an was revealed, to this day, there has always been a huge number of Muslims who have memorized all of the Qur'an, letter by letter.

³² Al-Zurqani, M. A., Manahil al-Irfan, Vol. I, Dar al-Ma'arif, Cairo,(1942), P. 7.

³³ The Qur'an, al-Qiyamah: 16 – 17.

³⁴ The Qur'an, Al-Isra: 9.

Not one letter of the Qur'an has ever been changed over the centuries and it is being recited in prayer³⁵.

The Name Al-Qur'an:

Abu Al-Ma'ali, Abdul Aziz ibnAbdulmalik (d. 494 AH) mentions in his book, Al-Burhan fi Mushkilat al-Qur'an, that the Qur'an has about fifty five different names. Imam Al-Zarkashi in his book Al-Tibyan fi Ulum Al-Qur'an and Imam Jalal Al-Din Al-Siyuti in his book Al-Itqan fi Ulum Al-Qur'an quoted from Abu Al-Ma'ali's book³⁶. However, Al-Qur'an (The Reading), Al-Furqan (The Criterion), Al-Dhikr (The Remembrance), Al-Kitab (The Book), Al-Tanzil (The Revelation), Al-Nur (The Light), Al-Huda (The Guidance), Al-Mubīn (The Elaborator), Al-Shifā (The Cure) are among the most popular names of the Qur'an, with Al-Qur'an representing all other names. Therefore, by giving it the name "the Qur'an", it clearly shows that the Book was revealed to be read and it shall be read till the last day. This is an established fact that the Glorious Qur'an is the most widely read Book in the world³⁷.

Stages of Qur'anic Revelation:

There were three stages of Qur'anic revelation³⁸. These are:

- i. The first being its revelation to al-Lauh al-Mahfuz. On this, Allah says:

بَلْ هُوَ قُرْآنٌ مَّجِيدٌ ﴿٢١﴾ فِي لَوْحٍ مَّحْفُوظٍ ﴿٢٢﴾ البروج: ٢١ - ٢٢.

Nay! This is a Glorious Qur'an – (Inscribed) in a preserved tablet.

³⁵ Al-Amin, M. S., Al-Tabsirah Fi Ulūm al-Qur'an, Madinah, (1420 AH), p. 4.

³⁶ Usmani, M. M., An Approach to the Qur'anic Sciences, Kitab Bhavan, New Delhi, India, (2006), P. 27. AbulMa'ālī was a Shāfi'ī scholar of the 5th century AH. He died in 494 AH.

³⁷ Ibid, PP. 28 – 29.

³⁸ Al-Zarkashi, M. A., Al-Burhān Fi Ulūm al-Qur'an, Vol. I, Isa al-Babial-Halabi, Cairo, (1957), PP. 228 – 230 and Al-Zurqani, op. cit, pp. 36 – 37.

It is noteworthy that Qur'anic revelation to al-Lauh al-Mahfuz was in a way and time only familiar to Allah. Muslims are, therefore, obliged to just believe in that without enquiry.

- ii. The whole of the Qur'an was then revealed from Lawh al-Mahfuz in the month of Ramadan in the Night of Majesty (Lailat al-Qadr) to a station called Bait al-Izzah (House of Power) which is in the Lowest Heaven. In this regard, Allah says:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ
وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ ... [البقرة: ١٨٥].

“The month of Ramadan (is that) in which was revealed the Qur'an, guidance for the people and clear proofs and guidance and criterion ...”³⁹

- iii. From the Lowest Heaven, sections of the Qur'an were then taken down by angel Jibril to the Prophet (SAW) in segments when the need arose. This revelation began with the first five verses of Surah Al-Alaq which were revealed to the Prophet while he was on a spiritual retreat in the Cave of Hira. Allah says:

iv.
وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ الْقُرْآنُ جُمْلَةً وَاحِدَةً
كَذَلِكَ لِنُثَبِّتَ بِهِ فُؤَادَكَ وَرَتَّلْنَاهُ تَرْتِيلًا [الفرقان: ٣٢].

³⁹ The Qur'an, Al-Baqarah: 185.

And those who disbelieve say “why was the Qur’an not revealed to him all at once?” Thus (it is) that we may strengthen thereby your heart. And we have spaced it distinctly⁴⁰.

Allah says again:

وَقُرْءَانًا فَرَقْنَاهُ لِتَقْرَأَهُ عَلَى النَّاسِ عَلَى مُكْثٍ وَنَزَّلْنَاهُ تَنْزِيلًا ﴿١٠٦﴾
[الإسراء: ١٠٦].

And (it is) a Qur’an which We have separated (by intervals) that you might recite it to the people over a prolonged period. And We have sent it (the Qur’an) down progressively⁴¹.

It is very important to note that the above mentioned verses help us to understand that sending the Qur’an from Bait Al-Izzah to the Prophet (SAW) was gradual. As such, the vital role that constituted such efforts is to maintain the recitation in the heart of the Prophet (SAW), his companions and the later generations.

The Unique Value and Comprehensive Content of the Qur’an:

First and foremost, the Qur’an has very unique and distinctive values. It is necessary for Muslims to read or recite some portions of the Qur’an in Salat. This, in essence, indicates that without some portions of the Qur’an, i.e., Surah Al-Fatihah, the Salat is incomplete. Moreover, whoever reads the Qur’an, for every letter of the Qur’an he gets ten rewards. It was reported by Abdullah ibn Mas’ud that the Prophet (SAW) said:

Whoever reads a letter from the book of Allah, Allah will get a good deed (recorded for him), and each good deed is worth ten times its value. I am not only saying that AlifLamMim is a letter, but I am saying that Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter and Mim is a letter⁴².

⁴⁰ The Qur’an, Al-Furqan: 32.

⁴¹ The Qur’an, Al-Isrā: 106.

⁴² Collected by al-Tirmidhi.

To show us another unique value of the Qur'an, the Prophet (SAW) was reported to have said:

"خيركم من تعلم القرآن وعمله".

The best among you (Muslims) are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it (to others)⁴³.

As we know and strongly believe, Islam is established based on five pillars. These are: al-Tauhid, i.e., there is no Deity worthy to be worshipped except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah (La'ilahailallahMuhammadunRasullullah), Salat (observing five daily prayers on their prescribed times and in their precise description), Zakat (annual obligatory charity when a Muslim has the wealth capable of giving it to those entitled as mentioned by Allah in Surah Al-Taubah), Sawm (the Ramadan Fast) and the Hajj (the annual pilgrimage to Makkah for those Muslims who have the means to do so).

It is very interesting to note that reading, understanding and reflecting over the Qur'an is the gateway of establishing a very firm belief in the five Pillars of Islam which we mentioned above. The Qur'an teaches us that Allah alone as the Creator, Nourisher and Sustainer deserves to be worshipped and worship (ibadah) as far as Islam is concerned has a very wider connotation. It deals with each part and parcel of human life, such as social, economic, political, education and religious affairs. This is why Allah spells out in the Qur'an:

ثُمَّ رُدُّوْا۟ اِلَى اللّٰهِ مَوْلٰٓئِهِمُ الْحَقِّۙ اَلَا لَهٗ الْحُكْمُ وَهُوَ اَسْرَعُ الْحٰسِبِيْنَ ﴿٦٢﴾
 قُلْ مَنْ يُنَجِّىكُمْ مِّنْ ظُلُمٰتِ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ تَدْعُوْنَهُ تَضَرُّعًا وَخُفْيَةً

⁴³Reported by UthmanIbnAffan.

لَئِن أَنْجَمْنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿٦٣﴾ [الأنعام: ١٦٢ – ١٦٣] ٤٤.

Say (o Muhammad SAW): “Verily! My prayer, my sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the worlds. No partner has He. And this I have been commanded and I am the first of the Muslims (those who surrendered to Him).

The context of the above verses, therefore, clearly shows that the popular Western maxim which says: “Render unto the Caesar what is Caesar’s and unto the God what is God’s” has no relevance whatsoever with Islam.

The second segment of tauhidi.e., Muhammad Rasullullah, clearly signifies that Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was and is still the Messenger of Allah. His role was and is still to convey and explain the divine message of Allah to all mankind, which indeed, he discharged effectively. Allah says in the Qur’an:

بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالزُّبُرِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الذِّكْرَ لِتُبَيِّنَ لِلنَّاسِ مَا نُزِّلَ إِلَيْهِمْ
وَلَعَلَّهُمْ يَنْفَكِرُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾ [النحل: ٤٤].

We have revealed the Reminder (the Qur’an) to you (o Muhammad SAW) so that you may explain to the people what has been revealed to them so that they could reflect⁴⁵.

From the foregoing, we understand that Allah alone deserves to be worshipped through the prophetic guidance and illustrations. On the position of the Prophet (SAW) as a role model, the Prophet (SAW) said:

⁴⁴ The Qur’an, Al-An’am: 162 – 163.

⁴⁵ The Qur’an, Al-Nahl: 44.

"صلو كما رأيتموني أصلي"

Pray as you see me praying⁴⁶.

"خذوا عني مناسككم"

Learn the rituals of your pilgrimage from me⁴⁷.

Moreover, general aspects relating to rituals such as Salat, Zakat, Sawm, Hajj and general transactions, such as the relationship between man and Allah, between man and himself, between man and others, such as his parents, family members, relatives, associates, colleagues, neighbors etc. are all explained and understood through the guidance of the Qur'an⁴⁸.

The Qur'an is the constitution of the Muslim World and the guidance from the Creator. It is the Shari'ah (comprehensive way of life) for the entire inhabitants of the earth. It is a light of divine origin which provides heavenly guidance⁴⁹. It presents eternal and immutable laws that human beings require in matters of their spiritual and material world. The Qur'an is a complete Book of guidance in all spheres of human activity in terms of doctrines, acts of devotions, ethics, transactions and politics, law, war and peace, economic system and international relations⁵⁰.

The Qur'an is full of wisdom, promises and admonitions. It does not constitute contradictions. It is also no wonder to understand that human beings will never attain happiness without its guidance and adherence to its teachings⁵¹. This is why Allah says:

⁴⁶Collected by al-Bukhari from Malik bin Al-Huwairith.

⁴⁷Collected by Muslim from Jabir.

⁴⁸Brohi, A. K., The Qur'an and its Impact on Human History, The Islamic Foundation, London, (1979)PP. 4 – 5.

⁴⁹Ibid, P. 6.

⁵⁰Ibid, PP. 7 – 9.

⁵¹Ibid, P. 10.

وَنُنزِّلُ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلَا يَزِيدُ
الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا خَسَارًا ﴿٨٢﴾ [الإسراء: ٨٢].

And we send down of the Qur'an that which is healing and mercy for the believers, but it does not increase the wrongdoers except in loss⁵².

The Miraculous Nature of the Qur'an:

The Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet (SAW) by Allah the Most Exalted. Allah had promised to defend the Qur'an where He says:

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾ [الحجر: ٩].

"It is we who revealed the Remembrance (the Qur'an) and it is We who shall preserve It"⁵³

Ever since the Qur'an was revealed, over fourteen centuries ago, no one has been able to produce a single chapter like the chapters of the Qur'an in their beauty, eloquence, wise legislation, true information, true prophecy and other perfect attributes. For instance, the smallest chapter in the Qur'an, i.e., Surah Al-Kauthar is only ten words, yet no one has ever been able to meet this challenge.

Some of the disbelieving Arabs tried to meet this challenge to prove that Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was not a true prophet and they refused to believe that the Qur'an was from Allah, but they all failed to do so. This failure was despite the fact that the Qur'an was revealed in their own language and dialect, and that the Arabs at that time of the Prophet (SAW)

⁵² The Qur'an, Al-Isra: 82.

⁵³ The Qur'an, Al-Hijr: 9.

were a very eloquent people who used to compose beautiful and extraordinary poetry⁵⁴.

On this great challenge to the Arabs and all humanity at large to produce one chapter like the chapters of the Glorious Qur'an, Allah says:

وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّمَّنْ مِثْلِهِ
وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾ فَإِنْ لَّمْ
تَفْعَلُوا وَلَنْ تَفْعَلُوا فَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ الَّتِي وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ
أُعِدَّتْ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾ [البقرة: ٢٣ - ٢٤].

And if you are in doubt about what we have revealed (the Qur'an) to Our servant (Muhammad SAW), then produce a chapter (Surah) like it, and call your witnesses (supporters and helpers) beside Allah if you are truthful. And if you do not do it, and you can never do it, then fear the fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones, prepared for the disbelievers⁵⁵.

Allah went on further to challenge not only Arabs and human beings, but all of creation to create a book of the stature of the Qur'an:

قُلْ لَّيِّنَ اجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا
يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ كَانَتْ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا ﴿٨٨﴾ [الإسراء:
٨٨].

⁵⁴ Al-Zarqani, op. cit, Vol. I, PP. 62 – 63.

⁵⁵ The Qur'an, Al-Baqarah: 23 – 24.

revelation which has come from Allah for the divine guidance of the human race. This is because the Qur'an consummated the messages of the earlier scriptures. That is why in all the earlier scriptures references are to be found to the advent of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as stated by Abdulmajid Al-Zindāni:

Allah has given the Prophet an everlasting miracle (the Qur'an) as a supporting proof. If we ask a Jew or a Christian to show us the miracles of Prophet Moses or Jesus, they will both submit that it is not within human power to re-demonstrate any of those miracles now. Moses' stick cannot be re-created and Jesus cannot be involved to raise people from the dead. For us, these miracles are nothing more than historical reports. But if a Muslim is asked about the greatest miracle of Prophet Muhammad, he can easily show the Qur'an as the everlasting miracle⁵⁹.

Ahmad Shauqī also said about the miraculous nature of the Qur'an:

وَجِئْنَا بِكِتَابٍ غَيْرِ مُنْصَرَمٍ
بِزِينَةٍ جَمَالِ الْعِثْقِ وَالْقَدَمِ

Various Prophets came with āyāt (parables) and perished.

جَاءَ النَّبِيُّونَ بِالْآيَاتِ فَانْصَرَمَتْ
آيَاتُهُ كُلَّمَا طَالَ الْمَدَى جُدُّ

And you brought to us the imperishable Book.

Its verses are always fresh.

Its beauty and dynamism are always increasing⁶⁰.

According to two distinguished Professors of State University of New York, Sachico Murata and William C. Chittick:

... Muslim and most Western scholars of Islam believe that the Arabic Qur'an that exists today contains the same Arabic that was transmitted by Muhammad. This often surprises scholars of the Bible, Judaism and Christianity ... In other words, while

⁵⁹ Extracted from a Video Cassette Program "This is the truth", Produced by Qatar Television in Collaboration with the Department of Qur'anic Scientific Revelation and Prophetic Sunnah – 17th July, 2002.

⁶⁰ Al-Sabuni, M. A., Al-Tibyān fī Ulūm al-Qur'an, Makkah, (1980), P. 7.

scholars of the Bible in the West have largely succeeded in convincing the community of scholars that the Bible we have today was not the very same “word of God” that was revealed through the prophets and which was spoken by Jesus, scholars of Islam have generally not come to similar conclusions about the Qur’an⁶¹.

Scientific Miracles of the Glorious Qur’an:

The Qur’an, which was revealed over fourteen centuries ago, mentioned facts only recently discovered by scientists. This proves without doubt that the Qur’an must be the literal word of Allah, revealed to Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and that the Qur’an was not authored by the Prophet (SAW) or by any other human being. This also proves that Muhammad is truly a Prophet sent by Allah. It is beyond reason that anyone fourteen hundred years ago would have known these facts discovered or proven only recently with advanced equipment and sophisticated scientific method. Some few examples follow:

The Qur’an on Mountains

A book entitled ‘Earth’ is a basic reference textbook in many universities around the world. One of its two authors is Professor Emeritus Frank Press, who was the Science Advisor to former US President Jimmy Carter and for twelve years was the President of the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC. His book submits that mountains have underlying roots. These roots are deeply embedded in the ground, thus, mountains have a shape like a peg⁶².

This is how the Qur’an has described mountains. Allah says in the Qur’an:

وَالْجِبَالِ أَوْتَادًا ﴿٧﴾ [النبا: ٦ - ٧].

⁶¹ www.islam.com The Qur’an and Qur’anic Interpretation.

⁶² Ibrahim, I. A., A Brief Illustrated Guide to Understanding Islam, Second Edition, Darussalam Publishers and Distributors, Houston, Texas, USA, (1997), p.11.

Have We not made the earth as a bed, the mountains as pegs⁶³?

Modern earth sciences have proven that mountains have deep roots under the surface of the ground and that these roots can reach several times their elevations above the surface of the ground. The history of science tells us that the theory of mountains having deep roots was introduced only in 1865 by the Astronomer Sir George Airy⁶⁴.

Mountains also play an important role in stabilizing the crust of the earth. They hinder the shaking of the earth. Allah says in the Qur'an:

وَأَلْقَى فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَنْ تَمِيدَ بِكُمْ وَأَنْهَارًا وَسُبُلًا
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥﴾ [النحل: ١٥].

And He has set firm mountains in the earth so that it would not shake with you⁶⁵.

Could anyone imagine that solid massive mountain which he sees before him actually extends deep into the earth and has a root, as scientists affirm? Modern geology has confirmed the truth of the Qur'an⁶⁶.

The Qur'an on the Origin of the Universe:

The science of modern cosmology, observational and theoretical, clearly indicates that, at one point in time, the whole universe was nothing but a cloud of "smoke"⁶⁷. Allah says in the Qur'an:

⁶³ The Qur'an, Al-Naba': 6 – 7.

⁶⁴ Ibrahim, op. cit, pp. 12 – 13.

⁶⁵ The Qur'an, Al-Nahl: 15.

⁶⁶ Ibrahim, op. cit, p. 13.

⁶⁷ Ibid, p. 14.

ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَهِيَ دُخَانٌ فَقَالَ لَهَا وَلِلْأَرْضِ ائْتِيَا طَوْعًا أَوْ كَرْهًا
قَالَتَا أَتَيْنَا طَائِعِينَ ﴿١١﴾ [فصلت: ١١].

Then He turned to the heaven when it was smoke⁶⁸.

Because the earth and the heavens have been formed from this same “smoke”, we conclude that the earth and the heavens were one connected entity. Then out of this homogeneous “smoke”, they formed and separated from each other⁶⁹. Allah says:

أَوَلَمْ يَرِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ كَانَتَا رَتْقًا
فَفَتَقْنَاهُمَا وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾
[الأنبياء: ٣٠].

Have not those who disbelieved known that the heaven and the earth were once connected entity, then We separated them⁷⁰?

Dr. Alfred Kroner is one of the world’s renowned Geologists. He is Professor of Geology and the Chairman of the Department of Geology at the Institute of Geosciences, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany. He maintained that:

Thinking where Muhammad came from ... I think it is almost impossible that he could have known about things like the common origin of the universe, because scientists have only found out within the last few years, with very complicated and advanced technological methods⁷¹.

⁶⁸ The Qur’an, Al Fussilat: 11.

⁶⁹ Ibrahim, op. cit, p. 14.

⁷⁰ The Qur’an, Al-Anbiyā: 30.

⁷¹ Ibrahim, op. cit, p. 14.

Scientists' Comments on the Scientific Miracles in the Glorious Qur'an:

1. Dr. T. V. N. Persaud is Professor of Anatomy, Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health, and Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He is the author of 22 textbooks and has published over 181 scientific papers. In 1991, he received the most distinguished award presented in the field of anatomy in Canada, the JCB Grand Award from the Canadian Association of Anatomists. When he was asked about the scientific miracles in the Qur'an which he has researched, he submitted the following:

... Muhammad was a very ordinary man. He could not read, didn't know how to write ... You have someone "illiterate" making profound pronouncements and statements that are amazingly accurate about scientific nature. And I personally can't see how this could be a mere chance. There are too many accuracies and like Dr. Moore, I have no difficulty in my mind that this is a divine inspiration or revelation which led him to these statements⁷².

2. Professor TejatatTejasen is the Chairman of the Department of Anatomy at Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand. During the 8th Saudi Medical Conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Professor Tejasen Stood up and said:

During the last three years, I became interested in the Qur'an ... from my study and what I have learned from this conference, I believe that everything that has been recorded in the Qur'an fourteen hundred years ago must be the truth. That can be proved by the scientific means. Since Prophet Muhammad could neither read nor write, Muhammad must be a Messenger who relayed this truth, which was revealed to him as an enlightenment by the One who is eligible (as the) Creator. This Creator must be God. Therefore, I think this is the time to say La ilahaila Allah, there is no god to worship except Allah (God), Muhammadur RasooluAllah, Muhammad is the Messenger (Prophet) of Allah ... The most precious thing of all that I have gained by coming to

⁷²www.islam-guide.com/truth-scientists' Comments on the Scientific Miracles in the Holy Qur'an, Edited by Ibrahim I. A. Retrieved in 2004.

this place is La ilahaila Allah, Muhammadur Rasoolu Allah to have become a Muslim⁷³.

3. Dr. YoshihideKozai is Professor Emiratus at Tokyo University, Hongo, Tokyo, Japan and was the Director of the National Astronomical Observatory, Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan. He said:

I am very much impressed by finding true astronomical facts in the Qur'an, and for us, the modern astronomers, have been studying very small pieces of the universe. We have concentrated our efforts for understanding of a very small part. Because by using telescopes, we can see only very few parts of the sky without thinking about the whole universe. So, by reading the Qur'an and by answering to the questions, I think I can find my future way for investigation of the universe⁷⁴.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

The paper spelt out that the Qur'an is the divine book of guidance and mercy for humanity. It is a book that has been sent down by Allah to the whole of mankind. Its message is addressed to different peoples living in different parts of the world; and that message is valid for all times to come. The greatest divine favor to man is that he has been taught the Qur'an. It is an instrument of instructions which has been issued to man in his capacity as Allah's vicegerent on earth. It enables man to conduct his life's operations in such a manner that he is able to obtain success in this world and be favorably rewarded in the hereafter.

We have also seen from this paper some scientific miracles in the Qur'an and some scientists' comments on this. One can easily draw a conclusion that the Qur'an is the word of Allah sent to Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and that it is an everlasting miracle that goes with all times.

The unhealthy and uneasy condition in which humankind finds itself calls for divine help. It would be impossible for them to understand their role and to plan their actions very well without divine guidance. This is because man cannot be just unless he follows what has been laid down to be just. Muslims should, therefore, read, understand, reflect and practicalize the Qur'an. Violating the Qur'anic injunctions is tantamount to going contrary to Islam, and as far as Muslims are concerned,

⁷³ Ibid, www.islam-guide.com/truth

⁷⁴ Ibid, www.islam-guide.com/truth

Islam is their culture, no more and no less. Muslims should therefore adhere strictly to the Islamic culture. This is because he who adheres and copies other people's culture blindly will definitely end up a poor caricature.

Allah says in the Qur'an:

وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَى ﴿١٢٤﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ حَشَرْتَنِي أَعْمَى وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا ﴿١٢٥﴾ قَالَ كَذَلِكَ أَتَتْكَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيَهَا وَكَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ تُنسى ﴿١٢٦﴾ [طه: ١٢٤ - ١٢٦].

But whosoever turns away from my Reminder (i.e. does not believe or does not act in conformity with the Qur'an) verily for him is a life narrowed down, and we shall raise him up blind on the day of resurrection. He will say: "O my Lord! Why have you raised me up blind, while I had sight (before)?" (Allah) will say: "Like this our signs came unto you, but you disregarded them and so this day you will be neglected (from Allah's mercy)⁷⁵.

The paper, therefore, recommends that Muslims should always read, understand, reflect and apply the teachings of the Qur'an in their daily life situations. It also recommends that Centre for Qur'anic Research and Studies, similar to the one established at Bayero University, Kano by the Vice Chancellor of the University Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed in January, 2014, should be established in Universities and tertiary institutions.

⁷⁵ The Qur'an, Tāhā: 124 – 126.