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The Magnificence of the ***Qur'ân***

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Introduction

Indeed, all praise is for Allah; we praise Him, repent to Him, and seek His forgiveness and help. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our own selves and of our wicked deeds. Whomsoever Allah guides, none can lead astray; and whomsoever Allah leads astray, none can guide. And I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah alone, and He has no partner; and I bear witness that our Prophet Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

The Importance of this Book's Subject-Matter

Of all of the books in the entire world, there is only one that is free of errors and defects, and that Book is none other than the Noble Qur'an. It is the soul of the Muslim nation, and it is by virtue of it that Muslims are raised in status and ranking above other peoples. Addressing His Messenger ﷺ, Allah ﷻ said:

﴿وَكَذَلِكَ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ رُوحًا مِّنْ أَمْرِنَا مَا كُنتَ تَدْرِي مَا الْكِتَابُ وَلَا الْإِيمَانُ وَلَكِن جَعَلْنَاهُ نُورًا نَّهْدِي بِهِ مَن نَّشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا﴾

"And thus we have sent to you (O Muhammad) Ruhan (an Inspiration, and a Mercy) of Our Command. You knew not what is the Book, nor what is Faith? But We have made it (this Qur'an) a light wherewith We guide whosoever of Our slaves We will." (Qur'an 42: 52)

Without a doubt, a tremendous change occurred on earth when the Noble Qur'an was revealed. Those who followed

its teachings were taken from darkness to light. They walked accompanied by a blessed light among men who were engulfed in darkness. And just as light will remain as long as this universe exists, the Qur'an will remain as long as there is life on earth; and its rays will continue to penetrate the different parts of earth until Allah ﷻ inherits both the earth and its inhabitants. Allah ﷻ said:

﴿أَوْ مَن كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَأَحْيَيْنَاهُ وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُ نُورًا يَمْشِي بِهِ فِي النَّاسِ
كَمَن مَّثَلُهُ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ لَيْسَ بِخَارِجٍ مِّنْهَا﴾

"Is he who was dead (without Faith by ignorance and disbelief) and We gave him life (by knowledge and Faith) and set for him a light (if Belief) whereby he can walk amongst men, like him who is in the darkness (of disbelief, polytheism and hypocrisy) from which he can never come out?" (Qur'an 6: 122)

Jibreel ﷺ descended with the Noble Qur'an from the heavens above, taking it to the chief of all created beings, the most noble of all Prophets and Messengers - our Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ. The Prophet ﷺ then conveyed the Noble Qur'an to the rest of mankind; additionally, he ﷺ explained the Qur'an through his actions and demeanor - by being a practical manifestation of its teachings and of the morals it contained. A new phase now began in the history of mankind, and a new and blessed and magnificent civilization was born. Every word of the Noble Qur'an had a profound effect on the hearts of believers. A gentle word, a promise of reward, or a reference to Allah's generosity brought a smile to their faces and hope to their hearts. Conversely, a threat of punishment caused their hearts to tremble with fear.

﴿إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ
الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا ۝ وَأَنَّ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ أَعْتَدْنَا
لَهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا﴾

"Verily this Qur'an guides to that which is most just and right and gives glad tidings to the believers (in the Oneness of Allah and His Messenger, Muhammad, etc.) who work deeds of righteousness that they shall have a great reward (Paradise). And that those who believe not in the Hereafter (i.e. they disbelieve that they will be recompensed for what they did in this world, good or bad etc.), for them We have prepared a painful torment (Hell)." (Qur'an 17: 9, 10)

The Prophet ﷺ came with many miracles, as did the Prophets and Messengers ﷺ who came before him; but each one of their miracles was momentary in nature; it occurred, and then it came to an end. Or in other words, the number of people who actually witnessed a given miracle was limited to those who were present when it occurred. But not so regarding the Noble Qur'an: It is the only miracle that has been witnessed by generations of people and that will continue to be witnessed by people until Allah ﷻ inherits the earth and all who are on it. Anyone who reads the Qur'an is able to appreciate its miraculous nature, and is thus able to appreciate the truthfulness of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.

Allah ﷻ challenged all human beings and jinns to produce anything that could be deemed similar to the Noble Qur'an, but they failed to meet that challenge. Even if all human beings and jinns were to work together and combine their efforts to produce something that is similar to the Qur'an, they would fail miserably in the attempt. Allah ﷻ said:

﴿قُلْ لِّئِنْ أَجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَىٰ أَن يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَٰذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ ۚ وَلَوْ كَانَتْ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا﴾

"Say: 'If the mankind and the jinns were together to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could not produce the like thereof, even if they helped one another.'" (Qur'an 17: 88)

In these trying times, Muslims are in dire need of the

Qur'an, for without it, they will not be able to meet the challenges of today's problems. By adhering to the Noble Qur'an, they will achieve worldly success, victory against their enemies, and the ultimate success of the Hereafter. In the following Verses, Allah ﷻ established a clear link between following the guidance of the Qur'an and achieving success:

﴿فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَنِ اتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَىٰ ۝ وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ أَعْمًى﴾

"Then if there comes to you guidance from me, then whoever follows My Guidance shall neither go astray, nor fall into distress and misery. But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'an nor acts on its orders, etc.) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection." (Qur'an 20: 123, 124)

Why I Chose This Subject-Matter

In choosing this subject-matter for my Masters thesis, I was motivated by a number of goals and considerations, the most important of them being as follows:

- 1) I wanted to serve the Noble Qur'an, to extract its treasures, to deduce its rulings - and to reveal to readers certain aspects of its greatness and magnificence. I hope to thus perhaps be able to contribute to the knowledge we have concerning the sciences of the Qur'an.
- 2) I hoped to show readers that Allah ﷻ bestowed a great favor upon the Prophet ﷺ and the people of his nation by giving them the best and most magnificent of all divinely revealed books.
- 3) I wanted to warn Muslims not to become heedless of the

Noble Qur'an. For it is every Muslim's duty not just to recite the Qur'an, but also to understand it, to reflect upon its meanings, and to implement its rulings and teachings.

- 4) I was convinced that the specific subject-matter of this book - describing and illustrating the magnificence of the Noble Qur'an - has not been dealt with justly in any of the books that I have come across. Yes, the topic is discussed in certain pages of books that have been written concerning the Sciences of the Noble Qur'an; but it has not been dealt with as the entire subject-matter of a written work.
- 5) In the times we live in, great masses of people are ignorant of the greatness and magnificence of the Noble Qur'an; hence the dire need of books that deal specifically with the subject-matter of this work.
- 6) The enemies of Islam have, with great creativity, dedication, and energy, striven to promote false beliefs and divinely-revealed books that have been distorted to the point that they contain a mix of falsehood and the truth. Should it not then be befitting of Muslims to strive equally hard to promote their Book, especially considering the facts that it has not been distorted, that it has remained preserved and unchanged over the centuries, and that it contains in it the Speech of the Lord of all that exists?
- 7) Finally, I wanted to correct some of the more dangerous misconceptions that people have regarding the Noble Qur'an.

My Methodology in Writing this Research Paper

Following is an outline of the methodology I adhered to in authoring this work:

- 1) As the reader will see (*In Sha Allah*), I relied heavily on Verses of the Qur'an, sayings of the Prophet ﷺ, and

sayings of the people of knowledge; therefore, through this work my primary aim is not to give my view of things, if you will, but to present in an organized manner revealed texts and sayings of prominent scholars that deal with the subject-matter of this work. This is not to say, however, that that is the extent of this work, for in addition to presenting texts, I have endeavored to analyze, infer, and deduce the meanings of those texts.

- 2) Whenever possible, I quoted texts from older references, since source material is contained in them. Only when I was unable to find specific information in older texts did I cite information from more recent or modern-day works. I should point out that each of the following falls underneath the category of modern-day works: research papers, scholarly magazines, and information shared during conferences and the meetings of legal bodies and organizations.
- 3) I referenced each Qur'anic text by mentioning both Verse number and Chapter title (*Soorah*).
- 4) I also mentioned the source of every Hadeeth that is cited in this work; additionally – or at least whenever possible – I mentioned what the people of knowledge have said regarding the level of their authenticity; however, I abstained from doing so whenever a *Hadeeth* was related by both Bukhaaree and Muslim or at least by one of them.

In authoring *The Magnificence of the Noble Qur'an*, I do not claim to have written the perfect book. It goes without saying that deficiency and flaws are part of the nature of man and that perfection is a quality that can be attributed to Allah alone. It is, however, enough for me to know that I have tried my utmost to give justice to the subject-matter of this work.

It certainly behooves me to thank everyone who helped me complete this project; I appreciate all of the energy and time

they sacrificed to aid me in this scholarly pursuit. May Allah reward those who provided me with either advice or important reference material. Guidance is from Allah alone; upon Him do I place my trust, and to Him do I repent. And all praise is for Allah by whose favor good works are accomplished.

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The Magnificence of the Qur'ân is a book that relates to us the countless miracles and benefits of the Holy Book of Islam. It expands on numerous aspects of the Qur'ân, all of which point to its magnificence, as signified by the apt title. The author discusses everything from the methodology of studying the Qur'ân to its characteristics, qualities and the manners with which one should approach it. It is much like a user's manual that opens up a world of knowledge and facts about the Qur'ân. For all audiences, this book is an invaluable companion to the Qur'ân and one which serves to remind us of its eminence and its superiority to all other books. By discussing a series of seemingly miscellaneous topics, the author manages to create a whole picture of the Qur'ân which surpasses any other guide of this academic nature.



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