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AN OVERVIEW OF QURAAN AND SCIENCE

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ABSTRACT

Man has always sought to understand Nature his own place with the scheme of creation and purpose of life itself.Al Quraan the main source of Islamic faith is a book for all mankind. It is a book with complete code of life and guidence for all mankind and is last and final revelation of God.To attribute the presence of scientific facts in the Quraan to coincidence would be again common sense and a true scientific approach. The scientific origin of the Quraan clearly proves its Divine origin.No human could have produced a book fourteen hundred years ago,that would contain profound scientific facts to be discovered by mankind centuries later.

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INTRODUCTION

Ever since the dawn of human life on this planet ,man has always sought to understand and purpose of life itself .In this quest for truth ,spaning many centuries and diverse civilization ,organised religion has shaped human life and determined to large extent, the course of history.Al Quraan the main source of Islamic faith is a book believed by Muslims, it is not only for muslims only but for all those who wants to follow it .It is a guidence for all mankind .Since the message of Quraan is believed to be for all times and relevant to every ages.According to famous physicist and Noble prize winner ,Albert Einstein, "Science without religion is lame ,Religion without Science is blind ,".

Quraan and Islam allows for much interpretation ,when it comes to scientific world .e.g Ibn al Haytham scientist of medieval Muslim civilzation contributed to the new discoveries of Science [1]. From the eight to fifteenth century muslim mathematician and astronomers furthered the development of almost all area of mathematics [2]. Besides from contribution by muslim scholars to mathematics, astronomy, medicines and natural philosphy ,some have argued a very different connection between religion of Islam and discipline of Science .Quraan made perscient statements about scientific phenomena that were latter confirmed by scientific research .

*Corresponding author: Ajaz Ahmed Wani Head Department of Zoology, Govt.Degree College Doda,Jammu and Kashmir For instance ,as regard to the structure of embryo , creation of one universe and our solar system [3][4]

Explanation of this natural belief in one God is that Allah has put this into human being as He says: "He (Allah) proportioned him (i.e., the human being) and breathed into him from His (created) soul and made for you hearing and vision and hearts; little are you grateful." [The Qur'an 32:9] "By the soul and He who proportioned it and inspired it (with the discernment of) what is wrong for it and what is right for it, indeed successful will be the one who purifies it, and indeed unsuccessful will be the one who corrupts it." [The Qur'an 91:7-10] "Indeed, in the remembrance of Allah the hearts find satisfaction." [The Qur'an 13:28] (2).

The Scientific Facts and the Quraan

The Qur'an speaks with the perfect knowledge of the Creator about His creation. The facts mentioned in the Qur'an 1400 years ago and confirmed recently by Science raise the question of the source of information in the Qur'an which is none other than Allah, the Almighty God. These include: The Common Origin of the Heavens and the Earth, i.e., the Big Bang (The Qur'an 21:30) There was an Initial Smoke-like Matter before the Creation of Galaxies (The Qur'an 41:11) .The Geospherical Shape of the Earth (The Qur'an 31:29; 39:5; 79:30) . The Sun and the Moon Rotate (The Qur'an 21:33; 36:40) . The Light of the Moon is Reflected Light (The Qur'an 25:61; 10:5; 71:15-16) .The Sun and the Moon Revolve in their Own Orbits (The Qur'an 21:33; 36:40) • The Universe is Expanding (The Qur'an 51:47) • The Sun will Extinguish after a Certain Period (The Qur'an 36:38) • The Presence of Subatomic Particles

(The Qur'an 34:3) • The Presence of Interstellar Matter (The Qur'an 25:59) • Every Living Thing is Made of Water (The Qur'an 21:30; 24:45) • Mountains are like Pegs and Stakes (The Qur'an 78:6-7) • Barrier, Transitional Homogenizing Area, Between Sweet and Salt Water (The Qur'an 55:19-20; 27:61; 25:53) • Plants and Fruits created in Pairs, Male and Female (The Qur'an 20:53; 13:3; 36:36; 51:49) • The Worker Bees are Female (The Qur'an 16:68-69) • Honey has Healing Properties (The Qur'an 16:69) • Darkness in the Depths of the Ocean (The Qur'an 24:40) • The Water Cycle is Described Accurately in Great Detail in the Qur'an (The Qur'an 39:21; 30:24; 23:18; 15:22; 3:9; 7:57; 13:17; 25:48- 49; 36:34; 50:9-11; 56:68-70; 67:30 and 86:11) • Human Beings Created from Alaq, i.e., a leech-like substance that clings and assumes the appearance of a blood clot (The Qur'an 96:1-2) • The Stages of Embryonic Development described Precisely (The Qur'an 23:12-14) • The Ability of Hearing comes before that of Sight in the Embryonic Development (The Qur'an 32:9; 76:2; 23:78) • Sex of the Child is determined by the male Gamete, i.e., Sperm (The Qur'an 53:45-46; 75:37-39) • The Fingerprints of Each Human Being are Unique (The Qur'an 75:3-). The Qur'an is not a book of science but it is the book of guidance from Allah for the whole of humanity. When it says, for instance, that human being has been created from Alaq (a leech-like substance that clings and assumes the appearance of a blood clot), it is not to teach us embryology but to show us Allah's signs and to point to our origin in order to put us at our proper place.

CONCLUSION

To attribute the presence of scientific facts in the Quraan to coincidence would be against common sense and true scientific approach .The Quraan invites all human to reflect on the creation of this universe in the verse." In the creation of the heaven and the earth, and the alternation of Night and Day, there are indeed signs for mankind for understanding"(Al-Quraan 3:190). The scientific evidence of the Quraan clearly prove its Divine origin .No human could have produced a book, Fourteen hundred years ago, that would contain profound scientific facts to be discovered by humankind centuries later. The Quraan is not a book of science but a book of complete guidence with signs .These signs invite man to realize the purpose of his existance on earth and to live in harmony with Nature. The Quraan is truly a message from Allah, the Creator and sustainer of the universe. It contain the same message of the oneness of God, that was preached by all the Prophets right from Adam to Muhammad (Peace upon Them). The Quraan contains a complete code of life for individual and society.

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