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The Authentic Qur'an

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The Qur'an, a divine, authentic book that is without doubt and revealed to The Messenger of Allaah, Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him, was delivered by Archangel Jibril (Gabriel) in the blessed West Arabian towns of Makkah and Madinah beginning in 610 and ending in 632 Ce. It was revealed in the ninth month of Ramadan, the Lunar calendar that is known as Al-Hijra (A.H.)—corresponding to the first migration of the Prophet and his followers from Makkah to Madinah in the year 1 A.H. The first Surah or Chapter to be revealed to the Messenger of Allaah is Surah/Chapter Iqra whose meaning is "Read." Some translators of the Qur'an name it embryo or clot, but since the chapter is all about reading the Qur'an, then it should be translated "Read."

At first, only five verses were revealed and the revelation continued for almost twenty-three years. The Qur'an is the mother of All Books; it is incorrigible, preserved, doubtless, unchangeable, and beyond the grasp of humans and jinn to make alterations as happened to the previous divine books like the Zaboor of Daud or David, the Taurat (Torah) of Musa (Moses), and the Injeel (Evangel) of Jesus. The rise of Western scholarship in modern times is loaded with dual-coordinates where Judeo-Christianity serves as the common axis of Abraham, even though, Abraham in scriptural sources appears obscure, it appears he has become an inspiration for three religions.¹ Dragging Islam into the philosophy of Judeo-Christian monotheism is tantamount to skeletonizing Islam's divinely protected status as depicted in the Qur'an.

وَإِنَّهُ فِي أُمِّ الْكِتَابِ لَدَيْنَا عَلَى حَكِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾

And verily, it is in the mother of the Book, in Our Presence, high (in dignity), full of wisdom
“Quranic verses 43:4 –.” Yusuf Ali

يَمْحُوا اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيُثَبِّتُ وَعِنْدَهُ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ ﴿٣٩﴾

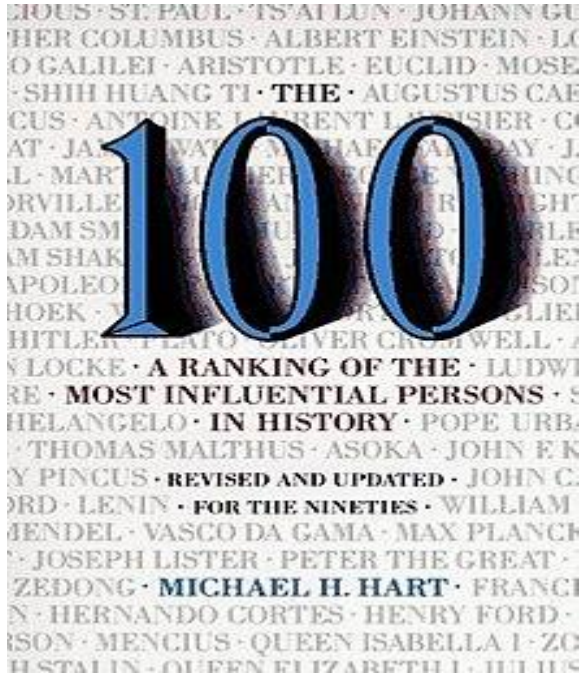
Allah doth blot out or confirm what He pleaseth: with Him is the Mother of the Book (Surah Ar-Ra'ad, The Thunder Chapter 13 Verse 39). –Yusuf Ali

فِي لَوْحٍ مَّحْفُوظٍ ﴿٢٢﴾

[Inscribed] in a Preserved Slate (85:22). –Sahih International

فِي كِتَابٍ مَّكْنُونٍ ﴿٧٨﴾

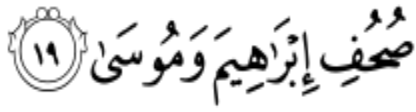
In a Book well-guarded (with Allah in the heaven i.e., Al-Lauh Al-Mahfuz) (56:78) –Mohsin Khan



A Ranking of the Most Influential Persons in History; photo/Wikipedia

The entire Qur'an is 114 chapters with the longest being the second chapter which is Al-Baqarah (The Cow) and consists of 286 verses while the shortest is 3 verses and that is Surah Al-Nasr. Although it is the final revelation and that Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him, is the last and the Seal of all the prophets sent by Allaah beginning with Adam, it was preceded by other divine books such as the Injeel or Evangel that was sent to Isa (Jesus) who was the Son of Mary and preceded by the Taurat (Torah) that was sent to Musa (Moses) and the Zaboor (Psalms) that was given to Dawud (David). All the books before the Qur'an were revealed in the languages the people of those times their prophets spoke; however, they were corrupted by the followers of the prophets who were sent to teach them and guard them from idol worship. Obstinate and rebellious they were, they refused to abide by the contents of those books and their prophets' sermons. Known as Suhufi Ibrahim, Abraham was given the scrolls, even though that of Musa is once mentioned in the Qur'an as a scroll together

with that of Ibrahim. Suhufi could mean books, revelations, scriptures, scripts or pages, according to translations by different commentators.



“The Scriptures of Abraham and Moses” (Surah Al-A’la, Surah 87 Verse 19, The Highest, Glory to Your Lord, The Highest).

In the Qur’an, it states that when a nation disobeys Allaah, He sends a brutal irreligious force as a punishment for their misdeeds, even though, most of the punishments meted on majority of the past Mushrikeen (polytheists, idolaters, pagans, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh) were natural catastrophes such as the deluge on the people of Noah, blustery winds, earthquakes, volcanic reactions etc. Thus, the succession of the Mongols who wreaked havoc in Muslim lands, according to Muslim scholars, were meant to punish the Muslims who abandoned their faith. It was Michael Hart, a White Separatist who wrote a book called *The 100: The Most Influential People in the World*. In his book, he placed the Messenger of Allaah (Peace Be Upon Him), Muhammad, number one in his list while Jesus got the third slot. Number 2 was Isaac Newton, #4 Buddha, #5 Confucius, St. Paul #6. Aristotle got #13, #14 Euclid while the most celebrated prophet in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Moses, fell to the 15th position. The supreme preacher of Jainism, Mahavira, was the last and #100.ⁱⁱ Thus, the Qur’an that was revealed to the Messenger of Allaah, Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him, through Archangel Gabriel, remains, to this day, the only doubtless divine book since it is devoid of mistakes, alterations or corrections. While the books of other major religions contain some scanty philosophical, religious and ideological and divine truths, their books are not to be taken for granted by Muslims since they were/are hand-written by humans.

The claim by some non-Muslim scholars that the Qur’an does not contain scientific explanations, are mere exaggerations. The truth of the matter is that they are misguided and that the Qur’an is the only perfect divine book that scientists rely on in their attempts to make new discoveries. One example is what scientists call the Big Bang which evolved from the separation of the heavens and the earth that were initially co-joined and then ordered by Allaah to separate. “Do the disbelievers not realize that the heavens and earth were ‘once’ one mass then We split them apart? And We created from water every living thing. Will they not then believe?” (Qur’an Surah-Al-Anbiya, Surah 21 Verse 30).

Medieval Muslims who were mainly of Arab, Turks and Persian origin were the first to bring to life Greek philosophy that was at the brink of disappearing. Muslims of that era advanced in specific subjects such as Medicine, Astrology, Cosmology, Mathematics, Surgery, Physics, Geometry and Chemistry. Drawing their inventions from Neo-Platonists and Aristotelian philosophies, and as well as Archimedes, Ptolemy and Euclid, they made immeasurable discoveries and likewise wrote innumerable books that exist to this day.ⁱⁱⁱ

The disbelievers of Makkah, the Quraysh who were idol worshippers and were of the same tribe as Prophet Muhammad—not different from the people who were sent to the past twenty-four prophets and denied the divine messages they brought them, claimed the Qur’an was distorted and not genuine. By then, the Quraysh were in an era known as “*Ayaamul Jaahiliya*” or the “*Era of Ignorance*.” Prior to Prophet Muhammad’s proclamation as the Messenger of Allaah, Prophet Nuh’s (Noah) people worshipped five idols.

وَقَالُوا لَا تَذَرُنَّ آلِهَتَكُمْ وَلَا تَذَرُنَّ وَدًّا وَلَا سُوَاعًا وَلَا يَغُوثَ وَيَعُوقَ وَنَسْرًا ۚ ۲۳

“And they kept saying: Do not turn away from your gods and never abandon (the idols named as) Wadd, Suwa’, Yaghuth, Ya’uq and Nasr (as well) (Qur’an, Surah Nuh, Verse 23).” It was Satan who deceived them to worship those famous bygone human figures. As for the Quraysh, they were adept at worshipping three female idols who were known as Mannat, Lata and Uzza. Looking at the succession of the prophets of Allaah, Adam was followed by Idris (Ezra) and then Nuh (Noah). Human killing started with the two sons of Adam who were known as Qaabiil and Haabiil. It was Qaabiil who killed his younger brother Haabiil out of jealousy, arrogance, and self-aggrandizement. Adam was ninety cubits tall, according to Hadithic narrations. Though we know little about the population size of the generation of Adam, Noah lived nine hundred fifty years. The deluge that was a punishment for the disbelieving people of Noah, was restricted to the people of Noah and was not a global encompassing deluge.

Modern Muslim scholars opine that Prophet Idris was the first to establish a human settlement inhabited by people of different ethnic groups who spoke 68 different languages. Likewise, he was the first tailor and the first to write with a pen. Thus, Idris writing with a pen contradicts modern historians’ unverified narrations that recordkeeping started with the Fall of the Roman Empire that was the beginning of Ancient History and was preceded by pre-history and stone age and succeeded by medieval age followed by contemporary history. If writing with papyrus in Ancient Egypt was a common factor, history deserves to be revisited because the era of the pharaohs preceded Ancient History. Regarding Prophet Noah’s three sons, even their names appear contradictory for Shaffer was Shafad, Ham remains the same but with a different meaning. In one ancient language, Ham is derived from the act of introducing a child to eat where the mother says “ham, ham” which relates to consuming, eating or chewing food.

When Ibrahim was a young man, there were 360 idols in the Kaaba and he was behind the destruction of all the idols except one that was bigger in girth that he claimed to have been behind the destruction of the rest. His father whose name was Azar was the chief architect of manufacturing and preserving the idols. However, his son Ibrahim worked with his father and eventually turned out to be an archrival. Below are four verses taken from Surah Al-Anbiya which is chapter 27 that explains the events that occurred during Ibrahim’s demolishing of the idols.

وَتَأْتِيهِ لَآكِيْدِيْنَ أَصْنَٰمَكُم بَعْدَ أَنْ تُوَلُّوْا مُدْبِرِيْنَ ٥٧

“Then he said to himself, “By Allah! I will surely plot against your idols after you have turned your backs and gone away (21: 57).”

فَجَعَلَهُمْ جُذُوًا إِلَّا كَبِيْرًا لَّهُمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُوْنَ ٥٨

“So he smashed them into pieces, except the biggest of them, so they might turn to it for answers” (21: 58).

قَالُوْا مَنْ فَعَلَ هٰذَا بِآلِهَتِنَا اِنَّهٗ لَمِنَ الظَّٰلِمِيْنَ ٥٩

“They protested, “Who dared do this to our gods? It must be an evildoer! (21: 59)”

قَالُوْا سَمِعْنَا فَتٰى يَذْكُرُهُمْ يُقَالُ لَهُٗ اِبْرٰهِيْمُ ٦٠

Some said, “We heard a young man, called Abraham, speaking ‘ill’ of them (21: 60).”

قَالُوْا فَاْتُوْا بِهِٓ عَلٰٓى اَعْيُنِ النَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَشْهَدُوْنَ ٦١

Sahih International: They said, "Then bring him before the eyes of the people that they may testify."

Since the Quraysh claimed like the previous people that what Prophet Muhammad brought them was forgery, Allaah, in response to their impervious to reasoning claims responded with the following ayah:

اَمْ يَقُوْلُوْنَ نَقُوْلُهٗٓ بَلْ لَا يُؤْمِنُوْنَ ٣٣

“Or do they say, “He made this ‘Quran’ up!”? In fact, they have no faith (Qur’an, Surah At-Tur, Chapter 52 Verse 33).

Then, Allaah responded with the following verse:

فَلْيَأْتُوا بِحَدِيثٍ مِّثْلِهِ إِنْ كَانُوا صَادِقِينَ ۝ ٣٤

Let them then produce something like it, if what they say is true! (Qur'an, Surah At-Tur, Chapter 52 Verse 34).

قُلْ لَنْ أَجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ
كَانَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا ﴿٨٨﴾

“Say, ‘O Prophet, “If ‘all’ humans and jinn were to come together to produce the equivalent of this Quran, they could not produce its equal, no matter how they supported each other (Qur'an, Surah Al-Isra, the night journey, Chapter 17 Verse 88).”

There are three types of distinct creations and they are the angels, human beings and Djinn or Jinns or the Genie species, depending on how one writes. Angels were created from light and they are devoid of making mistakes like humans and Djinn. To some scholars, they have an answer why Adam was expelled from the Garden of Eden. If the colors of the rainbow are seven, no one knows the kind of light the angels were created from. Violet, Indigo, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange and Red (VIBGYOR) are the seven colors of the rainbow. For others, it is written ROY V GIB that translates to Red, Orange, Yellow, Violet, Green, Indigo, and Blue.

وَقُلْنَا يَا آدَمُ اسْكُنْ أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَكُلَا مِنْهَا رَغَدًا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا وَلَا تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ
الشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾

Allaah warned Adam not to eat the fruits of a certain tree that grew in paradise, however, after being deceived by Satan that he would learn all the secrets that were hidden from him, Adam and Hawwa or Eve both ate the fruits of the tree. Humans are the progeny of Prophet Adam who was created from clay, sand, soil or dust. Upon Allaah creating Hawwa who is Eve, Adam's female partner and the mother of humankind, after cohabiting, their descendants evolved from liquid or water. Furthermore, some Muslim scholars refute the claims that Hawwa or Eve was created from the rib of Adam.

And We said, “O Adam, dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise and eat therefrom in [ease and] abundance from wherever you will. But do not approach this tree, lest you be among the wrongdoers (Qur'an, Al-Baqarah, verse 35).” –Sahih International

According to some philosophical Muslim scholars, the tree in question was taken from the earth and if it was consumed by Adam and Eve, of which they attempted, despite being planted in paradise, they would have urinated or defecated, spat saliva or vomited—behaviors that were not applicable to divine environments. For a woman, there was the possibility of the monthly periodic cycle, followed by sexual urge that would lead to cohabitation and impregnation and finally reproduction. None of those actions were acceptable in the heavens that was the brief sojourn of Adam and Eve. The sudden abrupt blow from archangel Gabriel at Adam’s throat when he attempted to swallow the fruit from the tree in paradise that was *persona non grata* to him to eat, caused what we call Adam’s Apple to this day. Other scholars have a different explanation for the tree that was to have been unapproachable by Adam and Eve. While Allaah knows best since He Is the All Knowing, the tree remained in paradise during the Big Bang when the earth and the heavens were separated. To stay away from sinning, a Muslim has to say Allahu A’lam.

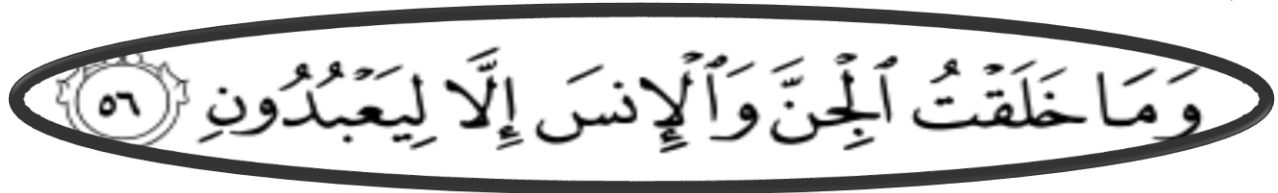
Furthermore, the human body is 75% water while the container that we call earth is also 75% water. Even when we compare underground sweet water and on land sweet waters like seas, rivers, marshlands and still waters in dams and ponds, it has been scientifically proven that sweet underground water is 0.3% while sweet land waters are a mere 0.06%. As for the Djinns, they were created from smokeless flame. Both angels and Djinns are invisible to humans though they can see each and every human being. While angels are sinless and that each one has assigned duties, unlike humans and Djinns, they do not need to sleep, consume food nor drink water. The two that have been crated to worship Allaah are humans and Djinn and they are the two whose deeds are recorded. While Jinns are known as shapeshifters, there are unauthentic human claims that, there exist chthonic animals that change shape into Jinns.

وَأَنَّهُ كَانَ رِجَالٌ مِّنَ الْإِنسِ يَعُوذُونَ بِرِجَالٍ مِّنَ الْجِنِّ فَزَادُوهُمْ رَهَقًا ۖ

And there were men from mankind who sought refuge in men from the jinn, so they [only] increased them in burden [i.e., sin] (72: 6). –Saheeh International

Jinn and in Surah Add-Dhariyat (the winnowing winds, 51-56), Allah tells the believers: “I created the humankind only that they might worship Me.”

And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me (sūrat Add-Dhariyat, The Winds that Scatter, 51: 56),



–Translation Sahih International.

Among the Djinnns, there are the believers and disbelievers. Since angels are sinless, they will remain worshipping Allaah forever and without stops. In Islam, there are two angels who are dually known as **كراماً كاتبين** (Kiraaman Kaatibiin) or the 'honorable scribes', with the one on the right side or shoulder involved in writing our good deeds and the one to the left shoulder engaged in scrolling our bad deeds. They are individually known as Raqib and Atid. The so-called Satan, devil, Iblis was among the Djinnns on earth and it was the angels who took him up to live in the Garden of Eden known as Jannatu Adni. Unfortunately, Djinnns are unknown in the West.

It all began when Allaah foretold the angels that He would create a vicegerent.

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً قَالُوا أَتَجْعَلُ فِيهَا مَنْ
يُفْسِدُ فِيهَا وَيَسْفِكُ الدِّمَاءَ وَيَمْحُئُ تُسْبِحُ بِحَمْدِكَ وَتُقَدِّسُ لَكَ قَالَ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ مَا
لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

And [mention, O Muhammad], when your Lord said to the angels, “Indeed, I will make upon the earth a successive authority.” They said, “Will You place upon it one who causes corruption therein and sheds blood, while we declare Your praise and sanctify You?” Allah said, “Indeed, I know that which you do not know.”–Sahih International

We learn from the different commentators of the Qur’an that the one who was to be created was either a viceroy, a representative, a vicegerent or a human being whose work would be solely to serve His Creator. Here the angels complained to Allaah that the one to be created would be corrupt and shed blood on earth while they were free from every kind of misdeed. Here, Allaah spoke only to the angels, probably, in the absence of Iblis who would be notified afterwards. Despite Satan not being mentioned in name with the angels, some Muslim scholars are of the view Satan was aware because he enjoyed angelic status. For others, they are of the opinion that there was a divine noticeboard that was prescribed with the divine duties of every angel including Satan. Allah Knows Best.

Allah commanded the angels and Iblis to bow down to Adam.

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ
الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

And [mention] when We said to the angels, “Prostrate before Adam”; so they prostrated, except for Iblees. He refused and was arrogant and became of the disbelievers (Al-Baqarah, verse 34). – Translation Sahih International.

وَعَلَّمَ آدَمَ الْأَسْمَاءَ كُلَّهَا ثُمَّ عَرَضَهُمْ عَلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ فَقَالَ أَنْبِئُونِي بِأَسْمَاءِ هَؤُلَاءِ
 ۝۳۱ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

He taught Adam all the names. Then He introduced (some intelligent beings) to the angels, asking them to tell Him the names of these beings, if the angels were true to their claim (that they more deserved to be His deputies on earth) Al-Baqarah, verse 31). –Translation Muhammad Sarwar

Since Allaah taught Adam secrets that were unknown to the angels, they had no other option but to apologize and seek forgiveness for being questionable at first. From religious and philosophical perspectives, since the Qur’an was a divine revelation that was meant for humankind, the unanimous utterances of the angels at decrying the creation of one who would be corrupt and shed blood on earth, was a clear testimony that Allaah gave knowledge that was profoundly meant for Adam—knowledge that evaded the angel’s limited knowledge and their lack of understanding the hidden divine secrets of Allaah.

قَالُوا سُبْحَانَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ۝۳۲

They (angels) said: “Glory be to You, we have no knowledge except what you have taught us. Verily, it is You, the All-Knower, the All-Wise.” Translation, Mohsin Khan.

Even if entire humankind and Jinns were to gather day and night for years and years, to produce the like of this Qur’an, they could not produce it because it is a divine book that is beyond human knowledge to craft something that resembles it, leave alone the Qur’an that is inscribed in a holy tablet beyond human reach.

قُلْ لَئِنِ اجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ
 كَانَتْ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا ۝۸۸

Say, "If mankind and the jinn gathered in order to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could not produce the like of it, even if they were to each other assistants (Chapter 17-88 sūrat Al-Isrā (The Night Journey)– Sahih International.

The above divine challenges were not aimed at only humans and Jinns of that era, but from the beginning of the creation of Adam until the last day when the trumpet will be blown—a sign that the world and the heavens and every living creature will finally disintegrate and a new form of creation will begin after a prolonged hiatus in which The Lord of Creation, Allaah, The Cherisher and Sustainer of the universe, will live alone according to His Will. Thereafter, a second trumpet will be blown to awaken the dead from their graves. While people will run aimlessly after the gripping fear from the trumpet's deafening noise and the sudden change of environment, they'll run helter-skelter due to confusion to seek shelter from the burning sun and Allaah's unanticipated punishments. All people will be naked and their eyes or sense of vision will be turned heavenwards and metalized such that none will be able to see the nakedness of the other.

After failing to produce an entire Qur'an, it was reduced to a challenge of ten verses as shown below:

أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِعَشْرِ سُوْرٍ مِّثْلِهِ ۚ مُفْتَرِيَتٍ وَّادْعُوا مَنِ اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

“Or do they say, 'He has forged it'? Say: 'Then bring you ten suras the like of it, forged; and call upon whom you are able, apart from God, if you speak truly’ (Chapter (11) Sūrat Hūd), Translation–Arberry.

With the ten verses like unto the Qur'an becoming unproduceable and undeliverable, the Quraysh disbelievers who were no better than donkeys for being dunderheads and lamebrained, were finally challenged to produce just one verse.

وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُوْرَةٍ مِّثْلِهِ ۚ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾

And if you are in doubt as to that which We have revealed to Our servant, then produce a chapter like it and call on your witnesses besides Allah if you are truthful (Al-Baqarah, 23, Translation,

Shakir).

أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّثْلِهِ ۚ وَادْعُوا مَنْ اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ

صَدِّقِينَ ۚ

Do they say that Muhammad has invented it? (Muhammad), tell them, "If your claim is true, compose only one chapter like it and call on anyone besides God for help, (Qur'an, Surah Yunis, Chapter 10 Verse 38).—Translation Muhammad Sarwar

Finally, since they were unable to produce a single verse like unto the Qur'an, Allaah gave them the final warning:

“But if ye cannot—and of a surety ye cannot—then fear the Fire whose fuel is men and stones, – which is prepared for those who reject Faith—Qur'an Al-Baqarah, Chapter 2 Verse 24 (trans. A. Yusuf Ali).”

After Allaah created Adam, he sent him to greet the angels as explained in this Saheeh hadith: Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: “When Allah created Adam (peace be upon him), He said to him: ‘Go and greet those—a group of angels who were sitting—and listen to what they are going to say in response to your greeting as that will be your greeting and the greeting of your offspring.’ He (Adam) said: ‘As-Salamu ‘alaykum (peace be upon you).’ They replied: ‘As-Salamu ‘alayk wa Rahmat Ullah (Peace and mercy of Allah be upon you),’ thus adding ‘wa-Rahmat Ullah (and mercy of Allah)’ in their response to his greeting.” Sahih/Authentic— [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

Explanation:

“When Allah created Adam, He ordered him to go to a group of angels and greet them with peace and then listen to their response to his greeting because that would be the prescribed greeting for him and his offspring after him who follow the religion of the messengers. So he said: As-Salamu ‘alaykum (peace be upon you), and they replied: As-Salamu ‘alayk wa Rahmat Ullah (peace and mercy of Allah be upon you), adding ‘Rahmat Ullah’ (mercy of Allah). This has, thus, become the prescribed wording when greeting and returning the greeting. Other Hadiths had the addition: “wa Rahmat Ullah wa barakutuh (...and mercy of Allah and His blessings be upon you!).”^{iv}

Thus, it is common for the believers to look to their right and left shoulders and greet the angels by uttering the abovementioned greetings. Likewise, it is an obligation for Muslims to greet each other. This greeting applies to family or household members to relatives, neighbors, individuals, and the general public. No public speech in a Muslim congregation makes sense unless the speaker

starts with the blessed blessings that is three parts and each one carrying 30 points. When a Muslim is rebuked by a disbeliever or disbelievers, the best way to respond to them is to say “peace.”

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا ٦٣

And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace (Surah Al-Furqan, 26:53)–Saheeh International.

“We created man from sounding clay, from mud molded into shape...” (15:26). And, “He began the creation of man from clay, and made his progeny from a quintessence of fluid” (32:7-8). The quintessence of fluid that Allah made from the progeny of Adam is what is referred to as sperm in modern scientific reproductive language. Thus, there’s no question that human beings have a fundamental attachment to the earth. Here, the attachment pertains to what Adam was created from and that is “sounding clay” and “mud molded into shape.” The ingredients that Allaah used to furnish Adam were taken from the earth and that they had no attachment to the heavens. The earth and the heavens were previously attached and separated by a single bang, and perhaps, the “Big Bang” we hear from modern cosmological scientists may have been borrowed from the Qur’an. The Qur’an states: “the heavens and the earth were joined together as one unit, before We clove them asunder” (21:30). Allaah “turned to the sky, and it had been (as) smoke. He said to it and to the earth: ‘Come together, willingly or unwillingly’ They said: ‘We come (together) in willing obedience’ (41:11). “We created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in six days, nor did any sense of weariness touch Us” (50:38).

The “six days” have no connection with our human mathematical calculations since Allaah’s “six days” are beyond our comprehension. Even though Allaah tells the believers about the period of creation that was six days without rest, the seventh day rest that is attributed to Allaah in Biblical narratives, is totally outrageous and insulting to The Lord of The Worlds for He Is beyond the “rest” attributed to Him, because, at times, in the Qur’an, When He wants to create, He simply says “Be, and it will Be.” No boredom, tiredness, slumber or sleep seizes Him and that He is Ever-Watching His creation without rest. Following the “six days” is the Seventh Day that will continue until the Last Day when the Trumpet of Destruction is blown by the angel holding the trumpet. The duration or period the Seventh Day will last is known to Allaah only. It could take millions, billions, trillions or zillions of years from the day He completed the “six days” creation of the heavens and the earth.

Regarding human creation, Allaah expounds in the Qur’an for those of understanding. The Qur’an succinctly explains: “Oh humankind! We created you from a single pair of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, so that you may know each other (not that ye may despise each other). Verily the most honored among you in the sight of Allah is who is the most righteous of you. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things)” (49:13). The nations and tribes (or communities) mentioned above, is clearly visible to us to this day. Nations and tribes must not be used to create divisions between people who were created from a single soul. All

human beings share the same DNA and none is superior to the other. What matters most is piety and righteousness, and righteousness here pertains to the worship of One Creator who Is Allaah.

Historically, we learned the existence of peaceful and violent nations and communities who were bigger in girth than the current existing universal human population. Archeological diggings have uncovered human creatures of enormous sizes and heights. The people Musa (Moses) was sent to were no match in size and height to the succeeding generations of Prophets Zakariya and his son Yahya and Masih Isa (Jesus the Messiah) were sent to. Some previous nations and communities were fed from the heavens and required no agricultural physical production. Land cultivation, planting, tilling or harvesting fruits and grains were never a requirement, even though for some, the collection of fruits and grains required physical strength. For some nations or communities that preceded us, a woman could walk between lines of trees that produced different fruits of varying colors and tastes. The fruits would fall on the basket that was on her head. Upon realizing the basket was full, she would return home then place it at a designated position within her house without any human help.

In modern times, the terms “overpopulation” and the need for human growth reduction through the use of biological weapons has been gaining ground and that is related to the defectiveness of Allaah’s unadulterated and divine revelation that is the Qur’an. Over 1,440 years ago, it was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings Be Upon Him) that the heavens and the earth are undergoing expansions.

وَالسَّمَاءَ بَنَيْنَاهَا بِأَيْدٍ وَإِنَّا لَمُوسِعُونَ ٤٧

“The heavens, We have built them with power. And verily, We are expanding it” (Sura Ad-Dariyat 51:47). The term “heavens” brings together the planets, earth and what is above them.

وَالْأَرْضَ فَرَشْنَاهَا فَنِعْمَ الْمَاهِدُونَ ٤٨

As for the earth, We spread it out. How superbly did We smooth it out!

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا لِيَسْكُنَ إِلَيْهَا فَلَمَّا تَغَشَّاهَا حَمَلَتْ حَمْلًا خَفِيفًا فَمَرَّتْ بِهِ فَلَمَّا أَثْقَلَتْ دَعَوَا اللَّهَ رَبَّهُمَا لَئِنْ آتَيْنَا صَالِحًا لَنُكَونَنَّ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ١٨٩

“He is the One Who created you from a single soul, then from it made its spouse so he may find comfort in her. After he had been united with her, she carried a light burden that developed gradually. When it grew heavy, they prayed to Allah, their Lord, “If you grant us good offspring, we will certainly be grateful.” (7:189).

If Allaah plainly explained in the Qur'an that He is expanding the earth, then, who is to blame for the use of biological weapons that are meant to depopulate select human population? Those who are propagating the theory of human depopulation are materialists who only use their distorted mental faculties with the intentions of leaving behind a devastated human population they perceive as inferior to them. In fact, the masters of the depopulation theory are the inferior ones. In his last khutbah (sermon), the Messenger of Allaah proclaimed the following message to the believers:

“O people, believers are but brothers. No one may take his brother’s property without his full consent. Have I given the message? –O Allah, be my witness. Never go back to being unbelievers, smiting each other’s necks, for verily, I have left among you that which if you take it, you will never stray after me: the Book of Allah. Have I given the message? –O Allah, be my witness.

O people, your Lord is One, and your father is one: all of you are from Adam, and Adam was from the ground. The noblest of you in Allah’s sight is the most Godfearing: Arab has no merit over non-Arab other than godfearingness. Have I given the message? —O Allah, be my witness. –At this, they said yes.

He said, then let whomever is present tell whomever is absent.”^v

O people, Allah has apportioned to every deserving heir his share of the estate, and no deserving heir may accept a special bequest, and no special bequest may exceed a third of the estate. A child’s lineage is that of the [husband who owns the] bed, and adulterers shall be stoned. Whoever claims to be the son of someone besides his father or a bondsman who claims to belong to other than his masters shall bear the curse of Allah and the angels and all men: no deflecting of it or ransom for it shall be accepted from him.

And peace be upon all of you, and the mercy of Allah. “She is not mentioned by name in the Qur'an, however, according to Islamic tradition, she is known as “Hawwa” (Eve). The two partners, Adam and Hawwa, were to live live in an atmosphere of love that should have been free from all forms of altercations, grief, and unhappiness. Even though there was love between the two partners or companions, out of hate and jealousy, their two sons, Qabiil (Cain, Arabic هَابِيل) and Hābīl (Abel, Arabic هَابِيل) ended up in scuffles that caused Cain to kill Abel.

❁ وَأَتْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ ابْنَيْ آدَمَ بِالْحَقِّ إِذْ قَرَّبَا قُرْبَانًا فَتُقْبِلَ مِنْ أَحَدِهِمَا وَلَمْ يُتَقَبَلْ

مِنَ الْآخِرِ قَالَ لَاقْتُلُنكَ قَالَ إِنَّمَا تَقْبَلُ اللَّهُ مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾

And recite to them the story of Adam's two sons, in truth, when they both offered a sacrifice [to Allah], and it was accepted from one of them but was not accepted from the other. Said [the latter], "I will surely kill you." Said [the former], "Indeed, Allah only accepts from the righteous [who fear Him] (Chapter (5) Sūrat Al-Ma'idah (The Table spread with Food, Verse 27)–Sahih International

لَئِنْ بَسَطْتَ إِلَىٰ يَدِكَ لَتَقْتُلَنِي مَا أَنَا بِبَاسِطِ يَدِي إِلَيْكَ لِأَقْتُلَنَّكَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ رَبَّ
 الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾

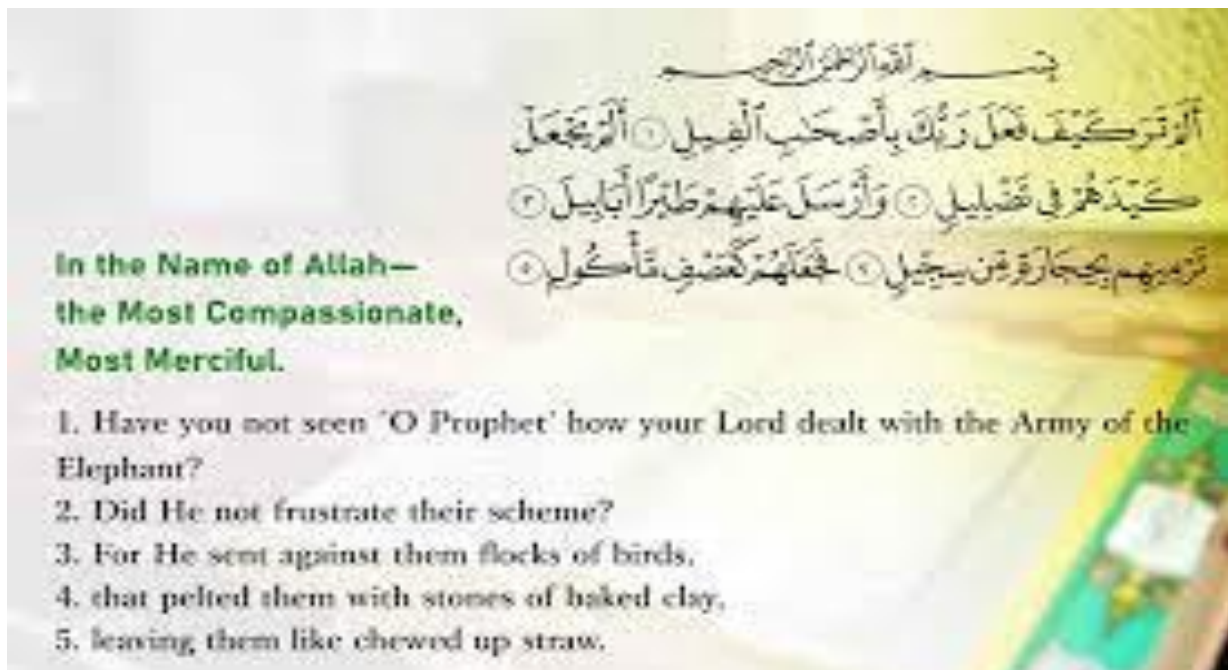
If you should raise your hand against me to kill me – I shall not raise my hand against you to kill you. Indeed, I fear Allah, Lord of the worlds (Chapter (5) sūrat Al-Ma'idah (The Table spread with Food, Verse 28)–Sahih International

إِنِّي أُرِيدُ أَنْ تَبْشُرَ بِأَثَمِي وَإِثْمِكَ فَتَكُونَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ النَّارِ وَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

Lo! I would rather thou shouldst bear the punishment of the sin against me and thine own sin and become one of the owners of the fire. That is the reward of evil-doers Chapter (5) sūrat Al-Mā'idah (The Table spread with Food). –Pickthall

“The (selfish) soul of the other led him to the murder of his brother: he murdered him, and became (himself) one of the lost ones (Quran 5:30).”

“Then Allah sent a crow searching in the ground to show him how to hide the disgrace of his brother. 'O Woe to me!' said he. 'Have I failed to be like this crow and hide the body of my brother?' Then he became full of regrets (Qur'an 5:31).”



Surah or Chapter Al-Fiil describes the attempted destruction of the Kaaba in present-day Saudi Arabia by a man who was known as Abraha who ruled over Yemen. Aided by a strong army and 13 elephants of which one was called Mahmoud—the only elephant who did not partake in the divinely aborted destruction, Abraha continued with his onslaught of destroying the Kaaba. It was an era when Yemen and Axum Empire of Abyssinia of present-day Ethiopia were a united nation. According to some Muslim historians, when one was a king, the other held the position of governor. The incident corresponded to 570 C.E. and it was close to the birth of Prophet Muhammad. By then, the grandfather of Prophet Muhammad, whose name was Abdul Mutalib had the keys to the Kaaba. After seeing the might of Abraha’s army approaching, Abdul Mutalib held the door to the Kaaba and beseeched Allaah to protect His House since every man was responsible for the protection of his house.

Allaah protected the Kaaba from the intended ravages of the Abyssinian viceroy by sending flocks of birds each carrying three stones that had the names of the culprits inscribed. The tiny stones that were released by the flocks of birds totally destroyed Abraha’s army such that their dead bodies appeared like the chewed stalks of the corn plant. The Kaaba was the first divine structure built by Prophet Ibrahim and his first son Ismail. Neither birds nor planes can fly over the Kaaba because of the strong magnetic fields. For birds and humans, they have to rotate anticlockwise for going clockwise is absolutely impossible. That’s why Saudi Arabia never built an airport for those coming for the yearly pilgrimage. The Black Stone inside the Kaaba is itself divine, mysterious, and miraculous for no stone of its kind can be found on earth. It was Archangel Gabriel who brought it from the heavens and gave it to Ibrahim, the role model of humankind on earth (Surah 2:124).

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