

Chapter – 14

Quran

(قرآن)

❖ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّن مِّثْلِهِ
وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ -

And if you have any doubts concerning what we have sent down (the Quran) upon Our distinguished bondman (Prophet Muhammad), bring forth a single chapter equal to it, and call upon all your supporters, other than Allah, if you are truthful. (2:23)

❖ فَقَالَ إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ يُؤْتَرُ -

And (the disbelievers) said, this is nothing but magic learnt from earlier men. (74:24)

❖ لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ -

None may touch this (Quran), except neat people (People with ablution - وضو) (56:79)

Some people think that Quran is an attribute of God. This is His Verse. Allah سبحانه و تعالیٰ is eternal and His Verses are also primitive. These Verses are much magnificent and superior to its sound and its articulation.

Some people consider that as long as Quran descended and got connected to this world its appearances adjusted accordingly. For example, when Gabriel عليه السلام was at **سدرۃ المنتهیٰ** (the 7th floor of sky) he was different. And when he came down, he adopted a shape of **اعرابی** (an Arab of the desert).

Anyways, Quran is in the knowledge of God. Quran exists in a well-preserved state, **في لَوْحٍ مَّخْفُوظٍ**. Quran is saved in the hearts of **حفاظ**, its memorizers. However, due to variations in its appearance, few people declared this Quran as ‘freshly made’ or it is a ‘new arrival’ (**حادث**). This is not correct. Some ignorant people had forced Imam Ahmad **رحمة الله عليه** and few others that they should acknowledge Quran as ‘New’. And for this matter, these noble persons have faced lot of tortures and suffering as well, but they did not accept Quran as **حادث**.

❖ Now, let us consider about some wonders of Quran. On which aspects Quran is miracle? In this context, the Islamic scholars differ. Nevertheless, the following matters need attention:

• **Prophet was **الامي** (not able to read):**

Somebody should think over it coolly that a person who has not been taught by anybody and no one has trained him. At the time of his childhood the whole environment was dark. Everywhere ignorance was dominant. That person takes in his hand a torch of guidance and brings a big change in the entire world. He eliminates the darkness of Polytheism (**شرك**) and Blasphemy (**كفر**). That person changes all the prevalent religions on the earth. He not only throws many State Constitutions in the waste paper basket but also totally seize the State itself.---- Is it not a miracle of Quran ----? If there is no any help of God for this noble person, was it possible to do such undeniable works ---? Certainly, it is Allah **سبحانه و تعالی** who has bestowed him such ‘Mystic knowledge’.

• **Safety of Quran:**

In this world there is no book, whether it is religious or otherwise, whose safety has been taken care of equivalent to the Quran. This book is such that up till now millions of its narrators and billions of memorizers are rising continuously. There is no any city or town where some memorizers of this book do not exit. It is not possible for a **حافظ** (memorizer) to commit any mistake during his recitation in **تراویح** (the special prayers of Ramazan) because he is instantaneously corrected on his mistakes. Is there any example in the entire world whose safety to this level has been maintained ---?

- **Fluency and Eloquence:**

Prophets are given miracles of those fields in which his followers used to have expertise. Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was born in that nation who were specifically extraordinary in the fluency and eloquence of the Arabic language. They used to say for themselves with proud as **عرب** means “expert of articulation and expression”, and to other nations they used to say **عجم** means “dumb”. Therefore, Quran’s fluency and eloquence has been made so much high that for Arabs the book was considered a “miracle”. --- It has so much simplicity and effortlessness in it that no reader or listener feels any difficulty.

Atbah was a chief of Arab tribe. He was the expert of Arabic language. He was provoked by Abu Jahal (another chief of Arab tribe) to put his objections for Quran. On his provocation he considered and thought a lot but could not object. At the same time he felt inappropriate to remain silent as well. At last, the only thing which he could say that “this book is “a magic” ----! Was Atbah a magician ----? Was he fully aware about magic ----? As an expert of literature he had to admit that these Verses are out of manual power. Declaring it as magic is merely his foolishness.

- **Quran’s Style:**

The style of Quran is absolutely distinct. Just match Quran with Hadith. Quran’s style is totally unlike to Hadith. There is no question about the high standard of the language of Hadiths for which the Prophet himself says: **أَنَا أَفْصَحُ الْعَرَبِ وَالْعَجَمِ** (I am having high status in this language among Arabs and Non-Arabs). For him it was said **أوتيت جوامع الكليم** (given perfection in language). But Quran is something else. God’s expression and His command are totally different.

- **Efficacy of Quran:**

Omer bin Khattab was going to fight with Prophet. On the way, he stopped at the house of his sister. Here, he asked to give him the Quran. When read Surah Taha, his heart totally changed by its receptivity. He was going for wrong but ultimately came out as **فاروق اعظم** (the Great Farooq عنه صلى الله عليه وسلم).

- **Stories of Prophets:**

In Quran, stories and events of many Prophets have been described. Moreover, in this, stories of Zulqarnain, Saba Tribes, Ashab-al-Ukhdoon, Ashab-al-Kahaf, Ashab-ar-Raqeem, and Ashab-ar-Ras etc. are mentioned. --- As regards all these stories, even the opponents of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم have accepted all of them.

- **Forecasts:**

In Quran, there are some predictions as well. Few examples:

قُلْ لِلْمُخَلَّفِينَ مِنَ الْأَعْرَابِ سَتُدْعُونَ إِلَىٰ قَوْمٍ بَأْسٍ شَدِيدٍ
تُقَاتِلُونَهُمْ أَوْ يُسَلِّمُونَ (سورة الفتح آية 16)

الم . غَلِبَتِ الرُّومُ . فِي أَدْنَى الْأَرْضِ وَهُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ غَلِبِهِمْ سَيَغْلِبُونَ .

فِي بَضْعِ سِنِينَ لِلَّهِ الْأَمْرُ مِن قَبْلُ وَمِن بَعْدِ وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ (سورة الروم آية 1-4)

Wars of Persia and Rome were fought during the tenures of Abu Bakar and Omer Farooq (رضى الله عنهم) and the forecasts of Quran came true.

سَيُهْزَمُ الْجَمْعُ وَيُوَلُّونَ الدُّبُرَ (سورة القمر آية 45)

This verse was for the prediction of defeat in Badr War.

لَقَدْ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ رَسُولَهُ الرُّؤْيَا بِالْحَقِّ لَتَدْخُلَنَّ الْمَسْجِدَ الْحَرَامَ

إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ آمِنِينَ مُحَلِّقِينَ رُءُوسَكُمْ وَمُقَصِّرِينَ لَا تَخَافُونَ (سورة الفتح آية 27)

This verse was the forecast for the Victory of Makkah.

Anyhow, Quran is miracle in many ways. Above all, the significant efficacy of Quran is that today its followers are available in every corner of the entire world.

وجہ اعجازِ قرآن ، حضرت کی اُمت ہے
زیر و زبر کافر نہیں کیا قرآن کی حفاظت ہے
کمی زیادت اور تغیر ناممکن وہ بلاغت ہے
اسلوبِ قرآن ہے اور حدیث کی حالت ہے
شانِ خدائی ظاہر ہے لہجے میں کیا سطوت ہے
سارے جہاں کو زیر کیا کیا قوت کیا عظمت ہے

(The noticeable miracle of Quran is Prophet's huge followership!
 Not a single variation even in its punctuations, what a safety it is!
 Addition, subtraction and alteration is impossible, it is so eloquent!
 Style of Quran is unique; Hadith's expression is different!
 Supremacy of God is eminent, what distinct style it has!
 The entire world has conquered, what power, what dignity it has!)

لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ

{None may touch this (Quran), except neat people
 (People with ablution - وضو) (56:79)}

Some people tell the meanings of this verse that nobody can touch Quran except Angels, (because original Quran is preserved in **لَوْحٌ مَّحْفُوظٌ** and the existing one is its copy).

Some people take it this way that only sincere and faithful persons are receptive to it. Some people say that Muslim does not touch Quran without ablution. Some think that only the words of Quran should not be touched without ablution, whereas some say that its pages are also like Quran. Some consider that its Tafseer (explanation) can be touched without ablution because the explanation part is larger than Quranic words. In contrast, some say that even the box in which Quran exists should not be touched without ablution.

Some people give this reference that Omer Farooq **رضى الله عنه** did touch it without ablution when he read it for the first time and accepted Islam. For this, the reply is: the Quranic Verse for touching Quran with ablution revealed after the acceptance of Islam by Omer Al-Farooq **رضى الله عنه**.

Anyways, everyone has his own view. This thing only matters that how you respect it. ---- It is better to give more and more respect to Quran (in terms of words in physical, meanings of the words and essence of the words).
