

QURANIC SCIENCES

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Wahy/ Revelation

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Recap

1. The main sources of Islamic Shri'ah
2. Definition of Quranic Sciences
3. Names of some great people
4. Main resources/works
5. Names & titles of Quran
6. Why did Allah reveal in Arabic Language?

What is Quran? - Imam Ali AS

- وَتَعَلَّمُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَإِنَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْحَدِيثِ. (خطبه/110)

Learn Quran, indeed it is the best word

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ هُوَ النَّاصِحُ الَّذِي لَا يَغُشُّ. (خطبه/176)

And know that verily this Quran is the guide that never deceives

- وَ الْمُحَدِّثُ الَّذِي لَا يُكْذِبُ. (خطبه/176)

And the communicator which never lies

What is WAHY?- the foundation of Religion

- **Literal:** (Ibne manzoor, Lisaan) الوحي الإِشارةُ والكتابةُ والرسالةُ والإلهامُ والكلامُ الخفي وكلّ ما ألقىته إلى غيرِك. ووحى إليه وأوحى: كَلَمَهُ بكلامٍ يخفيه من غيره؛

Wahy- the indication, writing, message, inspiration and any secret word and whatever you pass to other secretly

- **Terminological:**
 - Receiving the divine message

Quranic Usages

1. For other than Prophets AS
2. For the Prophets AS

1. Literal Usages- inspiration, suggestion, indication, instilling in nature

Angels- Inspiration وَإِذْ يُوحَىٰ رَبُّكَ إِلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ أَنْتَنِي مَعَكُمْ

And when Allah **inspired** to the angles that I am with you

Inanimate objects- يَوْمَئِذٍ تَحْدُثُ أَخْبَارَهَا بِأَنَّ رَبَّكَ أَوْحَىٰ لَهَا

On that day she (earth) shall tell her news, because your lord had **inspired** her

Temptation of Satan- وَإِنَّ الشَّيَاطِينَ لَيُوحُونَ إِلَىٰ أَوْلِيَائِهِمْ لِيُجَادِلُوكُمْ

The satans **suggest** their guided ones to argue with you

Indication- فَخَرَجَ عَلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ مِنَ الْمِحْرَابِ فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَيْهِمْ أَنْ سَبِّحُوا بُكْرَةً وَعَشِيًّا

...so Zakariya **indicated** to the people

Nature- وَأَوْحَىٰ رَبُّكَ إِلَى النَّحْلِ

And your Lord **instilled /taught** the bee...

Are we allowed to use this word in all contexts?

- Religious culture restricts the usage of 'Wahy' to the terminological and religious contexts (Allamah Tabatabai)

2. Religious Context-Prophets AS

- The word 'Wahy' in this context is used around 70 times in Quran

The Reality of Wahy

- We can't comprehend, because we have no experience
- Most distinct feature of a prophet **قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ**
- Difference between **Wahy** and **Ilham**
 - **Wahy is specific to the prophets, while Ilham is not so**
- Do Imams receive Wahy?
 - **Due to their different role and task, they do not need to receive Wahy**

A proof of Islam's truth

Seeing a latest model car in a jungle every sane person realises that it must have come from somewhere else.

Similarly the most advanced teachings of Quran imply us that it's source is Wahy/revelation from Allah

Types of Wahy

وما كَانَ لِبَشَرٍ أَنْ يُكَلِّمَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا وَحْيًا أَوْ مِنْ وَرَاءِ حِجَابٍ أَوْ يُرْسِلَ رَسُولًا
(Quran42:51)

- Direct
- Indirect - Through Angles
- Indirect - Through other things
e.g. a tree for Musa (as)

Direct Wahy-

- Very hard to bear
- Manifestation of God
- **Any example?**

- Unconsciousness of the receiver جُعِلْتُ
فِدَاكَ الْغَشِيَّةُ الَّتِي تُصِيبُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ (ص) إِذَا نَزَلَ عَلَيْهِ
الْوَحْيُ؟ فَقَالَ: ذَلِكَ إِذَا لَمْ يَكُنْ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ اللَّهِ أَحَدٌ. ذَاكَ إِذَا
تَجَلَّى اللَّهُ لَهُ؛

(Imam Sadiq AS, Sheikh Sadooq, Tawhid)

Indirect Wahy

- Mainly through angle Jibraeel
وَإِنَّهُ لَنَنْزِيلُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ نَزَلَ بِهِ الرُّوحُ الْأَمِينُ عَلَى قَلْبِكَ لِتَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُنذِرِينَ؛
- The meaning of Qalb/ Heart in Islam
 - The main source of thoughts/Nafs, Soul
 - Jibreel (as) always paid the highest degree of respect e.g. Sitting like a slave before Prophet Muhammad (saww)

كَانَ جِبْرَائِيلُ إِذَا أَتَى النَّبِيَّ قَعَدَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ قِعْدَةَ الْعَبْدِ وَكَانَ لَا يَدْخُلُ حَتَّى يَسْتَأْذِنَهُ

- فَإِنَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ مِنْ خِدَامِنَا وَخِدَامِ مَحْبِبِنَا Prophet Muhammad (saww), Sharh Ihqaaq v5 p95

2 Examples

- Some people mainly unqualified Zaakreen disrespect angles which is not permissible

Thank You

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