



# QURANIC SCIENCES 9/10

## The Naasikh & Mansookh

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## Main themes of the 9th Session

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### Topic: **Nasikh, Mansookh & Decisive and indecisive verses OF Quran**

Points to be discussed:

**Abrogation-** The importance of this subject, its philosophy of abrogation, why abrogated verses are not removed from Quran. View Points of Ahlulbayt AS.

**Muhkam & Mutashabih** - Why Allah put indecisive verses in Quran? Some examples, Taweel and its knowledge.

# Do YOU KNOW NAASIKH & MANSOOKH?

## ○ Khateeb, removed from the Mosques

the story of an orator who was expelled from the mosque by Imam Ali (as) because he did not have enough understanding of “Naasikh & Mansookh”

## ○ Qazi, reprimended

Similar to the above incident took place with a Qaazi/ judge, where Imam Ali warned: ‘you have put yourself at destruction as well as the people.’

(for detail and references see the attached paper about *Mimbar*)



# DEFINITION

## ○ Naskh

- **Removing** one thing by another, replacing: نَسَخَتِ الشَّمْسُ الظِّلَّ: أزالته ونَسَخَتِ الرِّيحُ آثارَ الدَّارِ: غَيَّرَتْهَا
- **Copying-** Istinsakh (out of context in our discussion)

## ○ Naskh in Quran

- Replacing one command by another command.



# THE POSSIBILITY OF ABROGATION IN QURAN

□ مَا نَنْسَخُ مِنْ آيَةٍ أَوْ نُنسِهَا نَأْتِ بِخَيْرٍ مِّنْهَا أَوْ مِثْلَهَا

‘None of our revelations do we abrogate or cause to be forgotten, but we substitute something better or similar’ (2:106)

□ وَإِذَا بَدَّلْنَا آيَةً مَّكَانَ آيَةٍ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يُنزِّلُ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُفْتَرٍ

‘when we substitute one revelation for another,- and allah knows best what he reveals (in stages),- they say, "thou art but a forger“’ (16:101)

□ يَمْحُو اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيُثَبِّتُ وَعِنْدَهُ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ

‘Allah makes to pass away and establishes what he pleases, and with him is the basis of the book’ (13:39)



# THREE PILLARS OF NASKH IN QURAN

- **Mansookh-** the old law/command
- **Mansookh un bih-** the new law/command
- **Naasikh-** the verse which abrogated the old command
- ❖ To abrogate an Aayat, the abrogator must be an Aayat or a Mutawatir Riwayat. However, practically only an Aayt has been able to abrogate an Aayat.

# WHAT HAPPENS IN NASKH/ ABROGATION?

## Reflect and Answer.

- Does the new verse abrogate the previous verse entirely?
- If this is the case then why the previous verse is still preserved in Quran?
  - The subject of abrogation is only the law/command not the verse itself.
  - The benefits or blessings of a verse are far broader than its law/command.



# THE PHILOSOPHY OF NASKH/ABROGATION

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## The background of the revelation-

- The change of Qibla after 16 months, and nonsense accusations from the opponents of Islam

## Isn't Allah's knowledge infinite?

- Yes, it is, but our circumstances and conditions are subject to change.
- In fact the Quranic abrogation is not the real abrogation which follows the failure of the experiment of the previous law, but Quranic abrogated laws were pre-determined for a certain period. However, for some reasons their expiry dates were not announced in advance.




# SOME EXAMPLES OF NASKH IN QURAN

## Mansookh

- No intimate relationship in the night of Ramadhan
- The punishment for immorality (24:2)
- Inheritance on the basis of faith (Anfaal,8:72)
- Aayat Najwa( Mujadala:12)

## Naasikh

- 'permitted to you, on the night of the fasts, is the approach to your wives.' (2:87)
  - 100 lashes ( 8:72)
  - Inheritance on the ground of relationship (Ahzaab, 33:6)
  - (Mujadala: 13)
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## A GREAT VIRTUE OF HAZRAT ALI (AS)

*'There is a verse in Quran which no one implemented before me and no one will be able to act upon after me (58:12), I exchanged my one Dinar into ten Dirhams, and every day before visiting Prophet Muhammad (saww) gave one dirham in Sadaqah'* (Hazrat Ali AS, al-Bayan:1:375)

# Thank You

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