



Miracles of the Noble Qur'ān

If a certain concept or event in a book is mentioned repeatedly, the language usually becomes unimpressive and monotonous. It also loses its beauty. It is a unique quality of the Noble Qur'ān that it describes numerous concepts and events repeatedly, yet the language maintains its beauty. Subjects such as the Oneness of Allāh SWT, prophet hood of Rasūlullāh SAW, Qiyāmah, qualities of the believers, Ṣalāh and charity are a few of the much repeated ones. One cannot observe the least monotony of words or phrases in the description of these subjects. In fact, each and every description of these topics is unique and specific in its choice of words and the beauty of the language.

Another miracle of the Noble Qur'ān is that an effective writer always modifies his style and language according to the varying needs of the readers. What may appeal to a young person may not appeal to an old person. Similarly, what may appeal to an illiterate person may not appeal to an educated person. Moreover, human society also has persons with different levels of knowledge and intelligence. All of these persons are motivated by different styles of writing. Furthermore, every human being passes through various phases of emotional changes, e.g. a person who is happy likes to read something different from the person who is depressed. At the same time, every human being has a certain preference for the style of writing. A few prefer to read poetry, others prefer to read prose, some like to read simple language, whilst a few others prefer an eloquent style of writing. No one has ever written a book that could appeal, motivate and inspire all sectors, age groups, education levels and emotional states of human society. The Noble Qur'ān is the only book that has universally met the needs of all the varying sectors and factors of human society. This unparalleled ability of the Noble Qur'ān to address a multitude of persons, to penetrate their inner most souls and to give them comfort and peace is one of the most outstanding miracles of the Noble Qur'ān.

Verse 57 of Sūrah al Qaṣaṣ is a clear miracle witnessed by millions every year. *'Have We not established for them a secure sanctuary (in Makkah), to which are brought as tribute fruits of all kinds; a provision from Ourselves, but most of them understand not.'*

It should be recalled that Makkah al-Mukarramah is totally barren, surrounded by hard rocks and sand dunes. The city has no natural source of water and the rainfall is less than 5 inches per year. On the other hand, Makkah al-Mukarramah is visited by countless persons every day of the year. The number of visitors during the Ḥajj period alone often exceeds 2 million. Makkans have made unique arrangements for importing fruits and vegetables from neighbouring lands. One who visits Makkah al-Mukarramah is struck by two things; first, whatever could be the number of visitors in Makkah al-Mukarramah, there is no shortage of fruits and vegetables. Secondly, fruits and vegetables of all seasons can be found in Makkah al-Mukarramah all the time.

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Sayyidunā 'Abdullāh bin 'Amr RA narrates that Rasūlullāh SAW said, "Fasting and the Qur'ān will intercede for the person. Fasting will say, "O my Sustainer, I prevented him from food and drink by day. So accept my intercession in his favour." The Qur'ān will say, "O my Sustainer, I prevented him from sleep at night. So accept my intercession in his favour." They will thus intercede (in his favour)."

[Musnad Aḥmad]

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