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Quran

The perfect source of knowledge, understanding and wisdom

The Quran is a singular source of knowledge and wisdom. It is the best source of information. It sheds light on why some things are the way they are, and enables us to understand the meaning of things, in order to be able to look past appearance and make judicious decisions [16:89] ... *We have revealed to you this book to provide explanations for everything, and guidance, and mercy, and good news for the submitters.* The irrefutable proof that the Quran is the last scripture from God and that it is universal in nature, comes with the added responsibility of regarding it and following it. God has divinely preserved the text in such a manner that it is easy for the reader to identify any irregularity. [15:9] *Absolutely, we have revealed the reminder, and, absolutely, we will preserve it.*

The Quran is the perfect source of **KNOWLEDGE**; it is replete with scientific and mathematical facts. Facts that were revealed in the dark ages when it was not possible to fully understand the value of the information, as scientific instruments used to calculate them were not even in existence. For example:

Formation of the universe: It is

accepted knowledge that the universe exploded from particles that burst into existence. Though science doesn't know how and why this happened, scientists agree that this is how the earth came into existence. The Quranic verse [21:30] *"Do the unbelievers not realize that the heaven and the earth used to be one solid mass that we exploded into existence? And from water we made all living things. Would they believe?"* serves to strengthen the faith of those who believe in God ALONE through this scientific marvel.

Breathing at higher altitudes: As we go higher in altitude, it gets more difficult to breathe as the pressure of the entire atmosphere decreases, so in effect there is less air to breathe. Though the proportion of the gasses in the air does not change, one breath delivers less oxygen to the bloodstream giving the feeling of breathlessness. While this is a relatively new discovery, God has already informed us about this in the Quran. [6:125] ... *He renders his chest intolerant and straitened, like one who climbs towards the sky...*

Shape of the earth: Many great thinkers and philosophers of the early

centuries accepted that the Earth was flat, since most of them couldn't perceive any other shape. Pythagoras and Plato are early philosophers associated with seeing things differently. Plato suggested a spherical shape of the earth, which was confirmed scientifically in the following centuries. The Quran categorically informs us that God created the earth egg shaped [79:30] *He made the earth egg-shaped.*

The Great Feud: This is information about events that took place in a different dimension, before the creation of time as we know it. It is the reason for our exile to earth. [38:69] *"I had no knowledge previously, about the feud in the High Society. {Footnote: The feud in the High Society was triggered by Satan's challenge to God's absolute authority. This is definitely the most important event in the history of the human race. We failed to make a firm stand regarding God's absolute authority. This life represents the third and final chance to redeem ourselves (See the Introduction and Appendix 7).}"*

These are some facts that the world has come to know and accept only of late; however, God has given us this

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information in the Quran 1400+ years ago, in the so-called dark ages.

The Quran also gives us clear **UNDERSTANDING** of concepts and sheds light on why some things are the way they are. While worldwide, communities are still searching for answers, submitters have clear understanding of them, for example:

Meaning of Islam: The true understanding of the meaning of 'Islam' (Submission) is the worship of God ALONE, submission to His will, obedience of His laws and instructions, to the exclusion of all others; be they religious leaders, heads of state, family or others. [4:125] *Who is better guided in his religion than one who submits totally to GOD, leads a righteous life, according to the creed of Abraham: monotheism? GOD has chosen Abraham as a beloved friend.*

Satan influences Abraham: We now understand from Quran that God did not tell Abraham to sacrifice his son, it was the devil's idea. This recognition is a gift to those who believe in God alone. [37:102] *When he grew enough to work with him, he said, "My son, I see in a dream that I am sacrificing you. What do you think?" He said, "O my father, do what you are commanded to do. You will find me, GOD willing, patient."* {Footnote: *The Most Merciful never advocates evil (7:28). As with Job, Satan claimed that Abraham loved his son too much, and was permitted to put Abraham to that severe test.*}

Age of maturity: The age of maturity across different communities varies, with many countries setting it between 18 to 21 years. However, God informs us that the true "age of decision" is 40 years, an understanding based on information from the Quran. God in His infinite mercy gives us a lot of time to get our act together on this earth, and it is up to us how we use it. [46:15] *We enjoined the human being to honor his parents. His mother bore him arduously, gave birth to him arduously, and took intimate care of him for thirty months. When he reaches maturity, and reaches the age of*

forty, he should say, "My Lord, direct me to appreciate the blessings You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents, and to do the righteous works that please You ..."

Death of Jesus: Today, we understand that Jesus's soul (the real person) was taken away from the body before the body was tortured and crucified. [3:54] *They plotted and schemed, but so did GOD, and GOD is the best schemer.* {Footnote: *We learn that Jesus' soul, the real person, was raised, i.e., Jesus' life on earth was terminated, prior to the arrest, torture, and crucifixion of his empty, soulless, but physiologically living body (See the details in Appendix 22).*}

Regarding divorced women: Another example is God's law concerning treatment of divorced women, and the waiting period of three menstruations thereafter—a demonstration of God's wisdom. Should the woman be pregnant at the time of divorce, it is important for the father to know about it, as it then makes the father responsible for the unborn child. Additionally, it may lead to reconciliation, considering the pregnancy [2:231] *If you divorce the women, once they fulfill their interim (three menstruations), you shall allow them to live in the same home amicably, or let them leave amicably. Do not force them to stay against their will, as a revenge....*

Messenger of the Covenant: Having a messenger who is able to clarify and confirm God's laws is a great blessing. [3:164] *GOD has blessed the believers by raising in their midst a messenger from among them, to recite for them His revelations, and to purify them, and to teach them the scripture and wisdom. Before this, they had gone totally astray.* Rejecting God's Messenger of the Covenant serves to expose those who doubt God's wisdom, despite the awesome mathematical proof. While many people readily accept the proof, they reject the messenger, based on personal biases or based on the opinion of their religious leaders. This, despite several verses in the Quran warning us about the consequences of rejecting God's messenger. [6:124] *When a powerful proof comes*

to them, they say, "We will not believe, unless we are given what is given to GOD's messengers!" GOD knows exactly who is best qualified to deliver His message. Such criminals will suffer debasement at GOD, and terrible retribution as a consequence of their evil scheming. {Footnote: *Jealousy and ego are human traits that provoke some people to question God's wisdom in selecting His messengers. Corrupted Muslim scholars have uttered this same utterance regarding the revelation of the Quran's mathematical code through God's Messenger of the Covenant.*}

This information and wisdom from the Quran clarifies numerous concepts and phenomena and helps us to appreciate diverse events; understanding that we would otherwise not have. The **WISDOM** characteristic of the Quran is distinctive with no parallel whatsoever. [3:58] *These are the revelations that we recite to you, providing a message full of wisdom. [36:1-2] Y. S. And the Quran that is full of wisdom. [44:4] In it (the scripture), every matter of wisdom is clarified.* Unlike other books, the Quran is practical, easy to understand, and easy to follow. [54:17] *We made the Quran easy to learn. Does any of you wish to learn?*

This is the kind of knowledge and wisdom the Quran is brimming with. It is a book that does not bore the reader no matter how many times it is read. On the contrary, every time one reads the Quran, it only helps to build knowledge, enhance understanding and sharpen the intellect. While the Quran is looked upon as a source of religious information, it is also the best guide to higher living. Its laws are steeped in logic and relevance. It encourages morality without enforcing compulsion and makes people look inward rather than outward, bringing about a sense of responsibility and self-policing. The Quran is a healing for both body and soul, with knowledge and wisdom to last a lifetime.

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[50:1] *Q., and the glorious Quran.*

Real Intelligence

Scientists, mathematicians and academic achievers in general are among those labeled as intelligent. They have the mental capacity to understand, retain, and update their knowledge continuously and at speedy rates. Many professions demand the ability to quickly develop sound thoughts and judgments in order to come up with productive strategies. Others require the readiness of both comprehension and reasoning to interact with the public. Those who can meet these standards are described as intelligent, “smart” or “winners”—they earn high positions in all divisions, and most of the time they achieve a high-end life style. There is no question about their high IQ level. We are impressed by their mental capacities in solving problems and coping with the daily advancements in science and technology.

It is conclusive that among the features of intelligence is the continued desire to attain new knowledge. The abilities to reason with rationality, judge with sharp vision, and choose with wisdom are also manifestations of intelligence. Being intellectual might also be featured with intelligence and it is expressed as the interest or the taste for more difficult or abstract concepts and the capacity to grasp these concepts.

In the light of Quran, we get more guidance in regard to intelligence and those who are blessed with it. Quran adds a sophisticated framework and necessary confines for intelligence to be considered a real one. It teaches us about the super-human intelligence behind our perfect creation and everything around us, seen and unseen. Quran also emphasizes the importance of using our brains to observe, process knowledge, reflect, take heed, reason based on facts, and decide with wisdom and intelligence. We are commanded to make use of this divine gift within us to study Quran and rati-

ally analyze its data (47:24, 4:82). Intelligence and all related features are praised and counted among God’s blessings in Quran, but they are validated within specific boundaries.

Within Quran, we encounter a logical explanation of the origin and purpose of life, and how we are exposed to two opposite sets of views to choose from. Along with that, there is a detailed presentation of the consequences of each choice using constant examples, accurate reminders from the past, and profound signs and scientific proofs. Once our God-given mental power is appropriately geared to examine and analyze this knowledge, all the puzzle pieces come perfectly together. We recognize God’s authority behind the whole creation; we find God and we comprehend the reason behind our existence from beginning to end. We reach an intelligent realization that we are here only to worship God alone, and save, grow, and free our souls. It becomes evident that the thoughts and actions that lead to the righteous behavioral pattern or life style prescribed in Quran would eventually spare our souls and dictate our eternal peace and dignity. This is when we find the real intelligent thoughts and actions. We become certain about returning to God and we start to take His systems, promises, and oaths seriously. We value His words the way we should. This is a positive use of intelligence according to the Master and the source of all intelligence.

Wasting our mental capacity in making decisions that would jeopardize our salvation and replace eternal peace and dignity with eternal loss and misery is not an intelligent or logical choice. If we fail to comprehend that, our intelligence becomes pointless. It becomes a useless resource that does not benefit the soul.

[23:78] He is the One who granted you the hearing, the eyesight, and the brains. Rarely are you appreciative.

[55:3] Creator of the human beings.

[55:4] He taught them how to distinguish.

[17:36] You shall not accept any infor-

mation, unless you verify it for yourself. I have given you the hearing, the eyesight, and the brain, and you are responsible for using them.

[76:2-3] We created the human from a liquid mixture, from two parents, in order to test him. Thus, we made him a hearer and a seer. We showed him the two paths, then he is either appreciative, or unappreciative.

Out of His infinite mercy and compassion, God made us with the instinct to develop the real intelligence. Every human is born with this instinct (7:172, 30:30).

We are intelligent when we recognize the truth,

[13:19] Is one who recognizes that your Lord’s revelations to you are the truth equal to one who is blind? Only those who possess intelligence will take heed.

[34:6] It is evident to those who are blessed with knowledge that this revelation from your Lord to you is the truth, and that it guides to the path of the Almighty, the Most Praiseworthy.

when we reflect on Quran & take heed,

[38:29] This is a scripture that we sent down to you, that is sacred—perhaps they reflect on its verses. Those who possess intelligence will take heed.

[2:269] He bestows wisdom upon whom-ever He chooses, and whoever attains wisdom, has attained a great bounty. Only those who possess intelligence will take heed.

when we choose the guidance,

[39:18] They are the ones who examine all words, then follow the best. These are the ones whom God has guided; these are the ones who possess intelligence.

[4:162] As for those among them who are well founded in knowledge, and the believers, they believe in what was revealed to you, and in what was revealed before you. They are observers of the Contact Prayers (Salat), and givers of the obligatory charity (Zakat); they are believers in God and the Last Day. We grant these a great recompense.

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when we reverence God,

[5:100] Proclaim: "The bad and the good are not the same, even if the abundance of the bad may impress you. You shall reverence God, (even if you are in the minority) O you who possess intelligence, that you may succeed."

[35:28] Also, the people, the animals, and the livestock come in various colors. This is why the people who truly reverence God are those who are knowledgeable. God is Almighty, Forgiving.

when we oppose evil,

[11:116] If only some of those among the previous generations possessed enough intelligence to forbid evil! Only a few of them deserved to be saved by us. As for the transgressors, they were preoccupied with their material luxuries; they were guilty.

when we analyze signs and scientific proofs,

[3:190] In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the alternation of night and day, there are signs for those who possess intelligence.

[29:43] We cite these examples for the people, and none appreciate them except the knowledgeable.

[30:22] Among His proofs are the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the variations in your languages and your colors. In these, there are signs for the knowledgeable.

[12:105] So many proofs in the heavens

and the earth are given to them, but they pass by them, heedlessly!

when we benefit from reminders,

[39:21] Do you not see that God sends down from the sky water, then places it into underground wells, then produces with it plants of various colors, then they grow until they turn yellow, then He turns them into hay? This should be a reminder for those who possess intelligence.

[40:54] (Their history) is a lesson and a reminder for those who possess intelligence.

and when we fully comprehend and value God's oaths

[89:5] A profound oath, for one who possesses intelligence.

[56:76] This is an oath, if you only knew, that is awesome.

Using our knowledge and our mind to fit into God's definition of intelligence is the real intelligence. Intelligence becomes a part of the illusion of this fleeting world if we don't use it to recognize God and to choose the appreciative, straight path.

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Thanking God

In the US, we celebrate July 4 as our Independence Day. But let's always remember our dependence on our Supreme Creator. Here are some quotes

from the founding fathers of the country acknowledging that God is the Grantor of all we enjoy.

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?"

Thomas Jefferson

"Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual. ... Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave ..."

John Hancock

"I believe in one God, the Creator of the Universe. That He governs it by His Providence. That He ought to be worshipped. ... That the soul of man is immortal, and will be treated with justice in another life respecting its conduct in this."

Benjamin Franklin

"A watchful eye must be kept on ourselves lest while we are building ideal monuments of Renown and Bliss here we neglect to have our names enrolled in the Annals of Heaven."

James Madison

"When we view the blessings with which our country has been favored, those which we now enjoy, and the means which we possess of handing them down unimpaired to our latest posterity, our attention is irresistibly drawn to the source from whence they flow. Let us then, unite in offering our most grateful acknowledgments for these blessings to the Divine Author of All Good."

James Monroe