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# **Dedication**

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#### Abstract

Translating the Qur'an has always been a difficult task which stems from the holy status of the Book as well as the unique use of Arabic language in it. Being a deliberate text, every word in the Qur'an serves a specific purpose and cannot be replaced by what may be considered a synonym. Translators of the Qur'an encounter difficulties that make it an impossible task to be able to cater for this fact in their translations. They end translating the surface meaning leading to immeasurable loss. This thesis studies the meaning of the word & nazala and its derivatives as used in the Qur'an at both word and context levels. The word level meaning of nazala is researched in classical Arabic-Arabic dictionaries. Those meanings are determined through consulting Qur'an exegeses and relevant literature. The translation of nazala and its derivatives is then assessed in light of the findings of the linguistic analysis. Three English translations of the Qur'an are used for this purpose: Marmaduke Pickthall's (1930), Muhammad Muhsin Khan's and Muhammad Taqiudin Al Hilali's (1971) and M. A. S Abdul Haleem's (2004). It is found that the translations do not always consider the deeper meaning of the word, and that translation loss is a prevailing fact in Qur'an translation.

Search Terms: Qur'an, translation, balaghah, fasahah, loss

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# **Transliteration system**

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The (J) in Arabic is transliterated according to its correct pronunciation being *shamsiya* or *qamariya*.

A double letter indicates *shaddah*.

Proper names and titles of Arabic books are transliterated in a simple way without using any special symbols.

# **Abbreviations:**

SL: source language

TL: target language

ST: Source text

TT: Target text

## **Chapter One: Introduction**

The Qur'anic text has always been a subject to translation into many languages throughout the ages. As far as English is concerned many translations tried to convey the meaning of the holy book as accurately as possible. Given that translating religious texts in general is a challenging task, the Qur'an sets a clear example of this challenge. From unique denotations of utterances to deep connotational language and culture specific terms, the distinctive characteristics of the Qur'anic text render translation into English particularly difficult.

An example of such a challenge is translating the word 0 and its derivatives in the Qur'an. The way the Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad ( $\rho$ ) is described in the Qur'an as 0  $nuz\bar{u}l$  (descending or sending down). The concept of  $nuz\bar{u}l$  is referred to across the Qur'anic text with different words derived from the same root 0  $nuz\bar{u}l$ . The concept of  $nuz\bar{u}l$  is also used to refer to different things like other Scriptures, punishment, iron...etc. We also find sometimes that the same object is referred to by two different derivatives of nazala, like using 0 nazala and 0 nazala in reference to the Qur'an. Recognizing that the Qur'anic wording is not haphazard, translating 'anzala and nazzala the same way could not be considered in line with this basic fact. From this analysis two research questions are posed:

- 1. How far do Qur'an translators recognize all nuances of meaning of Qur'anic words before translating them?
- 2. Second, bearing in mind the inevitability of translation loss, how far do the translators succeed in minimizing this loss in the TT?

In light of the above, this thesis investigates the meaning of the root *nazala* and its derivatives as used throughout the Qur'anic text. Based on the meanings established, three English translations of the Qur'an are assessed in order to see whether the translators were aware of all shades of meaning of the word in question. Moreover, suggestions to minimize translation loss are given wherever possible.

This thesis consists of six chapters. Chapter One is an introduction. It highlights the importance of the research area and the value of the present research. It also draws the map of the thesis. Chapter Two is a review of relevant literature. It introduces translation studies and summarizes translation theories relevant to this study. Chapter

three gives an account of translations of the Qur'an by both Non-Muslims and Muslim translators, and discusses the limitations of Qur'an translation in terms of untranslatability and translation loss. Chapter four is dedicated for data analysis. It presents the methodology followed in collecting and analysing the data, as well as the methodology of conducting this study. Next, the meaning of the word *nazala* is and established at word level through Arabic-Arabic dictionaries, and at contextual level through Qur'an exegeses and relevant literature. In chapter five the translation of *nazala* in three English translations with reference to the findings of chapter four is assessed. Chapter six is a conclusion of the study where the findings and recommendations are presented.

## **Chapter Two: Review of Literature**

This chapter introduces translation studies and reviews relevant translation theories. It gives an account of terminology and translation quality assessment. The concept of *balāghah* in Arabic Language is also discussed at the end.

#### 2.1 Introduction to Translation Studies

According to Munday (2008, p. 5) *interlingual translation* refers to the general subject field, the product (the text translated) or the process (the act of translating). As a process, translation involves changing the original source text in one language into a text in another language. Throughout history translation has played a very important role in communication between nations as well as in sharing knowledge across the world. Before the second half of the twentieth century, translation was merely a language learning issue (Munday, 2008, p. 7). Until the 1960's translation studies was considered as a branch of applied linguistics, and the study of translation was practiced without exceeding the territory of linguistics in general. In the 1970's and 1980's other disciplines began to be involved in translation studies, such as psychology, philosophy and cultural studies (Baker, 2001, p. 279). This multi-disciplinary feature has led to various theories and approaches to the study of translation. Baker (2001, p. 280) states that translation studies cannot be restricted to one approach, and research should be conducted in all areas of translation studies.

This chapter deals with translation studies approaches and theories relevant to the topic of this study.

#### 2.2 Translation Theories

**2.2.1 Equivalence and Meaning.** The debate about the nature of translation became more systematic with Roman Jakobson's focus on "linguistic meaning" and "equivalence". Jakobson adopts the relation between signifier and signified as set by Ferdinand de Saussure. Taking, for example, the word 'cheese': the signifier is the written or acoustic sign 'cheese'. This denotes the concept (food made of pressed curds) which is the signified. The relation between the signifier and the signified is arbitrary, so the same concept (signified) can be referred to in other languages with different signifiers. Therefore, according to Jakobson, translation involves substituting entire messages in both SL and TL and not only "code-units" so that we have two equivalent

messages in two different codes. Ordinarily there is no full equivalence between words of different written languages. This can be attributed to the fact that languages express reality differently, as a result of lexical and grammatical restrains in languages (Munday, 2008, p. 37). For example the word "اللؤمنات" in Arabic includes the gender of the person, while *believers* in English does not. This is a problem of structure and not concept absence. However, English can still express this concept with the use of more than one word such as *female believers*. Therefore, according to Jakobson, every concept in one language is transferrable to other languages. Poetic texts where form plays a role in expressing the messages could be an exception (Munday, 2008, p. 38)

**2.2.2 Nida's Formal and Dynamic Equivalence.** Eugene A. Nida, an American linguist who worked on bible translation, adopts a more systematic and scientific approach to study translation. Nida's work is influenced by Noam Chomsky's work on syntactic structure and generative-transformational grammar. Nida introduces a more functional definition of meaning where a word acquires its meaning through its context and can produce various meanings according to culture. Departing from the usual debate of literal-free translation, this new stage in translation studies introduces the ideas of formal and dynamic equivalence.

Formal equivalence in translation tends to retain the structure of the ST beside the content. ST Structure in this type of translation is the element that determines accuracy and correctness. In this context, gloss translation is considered a good example where formal equivalence is used. Dynamic equivalence, on the other hand, aims at stimulating the same response by the target reader. The focus here is on "naturalness of expression", which is achieved by adapting grammar, lexicon and cultural differences of the ST when they are rendered in the TT (Munday, 2008, p. 42).

2.2.3 Vinay and Darbelnet's Model. Vinay and Darbelnet carried out a comparative stylistic analysis between French and English. They came up with translation strategies which could later be applied to other language pairs. These translation strategies are mainly two: direct translation and oblique translation. Each strategy has its own techniques. With direct translation three techniques are used: borrowing, calque and literal translation. Borrowing means importing the source language word into the target language by transliterating it. This technique is used to

fill a lexical gap in the target language (Fawcett, 1997, p. 34), e.g. 5 = zakat which is an obligatory-by-ability charity that has a set of regulations governing the way it is given out and which totally differs from any kind of charity in any other religion or culture.

The second technique in direct translation is calque, which is literal translation on phrase level (Fawcett, 1997, p. 35) e.g. أهل الكتاب people of the book.

Literal translation is the third technique in direct translation. It is used when a text can go from the SL to the TL without changes other than those of grammar (Fawcett, 1997, p. 36) e.g. (282 الفراء) ...والمقرة = when you contract a debt for a specific term, write it down (Q 282:2).

Vinay and Darbelnet suggest that when literal translation is unable to render translation appropriately, oblique translation should be used. Oblique translation has four techniques: transposition, modulation, equivalence and adaptation.

Transposition refers to the grammatical changes made during translation. It includes shifts in word class (Fawcett, 1997, p. 37) such as verb – adjective shifts. A Qur'anic example is:

Say: "Are those who know equal to those who know not?" (Q 9:39).

Modulation is defined by Vinay and Darbelnet as "a variation in the message, obtained by changing point of view, lighting" (as cited in (Fawcett, 1997, p. 37). In this technique the signifier changes while the signified remains the same. It may take place between abstract and concrete terms, between a part and a whole and by reversing the point of view (Fawcett, 1997, p. 37). Qur'anic example: فتحرير رقبة the freeing of a believing slave (synecdoche-part to whole).

Equivalence is mainly about the translation of idioms where ST and TL refer to the same situation but in different ways (Fawcett, 1997, p. 38) e.g. the Arabic saying الأقربون is in English "charity begins at home".

Adaptation is changing cultural references that do not exist in the TL (Fawcett, 1997, p. 39). The Arabic word سِواك for example could be rendered as *toothbrush*.

**2.2.4 Text Type.** Katharina Reiss's work on text type and language function contributes to the new move towards a functional and communicative approach to the analysis of translation. According to Reiss, text, rather than the word or sentence, is the unit where communication is achieved. She identifies four text types: informative text, expressive text, operative text and audiomedial text.

Informative text communicates facts, knowledge and opinions. The focus here is on content, and the language used is logical and referential. Reports and lectures are examples of this text type.

Expressive text highlights the aesthetic dimension of language. The author, as well as the form of the message, is foregrounded. Poetry is a good example of this text type.

Operative text aims to appeal to or persuade the receiver to do something. The language used is dialogic. Advertisements fall under this text type.

Audiomedial text supplements the other three text types with images and sounds, as in films and visual and spoken advertisements (Munday, 2008, p. 73).

Reiss suggests translation methods based on these text types. The TT of an informative text, for example, should retain the full referential and conceptual context of the ST, and the language used should be "plain prose" and without redundancy. In the same vein, an expressive text should be rendered with its aesthetic form, and the TT of an operative text should leave an equivalent effect and produce the intended response in the TT receiver (Munday, 2008, pp. 74-75).

**2.2.5 Skopos Theory.** *Skopos* is a Greek word which means "aim" or "purpose". In translation studies *skopos* is a translation theory that focuses on the purpose of translation. The purpose of translation in this theory determines the translation methods and strategies used to get an adequate TT which is termed *translatum* (Munday, 2008, p. 79).

Reiss and Vermeer (1984) set the following rules for skopos theory (as cited in Munday, 2008, p. 80):

- 1- A translatum (or TT) is determined by its skopos
- 2- A TT is an offer of information in a target culture and TL concerning an offer of information in a source culture and SL.
- 3- A TT does not initiate an offer of information in a clearly reversible way.
- 4- A TT must be internally coherent.

- 5- A TT must be coherent with the ST.
- 6- The five rules above stand in hierarchical order, with the skopos rule predomination.

Hence the ST and TT are related to their function in their respective language and culture. The function of *translatum* in the target text is not necessarily the same in the source text. As for the coherence rule, the TT must be coherent for the TT receivers as far as their circumstances and knowledge are concerned. Moreover, coherence between the *translatum* and the ST must be achieved, specifically between the ST information, the translator's interpretation of this information and the information encoded for the TT receivers (Munday, 2008, p. 80)

## 2.3 Terminology and Translation

A theory of terminology highlights the difference between the behavior of terms and the behavior of words and proper names. It also attempts to explain the difference between word and term formation and how to deal with neology (Sager, 2001, pp. 258-259).

According to Kageura (2002, p. 9) a term is "a lexical unit consisting of one or more than one word which represents a concept inside a domain." Terminology, on the other hand, can refer to the practices and methods used to collect, describe and present terms. It may also refer to a theory. That is, the premises, arguments and conclusions required for explaining the relationships between concepts and terms. Lastly, it may refer to the vocabulary of a special subject field (Sager, 1990; as cited in Pearson, 1998, p. 10).

Names refer individually to objects and people, and words refer arbitrarily to general concepts inside the linguistic system and in the real world. On the other hand, terms refer deliberately to specific concepts within particular subject fields (Sager, 2001, p. 259).

Rey (1995, p. 80) identifies five processes used when creating new terms in a certain language. These are: borrowing, morphology, abbreviation, acronym, and creation of fixed expressions.

#### 2.4 Translation Quality Assessment (TQA)

There is a variety of approaches to translation quality assessment, and this variation is the result of different conceptions of translation (House, 2001, p. 197). One of the main approaches of TQA is the **anecdotal and subjective approach**. This approach assesses translation through personal judgments of practicing translators, philosophers and writers. It uses loose concepts such as "faithfulness to the original", and "the natural flow of the translated text". The quality of translation according to proponents of this approach is dependent on the translator and his/her personal knowledge, intuitions and artistic competence (House, 2001, p. 197).

Another approach to TQA is the **response-oriented**, **psycholinguistic approach**. The response of the target reader in this approach is the criterion that decides the quality of translation. In order for a translation to be judged successful, the target reader must respond in the same manner as the target reader of the original text. The effective factor here is Nida's dynamic equivalence. Nida set three criteria for an optimal translation: general efficiency of the communicative process, comprehension of intent and equivalence of response (House, 2001, p. 197).

**Text function and text-based approach** is another influential TQA approach. Reiss (2000) proposes three text types to which a source text belongs and they determine all other choices a translator makes. These text-types are content-focused, form-focused, and appeal-text type. In a content-focused text type (such as reports, educational texts and journals) the translation is judged in terms of the text's semantic, grammatical and stylistic characteristics. In a form-focused text type (such as literary prose, imaginative prose and poetry) the text is judged in terms of its aesthetics, stylistics and semantic characteristics. An appeal-text type is a text such as advertisement or propaganda. Its purpose is to persuade the target receiver. The judgment on translation here is on retaining the same effect on the receiver as the original has in the source language (Reiss, 2000, cited in Thaicharoen, 2007, p. 7). Koller (1979) suggests that translation evaluation should go through three stages. Firstly, transferability of the source text to the target language is assessed. Secondly, the methods used to produce a given translation are examined, and thirdly, the translation is evaluated based on native speaker metalinguistic judgements and the textspecific features established in the first stage (as cited in House, 2001, p. 198).

The **functional-pragmatic model**, based on pragmatic theories of language use, provides a further approach to assess quality of translation. The basic requirement

to achieve equivalence in this model is that the translation should have a function equivalent to the function of the source text. This approach involves an initial analysis of the TT according to a set of situational dimensions, for which linguistic correlates are established. The resulting textual profile of the original characterizes its function which is then set as the norm against which the translation is measured. While evaluating the relative match between translation and original, a distinction must be made between dimensional and non-dimensional mismatches. Dimensional mismatches are pragmatic errors which have to do with language users and language use. Non-dimensional mismatches are mismatches of denotative meanings between original and translation elements at various levels (House, 2001, p. 199).

## 2.5 Fasāhah and Balāghah in the Arabic Language

 $Fa\underline{s}\overline{a}\underline{h}ah$  فصاحة and  $Bal\overline{a}ghah$  are two important concepts that are highlighted whenever the Qur'anic text is discussed. It is agreed that the Qur'an contains a high level of style elegance and precise use of utterances in exquisite Arabic. It is hence described as being at the apex of  $fa\underline{s}\overline{a}\underline{h}ah$  and  $bal\overline{a}ghah$ .

The word fasahah نصاحة is derived from fasuha نصاحة which means became clear, and describing a speaker as fasah means that he/she speaks clearly. The linguistic term fasahah can describe word, discourse and speaker. At word level, a word is described as fasahah when the sounds of its letters are in harmony with one another, when the word is familiar and clear in meaning, and when it is in conformity with the rules of the language. So a word like fasahah when it is not considered fasahah because it is heavy to utter and not smooth to the ear. At discourse level, a discourse is considered fasahah when it is clear in meaning, easily uttered, well-structured, free of ambiguity and conforms to the rules of the language. Finally, a speaker is described as fasahah when he/she can express him/herself properly in different situations and for different purposes using fasahah discourse (Allaithy, 2014, pp. 19-22). None of the above mentioned fasahah voids are present in any Qur'anic word.

The word  $bal\bar{a}ghah$  is derived from balagha which means to arrive, to reach, to arrive at one's destination or goal.  $Bal\bar{a}ghah$  in Arabic speech is the ability to say what should be said using  $fas\bar{\imath}h$  words or discourse in conformity with what the given situation requires. Allaithy defines  $bal\bar{a}ghah$  as "the conformity of the utterance to the requirements of the situation using  $fas\bar{\imath}h$  discourse" (Allaithy, 2014, p. 25).

## Chapter Three: Translations of the Qur'an

This chapter provides an overview of translations of the Qur'an by both non-Muslim and Muslim translators. It sheds light on limitations of Qur'anic translations in the light of translation theory and approaches discussed in Chapter Two.

#### 3.1 Translations by non-Muslims

The Qur'an was first translated into Latin by Robertus Rotenesis and Hermannus Dalmata in 1143, but was not published until 1543. In 1647, the French Consul in Egypt, André du Ryer was the first to translate the Qur'an into French. The first English version of the Qur'an was written by Alexander Ross in 1688, based on Ryer's French translation and not on the original Arabic text. Other English translations were based on Father Ludovic Maracci's 1698 Latin translation. George Sale's 1734 translation is one of the most famous English translations. Although his translation was based on the original Arabic text, Sale depended heavily on Maracci's Latin translation. Sale's translation was later the source text for Dutch, German, French, Russian, Swedish and Bulgarian translations. Many other English translations based on Sale's and other non-Arabic versions appeared later. These include Rodwell (1861), Palmer (1880), Bell (1939) and Dawood (1956). A translation based on the original text was done by professor Arberry and was published in 1955 (Khalifa, 1989, pp. 64-65).

Two main features characterize non-Muslim translators of these early translations. First, many of them did not speak Arabic, and they were translating or paraphrasing from the first Latin version. Second, those who had some knowledge of Arabic language and translated from the original text, had linguistic knowledge insufficient for the task. Added to this, the stated purpose of some translators was to refute the book of Islam rather than translate it (Fatani, 2006, p. 666).

#### 3.2 Translations by Muslim Translators

The first English translation by a Muslim translator was Marmaduke Pickthall's 1930 translation: *The Meaning of the Glorious Koran*. Other translations by Muslim scholars appeared within a few years of Pickthall's work, including Yusuf Ali's 1934 *The Holy Qur'an: Text, translation and commentary* and Muhammad Asad's 1980 *The Message of the Qur'an*. For a complete list see Appendix A (quoted from Allaithy, 2014).

#### 3.3 Limitations of Qur'an translation

**3.3.1 Translatability.** The concept of translatability is defined as: "the capacity for some kind of meaning to be transferred from one language to another without undergoing radical change" (Pym & Turk, 2001, p. 273).

According to Hermans (2009) translatability is always possible due to the fact that there is common core human experience across the world. This common experience can be transferred through different languages; the difference is only in the way languages transfer information. Language is seen as having two layers, a surface and a deep structure. Meanings are generated from the deep structure and transmitted through different forms of surface structure. Translation transfers meaning by substituting the carrier (SL surface structure) of this meaning by another carrier (TL surface structure).

3.3.2 Untranslatability. Untranslatability poses a question about the feasibility of adequate translation. Since languages have different grammatical and lexical structures they represent meanings differently (Hermans, 2009, p. 301). The English word *uncle*, for example, does not include any reference to whether the person is the brother of the father or the mother. In Arabic, on the other hand, it has to be either person (brother of father) or the brother of mother). This is what Dickins, Hervey, & Higgins (2002) term as "translation loss".

**3.3.3 Translation Loss.** Translation Loss is "the inevitable loss of textually and culturally relevant features" (Dickins, Hervey, & Higgins, 2002, p. 21). Fawcett (1997), points out that the variation between languages in terms of different components and relations of word meaning has two consequences. Firstly, the meaning transferred will be decided by situation and context and not by a dictionary. Secondly, the transfer will nearly always involve some form of loss.

This phenomenon is visible at the most basic level across languages, in rhythm and intonation, as well as at high linguistic levels like rhetoric (Dickins, Hervey, & Higgins, 2002, p. 21).

On the denotative level for example, the word بقرة in Arabic denotes the same meaning of *cow* in English. However, there is difference on phonic and prosodic levels. This kind of loss would be significant if the word for example has a rhyme function in the ST (Dickins, Hervey, & Higgins, 2002, p. 21). For example the rhythm in والتقت الساق بالساق، إلى ربك يومئذ المساق is lost when translated as "And the leg is wound about the leg, To your Lord, that Day, will be the procession"

**3.3.4 Syntactic and Stylistic Loss.** Syntactic and stylistic items are a major feature of the Qur'anic text. Marked word order and the selection of special grammatical forms of lexical items are linguistic features used to achieve high levels of meaning.

The wording of Qur'an is deliberate and every word serves a purpose. Therefore, it is justifiable to say that if a word is repeated in the original it should, if possible, be repeated in the translation, unless of course the context dictates a different rendering for the repeated words... the translator has to account for each and every word in the original text, in addition to considering their meaning in context. (Ali, 2006, p. 25).

It is also justifiable to replace *word* with *word order* or *word form* in the above quoted text. Moreover, some of these syntactic and stylistic features are language-specific and cannot be shared by other languages. These syntactic and stylistic issues render translating the Quran a complex and challenging task (Abdul-Raof, 2004, p. 96).

Firstly, **Foregrounding (or clefting)** is a syntactic operation occurring in Arabic where a linguistic element is placed in an initial position in a sentence to achieve a special communicative goal (Abdul-Raof, 2004, p. 97).

"From Nutfah (male and female semen drops) He created him, and then set him in due proportion" (Q80:19) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). من نطفة is highlighted by being foregrounded. The English translation crossed the borders of norms of the English language to echo this feature (Abdul-Raof, 2004).

Secondly, the use of **Oxymoron** in Arabic is a stylistic feature where words with opposite meanings are put adjacent to each other to highlight their difference.

6. "Verily, with the hardship, there is relief" (i.e. there is one hardship with two reliefs, so one hardship cannot overcome two reliefs) (Q94:6) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). The syntactic difference between English and Arabic prevents rendering this stylistic feature into English.

Thirdly, **Emphasis** is used in the Qur'an to express assertion and specificity in many ways. For example, in one 'āyah three types of emphasis are used, with two of them focusing on one word:

"And by God, I shall plot a plan (to destroy) your idols after you have gone away and turned your backs." (Q21:57) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). The Oath in Arabic is used as an emphasis style. It gives seriousness to the speaker's statement to remove any doubt from the listener's mind. The word الله has two emphasis devices: the *lam* at the beginning and the *noon* النون in the end, both stressing the same verb. It is very difficult to cater for all these emphasis devices in translation into English. The translator could only echo the oath (Abdul-Raof, 2004, p. 97).

Another emphasis style used for specificity in the Qur'an is inserting the pronoun عو after the subject as in:

"Know they not that God accepts repentance from His slaves and takes the Sadaqât (alms, charities) and that Allah Alone is the One Who forgives and accepts repentance, Most Merciful?" (Q 9:104) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). Repeating the pronoun after the subject means assertion that only Allah and not anyone else is the one who has the authority to accept or reject repentance and good deeds (Abdul-Raof, 2004, p. 102).

The translator here diffused the second pronoun on to mean "Allah alone" but left the first un-rendered.

**3.3.5 Rhetorical Loss.** The Qur'anic discourse is rich with rhetorical features, among which are features that are difficult to translate. Consequently they cause inevitable translation loss (Abdul-Raof, 2004, p. 102). Examples of these features include the use of alliteration, antithesis and repetition.

**Alliteration** is a rhetorical and poetic device in which subsequent words in a sentence have the same initial consonant sound, imbuing the sentence with melody or intensity (Abdul-Raof, 2004, p. 102). Example:

"And they prevent others from him (from following Prophet Muhammad) and they themselves keep away from him, and (by doing so) they destroy not but their own selves, yet they perceive (it) not" (Q 6:26) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996).

There is alliteration in يناون and ينأون which cannot be echoed in the English translation.

**Antithesis** is a rhetorical literary device in which an opposition or contrast of ideas is expressed. A example is:

"Verily, the Abrâr (pious and righteous) will be in delight (Paradise). And verily, the Fujjâr (the wicked, disbelievers, sinners and evil-doers) will be in the blazing Fire (Hell)" (Q 82:13-14) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). This antithesis consists of parallel structures represented by the words الأبرار (righteous) on one side and الفحار (wicked) on the other side, and حصر (bliss) on one side and حصر (hell) on the other side (Abdul-Raof, 2004). This device has been rendered in English in way that is consistent with the Arabic text.

**Repetition** is another device used to emphasize and disambiguate meaning as well as adding a rhetorical touch to the text. An example from the Qur'an:

"Read! In the Name of your Lord, Who has created (all that exists), Has created man from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood)" (Q 96:1-2) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). One of the functions of repetition in these two 'āyahs is to indicate parallel rhetorical movements between generality and particularity on one hand, and between basic and

complex on the other (Ali, 1998,p. 189). The translation renders only part of the meaning which is the general meaning of creation versus the particular, but sacrificed the melodic feature of the text.

**3.3.6** Cultural Loss. The message of Islam is intended to be delivered to all mankind as stated in the Qur'an in many 'āyahs:

"And We have not sent you (O Muhammad) except as a giver of glad tidings and a warner to all mankind, but most of men know not (Q 34:28) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). When viewed as a universal message, the Qur'an, it may be argued, is not culture-bound in its entirety. But since the Qur'an is a book in Arabic initially revealed to an Arab audience, it is natural for it to contain some cultural references related to Arab culture and history (Ali, 1998, p. 177). Some of these cultural references may pose translation problems. For example:

"And when you look at them, their bodies please you; and when they speak, you listen to their words. They are as blocks of wood propped up. They think that every cry is against them. They are the enemies, so beware of them. May Allah curse them! How are they denying (or deviating from) the Right Path" (Q 63:4) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). خشب مسندة (blocks of wood propped up) is a cultural reference which means that these hypocrites the 'āyah is talking about are useless. The translation did not effectively render this image from the target text.

**3.3.7 Lexical and Semantic Loss.** The Qur'an has many Qur'an-specific lexical items that are unique and condensed in their meaning. To translate a word like (Q 4:43) into English requires the use of an explanation, as follows: strike your hands on the earth and pass the palm of each hand on the back of the other, and then blow off the dust from them and pass (rub) them on your face. The translator is forced to defuse this term, since there is no equivalence in English (Abdul-Raof, 2004, p. 93).

Another example is the the word الصحد (Q 112:2). In English it is rendered as: God, The Eternal, The uncaused cause of all being, Lordship of Almighty God, The need of others for Him while the reverse is not true. This one word in Arabic is loaded

with meanings that cannot be expressed with one word in English. Only an approximate meaning can be given as some Qur'an translators concluded (Abdul-Raof, 2004, p. 94).

Some words cannot even be paraphrased (Abdul-Raof, 2004). For example, the lexical item من دونه signifies dignity, might and monotheism as in:

"Say: (O Muhammad ( $\rho$ ) to those polytheists, pagans, etc.)"Call upon those whom you assert (to be associate gods) besides Allah, they possess not even the weight of an atom (or a small ant), either in the heavens or on the earth, nor have they any share in either, nor there is for Him any supporter from among them"" (Q 34:22). The translator failed to cater for all the meanings of the lexical element  $\alpha_{\nu}$  (Abdul-Raof, 2004, p. 96).

#### 3.4 Conclusion

Qur'an translation is a phenomenon as old as the message of Islam. Both Muslims and non-Muslims showed an interest in translating the Qur'an and many translations came into existence through Western and Muslim translators. Like other text types, when translated, the Qur'an contains language features that challenge translators. However, the peculiar complexities of the Qur'anic text make it particularly problematic for translators, even those with knowledge of Arabic. The challenges of Qur'anic text are intensive and multidimensional. They include syntactic and stylistic, lexical and semantic, rhetorical and cultural elements that may render parts of the text untranslatable.

## **Chapter Four: Data Analysis**

In this chapter an analysis of the meaning of the root *nazala* and its derivatives in the Qur'an is conducted. The analysis will focus on: first, the meaning at word level which will be established through Arabic – Arabic dictionaries and second, the contextual meaning based on Qur'an exegeses and related literature.

## 4.1 Data Collection and Research Methodology

In order to have a complete list of the 'āyahs where the word nazala and all its derivatives are mentioned, the Qur'an Indexed Dictionary (Abdulbaqi, 1945) is used. Then, out of context and by using Arabic – Arabic dictionaries, the meaning of nazala and all its derivations is established. The dictionaries used are Lisan Al Arab, Taj Al Arus, Maqayees Al Lughah, Al Qamus Al Muhiet. After establishing the meaning of nazala at the lexical level, it is analysed within its context. That is, how it is used in the Qur'an.

For this purpose the word *nazala* is and its derivatives are categorized according to their semantic fields. Qur'an exegeses including Ibn Kathir (2000), Alqurtubi (2006), Ruh Almaani, Al Kash-shaf (2009) and Al Tabari (1994) are used along with literature dealing with the Qur'anic text from a linguistic aspect.

After establishing the meaning of *nazala* and its derivatives lexically and contextually, three English translations of the Qur'an are assessed with regards to the translation of the word in question. The translations used are: Marmaduke Pickthall (1930), Muhammad Muhsin Khan and Muhammad Taqiudin Al Hilali (1971) and M. A. S Abdul Haleem (2004).

These translations are chosen based on two factors: similar faith backgrounds of translators and timeframe of the translations. The translators chosen are all Muslims and that's to avoid any bias issues; the translations were done at different times in the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries so as to have translations from different periods of modern time to cover as much as possible any style or technique developments.

# 4.2 Data Analysis

In his indexed dictionary of the Holy Qur'an, Abdulbaqi (1945) listed the words of the Qur'an each with reference to the ' $\bar{a}yah$  and  $s\bar{u}rah$  it is mentioned in, as well as the number of times a word is mentioned. As for the root nazala iv, we find:

nazala نَزَلَ	v	'anzil أَنْزِلْ	v
yanzilu ليُنزلُ	v	أَنْزِلْنِي 'anzilnī'	v
	v		v
nazzala نَرِّلُ	V	ْ أُنْزِلَ unzila أُنْزِلَ	V
nazzalnā نَزَّلْنَا	v	أُنْزِلَت 'unzilat'	ν
nazzalnāhu نَزَّلْنَاه	v	تَنَزَّلَتْ tanazzalat	v
nazzalahu نَزَّلُه	v	تَتَنَزَّلُ tatanazzalu	v
tunazzila تُنَزِّل	v	تَنَزَّلُ tanazzalu	v
nunazzilu نُنَزِّلُ	v	natanazzalu نَتَنَزَّلُ	ν
nunazziluhu نُنَزِّلُه	v	yatanazzalu يَتَنَرِّلُ	v
yunazzilu يُنَزِّلُ	v	nuzulun نُزُلُ	n
nuzzila نُزِّلَ	v	nuzulan نُزُلاً	n
nuzzilat نُزِّلَت	v	أَنُوُفُمُ nuzuluhum	n
tunazzala تُنَزَّلَ	v	nazlatan نَزْلَةً	n
yunazzalu يُنَزَّلُ	v	تَنْزِيلٌ tanzīlun	n
'anzala أَنْزَلَ	v	تُنْزِيلاً tanzīlan	Cognate object
'anzaltu أُنْزَلْتُ	v	manāzila مَنَازِلَ	n
ʻanzalahu أُنْزَلَهُ	v	munazziluhā مُنَزِّفًا	Active participle
'anzaltumūhu أَنْزَلْتُمُوهُ  anzaltumūhu	v	مُنَرَّلُ munazzalun	adj
'anzalnā أَنْزَلْنا	v	munzilūn مُنْزِلُون	Active participle
'anzalnāhu أُنْزَلْناهُ	v	almunzilīn المنْزِلين	Active participle
ʻanzalnāha أنزَلنَاهَا	v	munzalan مُنْزَلاً	n
sa'unzilu لَـُانْزِلُ	ν	munzalīn مُنْزَلِين	adj

See Appendix B for a complete list of nazala and its derivatives with 'āyahs they are mentioned in as well as a translation thereof.

## 4.3 Meaning according to Arabic - Arabic Dictionaries

nazala نَوَلَ: The verb nazala according to Arabic – Arabic dictionaries has the following meanings: descending from a higher to a lower place (Lisan Al Arab, Maqayees Al Lugha and Taj Al Aarus) e.g. نول المطر the rain came down.

## Other meanings:

زَلَ به الأمر: (something came down to him) something happened to him, (Lisan Al Arab) : نَوْلَ به الأمر (he came down to someone) to be a guest of someone, (Lisan Al Arab) : نَوْلَ عِلْهُ عَلَى الأَمْر (he came down from something) to abandon something (Lisan Al Arab) : نَوْلَ عِنْ الأَمْر (the came down from something) to abandon something (Lisan Al Arab) : نَوْلُ عِنْ دَابِتهُ (he came down to someone's will or rule) to comply with

(Al Mujam Al Wasit)

someone's wish or rules

زكُلُ القَومُ : (they came down) used in Hajj rituals, and it means to stay at a place called Mina

(Lisan Al Arab)

The relation of the above mentioned meanings of *nazala* to its intrinsic meaning of "descending from a higher to a lower place" lies within the aspect of change from a status to another. This change has a degrading effect as in abandoning something, or complying with a rule or judgement.

The transitive form of the verb *nazala آنِ* are 'anzala آئِنَ and *nazzala* آئِنَ and *nazzala آئِنَ* and *nazzala آئِنَ*. According to Arabic – Arabic dictionaries *nazzala* آئِنَ has basically the meaning of 'anzala آئِنَ , the difference is that *nazzala ئِنَ* as an action has an additional meaning of an extended and gradual process, while 'anzala tends to be a one-go process (Lisan Al Aarab and Taj Al Arus).

The verbal noun tanzīl تثريل means descending gradually (Lisan Al Arab) and it also means to arrange and to put something in its correct place (Maqayees Al Lughah).

The nomen agentis  $naz\bar{\imath}l$  نوبل means a guest or inmate, as well as a food described as  $naz\bar{\imath}l$  نوبل meaning it is blessed فين (Lisan Al Arab). Also, manzil, نوبل inmate

is the place where people dwell (e.g. home) as well as the resource of something (Lisan Al Arab).

Al manzilah المُثْوِلة is the status or rank and لهُ مُنُوِلةٌ عِنْد الْأَمِير he's in the prince's good books (Taj Al Arus). Nazlah means once or one time and it also means sickness (like cold) (Lisan Al Arab).

The passive verb *nuzila* نُولُ means *he got sick*. (Lisan Al Arab)

Nāzilah نازِلَة means an event that makes people suffer for some time (like war or famine) (Lisan Al Arab).

Nizāl الله is the verbal noun of nāzala الكنَّان which means in the context of war soldiers get off their camels, ride their horses and fight. (Lisan Al Arab)

nuzul نوم means a place to dwell in it also means what a host offers his guest out of hospitality like food or a place to sleep. It can also be an adjective like نوم نوا which means they are guests (Lisan Al Arab). In Taj Al Arus, nuzul means also food and يركة blessing as in نوا nuzulan نوا ما المعام ذو نؤل a place prepared for the guest to stay at.

tanzīl تَوْيِل is a noun derived from nazzala نَوُلُ which means arranging things and putting them in their right places (Lisan Al Arab).

manāzil مَنَازِل is the plural form of manzīl مَنزِل and it means according to Lisan Al Arab the place where people dwell (موضع النزول). It also means the resource of something المنهل and a level or class (الدرجة).

tanazzala نَزَلُ فِي مهلة means نَزُلُ فِي مهلة sent down gradually (Lisan Al Arab).

nazlah نَوْلَة could mean sickness or (once or one time) (Taj Al Arus) as in ولقد رآه "he saw him a second time".

To summarize, the dictionary meaning of *nazala* and its derivatives in the Holy Qur'an revolve around the act of descending from a higher to a lower place, sending down something, a place to dwell, arranging and once or one time. The verb *nazzala* derived from the same root adds the element of order and graduality to the act of descending.

## 4.4 Meaning in the Holy Qur'an

examined in terms of context, the use of *nuzūl* (the act of descending or sending down) refers to the Qur'an and the Holy Scriptures in 139 locations (or about 50 percent of the times it is used). The remaining 50 percent of occurrences involving the use of *nuzūl*, include its mention with rain, hail, proof, food, miracles, treasure, angles, security, punishment, tranquillity (peace, reassurance), cattle, raiment, balance (or justice), iron and devils. The variation of lexical elements accompanying the act of descending or sending down leads to context variation and consequently meaning variation. Therefore, in order to understand and establish the meaning of *nuzūl* throughout this contextual variation, the lexical elements mentioned with *nazala* and its derivatives are categorized according to their semantic fields as follows:

# a- The Scriptures:

نَوْلَ nazzala, نَوْلَ nazzala, نَوْلَ nazzala, نَوْلَ nazzala, نَوْلُ nazzala, نَوْلُ nazzala, نَوْلُ nazzala, نَوْلُ nazzalahu, نَوْلُ nunazzila, نُوْلُ nunazzila, نُوْلُ nunazzila, نُوْلُ nunazzila, نُوْلُ nunazzala, نُوْلُ nunazzala, نُوْلُ nunazzala, أَوْلُ 'anzala, أَوْلُ 'anzala, أَوْلُ 'anzala, أَوْلُ 'anzala, أَوْلُ نَاهُ 'anzala, ثَوْلُ 'anzala, ثَوْلُ 'anzala, ثَوْلُ 'anzala, ثَوْلُ 'anzala, ثَوْلُ 'anzala, ثُوْلُ 'anzala, 'مُوْلُ 'مُوْلُ

#### b- Water, rain and hail:

الْمُنزِلُونَ , nazzalnā, نَزَلُنَا , ianzala, أَنزَلُتُمُوهُ , ianzala أَنزَلُتُمُوهُ , ianzala أَنزَلُنا ، ianzala نَزَلُنا ، anzalnā ، أَنزُلُنا ، anzalnā أَنزَلُنا ، anzalnā أَنزُلُنا ، ianzalnā أَنزُلُنا ، ianzalnā أَنزُلُنا ، ianzalnā أَنزُلُنا ، ianzalnā ، iiزُلُنا ، ianzalnā ، iiزُلُنْ ، ianzalnā ، iiزُلُنا ، ianzalnā ، iiiزُلُنا ، ianzalnā ، iiزُلُنا ، ianzalnā ، iiزُلُنا ، ianz

#### c- Proof:

anzala, أَنْزَلُنَا yunazzil, أَنْزَلُ 'anzala, يُنُزِّلُ 'anzala نُزَلُ

#### d- Miracles:

unzila أُنزلَ , anzalnā أُنزلَ , anzala أُنزلُ ,anunazzil ثُنَزُلُ

#### e- Punishment:

anzalnā أَنزَلْنَا ,munzilūn مُنزلُونَ

#### f- Food, treasure, cattle, raiment, balance and iron:

ْ أَتْوَكُ anzalta, نَكُوَّلُنَا yunazzilu, أَنْوَكُ 'anzalnā, أَنْوُكُ 'anzalnā, أَنْوُكُ 'anzala مُنَوِّفُنا 'anzala مُنَوِّفُنا 'anzala مُنَوِّفُنا 'anzala

#### g- Angles and devils:

أَوْلُنَا ,nunazzilu أَنْوِلَ ,nunazzilu أَوْلَ ,nunazzilu فَرُّلُ ,nuzzila نَتُوْلُ ,nunazzilu أَوْلُ ,nuzzila أَوْلُ ,nuzzila أَوْلُ ,anzalnā أَوْلُ ,anzalnā مُوْلِينَ ,natanazzalu مُوَلِينَ ,natanazzalu

h- Security and tranquillity:

anzala أُنزَلَ

As for the Scriptures, it is known for Muslims that Allah sent Angle Gabriel with ' $\bar{a}yahs$  of the Qur'an to Prophet Mohammad ( $\rho$ ). Before that the Qur'an was inscribed in Al Lawh Al Mahfūz "the Preserved Tablet", then the Qur'an descended from al Al Lawh Al Mahfūz to "Bayt Al Aizzah" or (the House of Honor) which is in the nearest heaven "السماء الدنيا" as a whole. The Qur'an was then revealed to Prophet Muhammad ( $\rho$ ) through Angel Gabriel over a period of about 23 years. On the other hand the Holy Scriptures i.e. the Torah, the Gospel and the Zabūr were sent in one-go as a whole (Allaithy, 2002, p. 16).

Since Muslims also believe that Allah is High, above His seven heavens, the act of revealing the Qur'an and other holy scriptures described in the Holy Qur'an, involves sending revelation from a higher to a lower place, from heaven to earth. Therefore, the meaning of *nazala* is associated with revelation in general, as sending down or descending, from heaven to earth.

As established by Arabic-Arabic dictionaries, the verbs 'anzala it and nazzala and add from the root nazala it. The difference between the two is that nazzala adds the element of gradual and sequenced process to the act of sending down. On the other hand, 'anzala refers to sending down revelation as in the sending down of the Qur'an from al Al Lawh Al Mahfūz to Bayt al Aizza, as a one-go process. Nazzala is is always used to refer to the revelation of the Quran to the Prophet as a the gradual revelation over 23 years. Moreover, the other Holy Scriptures are always described by the word 'anzala since they were sent down as a whole. Example:

It is He Who <u>has sent down</u> the Book (the Quran) to you (Muhammad SAW) with truth, confirming what came before it. And he <u>sent down</u> the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel). (Q 3:3) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996)

As for using the word *nazala* and its derivatives with rain and hail, we find that the 'āyahs referring to "sending down rain" use sometimes 'anzala as in:

See you not, that Allah <u>sends down</u> water (rain) from the sky, and causes it to penetrate the earth, ... (Q 39:21) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996)

and other times *nazzala* as in:

And We <u>send down</u> blessed water (rain) from the sky... (Q 9:104) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996)

The meaning of *nuzūl* here is clearly descending from a higher place (the clouds) to a lower place (earth). The use of *nazzala* indicates an extended and repetitive process of "sending down rain", while 'anzala refers to the event of sending down rain in general.

In eight places in the Qur'an, the use of *nazala* نول and its derivatives can be found where سلطان *proof* is mentioned as being sent down. For example:

"We shall cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve, because they joined others in worship with Allah, for which He had <u>sent [down]</u> no authority ..." (Q 3:151) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). The source of proof here is Allah and the said proof comes from Him only and in a form of revelation. Therefore, it is an act of sending down (from a higher place to a lower place).

The disbelievers also asked for  $\bar{a}yah$  (sign) which according to exegetes means a miracle seen as a proof of the prophethood of Prophet Muhammad ( $\rho$ ). In this context they said:

"the 'āyah (miracle or proof) should be <u>sent down</u> to him from his Lord" (my translation).

In another 'āyah, nazala نَوَلَ is used in reference to food or المن والسلوى Al man wassalwā given or sent down to the Children of Israel:

"And We shaded you with clouds and sent down on you Al-Manna and the quails..." (Q 2:57) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). *al man* is a sweet white gummy substance which

fell on trees like snow for the Children of Israel to eat. *Assalwā* is a small bird they could easily hunt and eat (Ibn Kathir, 2000, Al Baghawi, 2002, Alqurtubi, 2006 and Altabari). So these two kinds of food were described as being "sent down" and there seems to be a consensus among exegetes that they were sent from Allah to the Children of Israel (from a higher to a lower place). الأنعام *Cattle* and باس *raiment* are also mentioned in the Qur'an as being "sent down". For example we have the 'āyah:

"We have <u>bestowed</u> raiment upon you ..." (Q 7:26) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996), and وَأَنْوَلَ لَكُم مِّنْ الْأَنْعَامِ كُمَانِيَةَ أَزْوَاج ...(الزمر 6)

"And He has <u>sent down</u> for you of cattle eight pairs" (Q3:39) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). The dictionary meaning of 'anzala here indicates sending down raiment from heaven to earth. Qur'an exegetes talk about nuzūl here in the sense of "creating" (Ibn Kathir, 2000) or sending down rain which is the cause of living for cattle and plants from which raiment are made e.g. wool and cotton (Al Baghawi, 2002).

As for الميزان  $al\ m\bar{\imath}z\bar{a}n$  (balance), and الحديد  $al\ \underline{h}ad\bar{\imath}d$  (iron), they are both mentioned in the same ' $\bar{a}yah$  as being sent down:

"and revealed with them the Scripture and the Balance (justice) that mankind may keep up justice. And We <u>brought forth [sent down]</u> iron ..." (Q 57:25) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). So here الميزان *balance* and الكتاب the book are both used with the verb 'anzala (sent down). While exegetes agree on the meaning of sending down The Book (the Qur'an) which descended from heaven to earth, they have different views about الميزان the balance. One view is that the balance is a metaphor representing justice (Albaghawi, 2002). Other exegetes such as Alrazi (1981) indicate two views: the first is that 'anzala here means created as in the 'āyah:

"And He has <u>sent down</u> [or created] for you of cattle eight pairs ..." (Q 39:6) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). The second view is that it has been reported that لليزان the balance was brought down by Angel Gabriel to Prophet Noah, who told him to order his people to weigh with it (Al Razi, 1981).

Iron is also referred to in the Qur'an with the word 'anzalnā (sent down):

"And We sent down iron ... (Q 57:25)

We have two views about the meaning of 'anzalnā here: the first view is that it means created it or made it usable, and the second is sent it down from heaven. Both views are found in Albaghawi (2002) and Alqurtubi (2006). In this context it is known that iron ore, the source of iron man uses, came to earth the outer space (Al Soufi, 2007, p. 269).

Through the examples given above the contextual meaning of *nazala* according to exegetes revolves around the original meaning (sent down) and other meanings mainly (created) and (made usable).

Ibn Taimiah (2004) opposes any deviation from the original meaning of *nuzūl* in the 'āyahs quoted above. He states that the Qur'an was revealed in Arabic, and in Arabic the concept of *nuzūl* has only the known denotational meaning *descending from* a higher to a lower place. Hence in (Q 39:6) he states that 'is' "sent down" in this context refers to new born cattle "descending" from their mother's wombs to the ground (from higher to a lower place).

Allaithy (2014) points out that in (Q 57:25) regardless of how *almīzān* is understood, whether literally or metaphorically, there is no good reason to shift from the central meaning of the word 'anzala' which is sent down. In the 'āyah' above the words al mīzān and al kitāb are both parts of a direct object (الكتاب والميزان). If 'anzala' here is understood as created then the 'āyah' would mean that Allah created the book (which means here the word of Allah in general or the Qur'an in particular). This meaning contradicts the orthodox Islamic belief that the Qur'an is the word of Allah not His creation. Moreover, if 'anzala' here means created then the 'āyah' (Q 57:25) would mean "We have sent our messengers with clear proofs and created with them the Book and the balance" which would make no sense and is inconceivable for the Word of Allah. (Allaithy, 2014, pp. 85-86).

Finally, the words تعزل tanazzal and تعزل tatanazzal which are derived from المعتماء are mentioned in the Qur'an with angels and with devils. Al Samerra'i (2006, pp. 9-11) differentiated between the meanings of these two words according to their contexts. He first pointed out that in the Holy Qur'an any addition to or deletion from

a word has a purpose. The two words *tanazzal* and *tatanazzal* are a good example. The word *tatanazzal* is mentioned in the following 'āyah:

"Verily, those who say: "Our Lord is Allah (Alone)," and then they Istaqamu, on them the angels will <u>descend</u> (at the time of their death) ..." (Q 41:30) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). The word *tanazzal* is mentioned in 'āyah like:

"Shall I inform you (O people!) upon whom the Shayatin (devils) <u>descend</u>? They descend on every lying (one who tells lies), sinful person" (Q 42:221-222) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996). Another 'āyah containing reference to *tanazzal*:

"Therein descend the angels and the Ruh [Jibrael (Gabriel)] by Allah's Permission with all Decrees" (Q 97:4) (Khan & Al-Hilali, 1996).

Al Samerra'i (2006) suggests that with the the verb form with additional letters tatanazzal indicates descending repeatedly over a longer period of time. The shorter form tanazzal indicates descending over a shorter period of time and less frequently than tatanazzal. Hence, in (Q30:41) the angels descend frequently upon believers at the time of their death, an event which happens very often. On the other hand tanazzal in (Q42:221-222) refers to devils descending on a specific category of disbelievers which makes it a less frequent event. Therefore, the long form tatanazzal is used with long lasting more frequent events and the short form tanazzal is used with short term less frequent events.

#### 4.5 Conclusion

In this chapter the meaning of the word *nazala* and its derivatives have been discussed in terms of context. Derivatives of *nazala* have been categorized according to their semantic fields. When referring to the Qur'an and other Holy Scriptures the word *nazala* is understood in the sense that something is being "sent down" or "descended" from Heaven to earth. It is also established that, the difference between *nazzala* and 'anzala is that *nazzala* indicates that the process of sending down is gradual and sequenced. According to Qur'an exegeses *nazala* could also mean "created" or "made usable" when referring to things like cattle, clothes, iron and balance. The other

view is to restrict the meaning of *nazala* to its original meaning of being "sent down. Finally the verb *tatanazzal* differs from its shorter form in that it gives the action an extended and frequent aspect while the shorter form *tanazzal* indicate an action with shorter time period with less frequency.

### Chapter Five: Assessment of English Translation of nazala

In Chapter Four the dictionary and context meanings of *nazala* and its derivatives were identified. Based on the findings of Chapter Four, this chapter discusses and assesses how three Qur'an translations have rendered *nazala* and its derivatives.

As we have seen in Chapter Four, the word *nazala* is used to mean sending down revelation from a higher to a lower place. Abdel Haleem as well as Khan and Hilali use the verb "send down" to express this meaning. On the other hand, Pickthall most of the times uses the verb "reveal" wherever *nazala* is mentioned in reference to the Qur'an and other Holy Scriptures. Example:

	(7	هُوَ الَّذِي <u>أَنزَل</u> َ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ (آل عمران
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
it is He who has sent this	It is He Who has sent down	He it is Who hath revealed
Scripture down to you	to you (Muhammad SAW)	unto thee (Muhammad) the
[Prophet]	the Book (this Quran)	Scripture

Pickthall uses "reveal" which according to English-English dictionaries means: Make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others, Make (something) known to humans by divine or supernatural means, Cause or allow (something) to be seen (Oxford Dictionary). Nida's dynamic equivalence would dictate the use of "reveal" since it's the natural equivalent used in the TL to refer to "delivering the word of God". However, although the word "reveal" denotes the meaning of "delivering the word of God" it does not convey the meaning of "sending down revelation". Therefore, the aspect of "sending down" can be preserved in the TT by using "sent down".

نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَأَنزَلَ التَّوْرَاةَ وَالإِنجِيلَ (آل عمران 3)		
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
Step by step, He has sent	It is He Who has sent	He <u>hath revealed</u> unto thee
the Scripture down to you	down the Book (the	(Muhammad) the
[Prophet] with the Truth,	Quran) to you	Scripture with truth,
confirming what went	(Muhammad SAW) with	confirming that which was
before: He sent down the	truth, confirming what	(revealed) before it, even
Torah and the Gospel	came before it. And he	as He <u>revealed</u> the Torah
	sent down the Taurat	and the Gospel.
	(Torah) and the Injeel	
	(Gospel).	

It is noticeable here that Abdel Haleem attempts to highlight the difference between النام 'anzala and ناب nazzala while Khan and Hilali used "send down" again. Pickthall, however, adheres to "reveal". The act of sending down the Qur'an from al Lawh al Mahfūz "the Preserved Tablet" to "Bayt al Aizza" or (the House of Honor) which is in the nearest heaven "السماء الدنيا" is an act of "sending down" and not "revealing" since at this stage the Qur'an was not made known to the Prophet (ρ). The Angel Gabriel then came down with 'āyahs of the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad (ρ) which may also be considered as an act of "revealing". Therefore, using "send down" for المتعادة 'anzala and "reveal" for nazzala ومالية could minimize the loss here in terms of stylistic variation and pointing out that the ST uses two words.

يَا بَنِي آدَمَ قَدْ <u>أَنزَلْنا</u> عَلَيْكُمْ لِبَاسًا يُوَارِي سَوْآتِكُمْ وَرِيشًا(الأعراف 26)		
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
Children of Adam, We	O Children of Adam! We	O Children of Adam! We
have given you garments	have <u>bestowed</u> raiment	have <u>revealed</u> unto you
to cover your nakedness	upon you to cover	raiment to conceal your
and as adornment for	yourselves (screen your	shame
	private parts, etc.) and as	
	an adornment	

Nazzala in this 'āyah is translated in three different ways: given, bestowed and revealed. Both meanings of given and bestowed are mentioned by exegeses with regards to this 'āyah. Pickthalls' use of reveal here gives 'anzala a new aspect of meaning which is "made raiment known to you". This later view is supported neither linguistically nor by consulted exegeses.

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلْنَا بِالْبَيَّنَاتِ وَأَنزَلْنَا مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْمِيزَانَ لِيَقُومَ النَّاسُ بِالْقِسْطِ وَأَنزَلْنَا الْحُدِيدَ (الحديد 25)		
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
We sent Our messengers	Indeed We have sent Our	We verily sent Our
with clear signs, the	Messengers with clear	messengers with clear
Scripture and the Balance,	proofs, and revealed with	proofs, and <u>revealed</u> with
so that people could	them the Scripture and the	them the Scripture and the
uphold justice: We also	Balance (justice) that	Balance, that mankind
sent iron	mankind may keep up	may observe right
	justice. And We brought	measure; and He revealed
	<u>forth</u> iron	iron,

The 'āyah here has two verbs: أرسانا arsalnā (sent) in reference to "Messengers" and نازنا 'anzalnā in reference to the Scripture, the Balance and iron. Abdel Haleem uses "sent" for both verbs and for all three objects. Khan and Hilali use "sent" for Messengers, "revealed" for Scripture and Balance, and "brought forth" for iron. Picktall uses "sent" for Messengers and "revealed for "the Scripture, the balance and iron".

As established before, every utterance in the Qur'an is there for a purpose, so using "sent" for both *arsalnā* and '*anzalnā* does not conform to this rule. The '*āyah* uses *arsalnā* "sent" to refer to the Messengers, then when referring to *the book* (the Qur'an and other Scriptures) and the *balance*, '*anzalnā* (sent down) is used. It has been established that when *nazala* and its derivatives are used with the Qur'an and other Scriptures, they mean sending down. Moreover, as reported by Al Razi (1981), the *balance* was brought down by the Angel Gabriel who gave it to Prophet Noah. Also, as mentioned earlier, iron is known to come from outer space to earth. Hence, using "sent down" with the Scripture, the balance and iron is in line with efforts to minimize loss in translation.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا تَتَنَرُّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلائِكَةُ (فصلت 30)		
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
As for those who say, 'Our	Verily, those who say:	Lo! those who say: Our
Lord is God,' and take the	"Our Lord is Allah	Lord is Allah, and
straight path towards Him,	(Alone)," and then they	afterward are upright, the
the angels	Istaqamu, on them the	angels descend upon them,
come down to them	angels will descend (at the	saying
	time of their death)	

As discussed earlier, the word تعتقل tatanazzalu means "come down/descend repeatedly". This meaning aspect must be preserved especially if we know that the shorter form of this word (عَنَوْلُ tanazzalu), has a different added meaning mentioned in other 'āyahs with similar contexts. The compensation for the added meaning in tatanazzalu could be achieved by adding, for example, "descend repeatedly upon them".

	عراء 221)	هِلْ أُنَبِّتُكُمْ عَلَى مَن <u>نَنَزُلُ</u> الشَّيَاطِينُ (الش
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
Shall I tell you who the	Shall I inform you (O	Shall I inform you upon
jinn come down to?	people!) upon whom the	whom the devils <u>descend</u> ?
	Shayatin (devils) <u>descend</u> ?	

The word تَنَوَّل tanazzalu is the shorter form of the word تَنَوَّل tatanazzalu. Due to the absence of a "reasonable" equivalent to such words with multi aspects of meaning, if the difference is highlighted in tatanazzalau, then the loss is minimized a little.

وَأَمَّا إِن كَانَ مِنَ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ الصَّالِّينَ () <u>فَنُزُل</u> ْ مِّنْ حَمِيمٍ (الواقعة 92-93)		
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
he will be	Then for him is	Then the
welcomed with	entertainment	welcome will
scalding water	with boiling water	be boiling
		water

The 'āyah above is about the fate of disbelievers on the judgment day. The word nuzul which means "hospitality or entertainment provided to a guest" is used to describe the torture and suffering prepared for disbelievers. All three translators managed to keep this aspect in their target text by using juxtaposition.

	(	تنزيلُ الْكِتَابِ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحُكِيمِ (الزمر 1
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
This Scripture is sent	The revelation of this	The revelation of the
down from God the	Book (the Quran) is from	Scripture is from Allah,
Mighty, the Wise	Allah, the All-Mighty, the	the Mighty, the Wise.
	All-Wise.	

The word تشويل tanzīl is the infinitive form of nazzala and is mentioned in the Qur'an with "revelation" only. The 'āyah above comes in the beginning of a sūrah asserting that the Qur'an is a revelation sent down from Allah. The mode here is not informative but assertive. It is addressing those who have doubts about the source of the Qur'an. The translations above do not echo this mode and give a normal informative rendering. As in skopos theory of translation, there must be a correspondence in function between the ST and the TT. To achieve this correspondence the right linguistic element should be used which would be an assertive device.

Another word which functions as assertion is تنويلا tanzīlan. It stresses the aspect of graduality in the meaning of the verb تؤل nazzala as in this 'āyah:

	(2	إِنَّا خَمْنُ نَزَّلُنَا عَلَيْكَ الْقُرْآنَ تَنزِيلا (الإنسان 3
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
We Ourself have sent	Verily! It is We Who have	Lo! We, even We, <u>have</u>
down this Qur'an to you	sent down the Quran to	revealed unto thee the
[Prophet] in gradual	you (O Muhammad SAW)	Qur'an, a revelation;
revelation.	by stages.	

The verb *nazzala* as mentioned elsewhere, includes the aspect of graduality without the need for any modifier. However in the above 'āyah, this aspect is stressed. The translations make this aspect of meaning visible but not stressed. Since more words have already been used to echo the meaning of *nazzala* in English, the task to find a way to double echo this meaning while preserving the minimum level of smoothness in the TT would be more difficult which makes the loss eminent.

	عة 69 <sub>)</sub>	أَأْنتُمْ أَنزَلْتُمُوهُ مِنَ الْمُزْنِ أَمْ خَنُ الْمُنزِلُونَ (الواق
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
was it you who brought it	Is it you who cause it	Is it ye who shed it from
down from the rain-cloud	from the rainclouds to	the raincloud, or are We
or We?	come down, or are We the	the <u>Shedder</u> ?
	Causer of it to come	
	down?	

The word الْمُتْرِلُونَ almunzilūn is the active participle form of 'anzala. It acts as an adjective describing what a subject usually does. The 'āyah uses the verb أَتُوْلُتُمُوهُ 'anzaltumūhu in its past tense to rhetorically ask the addressees whether they are the ones who send down rain. Then, when the 'āyah moves to state who the real doer is, the active participle almunzilūn (which includes past, present and future) is used. Literal translation, as in Pickthall's, could be the best choice since the word the 'Shedder' describes the doer as being in the state of doing without being subject to a tense frame.

	سَّمَاءِ وَمَا كُنَّا مُنزِلِينَ (يس 28)	وَمَا أَنزَلْنَا عَلَى قَوْمِهِ مِن بَعْدِهِ مِنْ جُندٍ مِّنَ ال
Abdel Haleem	Khan and Hilali	Pickthall
After him We did not	And We sent not against	We sent not down against
send any army from	his people after him a host	his people after him a host
heaven against his people,	from heaven, nor do We	from heaven, nor do We
nor were We about to:	send (such a thing).	ever send.

munzilīn is the same as munzilūn but in accusative status. This word is negated by using الم mā kunnā (We were not). This 'āyah states that Allah did not send down angels to punish the people who killed their prophet, "and there was even no need for an army of angels to deliver the punishment; the matter was simpler than that". All meanings between quotation marks are included in wa mā kunnā munzilīn. To transfer these meanings into the TT the word munzilīn should be defused which will lead to more gains in meaning but more loss in style.

To conclude, *nazala* in the context of delivering the word of God is translated in two ways: the first is to keep the original meaning of "sending down" and the second is to use "reveal" which causes the meaning of "sending down" to be lost. As for the difference between 'anzala and nazzala, it was highlighted in one translation while overlooked or accepted as translation loss by the other two translations. Moreover, the selected translations tend to deviate from the original meaning of 'anzala which is "sent down" to other meanings when 'anzala refers to objects like balance and iron. This deviation is not justifiable as seen above. It was also noticed that the translations did not or could not cater for the difference between tatanazzal (descend repeatedly) and tanazzal (descend with less frequency).

### **Chapter Six: Conclusion**

Aiming at establishing the meaning of *nuzūl* in the Qur'an and assessing English translations thereof, this study has investigated and established the word and contextual meanings of the root *nazala* and its derivatives. It is found that the root *nazala* is used in the Qur'an in different forms and in reference to different things. The principal meaning of *nazala* is *descending from a higher to a lower place*. Different word forms of *nazala* added more meanings to the original sense of the word.

nazzala, for example, indicates the aspect of a prolonged, repeated process of sending/coming down as well as putting things in their correct order. Two other verbs derived from nazala are tatanazzal and tanazzal. While tatanazzal indicates a frequent act of sending down or descending, tanazzal represents a less frequent act of same. The noun nuzul which is a noun derived from the root nazala means a place to dwell in or the entertainment offered to a guest.

nazala is used with Qur'an and other Scriptures, water, rain and hail, proof, miracles, punishment, food, treasure, cattle, raiment, balance, iron, angles and devils, security and tranquillity. Some exegetes deviate from the original meaning of nazala when it is used in reference to cattle, raiment, balance or iron. This deviation is rebutted by other exegetes who argue that there is no good reason to deviate from the original meaning of nazala which is sending down or descending.

Contextually, the Qur'an is described by two verbs: 'anzala and nazzala. 'anzala means sent down as a whole (referring to sending down the Quran from Al Lawh Al Mahfūz to Bayt Al Aizzah), and nazzala is used to refer to sending down the Qur'an gradually from Bayt Al Aizzah to the Prophet Muhammad ( $\rho$ ) over a period of 23 years. Other Scriptures are sent down as a whole and therefore they are referred to by using 'anzala.

The two verbs *tatanazzal* and *tanazzal* are used in the Qur'an to refer to angles and devils. *Tatanazzal* is used to indicate a frequent act of angles descending on believers, while *tanazzal* is used to refer to a less frequent act of devils descending on specific category of disbelievers. The meanings of other noun derivatives are based on the principal meaning of *nazala* as stated above.

The translations have attempted in some cases to cater for the added senses of meaning; however, these attempts have not been consistent across the board. The word *nazala* is always rendered as *send down, come down, descend* or *reveal* (Qur'an and the

Holy Scriptures). In most cases no differentiation was made between different forms of the word *nazala* referring to the same object. This creates two different experiences when reading the ST and the TT; the loss incurred is not compensated for in any way. Moreover, even if the translators recognize all senses of meanings in a given derivative of *nazala*, the limitations of the TL block any effort to render all the senses of the source as seen above with *tanazzal* and *tatanazzal*.

Therefore, it is important when translating Qur'an, that the translator is aware of the specific use and choice of its utterances because they are all deliberate and each has its specific meaning, purpose and function in the text. Moreover, translation loss, especially when translating the Qur'an, is a fact that cannot be overlooked. The translator's task here is to minimize the loss by using available means such as explanatory footnotes or gloss, when possible and not intrusively.

The methodology followed in this study can be applied to other words/terms in the Qur'an. The research can also go beyond word level to cover wider scopes and contexts within the Qur'anic text.

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# Appendix A: Some English Translations of the Qur'an

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1649	Alexander Ross
1734	George Sale
1861	John Medows Rodwell
1880	Edward Henry Palmer
1905	Mohammad Abdul Hakim Khan
1910	Mirza Abul Fazl
1912	Hairat Dehlawi
1917	Maulvi Muhammad Ali
1920	Al Hajj Hafiz Ghulam Sarwar
1930	Mohammad Marmaduke Pickthall
1934	Abdullah Yusuf Ali
1936	Maulvi Sher Ali
1937	Richard Bell
1941	Abdul Majid Daryabadi
1947	Mirza Bashir Ud Din Mahmud Ahmad
1955	Arthur Jeffery Arberry
1956	N. J. Dawood
1957	A. M. Daryabadi
1964	Khadim Rahmani Nuri
1967	Abu Al Ala Mawdudi
1969	M. G. Farid
1970	Zafrulla Khan
1971	M. Muhsin Khan & M. Taqiuddin Al Helali
1974	Hashim Amir Ali
1980	Muhammad Asad
1981	Sayyid Imam Isa Al Haadi Al Mahdi
1981	Mahomodali Habib Shakir
1984	Mohamed. M. Khatib
1984	Ahmed Ali
1985	T. B. Irving
1988	Zafar Ishaq Ansari
1990	Rashad Khalifa
1990	Shah Faridul Haque

1991	Muhammad Khalilur Rahman
1992	Q. Arafat
1993	Dr. Mir Aneesuddin
1996	Malachi Z. York
1996	Abdul Majeed Auolakh
1997	Colin Turner
1998	Thomas Cleary
1998	Abdalhaqq Bewley and Aisha Bewley
2000	Dr. Zohurul Hoque
2001	Dr. S. M. Afzal Ur Rahman
2001	Mohammed S. Shakir
2001	Tahereh Saffarzadeh
2003	Shabbir Ahmed
2004	Mohammad Abdel Haleem
2004	Ali Quli Qarai
2006	Ali Uenal
2007	Alan Jones
2007	Mufti Afzal Hoosen Elias
2007	Edip Yueksel, Layth Al Shaiban, Martha Schulte Nafeh
2007	Alan Jones
2007	Tahereh Safarzadeh
2007	Laleh Bakhtiar
2007	Syed Vickar Ahamed
2008	Justice Mufti Taqi Usmani
2008	Muhammad Mahmud Ghali
2009	Usama Dakdok
2009	Tarif Khalidi
2010	P. Jainul Abideen
2011	Muhammad Tahiri Ul Qadri
2012	Talal Itani
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### Appendix B: 'Ayahs with nazala and its Derivatives

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نَزَلَ

Which the trustworthy Ruh [Jibrael (Gabriel)] has brought down;

And with truth We have sent it down (i.e. the Quran), and with truth it has descended. And We have sent you (O Muhammad SAW) as nothing but a bearer of glad tidings (of Paradise, for those who follow your Message of Islamic Monotheism), and a warner (of Hell-fire for those who refuse to follow your Message of Islamic Monotheism).

Then, when it descends into their courtyard (i.e. near to them), evil will be the morning for those who had been warned!

Has not the time come for the hearts of those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah - Islamic Monotheism) to be affected by Allah's Reminder (this Quran), and that which has been revealed of the truth, lest they become as those who received the Scripture [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] before (i.e. Jews and Christians), and the term was prolonged for them and so their hearts were hardened? And many of them were Fasiqun (rebellious, disobedient to Allah).

He knows that which goes into the earth and that which comes forth from it, and that which descend from the heaven and that which ascends to it. And He is the Most Merciful, the OftForgiving.

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلِجُ فِي الأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاء وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنتُمْ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ (الحديد 4)

He it is Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days and then Istawa (rose over) the Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty). He knows what goes into the earth and what comes forth from it, what descends from the heaven and what ascends thereto. And He is with you (by His Knowledge) wheresoever you may be. And Allah is the All-Seer of what you do.

That is because Allah has sent down the Book (the Quran) in truth. And verily, those who disputed as regards the Book are far away in opposition.

It is He Who has sent down the Book (the Quran) to you (Muhammad SAW) with truth, confirming what came before it. And he sent down the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel).

O you who believe! Believe in Allah, and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW), and the Book (the Quran) which He has sent down to His Messenger, and the Scripture which He sent down to those before (him), and whosoever disbelieves in Allah, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, and the Last Day, then indeed he has strayed far away.

And it has already been revealed to you in the Book (this Quran) that when you hear the Verses of Allah being denied and mocked at, then sit not with them, until they engage in a talk other than that; (but if you stayed with them) certainly in that case you would be like them. Surely, Allah will collect the hypocrites and disbelievers all together in Hell,

(Hud) said: "Torment and wrath have already fallen on you from your Lord. Dispute you with me over names which you have named - you and your fathers, with no authority from Allah? Then wait, I am with you among those who wait."

"Verily, my Wali (Protector, Supporter, and Helper, etc.) is Allah Who has revealed the Book (the Quran), and He protects (supports and helps) the righteous.

Blessed be He Who sent down the criterion (of right and wrong, i.e. this Quran) to His slave (Muhammad SAW) that he may be a warner to the 'Alamin (mankind and jinns).

If you were to ask them: "Who sends down water (rain) from the sky, and gives life therewith to the earth after its death?" They will surely reply: "Allah." Say: "All the praises and thanks be to Allah!" Nay! Most of them have no sense.

Allah has sent down the best statement, a Book (this Quran), its parts resembling each other in goodness and truth, oft-repeated. The skins of those who fear their Lord shiver from it (when they recite it or hear it). Then their skin and their heart soften to the remembrance of Allah. That is the guidance of Allah. He Guides therewith whom He pleases and whomever Allah sends astray, for him there is no guide.

And Who sends down water (rain) from the sky in due measure. Then We revive a dead land therewith, and even so you will be brought forth (from the dead),

This is because they said to those who hate what Allah has sent down: "We will obey you in part of the matter," but Allah knows their secrets.

They will say: "Yes indeed; a warner did come to us, but we belied him and said: 'Allah never sent down anything (of revelation), you are only in great error."

نزّلنا

And if you (Arab pagans, Jews, and Christians) are in doubt concerning that which We have sent down (i.e. the Quran) to Our slave (Muhammad Peace be upon him ), then produce a Surah (chapter) of the like thereof and call your witnesses (supporters and helpers) besides Allah, if you are truthful.

O you who have been given the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Believe in what We have revealed (to Muhammad SAW) confirming what is (already) with you, before We efface faces (by making them like the back of necks; without nose, mouth, eyes, etc.) and turn them hindwards, or curse them as We cursed the Sabbath-breakers. And the Commandment of Allah is always executed.

And even if We had sent down unto you (O Muhammad SAW) a Message written on paper so that they could touch it with their hands, the disbelievers would have said: "This is nothing but obvious magic!"

وَلَوْ أَنَنَا نَرُلْنَا إِلَيْهِمُ الْمَلائِكَةَ وَكَلَّمَهُمُ الْمَوْتَى وَحَشَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ قُبُلاً مَّا كَانُواْ لِيُؤْمِنُواْ إِلاَّ أَن يَشَاء اللَّهُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ يَجْهَلُونَ (الأنعام 111)

And even if We had sent down unto them angels, and the dead had spoken unto them, and We had gathered together all things before their very eyes, they would not have believed, unless Allah willed, but most of them behave ignorantly.

Verily We: It is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Quran) and surely, We will guard it (from corruption).

And (remember) the Day when We shall raise up from every nation a witness against them from amongst themselves. And We shall bring you (O Muhammad SAW) as a witness against these. And We have sent down to you the Book (the Quran) as an exposition of everything, a guidance, a mercy, and glad tidings for those who have submitted themselves (to Allah as Muslims).

Say: "If there were on the earth, angels walking about in peace and security, We should certainly have sent down for them from the heaven an angel as a Messenger."

O Children of Israel! We delivered you from your enemy, and We made a covenant with you on the right side of the Mount, and We sent down to you Al-Manna and quails,

And We send down blessed water (rain) from the sky, then We produce therewith gardens and grain (every kind of harvests) that are reaped.

Verily! It is We Who have sent down the Quran to you (O Muhammad SAW) by stages.

نزّلناه

And (it is) a Quran which We have divided (into parts), in order that you might recite it to men at intervals. And We have revealed it by stages. (in 23 years).

And if We had revealed it (this Quran) unto any of the non-Arabs,

نزّله

Say (O Muhammad Peace be upon him ): "Whoever is an enemy to Jibrael (Gabriel) (let him die in his fury), for indeed he has brought it (this Quran) down to your heart by Allah's Permission, confirming what came before it [i.e. the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] and guidance and glad tidings for the believers.

Say (O Muhammad SAW) Ruh-ul-Qudus [Jibrael (Gabriel)] has brought it (the Quran) down from your Lord with truth, that it may make firm and strengthen (the Faith of) those who believe and as a guidance and glad tidings to those who have submitted (to Allah as Muslims).

تُنَزّلَ

The people of the Scripture (Jews) ask you to cause a book to descend upon them from heaven. Indeed they asked Musa (Moses) for even greater than that, when they

said: "Show us Allah in public," but they were struck with thunder clap and lightning for their wickedness. Then they worshipped the calf even after clear proofs, evidences, and signs had come to them. (Even) so We forgave them. And We gave Musa (Moses) a clear proof of authority.

"Or you have a house of adornable materials (like silver and pure gold, etc.), or you ascend up into the sky, and even then we will put no faith in your ascension until you bring down for us a Book that we would read." Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Glorified (and Exalted) be my Lord (Allah) above all that evil they (polytheists) associate with Him! Am I anything but a man, sent as a Messenger?"

We send not the angels down except with the truth (i.e. for torment, etc.), and in that case, they (the disbelievers) would have no respite!

And We send down from the Quran that which is a healing and a mercy to those who believe (in Islamic Monotheism and act on it), and it increases the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers) nothing but loss.

If We will, We could send down to them from the heaven a sign, to which they would bend their necks in humility.

And there is not a thing, but with Us are the stores thereof. And We send it not down except in a known measure.

<u></u> نَـزِّلُ

بِعْسَمَا اشْتَرَوْا بِهِ أَنفُسَهُمْ أَن يَكْفُرُواْ بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ بَغْيًا أَن يُنزَّلَ اللَّهُ مِن فَضْلِهِ عَلَى مَن يَشَاء مِنْ عِبَادِهِ فَبَاؤُواْ بِغَضَبٍ عَلَى غَضَبٍ وَلِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ (البقرة 90)

How bad is that for which they have sold their ownselves, that they should disbelieve in that which Allah has revealed (the Quran), grudging that Allah should reveal of His Grace unto whom He will of His slaves. So they have drawn on themselves wrath upon wrath. And for the disbelievers, there is disgracing torment.

We shall cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve, because they joined others in worship with Allah, for which He had sent no authority; their abode will be the Fire and how evil is the abode of the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers).

And they said: "Why is not a sign sent down to him from his Lord?" Say: "Allah is certainly Able to send down a sign, but most of them know not."

رها باللهِ مَا لَمْ يُنتُلُ بِهِ عَلَيْكُمْ سُلْطَانًا فَأَيُّ الْفَرِيقَيْنِ أَحَقُ بِالأَمْنِ إِن كُنتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ (الأنعام 81 And how should I fear those whom you associate in worship with Allah (though they can neither benefit nor harm), while you fear not that you have joined in worship with Allah things for which He has not sent down to you any authority. (So) which of the two parties has more right to be in security? If you but know."

قُلْ إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ رَبِّيَ الْفَوَاحِشَ مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ وَالإِثْمُ وَالْبَغْيَ بِغَيْرِ الحُقِّ وَأَن تُشْرِّكُواْ بِاللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُنزَّلْ بِهِ سُلْطَانًا وَأَن تَقُولُواْ عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لاَ تَعْلَمُونَ (الأعراف 33) Say (O Muhammad SAW): "(But) the things that my Lord has indeed forbidden are Al-Fawahish (great evil sins, every kind of unlawful sexual intercourse, etc.) whether committed openly or secretly, sins (of all kinds), unrighteous oppression, joining partners (in worship) with Allah for which He has given no authority, and saying things about Allah of which you have no knowledge."

(Remember) when He covered you with a slumber as a security from Him, and He caused water (rain) to descend on you from the sky, to clean you thereby and to remove from you the Rijz (whispering, evil-suggestions, etc.) of Shaitan (Satan), and to strengthen your hearts, and make your feet firm thereby.

He sends down the angels with inspiration of His Command to whom of His slaves He pleases (saying): "Warn mankind that La ilaha illa Ana (none has the right to be worshipped but I), so fear Me (by abstaining from sins and evil deeds).

And when We change a Verse [of the Quran, i.e. cancel (abrogate) its order] in place of another, and Allah knows the best of what He sends down, they (the disbelievers) say: "You (O Muhammad SAW) are but a Muftari! (forger, liar)." Nay, but most of them know not.

And they worship besides Allah others for which He has sent down no authority, and of which they have no knowledge and for the Zalimun (wrong-doers, polytheists and disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah) there is no helper.

See you not that Allah drives the clouds gently, then joins them together, then makes them into a heap of layers, and you see the rain comes forth from between them. And He sends down from the sky hail (like) mountains, (or there are in the heaven mountains of hail from where He sends down hail), and strike therewith whom He will, and averts it from whom He wills. The vivid flash of its (clouds) lightning nearly blinds the sight. [Tafsir At-Tabari].

And among His Signs is that He shows you the lightning, by way of fear and hope, and He sends down water (rain) from the sky, and therewith revives the earth after its death. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who understand.

Verily, Allah! With Him (Alone) is the knowledge of the Hour, He sends down the rain, and knows that which is in the wombs. No person knows what he will earn tomorrow, and no person knows in what land he will die. Verily, Allah is All-Knower, All-Aware (of things).

It is He, Who shows you His Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) and sends down (rain with which grows) provision for you from the sky. And none remembers but those who turn (to Allah) in obedience and in repentance (by begging His Pardon and by worshipping and obeying Him Alone and none else).

And if Allah were to enlarge the provision for His slaves, they would surely rebel in the earth, but He sends down by measure as He wills. Verily! He is in respect of His slaves, the Well-Aware, the All-Seer (of things that benefit them).

And He it is Who sends down the rain after they have despaired, and spreads abroad His Mercy. And He is the Wali (Helper, Supporter, Protector, etc.), Worthy of all Praise.

It is He Who sends down manifest Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) to His slave (Muhammad SAW) that He may bring you out from darkness into light. And verily, Allah is to you full of kindness, Most Merciful.

And they said: "Why is not a sign sent down to him from his Lord?" Say: "Allah is certainly Able to send down a sign, but most of them know not."

And they say: "O you (Muhammad SAW ) to whom the Dhikr (the Quran) has been sent down! Verily, you are a mad man.

With clear signs and Books (We sent the Messengers). And We have also sent down unto you (O Muhammad SAW) the reminder and the advice (the Quran), that you may explain clearly to men what is sent down to them, and that they may give thought.

And (remember) the Day when the heaven shall be rent asunder with clouds, and the angels will be sent down, with a grand descending.

And those who disbelieve say: "Why is not the Quran revealed to him all at once?" Thus (it is sent down in parts), that We may strengthen your heart thereby. And We

have revealed it to you gradually, in stages. (It was revealed to the Prophet SAW in 23 years.).

And they say: "Why is not this Quran sent down to some great man of the two towns (Makkah and Ta'if)?"

But those who believe and do righteous good deeds, and believe in that which is sent down to Muhammad (SAW), for it is the truth from their Lord, He will expiate from them their sins, and will make good their state.

## نُزِّلَت

وَيَثُولُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَوْلا نُرِّلَتْ سُورَةٌ فَإِذَا أُنزِلَتْ سُورَةٌ مُخْكَمَةٌ وَذُكِرَ فِيهَا الْقِتَالُ رَأَيْتَ الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوكِيمِ مَّرَضٌ يَنظُرُونَ إِلَيْكَ نَظَرَ الْمَغْشِيِّ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْمَوْتِ فَأَوْلَى لَمُمْ (محمد 20)

Those who believe say: "Why is not a Surah (chapter of the Quran) sent down (for us)? But when a decisive Surah (explaining and ordering things) is sent down, and fighting (Jihad - holy fighting in Allah's Cause) is mentioned (i.e. ordained) therein, you will see those in whose hearts is a disease (of hypocrisy) looking at you with a look of one fainting to death. But it was better for them (hypocrites, to listen to Allah and to obey Him).

## تُنَزَّلَ

كُلُ الطَّعَامِ كَانَ حِلاً لِّبَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلاَّ مَا حَرَّمَ إِسْرَائِيلُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ مِن قَبْلِ أَن تُنَزَّلَ التَّوْرَاةُ قُلْ فَأْتُواْ بِالتَّوْرَاةِ فَاتْلُوهَا إِن كُنتُمْ صَادِقِينَ (آل عمران 93)

All food was lawful to the Children of Israel, except what Israel made unlawful for himself before the Taurat (Torah) was revealed. Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Bring here the Taurat (Torah) and recite it, if you are truthful."

يَحْذَرُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ أَن تُنَزَّلَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُورَةٌ تُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا فِي قُلُوبِهِم قُل اسْتَهْزِؤُواْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مُخْرِجٌ مَّا تَحْذَرُونَ (التوبة 64)

The hypocrites fear lest a Surah (chapter of the Quran) should be revealed about them, showing them what is in their hearts. Say: "(Go ahead and) mock! But certainly Allah will bring to light all that you fear."

يُنَزَّلُ

مًّا يَوَدُّ الَّذِينَ كَفُرُواْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَلاَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ أَن يُنَزَّلَ عَلَيْكُم مِّنْ خَيْرٍ مِّن رَبَّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يُخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَن يَشَاء وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَصْلِ الْعَظِيمِ (البقرة 105)

Neither those who disbelieve among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) nor Al-Mushrikun (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah, idolaters, polytheists, pagans, etc.) like that there should be sent down unto you any good from your Lord. But Allah chooses for His Mercy whom He wills. And Allah is the Owner of Great Bounty.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُواْ لاَ تَسْأَلُواْ عَنْ أَشْيَاء إِن تُبْدَ لَكُمْ تَسُؤُكُمْ وَإِن تَسْأَلُواْ عَنْهَا حِينَ يُنَرَّلُ الْقُرْآنُ تُبْدَ لَكُمْ عَفَا اللَّهُ عَنْهَا وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ حَلِيمٌ (المائدة 101)

O you who believe! Ask not about things which, if made plain to you, may cause you trouble. But if you ask about them while the Quran is being revealed, they will be made plain to you. Allah has forgiven that, and Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Forbearing.

And verily before that (rain), just before it was sent down upon them, they were in despair!

أنزَلَ

الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الأَرْضَ فِرَاشاً وَالسَّمَاء بِنَاء وَأَنزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاء مَاء فَأَخْرَجَ بِهِ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ رِزْقًا لَّكُمْ فَلاَ تَجْعَلُواْ لِلَّهِ أَندَادًا وَأَنتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ (البقرة 22)

Who has made the earth a resting place for you, and the sky as a canopy, and sent down water (rain) from the sky and brought forth therewith fruits as a provision for you. Then do not set up rivals unto Allah (in worship) while you know (that He Alone has the right to be worshipped).

بِعْسَمَا اشْتَرَوْا بِهِ أَنفُسَهُمْ أَن يَكْفُرُواْ بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ بَغْيًا أَن يُنزَلَ اللَّهُ مِن فَضْلِهِ عَلَى مَن يَشَاء مِنْ عِبَادِهِ فَبَاؤُواْ بِغَضَبٍ عَلَى غَضَبٍ وَلِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ (البقرة 90)

How bad is that for which they have sold their ownselves, that they should disbelieve in that which Allah has revealed (the Quran), grudging that Allah should reveal of His Grace unto whom He will of His slaves. So they have drawn on themselves wrath upon wrath. And for the disbelievers, there is disgracing torment.

And when it is said to them (the Jews), "Believe in what Allah has sent down," they say, "We believe in what was sent down to us." And they disbelieve in that which came after it, while it is the truth confirming what is with them. Say (O Muhammad Peace be upon him to them): "Why then have you killed the Prophets of Allah aforetime, if you indeed have been believers?"

Verily! In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, and the ships which sail through the sea with that which is of use to mankind, and the water (rain) which Allah sends down from the sky and makes the earth alive therewith after its death, and the moving (living) creatures of all kinds that He has scattered therein, and in the veering of winds and clouds which are held between the sky and the earth, are indeed Ayat (proofs, evidences, signs, etc.) for people of understanding.

When it is said to them: "Follow what Allah has sent down." They say: "Nay! We shall follow what we found our fathers following." (Would they do that!) Even though their fathers did not understand anything nor were they guided?

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَشْتَرُونَ بِهِ ثَمَنَا قَلِيلاً أُوْلَئِكَ مَا يَأْكُلُونَ فِي بُطُونِيمْ إِلاَّ النَّارَ وَلاَ يُكَلِّمُهُمُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَلاَ يُزَكِّمِهِمْ
وَهُمُ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ (البقرة 174)

Verily, those who conceal what Allah has sent down of the Book, and purchase a small gain therewith (of worldly things), they eat into their bellies nothing but fire. Allah will not speak to them on the Day of Resurrection, nor purify them, and theirs will be a painful torment.

كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ النَّبِيِّينَ مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ وَأَنزَلَ مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحُقِّ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ فِيمَا احْتَلَفُواْ فِيهِ وَمَا احْتَلَفُواْ فِيهِ مِنَ الْحُقِّ بِإِذْنِهِ وَاللَّهُ يَهْدِي مَن يَشَاء إِلَى صِرَاطٍ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوهُ مِن بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمُ الْبَيِّنَاتُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ فَهَدَى اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُواْ لِمَا احْتَلَفُواْ فِيهِ مِنَ الْحُقِّ بِإِذْنِهِ وَاللَّهُ يَهْدِي مَن يَشَاء إِلَى صِرَاطٍ اللَّهِ مَن الْحَقَلُ فَا الْحَتَلَفُواْ فِيهِ مِنَ الْحُقِّ بِإِذْنِهِ وَاللَّهُ يَهْدِي مَن يَشَاء إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيم (البقرة 213)

Mankind were one community and Allah sent Prophets with glad tidings and warnings, and with them He sent the Scripture in truth to judge between people in matters wherein they differed. And only those to whom (the Scripture) was given differed concerning it after clear proofs had come unto them through hatred, one to another. Then Allah by His Leave guided those who believed to the truth of that wherein they differed. And Allah guides whom He wills to a Straight Path.

And when you have divorced women and they have fulfilled the term of their prescribed period, either take them back on reasonable basis or set them free on reasonable basis. But do not take them back to hurt them, and whoever does that, then he has wronged himself. And treat not the Verses (Laws) of Allah as a jest, but remember Allah's Favours on you (i.e. Islam), and that which He has sent down to you of the Book (i.e. the Quran) and Al-Hikmah (the Prophet's Sunnah - legal ways - Islamic jurisprudence, etc.) whereby He instructs you. And fear Allah, and know that Allah is All-Aware of everything.

نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَأَنزَلَ التَّوْزَاةَ وَالإِنجِيلَ (آل عمران 3)

It is He Who has sent down the Book (the Quran) to you (Muhammad SAW) with truth, confirming what came before it. And he sent down the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel).

Aforetime, as a guidance to mankind, And He sent down the criterion [of judgement between right and wrong (this Quran)]. Truly, those who disbelieve in the Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah, for them there is a severe torment; and Allah is All-Mighty, All-Able of Retribution.

هُوَ الَّذِي أَوْلُ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ مِنْهُ آيَاتٌ مُحَكَمَاتٌ هُنَّ أَمُّ الْكِتَابِ وَأَحْرُ مُتَشَاكِتاتٌ فَأَمّا الَّذِينَ فِي فُلُوكِم مَنْفِعْ فَيَبِّعُونَ مَا تَشَابَهَ مِنْهُ الْبُعَاء اللهِ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ تَأُولِله اللهُ وَالرَّاسِحُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَمُولُونَ آمَنًا بِو كُلُّ مِّنْ عِندِ رَبَّنَا وَمَا يَذَكُرُ إِلاَّ أُولُواْ الأَلْبَابِ (آل عمران 7) الله قال الله والرَّاسِحُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَمُولُونَ آمَنًا بِو كُلُّ مِّنْ عِندِ رَبَّنَا وَمَا يَذَكُرُ إِلاَّ أُولُواْ الأَلْبَابِ (آل عمران 7) الله قال الله والرَّاسِحُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَمُولُونَ آمَنًا بِو كُلُّ مِّنْ عِندِ رَبَّنَا وَمَا يَذَكُرُ إِلاَّ أُولُواْ الأَلْبَابِ (آل عمران 7) الله والرَّعْمَاء الله الله والرَّاسِحُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَمُولُونَ آمَنًا بِو كُلُّ مِّنْ عِندِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَكُرُ إِلاَّ أُولُواْ الأَلْبَابِ (آل عمران 7) الله والرَّعْمَاء الله والرَّعْم الله والرَّعْمَاء الله والرَّعْم الله والله والرَّعْم الله والرَعْم الله والرَّعْم الله والرَعْم الله والرَعْم الله والرَّعْم الله والرَّعْم الله والرَّعْم الله والرَعْم الله والرَعْم الله والله والرَعْم الله والرَعْم الله والرَعْم الله والرَعْم الله والله والرّعْم الله والرّعِم الله والرّعْم الله والله والرّعْم الله والرّ

ثُمُّ أَنزَلَ عَلَيْكُم مِّن بَعْدِ الْغَمِّ أَمَنَةً نُّعَاسًا يَغْشَى طَائِفَةً مِّنكُمْ وَطَائِفَةٌ قَدْ أَهَمَّتُهُمْ أَنفُسُهُمْ يَظُنُّونَ بِاللَّهِ غَيْرَ الْحُقِّ ظَنَّ الجَّاهِلِيَّةِ يَقُولُونَ هَل لَنَا مِن الأَمْرِ مِن شَيْءٍ قُلْ إِنَّ الأَمْرَ كُلَّهُ لِلَهِ يُخْفُونَ فِي أَنفُسِهِم مَّا لاَ يُبْدُونَ لَكَ يَقُولُونَ لَوْ كَانَ لَنَا مِنَ الأَمْرِ شَيْءٍ قُلْ إِنَّ الأَمْرَ كُلَّهُ لِلَهِ يُخْفُونَ فِي أَنفُسِهِم مَّا لاَ يُبْدُونَ لَكَ يَقُولُونَ لَوْ كَانَ لَنَا مِنَ الأَمْرِ شَيْءٍ قُلُ إِنَّ الأَمْرَ كُلَّهُ لِلَهِ يُخْفُونَ فِي أَنفُسِهِم مَّا لاَ يُبْدُونَ لَكَ يَقُولُونَ لَوْ كَانَ لَنَا مِنَ الأَمْرِ شَيْءٍ قُلُ إِنَّ الأَمْرَ كُلَّهُ لِلَهِ يُخْفُونَ فِي أَنفُسِهِم مَّا لاَ يُبْدُونَ لَكَ يَقُولُونَ لَوْ كَانَ لَنَا مِنَ الأَمْرِ شَيْءٍ قُلُ إِنَّ الأَمْرَ كُلَّهُ لِللّهِ يَخْفُونَ فِي أَنفُسِهِم مَّا لاَ يُبْدُونَ لَكَ يَقُولُونَ لَوْ كَانَ لَنَا مِنَ الأَمْرِ مِن شَيْءٍ قُلُ إِنَّ الأَمْرَ كُلَّهُ لِللّهِ يَخْفُونَ فِي أَنفُسِهِم مَّا لاَ يُبْدُونَ لَكَ يَقُولُونَ لَوْ كَانَ لَنَا مِنَ الأَمْرِ مُن شَيْءٍ قُلُ إِنَّ اللّهُ عَلَيْمٌ بِذَاتِ الصَّلُومِ وَلَيْمُ فَا لِيهُمْ عَلَيْهُمُ اللّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصَّلُومِ وَلِيكُمْ وَلِيمُحُصَ مَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ وَلِيمُ مِن عَلَيْ مُ لَيُعْلُمُ وَلِيمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقُعْلُ إِلَى مَضَاجِعِهِمْ وَلِيمُتَلِي اللَّهُ مَا فِي صُدُولِكُمْ وَلِيمُحَصَّ مَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصَّلُومِ وَلَيْ لَعُهِم اللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ إِلَى مَضَاجِعِهِمْ وَلِيمُعَلِي اللَّهُ عَلَيْم بِيمُ وَلِيمُ عَلَيْم اللَّهُ عَلَيْم بِيمُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ اللهُ عَلَيْم بَعِلْهُ اللهُ اللهُ عَلَيْم الللهُ عَلَيْم الللهُ عَلَيْم اللهُ عَلَيْم اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ عَلَيْم الللهُ عَلَيْم الللهُ عَلَيْم اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ عَلَيْم اللهُ اللّهُ الللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللّهُ الللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ الللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللهُ الللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللللّهُ اللّهُ اللللهُ اللللهُ اللللّ

Then after the distress, He sent down security for you. Slumber overtook a party of you, while another party was thinking about themselves (as how to save their ownselves, ignoring the others and the Prophet SAW) and thought wrongly of Allah -

the thought of ignorance. They said, "Have we any part in the affair?" Say you (O Muhammad SAW): "Indeed the affair belongs wholly to Allah." They hide within themselves what they dare not reveal to you, saying: "If we had anything to do with the affair, none of us would have been killed here." Say: "Even if you had remained in your homes, those for whom death was decreed would certainly have gone forth to the place of their death," but that Allah might test what is in your breasts; and to Mahis that which was in your hearts (sins), and Allah is All-Knower of what is in (your) breasts.

And when it is said to them: "Come to what Allah has sent down and to the Messenger (Muhammad SAW)," you (Muhammad SAW) see the hypocrites turn away from you (Muhammad SAW) with aversion.

Had not the Grace of Allah and His Mercy been upon you (O Muhammad SAW), a party of them would certainly have made a decision to mislead you, but (in fact) they mislead none except their own selves, and no harm can they do to you in the least. Allah has sent down to you the Book (The Quran), and Al-Hikmah (Islamic laws, knowledge of legal and illegal things i.e. the Prophet's Sunnah - legal ways), and taught you that which you knew not. And Ever Great is the Grace of Allah unto you (O Muhammad SAW).

But Allah bears witness to that which He has sent down (the Quran) unto you (O Muhammad SAW), He has sent it down with His Knowledge, and the angels bear witness. And Allah is All-Sufficient as a Witness.

إِنَّا أَنْوَلْنَا التَّوْرَاةَ فِيهَا هُدًى وَنُورٌ يَخْكُمُ بِمَا النَّبِيُونَ الَّذِينَ أَسْلَمُواْ لِلَّذِينَ هَادُواْ وَالرَّالِيُّونَ وَالأَحْبَارُ بِمَا اسْتُحْفِظُواْ مِن كِتَابِ اللَّهِ وَكَانُواْ عَلَيْهِ شُهَدَاء فَلاَ تَخْشَوُاْ النَّاسَ وَاحْشَوْنِ وَلاَ تَشْتَرُواْ بِآيَاتِي ثَمَنًا قَلِيلاً وَمَن لَمَّ يَخْكُم بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولِيكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ (المائدة 44) Verily, We did send down the Taurat (Torah) [to Musa (Moses)], therein was guidance and light, by which the Prophets, who submitted themselves to Allah's Will, judged the Jews. And the rabbis and the priests [too judged the Jews by the Taurat (Torah) after those Prophets] for to them was entrusted the protection of Allah's Book, and they were witnesses thereto. Therefore fear not men but fear Me (O Jews) and sell not My Verses for a miserable price. And whosoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed, such are the Kafirun (i.e. disbelievers - of a lesser degree as they do not act on Allah's Laws).

And We ordained therein for them: "Life for life, eye for eye, nose for nose, ear for ear, tooth for tooth, and wounds equal for equal." But if anyone remits the retaliation by way of charity, it shall be for him an expiation. And whosoever does not judge by that which Allah has revealed, such are the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers - of a lesser degree).

Let the people of the Injeel (Gospel) judge by what Allah has revealed therein. And whosoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed (then) such (people) are the Fasiqun (the rebellious i.e. disobedient (of a lesser degree) to Allah.

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وَأَنَوْلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحُقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيْمِنًا عَلَيْهِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلاَ تَتَبِعْ أَهْوَاءهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحُقِّ لِكُلِّ جَعِلْنَا مِنكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا وَلَوْ شَاء اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَكُمْ أَمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِن لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُم فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ إِلَى اللَّه مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا لِكُلِّ جَعَلْنَا مِنكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا وَلَوْ شَاء اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَكُمْ أَمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِن لِيَبْلُوكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُم فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ إِلَى اللَّه مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا وَلَوْ شَاء اللَّهُ لَحَعَلَكُمْ أَمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِن لِيَبْلُوكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُم فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ إِلَى اللَّه مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا وَلَوْ شَاء اللَّهُ لَمُعَلِّكُمْ أَمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَا لَهُ فِي عَنْتِلُوكُمْ فِيهِ خَتْتِلِقُونَ (المَائدة 48)

And We have sent down to you (O Muhammad SAW) the Book (this Quran) in truth, confirming the Scripture that came before it and Mohayminan (trustworthy in highness and a witness) over it (old Scriptures). So judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging away from the truth that has come to you. To each among you, We have prescribed a law and a clear way. If Allah willed, He would have made you one nation, but that (He) may test you in what He has given you; so strive as in a race in good deeds. The return of you (all) is to Allah; then He will inform you about that in which you used to differ.

And so judge (you O Muhammad SAW) between them by what Allah has revealed and follow not their vain desires, but beware of them lest they turn you (O Muhammad SAW) far away from some of that which Allah has sent down to you. And if they turn away, then know that Allah's Will is to punish them for some sins of theirs. And truly, most of men are Fasiqun (rebellious and disobedient to Allah).

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And when it is said to them: "Come to what Allah has revealed and unto the Messenger (Muhammad SAW for the verdict of that which you have made unlawful)." They say: "Enough for us is that which we found our fathers following," even though their fathers had no knowledge whatsoever and no guidance.

وَمَا قَدَرُواْ اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ إِذْ قَالُواْ مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَى بَشَرٍ مِّن شَيْءٍ قُلْ مَنْ أَنزَلَ الْكِتَابَ الَّذِي جَاءَ بِهِ مُوسَى نُورًا وَهُدًى لَلنَّاسِ تَجْعَلُونَهُ قَرَاطِيسَ تُبُدُونَهَا وَتُخْفُونَ كَثِيرًا وَعُلِّمْتُم مَّا لَمْ تَعْلَمُواْ أَنتُمْ وَلاَ آبَاؤُكُمْ قُل اللَّهُ ثُمَّ ذَرْهُمْ فِي خَوْضِهِمْ يَلْعَبُونَ (الأنعام 91)

They (the Jews, Quraish pagans, idolaters, etc.) did not estimate Allah with an estimation due to Him when they said: "Nothing did Allah send down to any human being (by inspiration)." Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Who then sent down the Book which Musa (Moses) brought, a light and a guidance to mankind which you (the Jews) have made into (separate) papersheets, disclosing (some of it) and concealing (much). And you (believers in Allah and His Messenger Muhammad SAW), were taught (through the Quran) that which neither you nor your fathers knew." Say: "Allah (sent it down)." Then leave them to play in their vain discussions. (Tafsir Al-Qurtubi, Vol.7, Page 37).

وَمَا قَدَرُواْ اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ إِذْ قَالُواْ مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَى بَشَرٍ مِّن شَيْءٍ قُلْ مَنْ أَنزَلَ الْكِتَابَ الَّذِي جَاءَ بِهِ مُوسَى نُورًا وَهُدَى لَلنَّاسِ بَحْعَلُونَهُ قَرَاطِيسَ تُبْدُونَهَا وَتُخْفُونَ كَثِيرًا وَعُلِّمْتُم مَّا لَمُ تَعْلَمُواْ أَنتُمْ وَلاَ آبَاؤُكُمْ قُل اللَّهُ ثُمَّ ذَرْهُمْ فِي حَوْضِهِمْ يَلْعَبُونَ (الأنعام 91)

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وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ قَالَ أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ وَلَمْ يُوحَ إِلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ وَمَن قَالَ سَأُنزِلُ مِثْلَ مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَوْ تَرَى إِذِ الظَّالِمُونَ فِي غَمَرَاتِ الْمَوْتِ وَالْمَلائِكَةُ بَاسِطُواْ أَيْدِيهِمْ أَخْرِجُواْ أَنفُسَكُمُ الْيَوْمَ بُخْزُوْنَ عَذَابَ الْمُونِ بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ غَيْرَ الْحُقِّ وَكُنتُمْ عَنْ آيَاتِهِ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ (الأنعام 93)

And who can be more unjust than he who invents a lie against Allah, or says: "I have received inspiration," whereas he is not inspired in anything; and who says, "I will reveal the like of what Allah has revealed." And if you could but see when the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.) are in the agonies of death, while the

angels are stretching forth their hands (saying): "Deliver your souls! This day you shall be recompensed with the torment of degradation because of what you used to utter against Allah other than the truth. And you used to reject His Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) with disrespect!"

It is He Who sends down water (rain) from the sky, and with it We bring forth vegetation of all kinds, and out of it We bring forth green stalks, from which We bring forth thick clustered grain. And out of the date-palm and its spathe come forth clusters of dates hanging low and near, and gardens of grapes, olives and pomegranates, each similar (in kind) yet different (in variety and taste). Look at their fruits when they begin to bear, and the ripeness thereof. Verily! In these things there are signs for people who believe.

[Say (O Muhammad SAW)] "Shall I seek a judge other than Allah while it is He Who has sent down unto you the Book (The Quran), explained in detail." Those unto whom We gave the Scripture [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] know that it is revealed from your Lord in truth. So be not you of those who doubt.

O Children of Adam! We have bestowed raiment upon you to cover yourselves (screen your private parts, etc.) and as an adornment

Then Allah did send down His Sakinah (calmness, tranquillity and reassurance, etc.) on the Messenger (Muhammad SAW), and on the believers, and sent down forces (angels) which you saw not, and punished the disbelievers. Such is the recompense of disbelievers.

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If you help him (Muhammad SAW) not (it does not matter), for Allah did indeed help him when the disbelievers drove him out, the second of two, when they (Muhammad SAW and Abu Bakr) were in the cave, and he (SAW) said to his companion (Abu Bakr): "Be not sad (or afraid), surely Allah is with us." Then Allah sent down His Sakinah (calmness, tranquillity, peace, etc.) upon him, and strengthened him with forces (angels) which you saw not, and made the word of those who disbelieved the lowermost, while it was the Word of Allah that became the uppermost, and Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise.

The bedouins are the worst in disbelief and hypocrisy, and more likely to be in ignorance of the limits (Allah's Commandments and His Legal Laws, etc.) which Allah has revealed to His Messenger. And Allah is All-Knower, All-Wise.

Say (O Muhammad SAW to these polytheists): "Tell me, what provision Allah has sent down to you! And you have made of it lawful and unlawful." Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Has Allah permitted you (to do so), or do you invent a lie against Allah?"

"You do not worship besides Him but only names which you have named (forged), you and your fathers, for which Allah has sent down no authority. The command (or the judgement) is for none but Allah. He has commanded that you worship none but Him (i.e. His Monotheism), that is the (true) straight religion, but most men know not.

أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاء مَاء فَسَالَتْ أَوْدِيَةٌ بِقَدَرِهَا فَاحْتَمَلَ السَّيْلُ زَبَدًا رَّابِيًا وَهِمَّا يُوقِدُونَ عَلَيْهِ فِي النَّارِ ابْتِغَاء حِلْيَةٍ أَوْ مَتَاعٍ زَبَدٌ مِّثْلُهُ كَذَلِكَ يَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْحُقَّ وَالْبَاطِلَ فَأَمَّا الزَّبَدُ فَيَذْهَبُ جُفَاء وَأَمَّا مَا يَنفَعُ النَّاسَ فَيَمْكُثُ فِي الأَرْضِ كَذَلِكَ يَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الأَمْثَالَ (الرعد 17)

He sends down water (rain) from the sky, and the valleys flow according to their measure, but the flood bears away the foam that mounts up to the surface, and (also) from that (ore) which they heat in the fire in order to make ornaments or utensils, rises a foam like unto it, thus does Allah (by parables) show forth truth and falsehood. Then, as for the foam it passes away as scum upon the banks, while that which is for the good of mankind remains in the earth. Thus Allah sets forth parables (for the truth and falsehood, i.e. Belief and disbelief).

Allah is He Who has created the heavens and the earth and sends down water (rain) from the sky, and thereby brought forth fruits as provision for you; and He has made the ships to be of service to you, that they may sail through the sea by His Command; and He has made rivers (also) to be of service to you.

He it is Who sends down water (rain) from the sky; from it you drink and from it (grows) the vegetation on which you send your cattle to pasture;

And when it is said to them: "What is it that your Lord has sent down (unto Muhammad SAW)?" They say: "Tales of the men of old!"

And (when) it is said to those who are the Muttaqun (pious - see V.2:2) "What is it that your Lord has sent down?" They say: "That which is good." For those who do good in this world, there is good, and the home of the Hereafter will be better. And excellent indeed will be the home (i.e. Paradise) of the Muttaqun (pious - see V.2:2).

And Allah sends down water (rain) from the sky, then He revives the earth therewith after its death. Verily, in this is a sign (clear proof) for people who listen (obey Allah).

[Musa (Moses)] said: "Verily, you know that these signs have been sent down by none but the Lord of the heavens and the earth as clear (evidences i.e. proofs of Allah's Oneness and His Omnipotence, etc.). And I think you are, indeed, O Fir'aun (Pharaoh) doomed to destruction (away from all good)!"

All the praises and thanks be to Allah, Who has sent down to His slave (Muhammad SAW) the Book (the Quran), and has not placed therein any crookedness.

Who has made earth for you like a bed (spread out); and has opened roads (ways and paths etc.) for you therein; and has sent down water (rain) from the sky. And We have brought forth with it various kinds of vegetation.

See you not that Allah sends down water (rain) from the sky, and then the earth becomes green? Verily, Allah is the Most Kind and Courteous, Well-Acquainted with all things.

But the chiefs of those who disbelieved among his people said: "He is no more than a human being like you, he seeks to make himself superior to you. Had Allah willed, He surely could have sent down angels; never did we hear such a thing among our fathers of old.

أَمَّنْ حَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأَرْضَ وَأَنزَلَ لَكُم مِّنَ السَّمَاء مَاء فَأَنبَتْنَا بِهِ حَدَائِقَ ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ مَّا كَانَ لَكُمْ أَن تُنبِتُوا شَجَرَهَا أَإِلَهٌ مَّعَ اللَّهِ بَلْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ يَعْدِلُونَ (النمل 60)

Is not He (better than your gods) Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down for you water (rain) from the sky, whereby We cause to grow wonderful gardens full of beauty and delight? It is not in your ability to cause the growth of their trees. Is there any ilah (god) with Allah? Nay, but they are a people who ascribe equals (to Him)!

And when it is said to them: "Follow that which Allah has sent down", they say: "Nay, we shall follow that which we found our fathers (following)." (Would they do so) even if Shaitan (Satan) invites them to the torment of the Fire.

And those of the people of the Scripture who backed them (the disbelievers) Allah brought them down from their forts and cast terror into their hearts, (so that) a group (of them) you killed, and a group (of them) you made captives.

See you not that Allah sends down water (rain) from the sky, and We produce therewith fruits of varying colours, and among the mountains are streaks white and red, of varying colours and (others) very black.

They (people of the town) said: "You are only human beings like ourselves, and the Most Beneficent (Allah) has revealed nothing, you are only telling lies."

حَلَقَكُم مِّن نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَأَنزَلَ لَكُم مِّنْ الأَنْعَامِ ثَمَانِيَةَ أَزْوَاجٍ يَخْلُقُكُمْ فِي بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ خَلُقًا مِن بَعْدِ خَلْقِ فِي ظُلْمَاتٍ تَلاثٍ ذَلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ لا إِلَهَ إِلاَّ هُوَ فَأَنَّى تُصْرُفُونَ (الزمر 6) He created you (all) from a single person (Adam); then made from him his wife [Hawwa' (Eve)]. And He has sent down for you of cattle eight pairs (of the sheep, two, male and female; of the goats, two, male and female; of the oxen, two, male and female; and of the camels, two, male and female). He creates you in the wombs of your mothers, creation after creation in three veils of darkness, such is Allah your Lord. His is the kingdom, La ilaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He). How then are you turned away?

See you not, that Allah sends down water (rain) from the sky, and causes it to penetrate the earth, (and then makes it to spring up) as water-springs and afterward thereby produces crops of different colours, and afterward they wither and you see them turn yellow, then He makes them dry and broken pieces. Verily, in this, is a Reminder for men of understanding.

When the Messengers came to them, from before them and behind them (saying): "Worship none but Allah" They said: "If our Lord had so willed, He would surely have sent down the angels. So indeed! We disbelieve in that with which you have been sent."

So unto this (religion of Islam, alone and this Quran) then invite (people) (O Muhammad SAW), and Istaqim [(i.e. stand firm and straight on Islamic Monotheism by performing all that is ordained by Allah (good deeds, etc.), and by abstaining from all that is forbidden by Allah (sins and evil deeds, etc.)], as you are commanded, and follow not their desires but say: "I believe in whatsoever Allah has sent down of the Book [all the holy Books, this Quran and the Books of the old from the Taurat (Torah), or the Injeel (Gospel) or the Pages of Ibrahim (Abraham)] and I am commanded to do justice among you, Allah is our Lord and your Lord. For us our

deeds and for you your deeds. There is no dispute between us and you. Allah will assemble us (all), and to Him is the final return.

It is Allah Who has sent down the Book (the Quran) in truth, and the Balance (i.e. to act justly). And what can make you know that perhaps the Hour is close at hand?

And in the alternation of night and day, and the provision (rain) that Allah sends down from the sky, and revives therewith the earth after its death, and in the turning about of the winds (i.e. sometimes towards the east or north, and sometimes towards the south or west etc., sometimes bringing glad tidings of rain etc., and sometimes bringing the torment), are signs for a people who understand.

That is because they hate that which Allah has sent down (this Quran and Islamic laws, etc.), so He has made their deeds fruitless.

He it is Who sent down As-Sakinah (calmness and tranquillity) into the hearts of the believers, that they may grow more in Faith along with their (present) Faith. And to Allah belong the hosts of the heavens and the earth, and Allah is Ever All-Knower, All-Wise.

Indeed, Allah was pleased with the believers when they gave their Bai'a (pledge) to you (O Muhammad SAW) under the tree, He knew what was in their hearts, and He sent down As-Sakinah (calmness and tranquillity) upon them, and He rewarded them with a near victory,

When those who disbelieve had put in their hearts pride and haughtiness the pride and haughtiness of the time of ignorance, then Allah sent down His Sakinah (calmness and tranquillity) upon His Messenger (SAW) and upon the believers, and made them stick to the word of piety (i.e. none has the right to be worshipped but Allah), and they were well entitled to it and worthy of it. And Allah is the All-Knower of everything.

They are but names which you have named, you and your fathers, for which Allah has sent down no authority. They follow but a guess and that which they themselves desire, whereas there has surely come to them the Guidance from their Lord!

Allah has prepared for them a severe torment. So fear Allah and keep your duty to Him, O men of understanding who have believed! - Allah has indeed sent down to you a Reminder (this Quran).

And believe in what I have sent down (this Quran), confirming that which is with you, [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)], and be not the first to disbelieve therein, and buy not with My Verses [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] a small price (i.e. getting a small gain by selling My Verses), and fear Me and Me Alone. (Tafsir At-Tabari, Vol. I, Page 253).

Our Lord! We believe in what You have sent down, and we follow the Messenger ['Iesa (Jesus)]; so write us down among those who bear witness (to the truth i.e. La ilaha ill-Allah - none has the right to be worshipped but Allah).

So he watered (their flocks) for them, then he turned back to shade, and said: "My Lord! Truly, I am in need of whatever good that You bestow on me!"

Is it you who cause it from the rainclouds to come down, or are We the Causer of it to come down?

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And We shaded you with clouds and sent down on you Al-Manna and the quails, (saying): "Eat of the good lawful things We have provided for you," (but they rebelled). And they did not wrong Us but they wronged themselves.

But those who did wrong changed the word from that which had been told to them for another, so We sent upon the wrong-doers Rijzan (a punishment) from the heaven because of their rebelling against Allah's Obedience. (Tafsir At-Tabari, Vol. I, Page 305).

And indeed We have sent down to you manifest Ayat (these Verses of the Quran which inform in detail about the news of the Jews and their secret intentions, etc.), and none disbelieve in them but Fasiqun (those who rebel against Allah's Command).

Verily, those who conceal the clear proofs, evidences and the guidance, which We have sent down, after We have made it clear for the people in the Book, they are the ones cursed by Allah and cursed by the cursers.

Surely, We have sent down to you (O Muhammad SAW) the Book (this Quran) in truth that you might judge between men by that which Allah has shown you (i.e. has taught you through Divine Inspiration), so be not a pleader for the treacherous.

O mankind! Verily, there has come to you a convincing proof (Prophet Muhammad SAW) from your Lord, and We sent down to you a manifest light (this Quran).

Verily, We did send down the Taurat (Torah) [to Musa (Moses)], therein was guidance and light, by which the Prophets, who submitted themselves to Allah's Will, judged the Jews. And the rabbis and the priests [too judged the Jews by the Taurat (Torah) after those Prophets] for to them was entrusted the protection of Allah's Book, and they were witnesses thereto. Therefore fear not men but fear Me (O Jews) and sell not My Verses for a miserable price. And whosoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed, such are the Kafirun (i.e. disbelievers - of a lesser degree as they do not act on Allah's Laws).

وَأَنْوَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحُقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لَمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيْمِنًا عَلَيْهِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنْوَلَ اللَّهُ وَلاَ تَتَبِعُ أَهْوَاءهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحُقِّ لِيَعْا لِكُلِّ جَعَلْنَا مِنكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا وَلَوْ شَاء اللَّهُ جَعَلَكُمْ أَمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِن لِيَبْلُوكُمْ فِي مَا آنَاكُم فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ إِلَى اللَّه مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا لِكُلِّ جَعَلْنَا مِنكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا وَلَوْ شَاء اللَّهُ جَعَلَكُمْ أَمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِن لِيَبْلُوكُمْ فِي مَا آنَاكُم فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ إِلَى اللَّه مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا فَيَنْ مُنْ فِيهِ غَنْتِلِفُونَ (المائدة 48)

And We have sent down to you (O Muhammad SAW) the Book (this Quran) in truth, confirming the Scripture that came before it and Mohayminan (trustworthy in highness and a witness) over it (old Scriptures). So judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging away from the truth that has come to you. To each among you, We have prescribed a law and a clear way. If Allah willed, He would have made you one nation, but that (He) may test you in what He has given you; so strive as in a race in good deeds. The return of you (all) is to Allah; then He will inform you about that in which you used to differ.

And they say: "Why has not an angel been sent down to him?" Had We sent down an angel, the matter would have been judged at once, and no respite would be granted to them.

O Children of Adam! We have bestowed raiment upon you to cover yourselves (screen your private parts, etc.) and as an adornment, and the raiment of righteousness, that is better. Such are among the Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah, that they may remember (i.e. leave falsehood and follow truth).

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُرْسِلُ الرِّيَاحَ بُشْرًا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ رَهُمْتِهِ حَتَّى إِذَا أَقَلَتْ سَحَابًا ثِقَالاً سُقْنَاهُ لِيَلَدٍ مَّيَّتٍ فَأَنزَلْنَا بِهِ الْمَاء فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ مِن كُلِّ الشَّمَرَاتِ كَذَلِكَ خُرْجُ الْمَوْتَى لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ (الأعراف 57)

And it is He Who sends the winds as heralds of glad tidings, going before His Mercy (rain). Till when they have carried a heavy-laden cloud, We drive it to a land that is dead, then We cause water (rain) to descend thereon. Then We produce every kind of fruit therewith. Similarly, We shall raise up the dead, so that you may remember or take heed.

وقطَّعْنَاهُمُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ أَسْبَاطًا أَمُّمًا وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَى مُوسَى إِذِ اسْتَسْقَاهُ قَوْمُهُ أَنِ اضْرِب بِّعَصَاكَ الحُجَرَ فَانبَجَسَتْ مِنْهُ اثْنَتَا عَشْرَةَ عَيْنًا قَدْ عَلِمَ كُلُو أَنْ اضْرِب بِّعَصَاكَ الحُجَرَ فَانبَجَسَتْ مِنْهُ اثْنَتَا عَشْرَةَ عَيْنًا قَدْ عَلِم كُلُو أَنْ اضْرِب بِعَصَاكَ الْحُجَرَ فَانبَجَسَتْ مِنْهُ اثْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَنَّ وَالسَّلُوَى كُلُواْ مِن طَيَبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَمَا ظَلَمُونَا وَلَكِن كَانُواْ أَنفُسَهُمْ يَطْلِمُونَ أَنْاسٍ مَّشْرَبَهُمْ وَطَلَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْعَمَامَ وَأَنزَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَنَّ وَالسَّلُوَى كُلُواْ مِن طَيَبَاتٍ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَمَا ظَلَمُونَا وَلَكِن كَانُواْ أَنفُسَهُمْ يَطْلِمُونَ (الأعراف 160)

And We divided them into twelve tribes (as distinct) nations. We directed Musa (Moses) by inspiration, when his people asked him for water, (saying): "Strike the stone with your stick", and there gushed forth out of it twelve springs: each group knew its own place for water. We shaded them with the clouds and sent down upon them Al-Manna and the quails (saying): "Eat of the good things with which We have provided you." They harmed Us not but they used to harm themselves.

وَاعْلَمُواْ أَنَّمَا غَيْمْتُم مِّن شَيْءٍ فَأَنَّ لِلَّهِ مُحُمْسَهُ وَلِلرَّسُولِ وَلِذِي الْقُرْبَى وَالْيَتَامَى وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ إِن كُنتُمْ آمَنتُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أَنزَلْنَا عَلَى عَبْدِنَا يَوْمَ الْقُرْقَانِ يَوْمَ الْتَقَى الجُمْعَانِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ (الأنفال 41) And know that whatever of war-booty that you may gain, verily one-fifth (1/5th) of it is assigned to Allah, and to the Messenger, and to the near relatives [of the Messenger (Muhammad SAW)], (and also) the orphans, Al-Masakin (the poor) and the wayfarer, if you have believed in Allah and in that which We sent down to Our slave (Muhammad SAW) on the Day of criterion (between right and wrong), the Day when the two forces met (the battle of Badr) - And Allah is Able to do all things.

So if you (O Muhammad SAW) are in doubt concerning that which We have revealed unto you, [i.e. that your name is written in the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] then ask those who are reading the Book [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] before you. Verily, the truth has come to you from your Lord. So be not of those who doubt (it).

And We send the winds fertilizing (to fill heavily the clouds with water), then caused the water (rain) to descend from the sky, and We gave it to you to drink, and it is not you who are the owners of its stores [i.e. to give water to whom you like or to withhold it from whom you like].

As We have sent down on the dividers, (Quraish pagans or Jews and Christians).

With clear signs and Books (We sent the Messengers). And We have also sent down unto you (O Muhammad SAW) the reminder and the advice (the Quran), that you may explain clearly to men what is sent down to them, and that they may give thought.

And We have not sent down the Book (the Quran) to you (O Muhammad SAW), except that you may explain clearly unto them those things in which they differ, and (as) a guidance and a mercy for a folk who believe.

We have not sent down the Quran unto you (O Muhammad SAW) to cause you distress,

Indeed, We have sent down for you (O mankind) a Book, (the Quran) in which there is Dhikrukum, (your Reminder or an honour for you i.e. honour for the one who follows the teaching of the Quran and acts on its orders). Will you not then understand?

يا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِن كُنتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّنَ الْبَعْثِ فَإِنَّا حَلَقْنَاكُم مِّن تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِن نُطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِن عُلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ مِن مُضْغَةٍ مُّ مِن مُضْغَةٍ مُّ مِن مُضْغَةٍ مُّ مِن كُنتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّن الْبَعْثِ فَإِنَّا حَلَقْنَاكُم مِّن تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِن نُطِدِ الْخُمُو وَمِنكُم مَّن يُتَوَقَّ وَمِنكُم مَّن يُرَدُّ إِلَى أَرْذَلِ الْعُمُو لِكَيْلا يَعْلَمَ مِن بَعْدِ الأَرْحَامِ مَا نَشَاء إِلَى أَرْذَلِ الْعُمُو لِكَيْلا يَعْلَمَ مِن بَعْدِ عَلَيْهِ الْمُعَاء الْمُقَرَّتُ وَرَبَتْ وَأَنبَتَتْ مِن كُلِّ رَوْج بَمِيج (الحج 5)

O mankind! If you are in doubt about the Resurrection, then verily! We have created you (i.e. Adam) from dust, then from a Nutfah (mixed drops of male and female sexual discharge i.e. offspring of Adam), then from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood) then from a little lump of flesh, some formed and some unformed (miscarriage), that We may make (it) clear to you (i.e. to show you Our Power and Ability to do what We will). And We cause whom We will to remain in the wombs for an appointed term, then We bring you out as infants, then (give you growth) that you may reach your age of full strength. And among you there is he who dies (young), and among you there is he who is brought back to the miserable old age, so that he knows nothing after having known. And you see the earth barren, but when We send down water (rain) on it, it is stirred (to life), it swells and puts forth every lovely kind (of growth).

And We sent down from the sky water (rain) in (due) measure, and We gave it lodging in the earth, and verily, We are Able to take it away.

(This is) a Surah (chapter of the Quran) which We have sent down and which We have enjoined, (ordained its legal laws) and in it We have revealed manifest Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations lawful and unlawful things, and set boundries of Islamic Religion), that you may remember.

And indeed We have sent down for you Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) that make things plain, and the example of those who passed away before you, and an admonition for those who are Al-Muttaqun (the pious - see V.2:2).

We have indeed sent down (in this Quran) manifest Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, lawful and unlawful things, and the set boundries of Islamic religion, etc. that make things clear showing the Right Path of Allah). And Allah guides whom He wills to a Straight Path (i.e. to Allah's religion of Islamic Monotheism).

And it is He Who sends the winds as heralds of glad tidings, going before His Mercy (rain), and We send down pure water from the sky,

And thus We have sent down the Book (i.e this Quran) to you (O Muhammad SAW), and those whom We gave the Scripture [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel) aforetime] believe therein as also do some of these (who are present with you now like 'Abdullah bin Salam) and none but the disbelievers reject Our Ayat [(proofs,

signs, verses, lessons, etc., and deny Our Oneness of Lordship and Our Oneness of worship and Our Oneness of Our Names and Qualities: i.e. Islamic Monotheism)].

Is it not sufficient for them that We have sent down to you the Book (the Quran) which is recited to them? Verily, herein is mercy and a reminder (or an admonition) for a people who believe.

Or have We revealed to them a Scripture, which speaks of that which they have been associating with Him?

He has created the heavens without any pillars, that you see and has set on the earth firm mountains, lest it should shake with you. And He has scattered therein moving (living) creatures of all kinds. And We send down water (rain) from the sky, and We cause (plants) of every goodly kind to grow therein.

And We sent not against his people after him a host from heaven, nor do We send (such a thing).

Verily, We have sent down the Book to you (O Muhammad SAW) in truth: So worship Allah (Alone) by doing religious deeds sincerely for Allah's sake only, (and not to show-off, and not to set up rivals with Him in worship).

Verily, We have sent down to you (O Muhammad SAW) the Book (this Quran) for mankind in truth. So whosoever accepts the guidance, it is only for his ownself, and

whosoever goes astray, he goes astray only for his (own) loss. And you (O Muhammad SAW) are not a Wakil (trustee or disposer of affairs, or keeper) over them.

And among His Signs (in this), that you see the earth barren, but when We send down water (rain) to it, it is stirred to life and growth (of vegetations). Verily, He Who gives it life, surely, (He) is Able to give life to the dead (on the Day of Resurrection). Indeed! He is Able to do all things.

Indeed We have sent Our Messengers with clear proofs, and revealed with them the Scripture and the Balance (justice) that mankind may keep up justice. And We brought forth iron wherein is mighty power (in matters of war), as well as many benefits for mankind, that Allah may test who it is that will help Him (His religion), and His Messengers in the unseen. Verily, Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty.

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Verily, those who oppose Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW) will be disgraced, as those before them (among the past nation), were disgraced. And We

have sent down clear Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.). And for the disbelievers is a disgracing torment.

Had We sent down this Quran on a mountain, you would surely have seen it humbling itself and rending asunder by the fear of Allah. Such are the parables which We put forward to mankind that they may reflect.

Therefore, believe in Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW), and in the Light (this Quran) which We have sent down. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

And have sent down from the rainy clouds abundant water.

## أَنْزَلْناه

وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ أَنزُلْنَاهُ مُبَارَكٌ مُّصَدِّقُ الَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَلِتُنذِرَ أُمَّ الْقُرَى وَمَنْ حَوْلَهَا وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالآخِرَةِ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ وَهُمْ عَلَى صَلاتِمِمْ يُحَافِظُونَ (الأنعام 92)

And this (the Quran) is a blessed Book which We have sent down, confirming (the revelations) which came before it, so that you may warn the Mother of Towns (i.e. Makkah) and all those around it. Those who believe in the Hereafter believe in (the Quran), and they are constant in guarding their Salat (prayers).

And this is a blessed Book (the Quran) which We have sent down, so follow it and fear Allah (i.e. do not disobey His Orders), that you may receive mercy (i.e. saved from the torment of Hell).

إِنَّمَا مَثَلُ الْحُيَاةِ الدُّنْيَاكَمَاء أَنوَلْنَاهُ مِنَ السَّمَاء فَاخْتَلَطَ بِهِ نَبَاتُ الأَرْضِ مِمَّا يَأْكُلُ النَّاسُ وَالأَنْعَامُ حَتَّى إِذَا أَخَذَتِ الأَرْضُ رُخْوُفَهَا وَازَّيَنَتْ وَظَنَّ إِللَّامُسِ كَذَلِكَ نُقصِّلُ الآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ (يونس 24) أَهْلُهَا أَنَّهُمْ قَادِرُونَ عَلَيْهَا أَتُومًا أَمُونَا لَيُلاً أَوْ نَهَارًا فَجَعَلْنَاهَا حَصِيدًا كَأَن لَّهُ تَغْنَ بِالأَمْسِ كَذَلِكَ نُقصِّلُ الآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ (يونس 24)

Verily the likeness of (this) worldly life is as the water (rain) which We send down from the sky, so by it arises the intermingled produce of the earth of which men and cattle eat until when the earth is clad with its adornments and is beautified, and its people think that they have all the powers of disposal over it, Our Command reaches it by night or by day and We make it like a clean-mown harvest, as if it had not flourished yesterday! Thus do We explain the Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, laws, etc.) in detail for the people who reflect.

Verily, We have sent it down as an Arabic Quran in order that you may understand.

And thus have We sent it (the Quran) down to be a judgement of authority in Arabic. Were you (O Muhammad SAW) to follow their (vain) desires after the knowledge which has come to you, then you will not have any Wali (protector) or defender against Allah.

Alif-Lam-Ra. [These letters are one of the miracles of the Quran, and none but Allah (Alone) knows their meanings]. (This is) a Book which We have revealed unto you (O Muhammad SAW) in order that you might lead mankind out of darkness (of disbelief and polytheism) into light (of belief in the Oneness of Allah and Islamic Monotheism) by their Lord's Leave to the Path of the All-Mighty, the Owner of all Praise.

And with truth We have sent it down (i.e. the Quran), and with truth it has descended. And We have sent you (O Muhammad SAW) as nothing but a bearer of glad tidings (of Paradise, for those who follow your Message of Islamic Monotheism), and a warner (of Hell-fire for those who refuse to follow your Message of Islamic Monotheism).

وَاصْرِبْ لَهُم مَّئَلَ الْحُيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا كَمَاء أَنزَلْنَاهُ مِنَ السَّمَاء فَاحْتَلَطَ بِهِ نَبَاتُ الأَرْضِ فَأَصْبَحَ هَشِيمًا تَذْرُوهُ الرِّيَاحُ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُقْتَادِرًا (الكهف 45)

And put forward to them the example of the life of this world, it is like the water (rain) which We send down from the sky, and the vegetation of the earth mingles with it, and becomes fresh and green. But (later) it becomes dry and broken pieces, which the winds scatter. And Allah is Able to do everything.

And thus We have sent it down as a Quran in Arabic, and have explained therein in detail the warnings, in order that they may fear Allah, or that it may cause them to have a lesson from it (or to have the honour for believing and acting on its teachings).

And this is a blessed Reminder (the Quran) which We have sent down, will you then (dare to) deny it?

Thus have We sent it (this Quran) down (to Muhammad SAW) as clear signs, evidences and proofs, and surely, Allah guides whom He wills.

(This is) a Book (the Quran) which We have sent down to you, full of blessings that they may ponder over its Verses, and that men of understanding may remember.

We sent it (this Quran) down on a blessed night [(i.e. night of Qadr, Surah No: 97) in the month of Ramadan, the 9th month of the Islamic calendar]. Verily, We are ever warning [mankind that Our Torment will reach those who disbelieve in Our Oneness of Lordship and in Our Oneness of worship].

Verily! We have sent it (this Quran) down in the night of Al-Qadr (Decree).

(This is) a Surah (chapter of the Quran) which We have sent down and which We have enjoined, (ordained its legal laws) and in it We have revealed manifest Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations lawful and unlawful things, and set boundries of Islamic Religion), that you may remember.

But Allah bears witness to that which He has sent down (the Quran) unto you (O Muhammad SAW), He has sent it down with His Knowledge, and the angels bear witness. And Allah is All-Sufficient as a Witness.

Say: "It (this Quran) has been sent down by Him (Allah) (the Real Lord of the heavens and earth) Who knows the secret of the heavens and the earth. Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

That is the Command of Allah, which He has sent down to you, and whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will remit his sins from him, and will enlarge his reward.

# سَأُنْزِ<u>لُ</u>

وَمَنْ أَظْلُمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ قَالَ أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ وَلَمْ يُوحَ إِلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ وَمَن قَالَ سَأُنزِلُ مِثْلَ مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَوْ تَرَى إِذِ الظَّالِمُونَ فِي غَمَرَاتِ الْمَوْتِ وَالْمَلائِكَةُ بَاسِطُواْ أَيْدِيهِمْ أَخْرِجُواْ أَنفُسَكُمُ الْيَوْمَ بُحْزُوْنَ عَذَابَ الْمُونِ بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ غَيْرَ الْحُقِّ وَكُنتُمْ عَنْ آيَاتِهِ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ الْمَوْتِ وَالْمَلائِكَةُ بَاسِطُواْ أَيْدِيهِمْ أَخْرِجُواْ أَنفُسَكُمُ الْيَوْمَ بُحْزُوْنَ عَذَابَ الْمُونِ بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ وَكُنتُمْ عَنْ آيَاتِهِ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ (الأنعام 93)

And who can be more unjust than he who invents a lie against Allah, or says: "I have received inspiration," whereas he is not inspired in anything; and who says, "I will reveal the like of what Allah has revealed." And if you could but see when the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.) are in the agonies of death, while the angels are stretching forth their hands (saying): "Deliver your souls! This day you shall be recompensed with the torment of degradation because of what you used to utter against Allah other than the truth. And you used to reject His Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) with disrespect!"

'Iesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), said: "O Allah, our Lord! Send us from heaven a table spread (with food) that there may be for us - for the first and the last of us - a festival and a sign from You; and provide us sustenance, for You are the Best of sustainers."

And say: "My Lord! Cause me to land at a blessed landing-place, for You are the Best of those who bring to land."

And who believe in (the Quran and the Sunnah) which has been sent down (revealed) to you (Muhammad Peace be upon him ) and in [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel), etc.] which were sent down before you and they believe with certainty in the Hereafter. (Resurrection, recompense of their good and bad deeds, Paradise and Hell, etc.).

And who believe in (the Quran and the Sunnah) which has been sent down (revealed) to you (Muhammad Peace be upon him ) and in [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel), etc.] which were sent down before you and they believe with certainty in the Hereafter. (Resurrection, recompense of their good and bad deeds, Paradise and Hell, etc.).

And when it is said to them (the Jews), "Believe in what Allah has sent down," they say, "We believe in what was sent down to us." And they disbelieve in that which came after it, while it is the truth confirming what is with them. Say (O Muhammad Peace be upon him to them): "Why then have you killed the Prophets of Allah aforetime, if you indeed have been believers?"

وَاتَّبَعُواْ مَا تَثْلُواْ الشَّيَاطِينُ عَلَى مُلْكِ سُلْيْمَانَ وَمَا كَفَرَ سُلْيْمَانُ وَلَكِنَّ الشَّيَاطِينَ كَفَرُواْ يُعَلِّمُونَ النَّاسَ السِّحْرَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَى الْمَلَكَيْنِ بِبَابِلَ هَارُوتَ وَمَا يُعَلِّمُونَ مِنْهُمَا مَا يُفَرِّقُونَ بِهِ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَزَوْجِهِ وَمَا هُم بِضَارِّينَ بِهِ هَارُوتَ وَمَا يُعَلِّمُونَ مِنْ عَلَمُونَ مِنْهُمَا مَا يُفَرِّقُونَ بِهِ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَزَوْجِهِ وَمَا هُم بِضَارِّينَ بِهِ هَارُوتَ وَمَا يُعَلِّمُونَ مِنْ عَلَمُ وَلَقَدْ عَلِمُواْ لَمَنِ اشْتَرَاهُ مَا لَهُ فِي الآخِرَةِ مِنْ خَلاقٍ وَلَبِثْسَ مَا شَرَوْا بِهِ أَنفُسَهُمْ لَوْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ إِلاَّ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مَا يَضُرُّهُمْ وَلاَ يَنفَعُهُمْ وَلَقَدْ عَلِمُواْ لَمَنِ اشْتَرَاهُ مَا لَهُ فِي الآخِرَةِ مِنْ خَلاقٍ وَلَبِثْسَ مَا شَرَوْا بِهِ أَنفُسَهُمْ لَوْ كَالُواْ يَعْلَمُونَ (البقرة 102)

They followed what the Shayatin (devils) gave out (falsely of the magic) in the lifetime of Sulaiman (Solomon). Sulaiman did not disbelieve, but the Shayatin (devils) disbelieved, teaching men magic and such things that came down at Babylon to the two angels, Harut and Marut, but neither of these two (angels) taught anyone (such things) till they had said, "We are only for trial, so disbelieve not (by learning this magic from us)." And from these (angels) people learn that by which they cause separation between man and his wife, but they could not thus harm anyone except by Allah's Leave. And they learn that which harms them and profits them not. And indeed they knew that the buyers of it (magic) would have no share in the Hereafter. And how bad indeed was that for which they sold their ownselves, if they but knew.

قُولُواْ آمَنًا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَغْقُوبَ وَالأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَى وَعِيسَى وَمَا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ مِن رَّقِيمٌ لاَ نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ (البقرة 136) Say (O Muslims), "We believe in Allah and that which has been sent down to us and that which has been sent down to Ibrahim (Abraham), Isma'il (Ishmael), Ishaque (Isaac), Ya'qub (Jacob), and to Al-Asbat [the twelve sons of Ya'qub (Jacob)], and that which has been given to Musa (Moses) and 'Iesa (Jesus), and that which has been given to the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we have submitted (in Islam)."

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And a party of the people of the Scripture say: "Believe in the morning in that which is revealed to the believers (Muslims), and reject it at the end of the day, so that they may turn back.

Say (O Muhammad SAW): "We believe in Allah and in what has been sent down to us, and what was sent down to Ibrahim (Abraham), Isma'il (Ishmael), Ishaque (Isaac), Ya'qub (Jacob) and Al-Asbat [the twelve sons of Ya'qub (Jacob)] and what was given to Musa (Moses), 'Iesa (Jesus) and the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between one another among them and to Him (Allah) we have submitted (in Islam)."

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And there are, certainly, among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), those who believe in Allah and in that which has been revealed to you, and in that which has been revealed to them, humbling themselves before Allah. They do not sell the Verses of Allah for a little price, for them is a reward with their Lord. Surely, Allah is Swift in account.

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Have you seen those (hyprocrites) who claim that they believe in that which has been sent down to you, and that which was sent down before you, and they wish to go for judgement (in their disputes) to the Taghut (false judges, etc.) while they have been ordered to reject them. But Shaitan (Satan) wishes to lead them far astray.

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But those among them who are well-grounded in knowledge, and the believers, believe in what has been sent down to you (Muhammad SAW) and what was sent down before you, and those who perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), and give Zakat and believe in Allah and in the Last Day, it is they to whom We shall give a great reward.

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Say: "O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Do you criticize us for no other reason than that we believe in Allah, and in (the revelation) which has been sent down to us and in that which has been sent down before (us), and that most of you are Fasiqun [rebellious and disobedient (to Allah)]?"

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The Jews say: "Allah's Hand is tied up (i.e. He does not give and spend of His Bounty)." Be their hands tied up and be they accursed for what they uttered. Nay,

both His Hands are widely outstretched. He spends (of His Bounty) as He wills. Verily, the Revelation that has come to you from Allah increases in most of them their obstinate rebellion and disbelief. We have put enmity and hatred amongst them till the Day of Resurrection. Every time they kindled the fire of war, Allah extinguished it; and they (ever) strive to make mischief on earth. And Allah does not like the Mufsidun (mischief-makers).

And if only they had acted according to the Taurat (Torah), the Injeel (Gospel), and what has (now) been sent down to them from their Lord (the Quran), they would surely have gotten provision from above them and from underneath their feet. There are from among them people who are on the right course (i.e. they act on the revelation and believe in Prophet Muhammad SAW like 'Abdullah bin Salam), but many of them do evil deeds.

O Messenger (Muhammad SAW)! Proclaim (the Message) which has been sent down to you from your Lord. And if you do not, then you have not conveyed His Message. Allah will protect you from mankind. Verily, Allah guides not the people who disbelieve.

Say (O Muhammad SAW) "O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! You have nothing (as regards guidance) till you act according to the Taurat (Torah), the Injeel (Gospel), and what has (now) been sent down to you from your Lord (the Quran)." Verily, that which has been sent down to you (Muhammad SAW) from your

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And had they believed in Allah, and in the Prophet (Muhammad SAW) and in what has been revealed to him, never would they have taken them (the disbelievers) as Auliya' (protectors and helpers), but many of them are the Fasiqun (rebellious, disobedient to Allah).

And when they (who call themselves Christians) listen to what has been sent down to the Messenger (Muhammad SAW), you see their eyes overflowing with tears because of the truth they have recognised. They say: "Our Lord! We believe; so write us down among the witnesses.

And they say: "Why has not an angel been sent down to him?" Had We sent down an angel, the matter would have been judged at once, and no respite would be granted to them.

Lest you (pagan Arabs) should say: "The Book was only sent down to two sects before us (the Jews and the Christians), and for our part, we were in fact unaware of what they studied."

Or lest you (pagan Arabs) should say: "If only the Book had been sent down to us, we would surely have been better guided than they (Jews and Christians)." So now has come unto you a clear proof (the Quran) from your Lord, and a guidance and a mercy. Who then does more wrong than one who rejects the Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah and turns away therefrom? We shall requite those who turn away from Our Ayat with an evil torment, because of their turning away (from them). [Tafsir At-Tabari, Vol. 8, Page 95]

(This is the) Book (the Quran) sent down unto you (O Muhammad SAW), so let not your breast be narrow therefrom, that you warn thereby, and a reminder unto the believers.

[Say (O Muhammad SAW) to these idolaters (pagan Arabs) of your folk:] Follow what has been sent down unto you from your Lord (the Quran and Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah), and follow not any Auliya' (protectors and helpers, etc. who order you to associate partners in worship with Allah), besides Him (Allah). Little do you remember!

Those who follow the Messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write (i.e.Muhammad SAW) whom they find written with them in the Taurat (Torah) (Deut,

xviii, 15) and the Injeel (Gospel) (John xiv, 16), - he commands them for Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam has ordained); and forbids them from Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism of all kinds, and all that Islam has forbidden); he allows them as lawful At-Taiyibat [(i.e. all good and lawful) as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods, etc.], and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khaba'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods, etc.), he releases them from their heavy burdens (of Allah's Covenant), and from the fetters (bindings) that were upon them. So those who believe in him (Muhammad SAW), honour him, help him, and follow the light (the Quran) which has been sent down with him, it is they who will be successful.

And they say: "How is it that not a sign is sent down on him from his Lord?" Say: "The unseen belongs to Allah Alone, so wait you, verily I am with you among those who wait (for Allah's Judgement)."

So perchance you (Muhammad SAW) may give up a part of what is revealed unto you, and that your breast feels straitened for it because they say, "Why has not a treasure been sent down unto him, or an angel has come with him?" But you are only a warner. And Allah is a Wakil (Disposer of affairs, Trustee, Guardian, etc.) over all things.

If then they answer you not, know then that the Revelation (this Quran) is sent down with the Knowledge of Allah and that La ilaha illa Huwa: (none has the right to be worshipped but He)! Will you then be Muslims (those who submit to Islam)?

Alif-Lam-Mim-Ra [These letters are one of the miracles of the Quran and none but Allah (Alone) knows their meanings]. These are the Verses of the Book (the Quran),

and that which has been revealed unto you (Muhammad SAW) from your Lord is the truth, but most men believe not.

And the disbelievers say: "Why is not a sign sent down to him from his Lord?" You are only a warner, and to every people there is a guide.

Shall he then who knows that what has been revealed unto you (O Muhammad SAW) from your Lord is the truth be like him who is blind? But it is only the men of understanding that pay heed.

And those who disbelieve say: "Why is not a sign sent down to him (Muhammad SAW) from his Lord?" Say: "Verily, Allah sends astray whom He wills and guides unto Himself those who turn to Him in repentance."

Those to whom We have given the Book (such as 'Abdullah bin Salam and other Jews who embraced Islam), rejoice at what has been revealed unto you (i.e. the Quran), but there are among the Confederates (from the Jews and pagans) those who reject a part thereof. Say (O Muhammad SAW): "I am commanded only to worship Allah (Alone) and not to join partners with Him. To Him (Alone) I call and to Him is my return."

And they say: "Why does this Messenger (Muhammad SAW) eat food, and walk about in the markets (like ourselves). Why is not an angel sent down to him to be a warner with him?

And those who expect not for a Meeting with Us (i.e. those who deny the Day of Resurrection and the life of the Hereafter), say: "Why are not the angels sent down to us, or why do we not see our Lord?" Indeed they think too highly of themselves, and are scornful with great pride.

And argue not with the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), unless it be in (a way) that is better (with good words and in good manner, inviting them to Islamic Monotheism with His Verses), except with such of them as do wrong, and say (to them): "We believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed to you; our Ilah (God) and your Ilah (God) is One (i.e. Allah), and to Him we have submitted (as Muslims)."

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And they say: "Why are not signs sent down to him from his Lord? Say: "The signs are only with Allah, and I am only a plain warner."

And those who have been given knowledge see that what is revealed to you (O Muhammad SAW) from your Lord is the truth, and guides to the Path of the Exalted in Might, Owner of all praise.

"Has the Reminder been sent down to him (alone) from among us?" Nay! but they are in doubt about My Reminder (this Quran)! Nay, but they have not tasted (My) Torment!

"And follow the best of that which is sent down to you from your Lord (i.e. this Quran, do what it orders you to do and keep away from what it forbids), before the torment comes on you suddenly while you perceive not!"

They said: "O our people! Verily! We have heard a Book (this Quran) sent down after Musa (Moses), confirming what came before it, it guides to the truth and to a Straight Path (i.e. Islam).

#### أُنْزِلَت

O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Why do you dispute about Ibrahim (Abraham), while the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel) were not revealed till after him? Have you then no sense?

And when a Surah (chapter from the Quran) is revealed, enjoining them to believe in Allah and to strive hard and fight along with His Messenger, the wealthy among them ask your leave to exempt them (from Jihad) and say, "Leave us (behind), we would be with those who sit (at home)."

And whenever there comes down a Surah (chapter from the Quran), some of them (hypocrites) say: "Which of you has had his Faith increased by it?" As for those who believe, it has increased their Faith, and they rejoice.

And whenever there comes down a Surah (chapter from the Quran), they look at one another (saying): "Does any one see you?" Then they turn away. Allah has turned their hearts (from the light) because they are a people that understand not.

And let them not turn you (O Muhammad SAW) away from (preaching) the Ayat (revelations and verses) of Allah after they have been sent down to you, and invite (men) to (believe in) your Lord [i.e: in the Oneness (Tauhid) of Allah (1) Oneness of the Lordship of Allah; (2) Oneness of the worship of Allah; (3) Oneness of the Names and Qualities of Allah], and be not of Al-Mushrikun (those who associate partners with Allah, e.g. polytheists, pagans, idolaters, those who disbelieve in the Oneness of Allah and deny the Prophethood of Messenger Muhammad SAW).

Those who believe say: "Why is not a Surah (chapter of the Quran) sent down (for us)? But when a decisive Surah (explaining and ordering things) is sent down, and fighting (Jihad - holy fighting in Allah's Cause) is mentioned (i.e. ordained) therein, you will see those in whose hearts is a disease (of hypocrisy) looking at you with a look of one fainting to death. But it was better for them (hypocrites, to listen to Allah and to obey Him).

And it is not the Shayatin (devils) who have brought it (this Quran) down,

Verily, those who say: "Our Lord is Allah (Alone)," and then they Istaqamu, on them the angels will descend (at the time of their death) (saying): "Fear not, nor grieve! But receive the glad tidings of Paradise which you have been promised!

Shall I inform you (O people!) upon whom the Shayatin (devils) descend?

They descend on every lying (one who tells lies), sinful person.

Therein descend the angels and the Ruh [Jibrael (Gabriel)] by Allah's Permission with all Decrees,

## نَتَنَزَّلُ

And we (angels) descend not except by the Command of your Lord (O Muhammad SAW). To Him belongs what is before us and what is behind us, and what is between those two, and your Lord is never forgetful,

## بَتَنَزّلُ

It is Allah Who has created seven heavens and of the earth the like thereof (i.e. seven). His Command descends between them (heavens and earth), that you may know that Allah has power over all things, and that Allah surrounds (comprehends) all things in (His) Knowledge.

فَنُزُلُ مِّنْ حَمِيم (الواقعة 93)

Then for him is entertainment with boiling water.

But, for those who fear their Lord, are Gardens under which rivers flow (in Paradise); therein are they to dwell (for ever), an entertainment from Allah; and that which is with Allah is the Best for Al-Abrar (those who are obedient to Allah and follow strictly His Orders).

Do then those who disbelieve think that they can take My slaves [i.e., the angels, Allah's Messengers, 'Iesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), etc.] as Auliya' (lords, gods, protectors, etc.) besides Me? Verily, We have prepared Hell as an entertainment for the disbelievers (in the Oneness of Allah Islamic Monotheism).

"Verily! Those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah Islamic Monotheism) and do righteous deeds, shall have the Gardens of Al-Firdaus (the Paradise) for their entertainment.

As for those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah Islamic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, for them are Gardens (Paradise) as an entertainment, for what they used to do.

Is this the better welcome, or the tree of Zaqqum Is that (Paradise) better entertainment or the tree of Zaqqum (a horrible tree in Hell)?

"An entertainment from (Allah), the Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

#### <u>نُرُلُهُمْ</u>

That will be their entertainment on the Day of Recompense!

#### نزلة

And indeed he (Muhammad SAW) saw him [Jibrael (Gabriel)] at a second descent (i.e. another time).

#### تَنْزيلٌ

And truly, this (the Quran) is a revelation from the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists),

The revelation of the Book (this Quran) is from the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists) in which there is not doubt!

(This is) a Revelation sent down by the AllMighty, the Most Merciful,

The revelation of this Book (the Quran) is from Allah, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

The revelation of the Book (this Quran) is from Allah the All-Mighty, the All-Knower.

A revelation from Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

Falsehood cannot come to it from before it or behind it (it is) sent down by the All-Wise, Worthy of all praise (Allah).

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This is the Revelation sent down from the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists).

# تَنْزيلاً

And (it is) a Quran which We have divided (into parts), in order that you might recite it to men at intervals. And We have revealed it by stages. (in 23 years).

A revelation from Him (Allah) Who has created the earth and high heavens.

And (remember) the Day when the heaven shall be rent asunder with clouds, and the angels will be sent down, with a grand descending.

Verily! It is We Who have sent down the Quran to you (O Muhammad SAW) by stages.

#### منازل

It is He Who made the sun a shining thing and the moon as a light and measured out its (their) stages, that you might know the number of years and the reckoning. Allah did not create this but in truth. He explains the Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) in detail for people who have knowledge.

And the moon, We have measured for it mansions (to traverse) till it returns like the old dried curved date stalk.

## مُنَزِّلُها

Allah said: "I am going to send it down unto you, but if any of you after that disbelieves, then I will punish him with a torment such as I have not inflicted on anyone among (all) the 'Alamin (mankind and jinns)."

# مُنزَّلُ

أَفَعَيْرَ اللَّهِ أَبْتَغِي حَكَمًا وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنزَلَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْكِتَابَ مُفَصَّلاً وَالَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهُ مُنزَلٌ مِّن رَبَّكَ بِالْحُقِّ فَلاَ تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُمْتَرِينَ (الأنعام 114) [Say (O Muhammad SAW)] "Shall I seek a judge other than Allah while it is He Who has sent down unto you the Book (The Quran), explained in detail." Those unto whom We gave the Scripture [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] know that it is revealed from your Lord in truth. So be not you of those who doubt.

#### <u>مُنْزلون</u>

Verily, we are about to bring down on the people of this town a great torment from the sky, because they have been rebellious (against Allah's Command)."

Is it you who cause it from the rainclouds to come down, or are We the Causer of it to come down?

#### المنزلين

And when he had furnished them forth with provisions (according to their need), he said: "Bring me a brother of yours from your father; (he meant Benjamin). See you not that I give full measure, and that I am the best of the hosts?

And say: "My Lord! Cause me to land at a blessed landing-place, for You are the Best of those who bring to land."

And We sent not against his people after him a host from heaven, nor do We send (such a thing).

## مُنْزَلاً

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# مُنْزَلين

إِذْ تَقُولُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَلَن يَكْفِيَكُمْ أَن يُمِدِّكُمْ رَبُّكُم بِثَلاَئَةِ آلافٍ مِّنَ الْمَلائِكَةِ مُنزَلِينَ (آل عمران 124)

(Remember) when you (Muhammad SAW) said to the believers, "Is it not enough for you that your Lord (Allah) should help you with three thousand angels; sent down?"

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