

THE MIRACULOUS NATURE OF THE HOLY QURAN

1. Miraculous nature of the holy Qur'an refers to the challenges contained in the Qur'an which her opponents have failed to meet and its unique features that have led its critics powerless.
2. A miracle is an act done without the use of one's knowledge or experience. Like other prophets, Prophet Muhammad PBUH was also given a miracle to prove the authenticity of his messengership to his people.
3. The miracle which was given to Prophet Muhammad PBUH is the holy Qur'an. He is reported to have said;

“Every prophet was given a miracle because of what his people believed in and what has been given to me is the holy Qur'an which Allah has revealed to me”

4. The holy Qur'an has put in place many challenges which many people have failed to meet and therefore, qualifying it as a living miracle of Prophet Muhammad PBUH. The following are the features which prove the miraculous nature of the holy Qur'an:
5. The holy Qur'an is the only book which has retained the language in which it was revealed. The other revealed books as old as the holy Qur'an or even less are no longer in their original languages in which they were respectively written. Their language standards are either old or outdated which is not the case with the holy Qur'an.
6. In addition, the holy Qur'an was revealed in Arabic, a language which has defeated the Arabs on many occasions regarding the meaning and interpretation of the holy Qur'an despite being the masters of the language. For example, no one has been able to copy its composition and literature or produce the words and arrange them as they appear in the holy Qur'an.
7. The impact of the holy Qur'an on the hearts of its listeners also forms its miraculous nature. It is noted that the impact of Qur'anic recitation attract the attention of all those hearing it and that is why during the early days of Islam the Arabs used to shout by drumming, whistling and putting fingers in their ears for fear of being astonished by the Qur'anic recitation. Caliph Umar bin Khattab converted to Islam under this influence.
8. The holy Qur'an presents in its verses outstanding challenges for all times and places which no person has been able to meet and thus qualifying it as a miracle. For example, it challenges mankind and Jinn to produce a book like it if they think it is not a revelation from Allah.

Q (17:88) says; *“Say: ‘If the whole of mankind and Jinn were to gather together to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could not produce the like thereof, even if they backed each with help and support”*

The challenge is further reduced to merely ten chapters as it is stated in **Q (11:13)**;

Q (11:13) says; *“Or they may say ‘He forged it,’ Say, bring then ten chapters forged like unto it, and call to your aid whomsoever you can, other than Allah, if you speak the truth.”*

Q (10:38) reduces the challenge to only one chapter (surah) where Allah says;

“Or do they say ‘He forged it?’ say; bring then a surah like unto it and call to your aid anyone you can besides Allah if you speak the truth!”

It is challenging to note that although a chapter (surah) can be only one line, no person, not even the great philosophers of the world or even Jinn has been able to produce a single word like that of the holy Qur’an.

9. The way the holy Qur’an addresses religion is itself miraculous. It throws light on all the fundamentals of religion ranging from Tawheed, reward and punishment, future life, revelation to life in paradise and hell. It also offers solutions to the most difficult problems of this life like distribution of inheritance and sex problems. When dealing with such matters, it gives a reason for every assertion made hence qualifying it as a miracle.
10. Another miraculous nature of the holy Qur’an is shown by the change it brought in the world in a short period of time. Within a short time of less than 23 years, there was complete transformation in the lives of the Arabs from Jahiliyya practices to worship of one God and disappearance of all pre-Islamic practices. There is no other book in the world which has brought about change in man’s life so miraculously like the holy Qur’an.
11. The holy Qur’an explains and expands the previous scriptures in such a clear and comprehensive manner as no other scripture has done. It contains a number of stories of past nations and prophets, some of which did not even find mention in the previous books. It is thus miraculous of the holy Qur’an to possess such knowledge even a learned or greatest professor of the world cannot acquire.
12. The holy Qur’an is the only book which covers every aspect of human life. There is no subject in the daily life of mankind that is not covered in the holy Qur’an. It deals with law, theology, science, history and geography. Even though it does not give details when dealing with them, it throws light on each of them.

Q (6:38) says; *“...Nothing have We omitted from the Book...”*

13. The way the holy Qur’an has maintained its authenticity since its revelation is also miraculous. All the books revealed before it were corrupted and lost their original purity. However, this is not the case with the holy Qur’an whose purity is safeguarded by Allah.

Q (15:9) says; *“We have, without doubt, sent down the message and We will surely guard it from corruption”*

14. The holy Qur’an is very large in size but it does not contain any error yet it was revealed to an illiterate prophet. After nearly fourteen centuries, the book does not possess any slight

contradiction despite the great change man has undergone since its revelation. This is indeed a characteristic feature of a miraculous book.

Q (4:82) states; *“Do they not consider the Qur’an with care? Had it been revealed from other than Allah, they would surely have found therein much discrepancy”*

15. Another miraculous nature of the holy Qur’an is found in the way it is committed to memory. Despite having a large volume, the holy Qur’an is the only book which is committed to memory by a large number of people in the world. This is a unique feature of the holy Qur’an because not a single book of similar volume that has been memorized.
16. The holy Qur’an is the most recited book in the whole world. It is recited five times in prayer per day by nearly over three billion Muslims world over. This is very strange because there is no any other book that enjoys the same advantage.
17. The arrangement of the holy Qur’an is also miraculous. Its arrangement did not follow the chronological order of its revelation but it was organized in a way that suits the needs of all people of all times and places. It will remain permanently in use today and by the people to come in subsequent times. This is an exclusive feature of the holy Qur’an only.
18. The holy Qur’an is not a book of science but some of its verses reveal many secrets of wonder in the field of science. It talks about reproduction, continental drift, composition of the outer space and many others.

Q (36:33-34) says; *“A sign for them is the earth that is dead: We do give it life and produce grain therefrom, of which you do eat...”*

Modern science has proved a lot of Qur’anic facts and great scientists have used the holy Qur’an in the field of science research e.g **Q (23:13-14)** clearly illustrates the scientific explanation of reproduction in humans. This shows the miraculous power of the holy Qur’an.

19. In conclusion, the holy Qur’an remains the only unchallenged book in the whole world and therefore, the greatest miracle the world has ever had. It shows how special Prophet Muhammad PBUH is and how wise Allah is, its author.

Miracles which Allah gave to other messengers

1. Prophet Isa (Jesus)

- He spoke when he was still young.
- He healed the blind, lepers, deaf and dumb.
- He walked on water.
- He fed eight thousand people with two loaves of bread. **Ref: Q 3:49**

2. Prophet Musa

- He threw down his stick and turned into a big serpent in front of pharaoh. Q 7:107
- He put his hand in the pocket and removed it while shinning. Q 7:108

- He struck a rock and twelve streams of water gashed out. Q 2:60
 - He struck his stick in Red Sea and made seven ways in the sea for him and his follows to escape from pharaoh.
- 3. Prophet Sulaiman**
- Strongest of all Allah's messengers/prophets. He soldiers from humans, jinn, birds, animals, insects, wind and all living creatures.
 - He could communicate to all living creatures of Allah. Q 27:16
- 4. Prophet Ibrahim**
- He was thrown in fire by his enemies and stayed there for some time and came out of it unharmed. Q 21:28
 - He produced a son at a very old age which Allah refers to as a blessing bestowed on him.
Q 37:112
- 5. Prophet Adam**
- He named all Allah's creatures put before him.
 - Angels prostrated before him except Iblis.
 - Allah sent him on earth as His vicegerent.
- 6. Prophet Yusuf**
- He was eaten by a big sea fish but throw him back on land alive after staying in its womb for three days.

THE QUR'ANIC TESTIMONIAL

- 1.** Qur'anic testimonial refers to the verses in the holy Qur'an in which it testifies to its merits. The idea is that the holy Qur'an talks about itself and that in so doing it gives evidence about itself.

The following are some of the verses in which the holy Qur'an testifies about itself:

- 2. Q (26:192)** states; *“Verily, this is a Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds”*

In this verse, the holy Qur'an testifies that like the earlier books; its message also came from Allah. The only difference is that the message in earlier scriptures was sent to specific people but the holy Qur'an is a universal book.

- 3. Q (44:3)** says; *“Truly, we sent it down during a Blessed Night...”*

The verse gives testimony as to when the holy Qur'an was revealed. That it was revealed in a blessed night which Muslims generally believe that it falls in the last ten nights of Ramadhan.

- 4. Q (12:2)** says;

“We have sent it down as an Arabic Qur'an in order that you may learn wisdom”

Here, the holy Qur'an explains why it was revealed in Arabic language. That believers may learn knowledge from Allah, the Most Wise.

5. Q (4:82) states;

“Do they not consider the Qur'an with care? Had it been revealed from other than Allah, they would surely have found therein much discrepancy”

This verse shows that the holy Qur'an came from Allah and that the evidence to this, is the absence of errors in it.

6. Q (15:9) says;

“We have, without doubt, sent down the message and We will surely guard it from corruption”

In this verse, the holy Qur'an talks about itself as having come from Allah and therefore, He is its Supreme Guardian.

7. Q (3:5) states;

“He it is who has revealed to you the Book: In it are verses fundamental in meaning; they are the foundation of the book: others are allegoric (abstract)...”

In this verse, the holy Qur'an talks about the types of verses Allah revealed in it and their role in the book.

8. Q (2:2) says;

“This is the Book; in which there is no doubt, a guide to the righteous”

Here, the holy Qur'an testifies that it is a perfect book in which there is no doubt because it was revealed by one full of wisdom.

It also talks about the holy Qur'an as a book because of its nature e.g it was collected, compiled, written and its message is well arranged like other books.

The same verse refers to the holy Qur'an as a guide because it guides to what is most right since it came from Allah.

9. Q (10:2) states;

“Is it a matter of surprise to men that We have sent Our inspiration to a man from among themselves? That he should warn mankind and give the good news to the Believers...”

The above verse testifies that it contains authentic message from Allah whose purpose is to warn transgressors and to give glad tidings to the believers.

10. Q (6:155) says;

“And this is a Book which we have revealed as a blessing: so follow it and be righteous that you may receive mercy”

This verse testifies that the holy Qur’an is a revealed book which contains all the everlasting teachings and eternal truth formerly found in the previous scriptures.

It further illustrates that whoever follows the holy Qur’an and believes it, he receives mercy from Allah.

11. Q (38:29) states;

“Here is a Book we have sent down unto you, full of blessings that they mediate on its signs, and that men of understanding may receive caution”

Here, the holy Qur’an testifies that it contains Allah’s signs which believers should take time to think about as a warning of what will befall man on the day of judgement in what he disobeyed.

12. Q (21:24) says;

“...this is the message of those with me and the message of those before...”

In this verse, the holy Qur’an affirms that it is a book of all times because it summarizes the message revealed in earlier scriptures at the same catering for the present and future generations.

13. Q (39:23) states;

“Allah has revealed the most beautiful message in the form of a book, consistent with itself, yet repeating its teaching in various aspects...”

Here, the holy Qur’an describes itself as a book whose verses are mutually supportive of each other with no contradiction.

14. Q (52:33-34); says;

“Do they say ‘he forged it?’ No! But they have no faith. Let them produce a book like it if they speak the truth”.

The holy Qur’an openly challenges her critics that they cannot produce the like of it even if they seek assistance from the Jinn.

15. Q (16:98) mentions;

“When you recite the holy Qur’an, seek Allah’s protection from Satan the rejected one”

In this verse, the holy Qur'an teaches us how we should behave when reading it. That we have to seek protection from Allah against the rejected Satan so as to understand what it teaches.

16. Q (7:204) states;

“When the Qur'an is read, listen to it with attention and hold your peace that you may receive mercy”

Here, the holy Qur'an testifies that it is a book of respect which must receive attention when it is being recited.

It also affirms that listening to the holy Qur'an when it is being read is a form of worship such that whoever does so receives Allah's mercy.

17. Q (25:30) says;

“Then the messenger will say ‘O my Lord! Truly my people took this Qur'an as a thing to be discarded”

Here, the holy Qur'an testifies to what will happen to the Muslims who neglect it and throw it behind their backs.

18. In analysis, one observes that the holy Qur'an has much to describe about itself in a clear and fundamental testimony that has never been presented by earlier revealed scriptures. Many verses have been left out which give Qur'anic testimonial. What has been given above are just mere examples.