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This is a lecture reference booklet. Compiled by Mohammad Shaikh. It is in accordance with the lecture of the same topic. It contains the Quranic verses which are collected from The Quran under the topic set by the speaker with the help of Allah. He recites these verses during the course of the lecture and read their translation to establish an understanding of the verses. Inside the booklet on the one side are the Arabic verses and on the corresponding page are their translation in English language.

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INTRODUCTION

The aim of this booklet is to introduce the reader to the topic from the Qur’an. It can be studied on its own and it also complements the video lecture of the same topic which accompanies it.

The booklet contains ayaat (Qura’nic verses) pertaining to the topic as discussed in the video lecture in a question and answer format. Questions are raised, and their answers are given by the ayaat. The ordering and numbering of the ayaat corresponds with those on the lecture which can be downloaded from the video lectures section of IIPC website: www.iipccanada.com

The Qura’nic references provided herein are not exhaustive but offer the core essence of the subject. The references that have been excluded in this publication can be researched using any good concordance and it will be discovered that the selection introduced in this publication will harmonize the entire sequence. It is hoped that Muslim readers will memorize these ayaat along with their Arabic text and engage in Da’wah (propagation of Islam) to their friends and colleagues, and also be able to recite the same in their Salah (prayer). In this manner, the booklet becomes a useful tool for everyday Muslim practice - Insha’Allah. Translations of ayaat are by Mohammad Shaikh, any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the topic are welcomed via Email: info@iipccanada.com

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We request all Muslims to join hands with us in the cause of Allah and support our mission of Da’wah i.e. invitation of Al-Islam to the masses of the world.
READ!
WITH THE NAME OF YOUR LORD
AL-QUR'AN THE BOOK OF ALLAH.

JUST TWO AYATS / VERSES
OUT OF OVER 6,000 FROM AL-QUR'AN.

And We have made the Qur'an easy to understand and remember. Is there anyone that will receive admonition?
Al-Qamar 54:17

Do they not ponder over the Qur'an? If it had been from other than Allah, surely there would have found many contradictions in it.
Al-Nisa 4:82

* A PROCLAMATION TO HUMANITY
* A FOUNTAIN OF MERCY AND WISDOM.
* A WARNING TO THE HEEDLESS.
* A GUIDE TO THE ASTRAY.
* AN ASSURANCE TO DOUBTFUL.
* A SOLACE TO THE SUFFERING.
* A HOPE TO THOSE IN DESPAIR.

Our Motto
And when Allah took the charter of those who are given
Al-Kitab / The Book that you would make it clear for mankind and you will not keep it secret then they threw it behind their backs and purchase with it a little value so what a miserable purchase.
Aal-e-imran 3:187
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37. And this Al-Quran / The Reading is not that can be produced from other than Allah, but it is a confirmation that is between his two hands and an explanation of Al-Kitab / The Book, there is no doubt in it from the Lord of the worlds.

7. It is He who has revealed Al-Kitab / The Book over you. In it are muhkamat / governing ayats / signs. They are the mother of Al-Kitab / The Book and others are mutashabehat / resembling (ayats / signs). So in whose hearts is deviation then they follow that resembles from it seeking its captivation and its interpretation and no one knows its interpretation except Allah. And those who are stable in knowledge they say, "we believe with it all is from the nearness of our Lord". And no one remembers except those who possess the core. (i.e. innermost part of anything).
43. And how can they govern you and At-Taurah / The Law is near them, in it is hukum / governance of Allah. Then after that they turn away and they are not with the believers.

POIINTS
Muhkamat / Governing ayats / signs. All the ayats / signs which are governing us, they are referred as At-Taurah / The Law the mother of Al-Kitab / The Book which contains hukum / governance of Allah.

e.g. establishing the salah / prayer, giving sadqa / charity, performing hajj / pilgrimage and saum / fasting etc.

23. Allah has revealed the most beautiful al-hadees / the event a book mutashabiha / resembling, repeating itself. Those who fear from their Lord their skins shiver from it. Then their skin and their hearts soften towards the remembrance of Allah.

POIINTS
Mutashabehat / resembling (ayats / signs) All ayats / signs describing ahadees / events of all the prophets including Mohammad (p.b.u.h) the seal of the prophets and all other ahadees / events.

e.g. about man (his behavior as a believer, hypocrite, associate, rejector etc), Adam, universe, earth, skies, mountains, jannah / garden, jahannam / hell, qiyamah / resurrection and akhirah / the last day etc.
213. Mankind is one single ummah / nation and Allah appointed nabeeeyeen / prophets to give good news and warnings and with them He revealed Al-Kitab / The Book with truth to govern between mankind in what they differed in it......

POINTS

1. Mankind’s psychology is one ummah / nation.

2. Al-Kitab / The Book is revealed to all prophets.

83. And that was Our reasoning that We gave to Ibraheem (pbuh) (to use) over his people. We raise the grades whom We will. Surely your Lord is Wise, Knower.

84. And We granted Ishaaq (pbuh) and Yaqoob (pbuh) for him. We guided all and from before We guided Nooh (pbuh) and from his offsprings (We guided) Dawood (pbuh) and Sulaiman (pbuh) and Ayub (pbuh) and Yusuf (pbuh) and Moosa (pbuh) and Haroon (pbuh). And likewise We reward those who do good.

85. And Zakariya (pbuh) and Yahya (pbuh) and Essa (pbuh) and Ilyas (pbuh). All were from those who correct themselves.
And Ismail (pbuh) and Yasa’a (pbuh) and Younus (pbuh) and Loot (pbuh). And all were those whom We favoured over the worlds.

And from their fathers / ancestors and from their offspring and from their brethren and We selected and We guided them to the straight path.

That is the guidance of Allah He guides with it to whom He wills from His servants. And if they associate about them, then definitely they will be failed in what they are doing.

They are those to whom We gave Al-Kitab / The Book and Al-Hukum / The Government and an-nubuwah / the prophecy. So if they reject with it, so without doubt We will advocate with it to the people who will not be the rejecters with it.

They are those to whom Allah guided, so imitate their guidance. Say, “I do not question you of any reward over it, it is not except the remembrance for the nations.”

POINTS
1. Imitate the guidance which the prophets received.
2. Mohammad (p.b.u.h) seal of the prophets is commanded to say, “No reward for this do I ask of you. This is no less than a remembrance for the nations.”
4. Say, "do you see what you call other than Allah, show me what they have created from the earth or for them is a share in the skies? Come to me with kitab / a book before this or any effects from the knowledge if you are truthful."

POINTS
1. Al Kitab / The Book of Allah has existed in all times.
2. Geeta, Avesta, Bible etc or any other religious books are after The Book of Allah.
3. Scientific knowledge based on facts (not theories) are always referred as "latest research".

AZ-ZUMAR 39

69. And the earth will shine with the light of its Lord and Al-Kitab / The Book will be placed. And with an- nabeeyeen / the prophets and ash-shuhada / the witnesses will be brought forward and (the matter) will be ended between them with truth, and they will not be oppressed.

70. And every nafs / soul / self / psyche will be given in full to what he did and He knows best with what they do.

POINTS
1. On the day of judgment Al-Kitab / The Book will be placed and just decision will be made.
2. Hence this proves Al-Kitab / The Book exist in all times with mankind.
3. The prophets includes Mohammad (p.b.u.h) since he is the seal of the prophets.
Ref. Al-Ahzab 33:40.
1. Those who reject from ahlal-kitab / people of the book and from those who associate will not disconnect until there comes to them bayyinah / the clarification.

2. A rasool / messenger from Allah, he recites purified pages.

3. In them (pages) kutub / books / writings are established.

**POINTS**

**1. JOB OF A MESSENGER**

a) To recite pages purified.

b) In the pages are kutub / books.

2. Since we know in the pages are recorded verses of Allah, hence kutub / books are referred as ayats / verses.

3. Every muslim's duty is to follow the sunnah / practice of the messenger and to recite the pages purified.

43. And when Our bayyinah / clear ayats / signs are recited over them they said, "this is not, except a man who intends to oppose you about what your ancestors served." And they said, "this is not, except a falsehood invented." And those who reject say for the truth when it comes to them, "it is not except a clear magic."

44. And We have not given them kutub / books / writings from which they have taken lessons. And before you We have not sent towards them from a warner.

**POINTS**

1. We should identify the reaction of people when the bayyinat ayat / clear signs are rehearsed to them.

2. Their reaction mentioned is due to the fact that they had been studying and believing other books presuming as the books of Allah.
129. “Our Lord! appoint in them a messenger from them, who recites Your ayats / signs over them and who gives the knowledge of Al-Kitab / The Book and al-hikmah / the wisdom and justify them. Surely your Lord is the Mighty, the Wise.”

POINTS
1. Prayer or call of Ibraheem (p.b.u.h).
2. Muslims duty is to follow the sunnah / practice of a messenger.
   a) Recite Allah's ayats / signs.
   b) Teach people in the book.
   c) Teach people in wisdom.
   d) To justify them.

16. What, has not the time arrived for those who believe, that their hearts humble for the remembrance of Allah and what is revealed from the truth. And they should not become like those who are given Al-Kitab / The Book from before, so long period passed over them, then their hearts became hard. And majority from them are fasiqoon / liberals.

POINTS
1. If we do not take heed from the message of Allah since the time is passing, so our hearts will become hard and then we will become liberal / who take liberty over the rules, the do's and don't's.
Questions & Answers

Q1. Can you tell us how many ayats are mohkamat / governing and how many ayats are motashabehat / similar?

AL-BAQARA 2

183. “O’ you who believe, fasting is written over you, like what was written over those before you, that you may take guard.

AN-NAZIAAT 79

15. Has the event / narration of Moses (pbuh) reached you?

16. When his Lord call him with the sacred valley of folds.

17. “Go to Pharaoh for surely he has transgressed”.

18. "Then say to him, that you should justify".
19. "And that I guide you to your Lord so that you should fear Him".

20. Then I showed him the great ayat / sign.

Q2. We know that Quran is in Arabic and you said that this book was given to all prophets. Then what was the language of the prophets e.g Moses pbuh?
4. And We have not sent from a messenger to clarify for them except with the language of his people (i.e. translation / clarification of the Quranic Arabic spirit). So Allah astrays to whom He wills and guides to whom He wills. And He is the Mighty, the Wise.

48. When the truth came to them from Our nearness, they said why is not given similar as that was given to Moosa / Moses (pbuh). And do they not reject with what was given to Moosa / Moses (pbuh) from before. They said these two are magics backing each other. And they said surely we are rejecter of both.

49. Say, “so come with Kitab / A Book from the nearness of Allah, which is more in guidance from both of them. I would follow it if you are truthful.”

Q3. With reference to surah Al Qasas 28 ayat 48,49 it seems that there are two books. Clarify this?
48. And We have revealed the book to you with truth which confirms from the book that is between his two hands and a watch over it, so govern between them with what Allah has revealed and do not follow their desires about what has come to you from the truth......

23. And if you are in doubt as to what We have revealed on Our servant, then come with a surah / chapter like it and call your witnesses besides Allah if you are truthful.

13. Or they may say he forged it, say come with ten surahs / chapters forged like unto it, and call whomsoever you can other than Allah if you are truthful.

Q4. If this book is given to all prophets so what was the order of revelation?
And We have divided Quran / Reading so that you read it on mankind on intervals and We have revealed it revealing.

And when We change the place of an ayah / sign with an ayah / sign. And Allah knows more with what He reveals, they say, surely you are a forger (fabricator / inventor). But majority of them do not know.

Then woe for those who write the book with their hands and they say this is from the nearness of Allah, so that they purchase with it little price. Then woe for them from what their hands do write, and woe for them from what they earn.

Q5. What is the status of bible in the light of Quran?
Q6. Your lecture clarifies that one book is given to all the prophets. Then what is the status of Taurah, Injeel and Zaboor given to Moses (pbuh), Jesus (pbuh) and Dawood (pbuh)?