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THE HOLY QURAN

IS IT FROM ALLAH?

Of all the holy book recited and followed by people of different faiths today, only the Holy Qura'n is the one which is claimed and accepted as divinely revealed and as the word of God, preserved in its pristine origin despite the lapse of centuries.

But how do we logically prove this fact?

Man's knowledge is limited. It is restricted to his environment and times during which he lives. Moreover it is subject to alterations with the change of circumstances. It would be subject to the past when he lived or the present so long as he exists, but not concerning the future which he is yet to see.

For Allah, there is neither past nor future. For Him it is always present because there is neither beginning nor end for Him. It is He who is the creator of everything hence only His knowledge can be perfect and encompassing everything created in this Universe.

Therefore, reason dictates that for a holy book to be capable of guiding mankind in all ages, encompassing all knowledge and aspects of creations, it ought to originate from the All-knowing and All-mighty Allah and not from the created mankind. In evidence of this fact and the miraculous nature of the Quran, let us ponder over the following ayat:

" Whomsoever Allah intends to guide, He expands his breast for Islam, and whomsoever He intends to leave straying, He makes his breast narrow and constricted, as if he were climbing into the skies." (Surah An'am v. 125)

Herewith I do not wish to touch the details of whom and why does Allah guide or leave him straying. The similtitude of those rejecting the truth ie. the disbelievers with those feeling the strain when ascending a height, the feeling of breast heaving and heart constricting is to show the task to be unusually most difficult.

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In the light of ^{the} Tafseere Namoonah, the words in the foregoing ayat ' He makes his breast narrow and constricted as if he were climbing upwards into the skies ' is indeed a hint towards the miraculous nature of the holy Qura'n as a word of Allah. This ayat in the holy Qura'n, revealed centuries ago in fact offers one scientific fact which has proved to be true and accepted during this space age of our times.

When the Holy Quran was revealed 1400 years ago amidst the ignorant people of Arabia, who lived on low land deserts, they neither knew nor experienced heart constriction as there were no air planes nor any sort of ^{of} space crafts to take them upwards and experience any constraint. However it is an established fact today in this space age that the higher up you go, the thinner the air and the less the oxygen. To such an extent has experience shown that the climbing up of some kilometers from earth without oxygen masks renders breathing difficult and if continued, the constriction and heaving of heart because of lack of oxygen renders one unconscious.

For the Holy Qura'n in those ancient days of ignorance to talk of constriction and narrowing of breast when higher up in the sky is infact a manifest evidence of its miraculous and scientific nature and a clear proof that it is a word of creator Allah and not of ~~created manking~~ man - the created being.