



“THE MIRACLES OF THE HOLY QURAN”

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Surma Chashma Arya, pp. 12–19, footnote

The miracles and extraordinary signs of the Holy Quran are of four types: one, miracles relating to the intellect; two, miracles relating to knowledge; three, miracles relating to spiritual blessings; and four, miracles relating to extraordinary matters.

The first three are miracles of the inherent qualities of the Holy Quran. They are very grand and are susceptible of obvious proof. They can be witnessed in every age like visible realities, but the fourth kind are external matters which are not inherent in the Holy Quran. Of these is the miracle of the splitting of the moon. The true excellence and beauty of the Holy Quran are exhibited in the first three kinds of miracles. Indeed, this is the great sign of all Divine words that these three kinds of miracles should be found in them. In the Holy Quran all three are found in a high and perfect and complete degree, and they are put forward by the Holy Quran repeatedly as proof of its being matchless and peerless, as it is said: Proclaim: If all men, high and low, were to combine to produce the like of this Quran, they would not be able to produce the like thereof even though they all help each other in the effort (17:80).

At another place it is said: We have not left out anything from the Book (6:39) ... Again it is said: Reciting pure scriptures wherein are lasting commandments (98:3-4) ... At another place it is said: Had We sent down this Quran on a mountain, thou wouldst certainly have seen it bend down in humility and rent asunder in awe of Allah's majesty. These are illustrations that We set forth for mankind that they may reflect (59:22) ... Besides this, large numbers of miracles of external changes are mentioned in the Holy Quran. Miracles of this kind are like ornaments for the beauty of the Quran with which handsome people are bedecked. It is obvious that what is beautiful in itself does not need any ornament, though an ornament enhances its beauty to some degree. These miracles that are mentioned in the Holy Quran are of diverse types. One is that through the prayer of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, God Almighty manifested His powerful control over the heavens and split the moon into pieces. Secondly, the change that God Almighty brought about on earth through the prayers of the Holy Prophet, which appeared in the form of a famine that lasted for seven years, whereby people were so overcome that they ground down bones and swallowed them. Thirdly, the miraculous control that was exercised on the day of the migration of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, to safeguard him against the mischief of the disbelievers. When the disbelievers of Mecca resolved to kill him, God, the Glorious, informed the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, of their design and commanded him to migrate from Mecca to Medina and gave him the good news of his victorious return. It was a Wednesday and the time was midday and the day was very hot, when this trial was manifested by God. In this situation of distress when the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was about to suddenly leave his home town, and his enemies had surrounded his house with the design of killing him, a close relative [Note: Hazrat Ali (rta)] whose being was compounded of love and faith laid himself down, under the direction of the Holy Prophet, on his bed, covering his face so that the spies of the enemies should not investigate the departure of the Holy Prophet, and deeming the substitute to be the Holy Prophet himself should continue to wait for killing him. After the Holy Prophet had left, leaving his

faithful relative in his place, and his enemies discovered his departure these wicked people pursued him with the intention of killing him somewhere on the way. At that time of distress the Holy Prophet was accompanied only by one sincere and faithful friend [Note: Hazrat Abu Bakr (rta)]. But as ever, and also in the course of that dangerous journey, his Lord was with him, Who had sent this perfect and faithful servant of His into the world for carrying out a grand reform. In order to safeguard this dear servant of His, He exercised wonderful control in many ways which are mentioned briefly in the Holy Quran. One of them was that none of his enemies noticed his departure though it was morning time and his enemies were surrounding his house. As is mentioned in Surah Yaseen [Ch. 36], God Almighty put a covering on the eyes of all those wretches and the Holy Prophet slipped away unnoticed. Another extraordinary manifestation that God, the Glorious, exhibited for safeguarding His immaculate Prophet was that, though his enemies arrived outside the cave in which the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was hidden with his Companion, they could not see him for God Almighty had sent a pair of pigeons which built a nest the same night at the entrance to the cave and also laid their eggs there and by Divine command a spider also wove its web at the place, whereby the enemies of the Prophet were misled and returned frustrated. Another miracle that occurred was that an opponent of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, who was riding a pony on the way to Medina, tried to approach the Holy Prophet and through the latter's prayer the hooves of his pony sank into the earth and he fell down, whereupon he asked for forgiveness of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, and turned away. Another miraculous event that occurred was that when being provoked by their failure, his enemies advanced against the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, with a large army so that they might destroy the Muslims, who were small in number, and thus root out Islam, God, the Glorious, created confusion among the enemy forces at Badr in consequence of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, throwing a handful of gravel at his enemies, and thus brought about their defeat. God Almighty caused this handful of gravel to make the enemy leaders blind and confused them and rooted them to the earth and made them fall down dead at the spots which the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, had specified in advance. The Holy Quran mentions several other wonderful supports and Divine interventions, the purport of which is how God Almighty raised the Holy Prophet at a time when he was poor and an orphan and alone and helpless and then within a short period, which did not extent to even thirty years, made him victorious over a region and made him supreme over the Byzantine emperor and the kings of Syria and Egypt and the countries between the Tigris and the Euphrates, and spread the Muslim victories within this short period as far as the Oxus river. The Holy Quran had foretold the spread of Islam in these countries. Considering the resourcelessness of the Muslims and their wonderful victories, wise and learned; Europeans have testified that there is no other instance in the history of the world of such rapid advance as that of Islam and the Islamic kingdom. It is obvious that which cannot be matched is in other words miraculous. In short, many external changes of a miraculous nature are mentioned in the Holy Quran. Every part of this holy word announces aloud instances of Divine support of God.