

<https://www.alislam.org/quran/app/31:27>

I have recited, in Arabic, verses 27 to 31 from Chapter 31, entitled Surah Luqman, of the Holy Quran.

The English translation is:

I seek refuge with Allah from Satan the Accursed. In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

To Allah belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth. Verily, Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.

And if all the trees that are in the earth were pens, and the ocean were ink, with seven oceans swelling it thereafter, the words of Allah would not be exhausted. Surely, Allah is Mighty, Wise.

Your creation and your resurrection are only like the creation and resurrection of a single soul. Verily Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

Have you not seen that Allah makes the night pass into the day, and makes the day pass into the night, and He has pressed the sun and the moon into service; each pursuing its course till an appointed term, and that Allah is well aware of what you do?

That is because it is Allah alone Who is the True God, and whatsoever they call upon besides Him is falsehood, and because it is Allah alone Who is the Most High, the Incomparably Great.

[brief pause]

Dear Audience, there is much to ponder over in these verses of the Holy Quran about how the Quran motivates its readers to study the biology of the creation of life, its decay, and its regeneration, when it states that, "Your creation and your resurrection are only like the creation and resurrection of a single soul."

Or the physical principles underpinning the phenomenon of day and night, in relation to the orbit of the sun and the moon, when it states, "Have you not seen that Allah makes the night pass into the day, and makes the day pass into the night, and He has pressed the sun and the moon into service; each pursuing its course till an appointed term."

I would like to additionally focus the audience to verse 28, “And if all the trees that are in the earth were pens, and the ocean were ink.”

In this context, famed British physicist and engineer, Lord Kelvin, is quoted as having said in the year 1900, at a time of great progress in classical physics, that, “There is nothing new to be discovered in physics now. All that remains is more and more precise measurement.”

Despite his greatness, Lord Kelvin had a narrow view of the world and the complexities of science.

His myopic lens on science, however, is diametrically different from the lens provided by the Holy Quran.

In sharp contrast, the Quran testifies to the inexhaustible knowledge that God has laid out for humanity to discover His creation, using the awe-inspiring analogy, “If all the trees that are in the earth were pens, and the ocean were ink, with seven oceans swelling it thereafter, the words of Allah would not be exhausted.”

Lord Kelvin’s narrow view was quickly debunked by the hundreds of thousands of new discoveries that took place in physics since 1900 and the current realization of the rapid doubling of scientific knowledge that happens every few years or sooner.

Muslims believe that the Holy Quran was the revealed word of God given to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) 1400 years ago, and these verses, among hundreds of others in the Quran, stimulated the first Islamic Golden Age of science.

Today’s topic of “Gaining a foothold in science and technology” is meant to reinforce the mission of the USA Ahmadi Muslim Scientists Associations that was set for us by our present Khalifa, which is to lead the second Islamic Golden Age of science and technology. As the first Islamic Golden Age was stimulated by the study of the Holy Quran, the second Golden Age will also be stimulated through the study of the Holy Quran.

Jazakallah, and thank you.