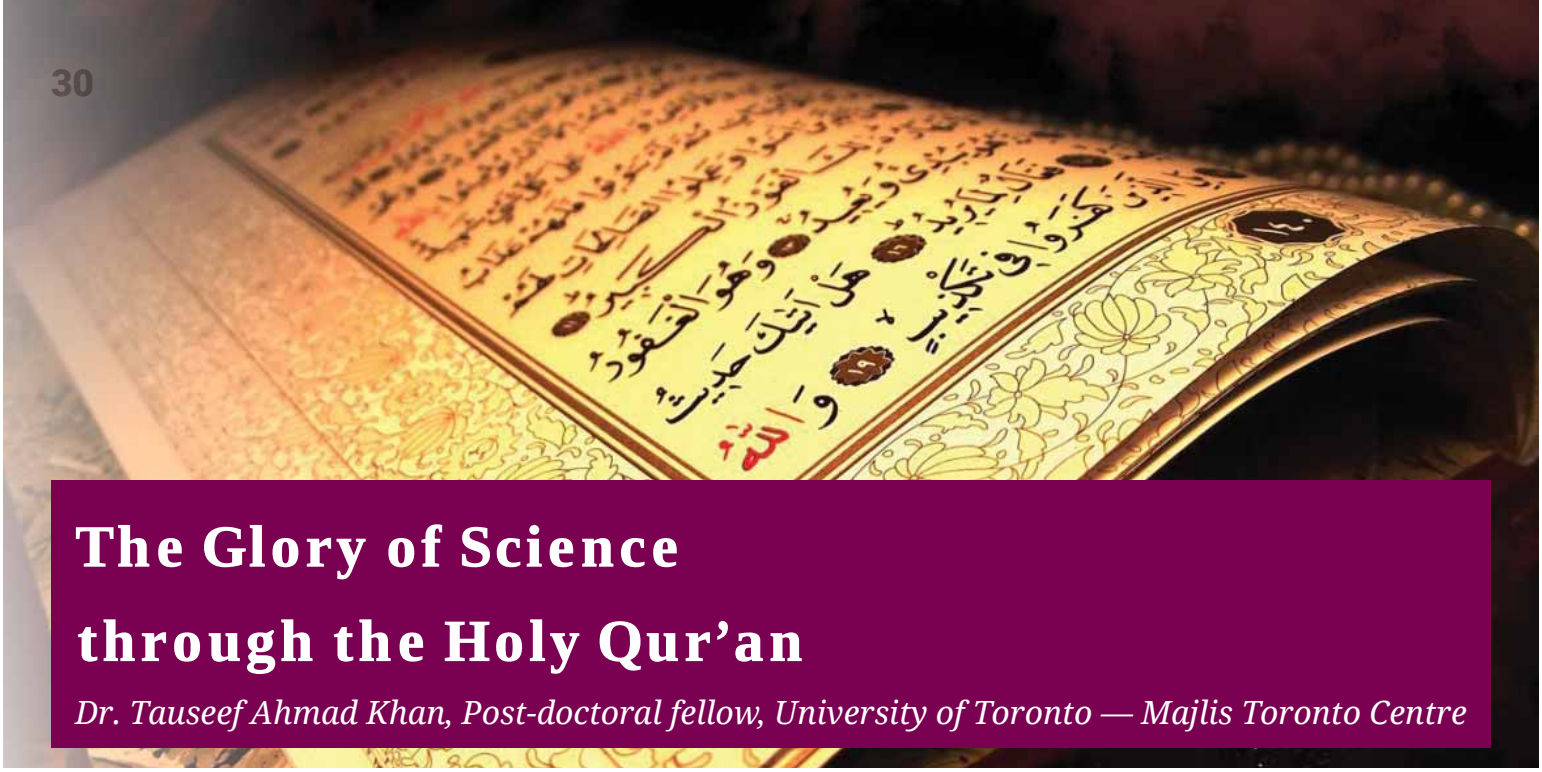


The Glory of Science through the Holy Qur'an

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Allah the Exalted tells us that the eminence and glory of Muslims is only due to the Holy Qur'an.

We have now sent down to you a Book wherein lies your glory and eminence; will you not then understand?

[Holy Qur'an, 21:11]

The Golden Era of Muslim science spanned a period of around 400 years (700 — 1100 CE), a period of intense scientific activity. Historical records show that this period of Islamic civilization was driven by an intense quest for knowledge and a belief that all guidance stems from the Holy Qur'an.

Sadly, when Muslims stopped pondering over the Holy Qur'an and stopped following the guidance given therein, they lost their glory and eminence. The sciences they developed were lost and it was then that the Europeans took up the torch of scientific discovery. Initially Europeans did great science as many of their scientists believed in God. Though over time, the latter scientists started to attack religion, largely due to Church's negative attitude towards science and its persecution of scientists. As Christianity was weak and had no answers, it was easily defeated. Thus, emerged a kind of godless science in the West which is still in vogue. In the meantime, Muslims looked on helplessly for a champion to defend Islam.

As prophesied by the Holy Prophet[sa], this champion appeared in India as the Promised Messiah and Mahdi[as] who defended Islam and brought back the true Islamic teachings of the Holy Qur'an. His writings and speeches are full of spiritual and scientific verities of the Qur'anic sciences. The Promised Messiah[as] told Muslims that the Holy Qur'an that will bring back their lost eminence and he demonstrated that in fact, Islam does not have to fear the attacks from science at all. The Promised Messiah[as] said:

So apprehend that the door has been opened and Allah the Exalted has willed that the hidden wonders of the Holy Qur'an will be made manifest to the arrogant scientists of this world.

[Rūḥānī Khaẓā'in, Vol. 3, pp. 466-467]

The Promised Messiah[as] further said:

You should take the weapon of the Holy Qur'an in your hand; victory will be yours. No darkness can face this Light.

[Malfūẓāt, Vol. I, p. 386]

The Holy Qur'an is such a casket of jewels that not only does it defend Islam with great effect but it also has guidance for all kinds of worldly sciences which—if followed—will indeed bring forth a new era of scientific discovery. In fact, Huzoor Aqdas[aa] has been reminding researchers and students to use the Holy Qur'an in their research and

sciences.

Huzoor Aqdas[aa] said:

All new scientific discoveries are also mentioned in the Qur'an. And as new scientific discoveries are made its agreement is found in the Holy Qur'an. If Muslim scientists ponder on the Qur'an and undertake their research according to the prophecies contained in the Qur'an or use the vast ocean of knowledge that is contained therein, then the majority of new research can be undertaken under the guidance and suggestions given in the Holy Qur'an. Dr. Professor Abdus Salam based his own research on Qur'anic teachings and found approximately 700 verses of the Holy Qur'an were related to science or scientific guidance. It is possible for another Muslim scientist to dive into the vast depths of Qur'anic knowledge and bring out even more pearls of scientific wisdom.

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Huzoor Aqdas[aa] has exhorted us that we should use the Holy Qur'an for our research and demonstrate to the world that the Holy Qur'an indeed contains all the guidance for the worldly sciences and progress. However, such research cannot be done in isolation. It requires a group of dedicated people to pursue promising research ideas with humbleness, hard work, and prayer. If enough Ahmadis pursue this path with the Qur'anic zeal and knowledge, then they will be able to bring back the **Golden Age** of Islamic knowledge and sciences. InshaAllah.

"Know for certain that in this age it is not the sword that is needed but the pen. Our opponents have spread doubts about Islam and have sought to attack the true religion sent by Allah Almighty through various sciences and strategies. I have thus been moved by God to enter this battlefield of science and academic advancement armed with a literary arsenal, and also to exhibit the spiritual valour of Islam and demonstrate the marvel of its inner strength."

By the grace of Allah, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada has such a research group. The Review of Religions Research Canada (RORRC) has been established in which a dedicated group of Khuddam ponder over the Holy Qur'an for guidance in scientific research. They defend Islam through Qur'anic sciences as illumined by the writings of the Promised Messiah[as]. The RORRC holds regular discussion forums on research topics in the Holy Qur'an supplemented with online discussions using the online platform of Telegram. Promising research directions are pursued and writings are sent to Review of Religions and Al-Nida Magazine. Eminent published research articles in previous editions of Review of Religions are also studied which sparks further discussion and ideas.

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(Malfūẓāt, English translation, Vol. 1 p. 58).