BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE QURAN

Brief page by page summaries of the Quran

Part 6
Surah An'am

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ABOUT

- The main purpose of the Bird's Eye View of the Quran is to present brief summaries of the Quran page by page. Some of the benefits are:
 - You can learn the general message of the Quran page by page
 - You can remember the key messages of the verse or group of verses while reciting
 - It can generate further interest in learning and understanding the Quran
 - It can be a Daur-e-Quran (going over the brief message of the entire Quran in 26 sessions) which is valuable particularly in Ramadan.
- Some details of the methodology are:
 - 15-line Quran is used, a soft copy of which can downloaded here
 - Verses on each page are grouped based on a common message and the key pointers¹ and some obvious lessons where possible are highlighted on the side. However, for detailed explanations, you should refer to translations and tafseer books.
 - The sessions are divided into 26 parts and each part is presented separately, other parts are available at www.fussilat.com.
 - Visit www.understandguran.com to understand the Quran The Easy Way
 - Every effort was made to ensure this work is free of errors. If a mistake or shortcoming is identified, please notify us and help make this presentation error free.

¹ Pointers are a general indication of the key meanings in the verses and do not necessarily capture every message, but give a general idea

- Allah's arguments are conclusive
- Prophet SAW is commanded not to follow the desires of the disbelievers
- · Allah outlines characters of good Muslims (not do shirk, obedient to parents, not kill children for fear of poverty, not go near shameful acts, not kill anyone unjustly, gives full measure and weighs with justice)
- Our prayers, sacrifices, life and death is for Allah
- Allah mentioned about the wrong beliefs of Pagan of Mecca about the (148-165) cattle and crops.
- Allah refuted those fabrications and inventions
- Allah says that He created animals to eat from it and for other purposes
- Allah says not to follow the footsteps of Shaitan.
- It is Zulm to ascribe lies against Allah

Allah's Argument is Conclusive

Wrong Beliefs about Cattle and Crops (136-147)

Al-An'am Madani Ayah 165

Signs of Allah **Guidance** is and Refutation of from Allah Shirk (95-(122-135) 121)

 Clear signs of Tawheed and Resurrection (within Self and Universe)

- Travel through the land to see the consequence of deniers
- · Allah has taken mercy upon Himself
- Surround with those who seek pleasure of Allah
- · No one can benefit or harm without the permission of Allah Lesson: Be in the company

Dialogue od friends with Pagans of Makkah (1-73)

Tawheed

invitation by

Ibrahim AS

(74-94)

• Ibrahim AS gave arguments that star, moon, sun cannot be God

- Allah gave examples of other prophets, all prophets had the same mission which is calling towards one God
- Allah says that the Quran is the blessed book for guidance everyone
- It is a big sin to ascribe lies against Allah

Lesson: Use logical arguments when presenting Islam to others

- People who are guided are like Nur and those who are not like darkness
- Whoever Allah intends to guide, He opens their heart to Islam, and He doesn't want to guide, He makes his breast tight.
- On the day of judgement disbelievers will confess

Lesson: Pray to Allah to open our hearts for guidance

- Allah reminds us of His signs (sprouting seeds, dead from living and living from dead, night and day, sun and moon, stars, provisions from rain)
- These are all signs of Tawheed
- Miracle will do no good to adamant people
- Allah is perfect in truth and justice Lesson: Ponder over the signs of Allah

Surah Al-An'am (The Cattle) - Verses:165

- Signs (in self and universe) of Touheed (monotheism), Risalath (prophethood) and Aakhira (hereafter)
- Major characters of Islamic society are highlighted
- Explanation of religion of Ibrahim AS

Praise of the Creator

 Clear signs of Tauheed and Resurrection (within self and everywhere in the Universe)

Those who turn away & deny

 Allah expresses surprise that despite providing clear signs, people still reject the message

We destroyed many generations

- Punishment to previous generation who were much stronger
- Why don't they get lesson from these stories

Even if We send down Book & Angels...

 Disbelievers demand to show them Angels as miracle واذاسعواء ١٢٨ المآبيع واذاسعواء ١٢٩ الانعام ٢

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Whose testimony is great?

- Allah is the witness of Tauheed
- Quran is revealed with this witness
- Announcement of freedom from shirk

The People of the Book know

 Biggest Zulm (Wronging) is to lie about Allah and deny His Ayaah

Lesson:

 Whenever we talk about the Quran and the Sunnah, we must be certain about it

Question for the polytheists on the Day

 On the day of judgement Mushrik will deny their Shirk

Lesson:

 Do not ascribe lies or exaggerate when quoting the Quran and the sunnah

Coverings on their hearts

 Mushriks listen to the message just for the sake of arguments, they say these are nothing but the tales from the past واذاسعواء ١٣٠ الانعام واذاسعواء ١٣١ الانعام ٢

 Address to Prophet : they would not accept truth even if miracle were shown (to them)

Result of the mockers

 Travel throughout the land and see the fate of the deniers

To whom does everything belong?

- Allah has taken upon Himself to be Merciful
- Qayamah is a mercy of Allah (because good people will have good reward)

Lesson:

Do not lose hope in Allah's mercy

The protector, other than Allah?

- Mention of freedom from Shirk
- Good and bad are from Allah
- Prophet sis asked to proclaim himself as the first Muslim
- Those who are saved from the hellfire achieved a great success

Affliction & Good is in the hand of Allah

 No one can benefit or harm without the permission of Allah

Lesson:

The great power of Momin lies in absolute belief that no one other than Allah is capable of benefiting or harming us

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If their evasion is difficult ...

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 Allah tells the Prophet ## that whatever they (disbelievers) say he has no power to bring any miracles and signs except what Allah gave to him

They said: Why no sign?

 Whoever rejects the signs of Allah are like deaf and dumb.

Whom will you call on punishment? Adversity to make them humble

- Mushriks used to call Allah when in trouble, when the trouble goes away they would go back to doing shirk
- Allah brings hardships and poverty so they might become humble (turn toward Him)
- When the hardship goes away Shaitan makes them slip

Lesson:

 Allah can test us (with poverty and hardships) to make us humble

Regret in front of the Fire

 When disbelievers see the Hellfire, they will wish to go back to the world to do good deeds

Lesson:

 There is no benefit in realizing in the hereafter, the time to heed to the message is now (while we are alive)

They said: "This world is everything"

 They will then accept the truth (but it will not benefit them)

Those who deny incurred loss

- Losers indeed are those who deny that they will ever face Allah
- Allah says: worldly life is no more than play and amusement. Its a distraction.
 But the hereafter is definitely better

Grief of the Prophet , Consoling from Allah

 Prophet is being reassured that earlier/previous prophets were also denied by their people

منزل ۲ منزل

Don't send away the poor!

- Allah commands Prophet snot to expel/turn away those who seek the pleasure of Allah day and night
- Disbelievers used to make mockery of them
- You are not responsible for their reckoning/actions

Lesson:

- Surround yourself with those who seek the pleasure of Allah
- Never make fun of pious people

Peace & Mercy on believers

 Allah has taken upon Himself to be Merciful, Allah is forgiving

No to polytheism or vain desires

Prophet **sis** told to say:

- I will not worship anyone except Allah
- I will not follow your desires

Say: I am on clear proof

Prophet **sis** told to say:

I do not have power (to bring punishment)

واذاسبعواء ١٣٥ الانعام واذاسبعواء ١٣٥ الانعام ٢

Seizure on forgetting the advise

 For those who do not learn the lesson from hardships; Allah fulfill their desires, but Allah will seize those blessings (or them) causing despair

Lesson:

- Receiving bounties from Allah (after sinning) does not mean He is pleased with us. The bounties may be seized anytime.
- Be grateful for Allah's blessings and constantly seek his forgiveness

If Allah snatches the hearing & sight ...

 Allah asks series of questions to cause Mushriks to ponder

Messengers give good news & warn

 Allah asks series of questions to cause Mushriks to ponder

No treasures, not an angel

- Allah asks the Prophet #to respond to them that he is just receives whatever Allah reveal to him
- Warn by the Quran to the people who fear that there is no helper and intercessor

Lesson:

Allah has given us ample yet limited powers/knowledge. We should refrain from denying or exaggerating them

منزل۲

Turn away from vain-talkers

 The Prophet SAW (and the believers) are asked to turn away from the disbelievers when they engage in blasphemous or false conversations

Leave those who take religion as a play

 Do not engage when non Muslims are adamant and argue with you about the deen

Shall we call others besides Allah?

Tell them Allah has guided us, why then shall we invoke others besides Allâh (false deities), that can do us neither good nor harm

Establish Prayer!;

 Allah commands us to establish Salah and fear him

Keys of the unseen with Allah

- Allah holds the keys to the unseen. He knows whatever exists on land and at sea; no leaf drops down without his knowledge
- Everything is recorded in a clear Book (the Protected Tablet)

Takes away the soul by night

- He is the subjugator over all His slaves
- Allah has appointed Angels over us until death to protect us

Rescues you from darkness

 They turn to Allah when in trouble and revert back to shirk when difficulties recede

Able to punish you

- Allah is capable of sending us punishment from wherever or however if he wills
- Prophet sis not an advocate (Vakeel)

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Who gets peace & Guidance?

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We gave argument to Ibrahim

- Allah is the one who is the creator and the controller of everything
- Allah bestowed sons to Ibrahim AS who were also prophets

Guidance to Zakariah, Yahya, ...

- All these prophets were on guidance from Allah
- Disbelievers are told that if they follow the guidance of these prophets they will be guided too
- Prophet does not ask for any reward for giving this guidance

That is the Guidance

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Follow like them

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الانعام وإذاسمعواء

 Allah is the All-Knower of the unseen and the seen. He is the All-Wise, Well-Aware of all things

Fear Him!

 Proof of Tawheed given by Ibrahim AS to his nation (they used to worship stars, idols and the king)

Star & Moon are not Lords

 Ibrahim AS's argument to prove Tauheed: "Should I worship the star? But it disappears.

Sun is not the Lord

 Should I worship the moon? But it disappears. Should I worship the sun? But it sets."

Argument of the people; reply

- This is how Ibrahim AS demonstrates that the objects in this world cannot be god
- Allah is the one who is the creator and the controller of everything.

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Allah; the cleaver of grains; life-giver

- Cleaves grain and date seeds
- Brings the living out of the dead
- Brings the dead out of the living
- Cleaver of daybreak
- Created moon and sun for calculations

Made stars to guide you

 Created stars for navigation (guidance can mean guidance/shirk) in the darkness of the sea and on the land

Lesson:

 We should constantly ponder upon the signs of Allah

Sent down water for vegetation

Provides provisions through rain

They made partners to Allah

- Rejection of the beliefs of the Mushriks
- Allah is originator of heavens and earth

واذاسعوا، ١٢٠ الانعام إذاسعوا، ١٢١ الانعام ٢

Didn't send down the book?

- Yahood's argues that Allah doesn't reveal books to mankind
- They are asked how did Musa AS receive the book then

This is the Book, sent down

 Quran is revealed as a blessed book to guide the people of Makkah and the surrounding cities

Most unjust who invents a lie

- Biggest sinners are those who ascribe lies against Allah (claim that revelations come to them or claim that he can reveal similar ayahs)
- Severe punishment for them

Came alone on the Day

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 They wouldn't believe even if the angels were sent down or saw the dead walking

Enemies for every Prophet

Whenever a prophet is sent down,
 Shaitan and his friends start opposing/obstructing him

Seek a judge other than Allah?

- When the revelations come down we cannot follow something else
- The Word of your Lord is perfect in truth and justice. None is there to change His words, and He is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.
- Allah tells Prophet if you follow many of them they will deviate you from the path of Allah

Majority is of those who mislead

- Allah knows the best who strays from His path, and also knows those who are rightly-guided
- Eat the flesh of only those animal upon which the name of Allah has been invoked (when slaughtering)

That is Allah, the Lord

- After showing the signs in the Universe, Allah commands he alone be worshipped
- No vision can perceive Him, he perceives all vision. He is the Subtle, the All-Aware.
- Whoever witnesses the signs and follows the guidance are those who benefit

Follow the revelation!

 Allah commands the Prophet #to be steadfast and stay away from Mushrikeen

Don't insult false deities

Do not insult others' deities lest they may insult Allah

Lesson

Never say anything bad to other's gods

Denying in spite of their oaths

- Oath of the disbelievers: if they were shown the miracles they will accept the message
- But Allah rejects their claim/oath

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Expansion of chest on Guidance

- Whoever Allah wills to guide, He opens their heart to Islam
- Whoever Allah wants to misguide He makes his breast tight and constricted

Right path; Home of peace

- The path of Allah is perfectly straight.
 He has made the signs clear to those who constantly remember Him.
- For them will be a home of peace in the presence of their Lord: He will be their friend, because they were righteous.

Question & answer on the Day

- The humans and Jins who disbelieved in duniya will accept their sins, Allah will admit them into hell
- Allah is all knowing and All wise. He is full of wisdom and knowledge

Didn't the Messengers come?

- Allah will ask the humans and jinns (who disbelieved) "Did my messengers and revelations not come to you?"
- They will confess/testify against themselves

ولواننا ٨ الانعام ولواننا ٨ الانعام ٢ الانعام ٢

Why not eat lawful?

- Do not let disbelievers misguide you about halal and haram
- Do not eat anything on which Allah's name has not been invoked
- Abstain from sin, be it either open or secret. Those who commit sin will be repaid for what they do

Don't eat that on which Allah's name is not mentioned + The one we gave life and light

 Allah compares the people who are guided as having the light (nur) and those who are not guided as darkness

Criminals plots and

 The plots of wicked people can only harm themselves

claims

- Disbelievers demanded to have wahy on them
- Allah knows best where (and how) to carry out His mission

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Made animals & crops forbidden

- Wrong beliefs of the disbelievers about fields and animals
- Misconceptions of disbelievers about Haraam and Halaal

Killers of children are losers

He raised gardens; Give Him the due rights

Allah rejects these beliefs

He made animals, small & big

- Allah rejects these beliefs
- Allah said that He created animals, eat from it and use it for other purpose, do not follow the footstep of Shaitan he is our enemy

Allah does not punish unjustly

Ranks according to deeds

- Allah mentions these stories clearly because He does not punish anyone without warnings
- Allah is self-sufficient, He can replace you with others

Promise will be fulfilled; Do deeds

- Allah ask prophet to tell them do your things and we will do our things, ultimately everyone will know at the end
- Wrongdoers will not prosper

Made shares for Allah & the partners

- Misconceptions of disbelievers about fields and animals
- They imposed believe prohibition of cattle and crops from those they wished (ascribed this to God)
- Allah condemns this fabrication. Says those who invented these fabrications will be punished

Lesson:

 Never invent fabricated laws and falsely attribute them to Allah

Made pleasing to kill the children

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- Disbelievers said: If Allah willed, we and our fathers would not have associated partners with Him
- Allah rejected this, He says they are following their own illusion

Bring witnesses!

- Allah has the far-reaching argument (Hujjat ul Baligha).
- If Allah has willed He would have guided everyone
- The Prophet (and the believers) are commanded not to follow the desires of the disbelievers

Come, I recite (5 testaments)!

Allah ordered the following

- Do not do shirk,
- Be good to parents,
- Do not kill your children for fear of poverty
- DO not go near shameful acts neither in open nor in secret
- Do no kill anyone except by truth

الانعام ولوانناء

8 pairs, which is unlawful?

ولوانناء

- Allah gives things which are unlawful
- Allah asks to bring proof about halaal and haram about cattle
- It is Zulm to ascribe lies to Allah

Are you a witness of that?

It is Zulm to ascribe lies to Allah

Forbidden: Dead, blood etc.

About Haraam foods

Forbidden animals for Jews

About Haraam foods

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Waiting for Angels?

On the Day your Lord's signs arrive, belief will not benefit those who did not believe earlier or those who did no good through their faith.

No connection with sectarians

Whoever comes with a good deed will be rewarded tenfold. But whoever comes with a bad deed will be punished for only one. No one will be wronged.

My Lord guided me

- He is on the right path, and on the millat of Ibrahim
- "Surely my prayer, my worship, my life, and my death are all for Allah—Lord of all worlds."

Should I seek other lords?

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ولوانناً ٨ الانعام ولوانناً ٨ الانعام ولوانناً ٨

Additional 5 testaments

- Do not go near shameful acts neither in open nor in secret
- Give full measure and weigh with justice
- Maintain justice with everyone
- Fulfill your covenant with Allah
- This is the true path So follow it

Lesson:

Follow these commandments of Allah

 It establishes communal harmony,
 promotes justice in the society and
 will help attain Taqwa

Gave the Book to Musa

Sent down this Book; follow it

- Allah has revealed this blessed Book -Follow it and be mindful of Allah, so you may be shown mercy.
- The book has come to you as guidance and mercy

More unjust who denies & turns away

 Biggest Zalim are those who deny the Ayah and turn away

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