

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE QURAN

Part 6 - English

Surah Al-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 message of the verse or group of verses while reciting
 - * This can generate further interest in learning and understanding the Quran
 - * It can be use for 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 pointers and some obvious lessons where possible are highlighted on the side. However, for detailed explanations, you should refer to translations and tafsir books.
 - The sessions are divided into 26 parts and each part is presented separately.
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- ❖ You can find these sessions on <u>www.fussilat.com</u>.





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

Signs of Allah

- Clear signs of Tawheed and Resurrection (within self and everywhere in the Universe)
- Allah expresses surprise that despite providing clear signs, people still reject the message
- Punishment to previous generation who were much stronger
- Why don't they get lesson from these stories

Disbelievers demand to show them angels as miracle

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

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- Biggest Zulm (Wronging) is to lie about Allah and deny His Ayaah
- On the day of judgement, the disbelievers will deny their Shirk

Lesson:

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

 The Mushriks listen to the message solely for the sake of argument, dismissing it as nothing more than ancient tales.

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- Address to the Prophet : they would not accept truth even if miracle were shown (to them)
- Travel throughout the land and see the fate of the deniers

Do not loose hope in Allah

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

Lesson:

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- Do not lose hope in Allah's mercy
- Mention of freedom from associating partners with Allah (Shirk)
- Good and bad are from Allah
- The Prophet[®] is asked to proclaim himself as the first Muslim
- Those who are saved from the hellfire achieved a great success
- 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 can benefit or harming us

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

Mushriks used to call Allah when in trouble, when the trouble goes away, they would go back to doing shirk

Hardships to make us Humble

- 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

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Wish to go back to the world

- When disbelievers see the Hellfire, they will wish to go back to the world to do good deeds
- They will then accept the truth (but it will not benefit them)

Lesson:

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- There is no benefit in realizing in the hereafter, the time to heed to the message is now (while we are alive)
- Losers indeed are those who deny that they will ever face Allah
- Allah says: worldly life is no more than play and amusement. It is a distraction. But the hereafter is better
- The Prophet[®] being reassured that earlier/previous prophets were also denied by their people

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Address to the Prophet Contd..

- Allah commands Prophet[®] not 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
- Allah has taken upon Himself to be Merciful, Allah is forgiving

Lesson:

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

The Prophet is told to say:

- I will not worship anyone except Allah
- I will not follow your desires
- I do not have power (to bring punishment)

الانعام وإذاسمعواء الانعام ٢ واذاسمعواء 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
- Allah asks series of questions to make Mushriks to ponder
- Messengers were sent only as deliverers of good news and as warner
- Those who deny Allah's signs will be afflicted with punishment for their rebelliousness

Address to the Prophet

- Allah asks the Prophet ##to respond to them that he is just receives whatever Allah reveals 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

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

Lesson:

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

- Tell them Allah has guided us, why then shall we invoke others besides Allah (ie the false deities), that can do us neither good nor harm
- Allah commands us to establish Salah and fear Him

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Protected Tablet

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- Allah holds the keys to the unseen. He knows whatever exists on land and at sea; no leaf drops without his knowledge
- Everything is recorded in a clear Book (the Protected Tablet)
- He is the subjugator over all His slaves
- Allah has appointed angels over us until death to protect us
- They turn to Allah when in trouble and revert to shirk when difficulties recede
- Allah can send us punishment from wherever or however if he wills
- The Prophet[®] is not an advocate (Vakeel)

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Continuation of Story of Ibrahim AS

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

Mention of other prophets

- 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
- The Prophet[®] does not ask for any reward for giving this guidance

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

Story of Ibrahim AS

- Proof of Tawheed given by Ibrahim AS to his nation (they used to worship stars, idols and the king)
- Ibrahim AS's argument to prove Tawheed: "Should I worship the star? But it disappears. Should I worship the moon? But it disappears. Should I worship the sun? But it sets."
- This is how Ibrahim AS demonstrates that the objects in this world cannot be gods
- Allah is the Creator and Controller of everything.

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Sign in the Universe,

Allah is the one who:

- 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
- Created stars for navigation (guidance can mean guidance/shirk) in the darkness of the sea and on the land
- Provides provisions through rain

Lesson:

We should constantly ponder over the signs of Allah

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

- Yahoods argues that Allah did not reveal any books to mankind
- They are asked how did Musa AS receive the book then

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

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

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Shaitan Obstructs

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

- When the revelations come down, we have no option except to follow them
- 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 the Prophet[®]: if you follow many of them, they will deviate you from the path of Allah
- Allah knows the best who strays from His path, and knows those who are rightly-guided
- Eat the flesh of only those animal upon which the name of Allah has been invoked (when slaughtering)

Signs and Tawheed

- 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 from it
- Allah commands the Prophet steadfast and stay away from Mushrikeen
- Do not insult others' deities lest they may insult Allah

Lesson

- Never say anything bad to other's gods
- Oath of the disbelievers: if they were shown the miracles, they will accept the message
- But Allah rejects their claim

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

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- 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.
- The humans and Jins who disbelieved in duniya will accept their sins in the hereafter. Allah will admit them into hell
- Allah is all knowing and All wise. He is full of wisdom and knowledge
- Allah will ask the humans and jinns (who disbelieved) "Did my messengers and revelations not come to you?"
- They will testify against themselves

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- 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

- Allah compares the people who are guided as having the light (nur) and those who are not guided as darkness
- The plots of wicked people can only harm themselves
- Disbelievers demanded to have wahy on them
- Allah knows best where (and how) to carry out His mission

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Misconceptions of disbelievers

 Misconceptions of disbelievers about Haraam and Halaal

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

- Allah does not punish unjustly
- Allah mentions these stories clearly because He does not punish anyone without warnings
- Allah is self-sufficient, He can replace you with others
- Allah asks the Prophet SAW to tell them: do your things and we will do our things, ultimately everyone will know at the end
- Wrongdoers will not prosper

Misconceptions of disbelievers

- Misconceptions of disbelievers about fields and animals
- They imposed 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

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 Disbelievers said: If Allah willed, we and our fathers would not have associated partners with Him الانعام ٢

 Allah rejected this; He says they are following their own illusion

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

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

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- Allah asks to bring proof about halaal and haram about cattle
- It is Zulm to ascribe lies to Allah

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About Haraam foods

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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.

 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.

Allah commands the Prophet to say that:

- 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."

Allah ordered... contd..

- 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
- 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
- Biggest Zalimoon are those who deny the Ayah and turn away from it

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