

# *Gems from the Quran*

*Although every word or letter is gem in Quran, because it is Allah's word, but there are certain verses in Quran which are eye opener for mankind. Allah in these verses (Ayahs) is challenging us to ponder and think what and why He is saying these things. As He has given us eyes, ears, brain, heart and intellect to ponder, we must ponder the signs of Allah so that we are guided to the right path. A lot of people have discovered gems from Quran; mostly it is related to Arabic linguistic and grammar and perfect choice of words Allah choose to describe certain situations, but here an attempt has been made to find gems from Quran which forces us to ponder Allah's sayings. They are not necessarily commandments of Allah. Most of the Ayahs are self explanatory, but some needed explanation, which is given.*

- 1) Who believe in the unseen, establish prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them. [Q 2/3].

(Explanation: Everywhere in Quran when Allah mentions to spend out in His path, He always also mentions that from what We have provided to you. Allah is teaching us that the people of taqwa don't just spend but they realize that everything comes from Allah; that what they are giving comes from Allah. There may be individual that doesn't want to give Zakah or is very attached to his wealth or perhaps may be boasting about how much they give but this ayah is reminder. Before Allah mentions us giving, He reminds us that He is the one that provides us with whatever we have, and from that, they spend. Even what we give, even that portion of zakah or sadaqa etc-it was never ours to begin with, It is all from Allah).

- 2) To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever in on the earth. [Q 2/255].

(Explanation: Allah has mentioned above statement in many places in Quran. What Allah is telling us that whatever physical, material things we possess in this worldly life, Allah is the owner. So when we say my home, my money, my car and my body etc, one should realize the real owner of all these things is Allah. He just gave these things as His bounty to us and also as a test that how we behave, spend and use these bounties. Are we thankful to Him or become arrogant and disobey His commandments).

3) The one to Whom you do not need speak aloud; for He knows what is said in secret and what is yet more hidden. [Q 20/7].

(Explanation: Allah says in this ayah that He knows the secret that lay hidden in the chest and minds of the people and then He says He knows what is even more hidden than a secret. What can be more hidden than a secret? Allah is telling us in this ayah that He knows the secrets that what we keep and the secrets that we will keep in the future that we don't even know what we are going to be keeping. Subhan-Allah this is what is more hidden and concealed than our current secrets).

4) We have made you a moderate Ummah (nation) so that you may testify against mankind and that your Messenger may testify against you. We decreed your former Qiblah only to distinguish those who are the real followers of the Messenger from those who would turn back on his heels (away from their faith). It was indeed a hard test except for those whom Allah has guided. And never would Allah have caused you to lose your faith (that is your previous prayers) Allah is Compassionate and Merciful to mankind. [Q2/143].

(Explanation: When Qibla was changed then some companions of prophet were worried about the prayers they prayed facing old Qibla and one's who passed away praying towards old Qibla, thinking they all went waste. Allah replied by saying their faith will not go fruitless. He

did not say your salat will not go fruitless, meaning salat is faith, without salat there is no faith.

- 5) True servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk on the earth in humility and when ignorant people address them (harshly), they say "Salam" (peace) [Q 25/63].

(Explanation: Allah says true servants of Him are those who have humility. Question is how one should know that he is humble; Allah gave a test to find out. When arrogant, obnoxious, ignorant, and disrespectful people talk to them (Allah called them "jahaloon", the people who do not have control over their emotions) they ignore them and say "Salam" peace to them and leave. Although it is not easy not to respond to these kind of people, but humble people just give them Salam and leave.

- 6) They say: "What! When we are reduced to bones and dust, shall we really be raised up again into a new creation? Tell them: "(Yes, most certainly you shall be brought back to life), even if you be stones or iron. [Q17/49-50].
- 7) Establish Salah from the decline of the sun till the darkness of the night( Zuhr, Asr, Maghrib and Isha) and read the Quran at Fajr; for the reading the Quran at Fajr is witnessed (by the angels). [Q 17/78].
- 8) Quran describes lot of wishes people destined to the hell fire will have on the Day of Judgment, but it will be too late. Here are some of them.

Oh, I wish that I were dust!"78/40

Oh, I wish I had sent ahead [some good] for my life.89/24

Oh, I wish I had not been given my record. 69/25

Oh, woe to me! I wish I had not taken that one as a friend.25/28

How we wish we had obeyed Allah and obeyed the Messenger."  
33/66

Oh, I wish I had taken with the Messenger a way.” 25/27

Oh, I had been with them so I could have attained a great attainment.” 4/73

Oh I wish I had not associated with my Lord anyone.” 18/42

Oh, would that we could be returned [to life on earth] and not deny the signs of our Lord and be among the believers.”6/27

- 9) The Messenger (SAW) will say; “O my Rabb! Surely my people deserted this Quran (neither learned nor acted upon its guidance).”

(Explanation: On the Day of Judgment our beloved Prophet will testify against us who have abandoned this Quran, can we imagine this scene if it is against me or you, May Allah save from that moment and we are not the ones among those people)

- 10) When Musa threw down his staff, and it swallowed what they produced. At this, all the magicians fell in prostration, saying “we believe in the Rabb of the nations, the Rabb of Musa and Haroon.” [Q 26/ 45-48].

(Explanation: Initially when the magicians said that we believe in the Rabb of the nations, Firawn ( Pharaoh) did not mind because He claimed himself to be the Rabb, but in order to clarify, magicians immediately said Rabb of the Musa and Haroon, so there should be no ambiguity left in Firawn’s mind which Rabb they believed.

- 11) We have revealed the Quran in Truth, and with the Truth it has come down: and O Prophet, We have sent you only to give good news to the believers and to warn the disbelievers. We have separated (by intervals) the Quran so that you may recite to the people with deliberation and We have sent it down in gradual revelation to suit particular occasion. [Q 17/ 05-106].

- 12) “On that Day, He will gather all these people together along with the deities whom they worshipped besides Allah, and ask:

“Were it you mislead these servants of Mine, or did they choose to go astray themselves?” Those deities will answer: “Glory be to You! It was not befitting for us that we could take any guardian besides You, but You let them and their forefathers enjoy the comforts of worldly life until they forgot the Reminder, and thereby became worthless people.[Q 25/17-18].

(Explanation: Too much comfort and enjoyment of worldly life leads people to forget their Rabb).

13) And say: “Praise be to Allah, the One Who has begotten no son and Who has no partner in His Kingdom; nor is He helpless to need a protector, and glorify His greatness in the best possible manner. [Q 17/111].

14) Never say of anything “I will certainly do it tomorrow” provided you add: “If Allah wills!” And if you forget to say this, then call you Rabb to mind and say: “I hope that my Rabb shall guide me and bring me ever closer than this to the Right Way.” [Q 18/23-24].

15) Wealth and children are an attraction of this worldly life; yet, enduring good deeds that last forever are better rewarded by your Rabb and hold for you a better hope of salvation [Q18/46] But you prefer the worldly life, while the Hereafter is better and everlasting. Indeed it was in former scriptures, the scriptures of Ibraheem and Musa. [Q 87/16-19].

(Explanation: The universal truth is that this worldly life is a deception, hereafter life is the real everlasting life but most humans do not comprehend this fact.).

16) If all the trees on earth were pens and the ocean were ink, replenished by seven more oceans, the writing of Allah’s words would not be exhausted; surely, Allah is Mighty, wise. [Q31/27] Say, “If the water of the ocean were ink with which to write the words of my Rabb, the ocean would surely be consumed before

the words of my Rabb are finished, even if We brought another ocean of similar quantity to replenish it.” [Q18/109].

(Explanation: Allah’ words means Allah’s unlimited knowledge or words describing His attributes and His grandeur or praise of Him).

- 17) No one knows what delights of the eye (i.e., satisfaction) have been kept hidden for them as a reward for their good deeds. [Q 32/17].
- 18) And they say, “The Most Merciful (Ar-Rehman) has taken (for Himself) a son.” You have done an atrocious thing. The heavens almost rupture there from and the earth splits open and the mountains collapse in devastation that they attribute to the Most Merciful (Ar-Rehman/Allah) a son. And it is not befitting for the Most Merciful that He should take a son. There is no one in the heavens and the earth but that he comes to the Most Merciful as a slave. [Q19/88-93].
- 19) We have created you from the earth, into it We shall return you and from it We shall bring you back to life once again. [Q20/55].
- 20) Our creation of the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them is not a game. [Q 21/16].
- 21) Those who have believed and those whose heart find comfort in the remembrance of Allah. Indeed, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find comfort. [Q13/28].
- 22) Verily, Allah has purchased of the believers their lives and their properties; for the price that theirs shall be the Paradise. They fight in Allah's Cause, so they kill (others) and are killed. It is a promise in truth which is binding on Him in the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel) and the Qur'an. And who is truer to his covenant than Allah? Then rejoice in the bargain which you have concluded. That is the supreme success. [Q 9/111].

- 23) Certainly, the creation of the heavens and the earth is a greater task than the creation of men; yet most people do not know. [Q40/57].
- 24) O mankind! Here is an example for your understanding, so listen to it carefully. Those deities whom you call besides Allah, cannot create a single fly, even if they all combined their forces, rather, if a fly snatches away anything from them, they cannot even get it back; how feeble are the suppliants and how powerless are those whom they supplicate. [Q 22/73].
- 25) Indeed, those who disbelieve will be addressed, “The hatred of Allah for you was even greater than your hatred of yourselves (this Day in Hell) when you were invited to faith, but you disbelieved (i.e., refused). [Q 40/10].
- 26) They say: “Had it been the will of Allah, we should never have worshipped them.” They have no knowledge about that; they are merely guessing. [Q 43/20].

(Explanation: It is true that everything happens in this world with the permission of Allah but not everything is Allah’s will. These are two different things. Allah never wants His slaves to do bad things and disobey Him, but if His slave wants to commit crime, Allah will allow it to happen and will not forcibly stop it. Otherwise there will be no test and everybody will be righteous person. So Allah’s will (His desire that His slaves do not disobey Him) and His permission to facilitate if His slave insists on doing bad things are two different things.

- 27) Those to whom We have given the scriptures (Jews and Christians) recognize (This Quran and Prophet Muhammad S.A.W) it as they recognize their own sons. [Q6/20].
- 28) Say (O Prophet) “If the most merciful {Ar-Rehman} (truly) has a son, I would be the first one to worship him. (only supposing it were so, which it is not) [Q43/81]

29) Say: “He has the power to send calamities on you from above and from below or to split you into discordant factions to make you taste the violence of each other. [Q 6/65].

(Explanation: Allah sometimes calamity in the form of heavy rain, severe wind or earth quakes. Sometimes He also punish you by dividing you in different groups, sects based on language, ethnicity and you cut each other throats as pretty evident now a day in Muslim ummah.

30) The parable of those who take protectors other than Allah is that of a spider who builds for itself a dwelling and surely, the weakest of all dwellings is the dwelling of a spider-if they only knew. [Q29/41].

31) Recite from this Book (the Quran) which has been revealed to you and establish Salah. Surely, Salah keeps one away from shameful and evil deeds; and surely the remembrance of Allah is the greatest, indeed, Allah knows what you do. [Q29/45].

32) As for those who strive in our cause, we will surely guide them to our ways; surely Allah is with the righteous. [Q29/69].

33) O Prophet! It is the same, weather you ask forgiveness for them (disbelievers and hypocrites) or not; even if you ask for their forgiveness seventy times, Allah is not going to forgive them: because they have disbelieved Allah and His Messenger. Allah does not guide those who are transgressors. [Q9/80].

34) As for those who are unbelievers, if they have everything that the earth contains or twice as much to offer as a ransom to redeem themselves from the punishment of the Day of Resurrection, it will not be accepted from them and they will have a painful punishment. [Q 5/36].

35) In Hereafter Allah will not do injustice to anyone even as much as a fiber of a date stone. [Q4/77].

36) Every self will taste death. We test you with both good and evil as trial. And you will be returned to Us. [Q21/35].



37) There is no creature on the earth which is not dependent upon Allah for its provision. He knows where it lives and where it dies. They are all in clear Book. [Q 11/6].

38) They say, "If there was anything we could have done in the matter, we would not have been killed here". Say, "even if you had been inside your homes, those decreed to be killed would have come out to their death places". [Q 3/154].

(Explanation: We should never say that we could have avoided such and such thing if we could have done so and so, as everything is decreed in our destiny will happen regardless. Thinking in these terms will give nothing but frustration and regret).

39) O Prophet! We have sent you as a witness, as a bearer of good news and as a Warner. [Q33/45].

(Explanation: Our beloved Prophet will stand as a witness that he conveyed Allah's message to us and who followed and who did not. He is bringer of good news to believers that what reward they will get in hereafter and he is also a Warner to those (who do not believe in Allah alone, His Book, the Messenger and the Day of Judgment )of the severe punishment of Hell fire.)

40) Indeed We offered the Trust to the heavens, to the earth and to the mountains, but they refuse to undertake it and were afraid, but man undertook it. He was indeed unjust and ignorant. [Q33/72].

(Explanation: Before Allah created this world, He offered the heavens, earth, mountains and human beings that He is giving freedom of choice and voluntarily using this option to abide by all what Allah has prescribed, or in other words acceptance of obligations and obedience to Allah. Every one refused because of the fear of this enormous burden except man, because he just looked the rewards of obedience

to Allah, not the penalty for failure to keep his commitment. We cannot comprehend this conversation between Allah and His creation as to how and when it took place but Allah is telling us that it did happen so we believe in it without a shadow of doubt. This is similar to that all human beings who were to be born from day one to end of the world were created ( before they came to this world through the process of natural birth) and Allah took promise from them that He is their Rabb and they will follow His commandments and all pledged to abide by).

- 41) Allah cites you a parable- there is a slave man who is shared by many masters, each pulling this man to himself( like the man who worships other deities besides Allah), and there is another slave man who belongs to one master (like the man who worships Allah alone)- are the two alike in comparison? Praise be to Allah! But most of them do not know. [Q39/29].
- 42) The example of those who were charged with the Tawrat (old testament) but failed to carry out their obligation (neglected their responsibility towards it by not putting its teachings into practice) , is that of a donkey who is carrying books and does not know what is in those books. Bad is the examples of those who deny the revelation of Allah. Allah does not guide the wrong doers. [Q62/5].
- 43) Never you will attain the good (reward or righteousness) until you spend (in the path of Allah) from that which you love. And whatever you spend-indeed, Allah is knowing of it. [Q 3/92].
- 44) The parable of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah, is that of a grain that sprouts into seven ears, each bearing one hundred grains. Allah gives manifold increase to whom He wishes. Allah All-Sufficient for His creation's needs and All-Knowing. [Q2/261].
- 45) Allah gives you an example of a town which was enjoying security and peace, receiving its provision in abundance from every quarter, but it became ungrateful to the favors of Allah. As a

result, Allah made its residents taste the consequences of their doings, through inflicting upon them misfortunes of hunger and fear. A Messenger was sent to them from among themselves, but they denied him; so the punishment overtook them because they were wrongdoers. [Q16/112-113].

46) Here is the description of the paradise which the righteous have been promised: It has rivers, the water of which will never change in taste or smell, rivers of milk whose taste never changes, rivers of wine, delicious to those who drink, and rivers of honey, pure and clear. In it, they will have all kinds of fruits, as well as forgiveness from their Rabb. (Can such people be compared to those) who shall dwell in hell forever, and they will be given scalding water which will cut their intestines into pieces? [Q47/15].

47) The one Who created the seven heavens, one above the other, you will not see any other fault in the creation of Ar-Rehman. Look once again, do you see any flaw? Then look still another time, yet, again your sight will come back humbled while it is fatigued. [Q67/3-4].

48) Do they not observe the birds above them spreading their wings and folding them? None uphold them except Ar-Rehman (Allah); surely, it is He Who watches over all things. [Q67/19].

49) Say: "Have you ever considered that if all the water you have, sink down in the ground, who then can bring you the clear flowing water?" [Q67/30].

50) This is a revelation (The Quran) from the Rabb of the worlds. Had he (Prophet Muhammad S.A.W) invented false statements with concerning Us, We would certainly have seized him by his right hand then cut off his main artery (aorta), and none of you could prevent it. Surely, this Quran is a reminder to the God-fearing. [Q69/43-48].

51) O Prophet, leave to Me those who reject this revelation. We shall lead them step by step to their ruin, in ways that they cannot

perceive. I shall even put up with them for a while; for My plan is strong indeed. Or have you, O Prophet, demanded compensation from them, that they are overburdened with debt? Or do they have the knowledge of the unseen that they are writing it down? [Q 68/44-47].

52) Eat and enjoy yourselves for a little while. Surely, you are criminals. Woe on that Day to the disbelievers! When they are asked to bow down before Allah, they do not bow down (Praying Salah). Woe on that Day to disbelievers! In what statement after this Quran will they believe? [Q77/46-50].

53) On that Day, when they shall see it, they shall feel as if they had stayed in this world only one evening or one morning (worldly life in comparison to eternal hereafter life) [Q 79/46].

54) It is the Day (Day of Judgment) when no will have the power to do anything for another, and when the entire command will be with Allah. [Q82/19].

(Explanation: In his world Allah has given power to some people over others, but on that Day, the entire power will be in Allah's hand).

55) Indeed, We have created man from the mixed sperm drop containing both sexes, so that We may test him. Therefore, We gave him the faculties of hearing and sight. Then We guided him to the Right path (Through revelations and Messengers): Now, it is his choice to be grateful or to be a disbeliever. [Q76/3].

56) For He (Allah) has no fear of its consequences (of His actions). [Q91/15].

(Explanation: When people of Thamud denied the truth and killed the she-camel, which was Allah's sign to them, Allah destroyed the whole nation and leveled them to the ground, then is saying that He has no regrets or afraid of any consequences as it was His creation, He can do anything with them and nobody is equal or higher to Him to ask any Question.

57) So for him who gives in charity, fear Allah and testifies to goodness, We shall facilitate for him the path to good. As for him who is stingy and consider himself independent of Allah and reject the goodness, We shall facilitate for the path foe evil. What benefit will he get from his wealth, if he himself is doomed. Surely, it is for Us to give guidance, and surely, to Us belongs the end and the beginning. [Q 92/5-13].

58) We have indeed created man in the best stature, then We return him to the lowest of the low. [Q95/4-5].

(Explanation: Best of stature could mean, upright, symmetrical, and balanced in the form and nature, or best persons like prophets and righteous people. The lowest of the low can refer to the depths of Hell, to decrepit old age or to worst immorality.

59) On that Day (Day of Judgment) you shall be questioned about the blessings (faculties and resources that you were given in the worldly life-as to how you used them? that includes eyes, ears, heart and brain etc) [Q 102/8].

60) Who is better in speech than the one who calls people towards Allah, does good deeds and says: "I am a Muslim"? [Q41/33].

61) Had Allah bestowed abundance upon His slaves, they would have transgressed beyond bounds in the earth; that is why He sends down in due measure as He pleases; He is well aware and observant of His slaves. [Q42/27].

62) And it is not for any human beings that Allah should speak to him except by revelation or from behind a partition or that He sends a messenger (i.e., angel) to reveal, by His permission what He wills. Indeed, He is Most High and Wise. [Q42/51].

63) They regard the angels, as who themselves are servants of Ar-Rehman (Allah), as female divinities. Did they witness their

creation? Their testimony will be recorded, and they will be questioned. [Q43/19].

- 64) And were it not that all mankind might become one nation of disbelievers, We would have given those who disbelieve in Ar-Rehman (Allah) houses whose roofs and stairways, by which they go to upper chambers, all made with silver, and also silver doors of their houses and couches on which they recline, along with ornaments of gold, for all these are nothing but merely comforts of this worldly life. It is the life of the hereafter which your Rabb has reserved for the righteous. [Q43/33-35].

(Explanation: Allah is telling what worth He thinks this life is as compared to hereafter. But due to human nature of greed, all humanity would have become disbelievers seeing that disbelievers got so much luxuries of life; otherwise Allah would have given disbelievers all these luxuries of life because they will have nothing except punishment in hereafter and these luxuries of this life has no value as compared to permanent hereafter life in the eyes of Allah.)

- 65) He who turns away from the remembrance from Ar-Rehman (Allah), We assign a shaitan (devil) for him, who becomes his intimate companion.-and turns such people away from the Right path, while they think that they are rightly guided.- Ultimately when that person will come to Us on the Day of Judgement, he will say to his shaitan companion: “ I wish that I was far apart from you as the east is from the west: you turned out to be evil companion.” Then it will be said to them: “Well, you have already done wrong, realizing this fact today will avail you nothing, as you both are partners in punishment. [Q 43/36-39].

- 66) Behold, you are those who are being asked to give in the cause of Allah. Yet, some of you are stingy, whereas whoever is stingy to His cause is in fact, stingy to himself. Allah is self-sufficient. It is you who are needy. If you turn away, He will

replace you by some other people, who will not be like you.  
[Q47/38].

- 67) They consider it a favor to you (Prophet) that they have accepted Islam. Say, "Do not consider your Islam a favor to me; Rather, Allah has conferred favor upon you that He guided you to the faith. If you should be truthful." [Q49/17].
- 68) O believers! Let neither your riches nor your children divert you from remembrance of Allah. Those who will do so, it is they who shall be real losers. Spend in charity and in the Cause of Allah, out of sustenance which We have provided to you before death comes to anyone of you, and then he says: "O my Rabb! If you only would give me respite for a little while then I would give charity and be among the righteous." But Allah grants respite to no soul when its term comes to an end. Allah is well aware of all your actions. [Q63/9-11].
- 69) I (Allah) have not created jinns and mankind except to worship Me (Alone). [Q51/56].
- 70) And We have certainly made Quran easy to understand and remembrance, so is there any who will take admonition?  
[Q54/17].
- 71) (The hypocrites are) like the example of Satan when says to man, "Disbelieve". But when he becomes disbeliever, he say, "Indeed, I am disassociated from you. Indeed I fear Allah, Rabb of the worlds. [Q59/16].
- 72) O believers! Stand firm for justice and bear true witness for the sake of Allah, even though it is against yourself, your parents or your relatives. [Q4/135]
- 73) When my slaves asked you concerning Me, indeed I am very close to them. I answer the prayer of every suppliant when he calls Me; therefore. they should respond to Me ( by obedience) and believe in Me. So they may be rightly guided. [Q2/186].

(Explanation: Allah is so kind and Merciful to His slaves, that in response to the questions of slaves through Prophet, He does not Say O Prophet you tell them, He now directly address slaves that I am near to you and responds and listen to your supplications and act upon them, but you should in return also be My obedient and believe in Me.

74) For those who believe and did good deeds-for they shall have a never ending reward.[Q 95/6].

(Explanation: Wherever Allah mentions rewards in hereafter, He always mentions people who believed and did righteous deeds. It implies that without these two components together, no success in hereafter. Belief and righteous deeds are integral part of a Muslim, one without the other is not acceptable to Allah.

75) If We had sent down this Quran on a mountain, you would have seen crumble itself and split asunder from the fear of Allah. We are citing these examples for mankind so that they may think about it.[ Q59/21]

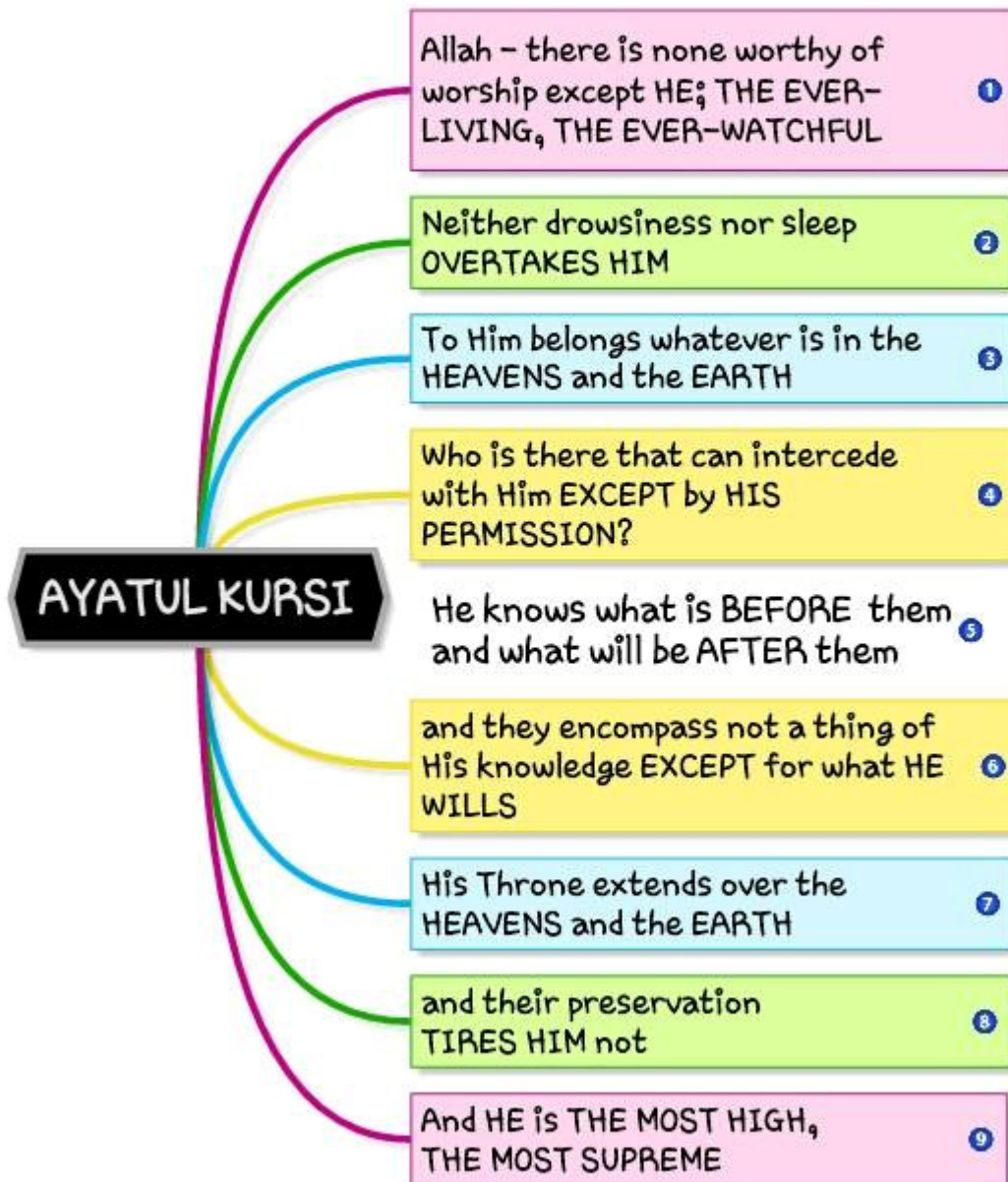
(Explanation: The purpose of this example is that, how clearly Quran is describing Allah's greatness and responsibility of human beings to give accountability of their every deed, If Mountain understood this it would crumble with the fear of Allah.

76) On last page of this research paper (page # 17) please see a linguistic miracle of Quran (Through the courtesy of Nouman Ali Khan of Bayyinah)

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# Coincidence? I think not!



Linguistic Miracle of Ayatul Kursi - Nouman Ali Khan