

Movement of the Earth in the Holy Quran

Ancient people believed that the earth is quite static while the sun turns round it from east to west and from north to south at the eastern side, and so on. That is what the common sense can realize superficially. However, with the beginning of the global science advancement, this belief started to be doubted. The first theory, which claims the steadiness of earth, was replaced by another theory states that the sun is steady whereas the earth turns round it, even if the sun moves in a special way which we cannot recognize. The new theory faced a strong objection by the western religious figures as their scientific heritage deals with the first theory. After a huge conflict between science and the western religious hierarchy, the second theory settled as a firm truth, while the first one turned out to ash after it was proved that the sun keeps arising along the 24 hours swimming between the east and the west and never sets; it disappears from the east to rise at the west....etc.

It was proved also that the earth has two types of action:

1-The first is around itself forming day and night.

2-The second is around the sun forming the four seasons. All that is discovered thanks to modern science.

The movement of the earth whether round itself or around the sun, is mentioned in the Holy Quran more than twelve centuries before modern science discovers it. The Quranic verses about this issue were an unknown side to the ancients as one of the Quranic natural miracles. However, the Quran mentions the issue in a hinting indirect manner to make the content suitable for the culture of the people of the age of revealing the Quran. When science advanced and global discoveries became much, the Quranic proofs came under the light of our scientific age: **(These mountains which you see and think firmly fixed pass away like clouds, a work of Allah) "27.88"**. This verse carries a clear evidence that the earth is moving. The evidence lies in the simile with which Allah compares the movement of the earth to the movement of the clouds. The points of similarity, as the scholars state, are:

1-the smoothness, because the movement of the clouds in the space is smooth with no hinders just as the movement of the earth which no body feels.

2-the dependence of both movements; the movement of the clouds depends on the movement of the wind, and the movement of the mountains depends on the movement of the earth. Also in the Quran, there are three verses prove the movement of the earth in the same hinting indirect word:

1-(And We have set on the earth mountains standing firm lest it should *shake* with them.) (21.31)

2-(And He has set upon the earth mountains standing firm lest it should *shake* with you) (16.15)

3-(He set on the Earth mountains standing firm lest it should *shake* with you.) (31.10)

When you meditate on the word "*shake*", you find that it was repeated three times .But why the Quran keeps on using that word; we could find words like "sway". Answering that question reveals an important secret of the Quran: the word shake gives an atmosphere of unsafety, and disorganization.

The scientists say that the static object never shakes as long as it is static. They also say that action in general is divided into two types:

1-a safe systematic action, as the movement of the earth.

2-an unsafe unsystematic action.

As a result, the negation of the shaking of the earth is a plain evidence that the earth moves. That is why the Quran uses the present tense in the previous verses. Also, the Quran mentions the first verse (27.88) between two verses speaking about The Day of Judgment to be suitable for the ancients because they wouldn't believe if the verse state that the earth moves in the worldly life; the useful speech is that which deals with people according to their minds as the hadith states. However the intended meaning is not just in the Day of Judgment because Allah states later that it is His work and that He perfects every thing while mountains will not be existed on the Day of Judgment as the Quran states in the chapter of Taha, verse105.

The speech about the movement of the earth in the holy Quran is a miraculous immortal side. That proves that the Quran is not the words of Allah, a human, nor a jinni the Quran is compiled by the Prophet (P.B.U.H.), as the Orientalists claim, how could he know about such a fact. That is how the Quran proved the movement of the earth before Europe does.