

An Inquiry into the Application of the Systematic Sequential Descending Method in Extracting Quran-Based Human Sciences (Case Study of Surahs Al-'Alaq and Al-Baqarah)

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Abstract

The Holy Quran is a unique epistemological system, meaning that all its parts and components are interconnected and were revealed in a specific and sequential order. This progressive revelation guides and educates humans in all necessary aspects. Today, any interpretation and research of the Holy Quran following the order of revelation is called the "revelatory method." Given the social changes and human needs in the contemporary era, it is essential to extract Quran-based human sciences, which has faced certain obstacles in the application of methods. The primary issue in this research is exploring innovations in method design through an inquiry into the systematic revelatory method's role and application in extracting Quran-based human sciences. Using a descriptive-analytical approach, this study examines Surahs Al-'Alaq and Al-Baqarah, the first revealed Meccan and Medinan Surahs, respectively. The results indicate that applying the systematic revelatory approach can be considered a novel method in extracting Quran-based human sciences. In this approach, Surah Al-'Alaq, as the first revealed Surah, offers insights such as new strategies in religious invitation and preaching, stages of religious education, and the Quran's foundation on knowledge and clarity. Similarly, from Surah Al-Baqarah, as the first Medinan Surah, insights such as unifying the prophetic community, guiding the community's progress, understanding the nascent religious society, and preventing the activation of social divisions can be extracted.

Keywords: Holy Quran, Systematic Approach, Order of Revelation, Quran-Based, Surah Al-'Alaq, Surah Al-Baqarah.

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Introduction:

The Holy Quran is a unique epistemological system in which all parts and components are interconnected, and its chapters were revealed in a specific and sequential order. Scholars have presented different perspectives on the mode of the Quran's revelation, but it generally seems that the Quran was revealed gradually, with a new chapter beginning only after the previous one was completed. It can be inferred that the purpose of this gradual revelation by Almighty God was to guide humanity step-by-step in all necessary areas and to gradually educate them. Nowadays, any interpretation and research in the Quran that considers the order of revelation is called the " revelatory or descending method ". In this approach, the researcher views the Quran as a coherent system, and its guidance and education can be identified step by step, considering the stages of human growth and development. On the other hand, in light of social changes and contemporary human needs, there is a necessity to derive Quran-based humanities, which has faced challenges in methodological application. The main issue in the present research is exploring innovation in delineating methods with an inquiry into the application of the systematic revelatory approach in extracting Quran-based humanities, focusing on the chapters Alaq and Baqarah as the first revealed Meccan and Medinan chapters, respectively.

Research Method:

This study employs a descriptive-analytical method to elucidate concepts such as a systematic perspective, the revelatory perspective, Quran-based humanities, and the structural formation process of the prophetic community within the discourse of the Holy Quran. Subsequently, the chapter of Alaq, as the first revealed Meccan chapter, and the chapter of Baqarah, as the first revealed Medinan chapter, will be examined. The study will analyze these chapters descriptively and analytically, considering the role each plays in the comprehensive and systematic knowledge of the Quran, focusing on their sequential and revelatory positions. In this context, chapters Alaq and Baqarah will be studied with a systematic revelatory perspective to explore the possibility of extracting Quran-based humanities.

Research Findings:

The study of the existing literature and the generated scientific works related to this research reveals a new approach:

1. By considering the Quran's knowledge as a system and aligning with its gradual revelation, a new perspective can be opened in Quranic studies and research.
2. Another finding of the research is the purposefulness of the Holy Quran in guiding and educating humanity. This purpose is embedded in the 114 main objectives of the 114 chapters, which have the potential to manifest. Therefore, according to the study and considering the structural formation process of the prophetic community, it can be said that the knowledge of the Holy Quran was revealed gradually and systematically, addressing the incremental and step-by-step needs of its audience.
3. The systematic knowledge of the Quran, considering the necessity for human guidance and education, has been designed with a specific structure, allowing for its application in any condition and era. From this epistemological system, Quran-based humanities can be derived using the Ta revelatory method.



Results:

After investigating and exploring the issue of "Inquiry into the Application of the Systematic revelatory Approach in Extracting Quran-Based Humanities" and examining the specific examples of the chapters Alaq and Baqarah, the following results were obtained:

- Quran-based humanities comprise a set of essential knowledge for guiding and educating the Quran's audience, with the Holy Quran being the primary source of this knowledge. When these fields of knowledge are discovered and extracted from the Holy Quran, they are referred to as "Quran-based humanities."
- In identifying methods for discovering and extracting Quran-based humanities, one of the most important and practical methods is the systematic revelatory method introduced in this study. The conducted investigations show that transformative discovery and extraction of Quran-based humanities are possible through the application of the systematic revelatory perspective.
- The simultaneous application of a systematic perspective and the revelatory method in examining the two specific examples in this study—chapter Alaq as the first revealed Meccan chapter, aimed at comprehensive individual transformation, and chapter Baqarah as the first revealed Medinan chapter, aimed at guiding and bringing about social transformation—demonstrates the presence of a precise epistemological system in the Holy Quran, consistent with its revelation.
- With a systematic revelatory approach to chapter Alaq, we find that this chapter, as the first revealed chapter, includes components of educational and transformative principles such as the principle of God's teaching to humanity, human dependence on God, human rebellion, and God's knowledge given to humans. Additionally, the systematic revelatory perspective in studying chapter Alaq can be applied in extracting Quran-based humanities in areas such as religious invitation and preaching, steps for religious education and transformation, epistemological systems, ambiguity removal, and refuting the notion that religion is ineffective in the contemporary era.
- With a systematic revelatory approach to chapter Baqarah, we discover that this chapter, as the first revealed Medinan chapter, includes elements such as outlining the requirements for believers' relationship with the community leader and formulating cohesive laws. Moreover, the systematic revelatory perspective in examining chapter Baqarah can be used to extract Quran-based humanities in areas such as consolidating the prophetic community, leading the progressive development of the prophetic community, providing precise knowledge of the emerging religious community, preventing the activation of social fractures, and ultimately, preventive diagnosis of individual and social covenant breaches.

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