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Summary of Quranic Sciences

Lesson 26: Abrogated & Abrogating Verses

(الناسخ و المنسوخ)

Types of *Naskh*:

2. *Naskh* of the text despite the continuation of its ruling (نسخ التلاوة دون الحكم):
The Shia reject this type of *naskh*.

The example most often cited is the verses relating to stoning the adulterer.
Most of the Sunni scholars believe in such *naskh*.

Examples:

1. Umar ibn al-Khattab:

«كان فيما أنزل من القرآن، الشيخ و الشيخة إذا زنيا فارجموهما البتة»

“Among the verses revealed from the Quran was: ‘The old man and woman, if they commit adultery, stone them to death for sure.’”

2. Abu Musa Ash'ari:

“There was a surah like Bara'a in length and intensity, but I forgot it except for this couplet:

«لو كان لابن آدم واديان من مال لابتغى واديا ثالثا * و لا يملأ جوف ابن آدم إلا التراب»

“If the son of Adam has two valleys of wealth, he would seek a third. Nothing fills the stomach of the son of Adam except dust...”

Abu Musa also said:

“We used to recite a surah in the Quran that we compared to one of the Musabbihat; but I forgot it except for this verse:



يا أيها الذين آمنوا لم تقولون ما لا تفعلون فتكتب شهادة في أعناقكم فتسألون عنها يوم القيام.

3. Ubayy ibn Ka'b's claim:

"The following words existed in the Quran:

إِنَّ ذَاتَ الدِّينِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْخَنِيفِيَّةُ الْمُسْلِمَةُ لَا الْيَهُودِيَّةُ ، وَلَا النَّصْرَانِيَّةُ ، مَنْ يَعْمَلْ خَيْرًا فَلَنْ يُكْفَرَهُ / وَلَوْ أَنَّ لابْنَ آدَمَ وَادِيًا مِنْ مَالٍ لَابْتَغَى إِلَيْهِ ثَانِيًا ، وَلَوْ لَهُ ثَانِيًا لَابْتَغَى إِلَيْهِ ثَالِثًا ، وَلَا يَمَلَأُ جَوْفَ ابْنِ آدَمَ إِلَّا التُّرَابُ ، وَيتوبُ اللَّهُ عَلَى مَنْ تَابَ

'Indeed, the true religion with Allah is Hanifiyyah (monotheism), Islam, not Judaism or Christianity. Whoever does good will not be denied its reward. If the son of Adam had a valley of wealth, he would seek a second, and if he had a second, he would seek a third. Nothing fills the stomach of the son of Adam except dust, and Allah forgives those who repent.'

4. Abu Bakr and Umar:

لَا تَزْعَبُوا عَنْ آبَائِكُمْ ، فَإِنَّهُ كُفَّرَ بِكُمْ
أَنْ لَا تَزْعَبُوا عَنْ آبَائِكُمْ ، فَإِنَّهُ كُفَّرَ بِكُمْ أَنْ تَزْعَبُوا عَنْ آبَائِكُمْ
"Do not disdain your fathers, for it is disbelief in you. Do not disdain your fathers, for it is disbelief in you to disdain your fathers."

5. Abdullah ibn Umar's claim:

He claimed that a considerable portion of the Quran is omitted.

6. The verses of stoning and suckling:

Aisha said, *"They were under my bed, but a goat came in and ate them."*

Shia scholars reject these two types of naskh:

1. Abrogation of both the text and the ruling.
2. Abrogation of the text but not the ruling.