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Summary of Quranic Sciences

Lesson 41: The relationship between the Quran and science

Impact of the Industrial Revolution

The Industrial Revolution marked a significant historical turning point with profound advancements in science and technology, particularly information technology. These developments have modernized societies, prompting an exploration of the Quran's stance on these scientific advancements. While primarily a religious text, the Quran offers insights into its relationship with scientific progress.

Distinction Between Empirical Sciences and General Knowledge

A key distinction exists between empirical sciences, which rely on observation and experimentation, and general knowledge, which encompasses broader cultural and philosophical insights. Scholars have long debated the relationship between the Quran and empirical sciences, particularly concerning scientific interpretations and alleged scientific miracles.

The Quran as a Book of Guidance

The Quran is fundamentally a book of guidance, not a scientific textbook. Its primary purpose is to guide human behavior and thought towards a righteous life, rather than providing detailed scientific explanations.



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Quran's Stance on Knowledge

The Quran opposes ignorance and promotes the pursuit of knowledge, crucial for understanding divine guidance and fostering a closer relationship with Allah. This pursuit extends beyond religious teachings to include empirical knowledge that benefits society.

Types of Knowledge Encouraged by the Quran

Scholars differ on the types of knowledge encouraged by the Quran. Some argue it promotes all forms of knowledge, while others believe it emphasizes fields like theology, ethics, jurisprudence, and education, reflecting the Quran's broader educational mission.

Quranic Verses on Knowledge

Verses such as Quran 62:2 and 16:27 highlight the importance of learning and understanding. These verses emphasize the value of knowledge in the Quranic framework.

Encouragement of Empirical Sciences

Some scholars argue that the Quran supports the pursuit of empirical sciences and new technologies to maintain Muslim dignity and authority.

Environmental Stewardship and Defense

The Quran encourages responsible utilization of Earth's resources and supports advancements in defense and technology, essential for protecting Muslim societies.



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Economic Activities

The Quran promotes economic activities and wealth generation, encouraging financial involvement and prosperity for the community's well-being.

Knowledge Essential for Quranic Interpretation

A thorough understanding of the Quran requires knowledge of Arabic grammar, logic, theology, philosophy, and Quranic sciences, ensuring accurate and objective interpretation.

Future discussions will delve deeper into scientific commentary on the Quran, exploring both supportive and critical perspectives.