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Summary of Quranic Sciences

Lesson 34: Descending of the Quran

(نزل القرآن الكريم)

The Quran was revealed on the Night of Qadr:

«إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ»

Indeed, We sent it down on the Night of Ordainment. (97:1)

When is the Night of Qadr?

- Sunnis: 27th of Ramadan
- Shia: 21st or 23rd of Ramadan

Types of the Revelation of the Quran with respect to the time:

1. Instant (daf'i)
2. Gradual (tadriji)

Opinions on Instant Revelation:

1. The Prophet received the necessary verses of one year on the Night of Qadr in that year.

Objection:

Surah al-Qadr was revealed in Mecca, and the tense of the verb used there is past (أنزلنا: We revealed).

2. The majority of the verses were revealed on the Night of Qadr.



Objection:

There is no evidence for this. And, the two verses (97:1) talk about the revelation on a specific night, while we know that most of the verses weren't revealed on that night.

3. The whole Quran was revealed to *Bait al-Izza* or *Bait al-Ma'mur* at once and then to the Prophet gradually over 23 years. (Saduq et al.)

Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.):

«نزل القرآن جملة واحدة في شهر رمضان إلى البيت المعمور ثم نزل في طول عشرين سنة»

The Quran was revealed as a single entity during the month of Ramadan to the House of the Sublime Throne, then it was revealed over a period of twenty years.

4. The reality of the Quran was revealed on the Night of Qadr at once; then the words and phrases were revealed gradually. (Tabatabaei et al.)
5. «إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ» means the revelation of the Quran started from Ramadan (Sha'bi; Ibn Shahr-e-Ashub, Ma'rifat, et al.)