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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Summary of Quranic Sciences

Lesson 35: Descending of the Quran

(نزل القرآن الكريم)

Descending of the Quran and Beginning of the *Bi'tha*

The belief that the revelation of the Quran started in the month of Ramadan opposes the hadith that stated the beginning of the *Bitha* occurred in Rabi ul-Awwal.

Reconciliation of the Verses and hadiths of *Bi'tha*:

- Revelation started in the month of Ramadan, but the Prophet's mission (*Bi'tha*) began in Rabi ul-Awwal. Especially considering the idea that the revelation began three years after the *Bi'tha*.
- There is no doubt that the Prophet received the verses of the Quran gradually on various occasions.

Points to Consider:

1. The nature of Islamic teachings requires graduality.
2. Graduality in the expansion of Islam
3. Graduality of the methods of preaching and its necessity

The Wisdom of Gradual Revelation of the Quran:

1. Coherence Between the Revelation and the Progression of the Islamic Message:

Imam al-Baqir (a.s.):

ليس احد ارفق من الله عز و جل فمن رفقه تبارك و تعالى انه نقلهم من خصلة الى خصلة و لو حمل عليهم جملة لهلكوا.



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"'No one is more gentle than Allah, the Exalted and Mighty, and from His gentleness, blessed and exalted is He, is that He takes them from one virtue to another. If He was to burden them collectively, they would perish'".

2. The second factor that necessitated gradual revelation is the personality of the Prophet and his ability to bear the responsibility of conveying the message of Islam.

«وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ الْقُرْآنُ جُمْلَةً وَاحِدَةً كَذًّا لِكَ لِنُنَبِّتَ بِهِ فُؤَادَكَ وَرَتَّلْنَاهُ تَرْتِيلًا»
The faithless say, 'Why has not the Quran been sent down to him all at once?' So it was, that We may strengthen your heart with it, and We have recited it [to you] in a measured tone.