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Summary of Quranic Sciences

Lesson 27: Abrogated & Abrogating Verses

(الناسخ و المنسوخ)

Types of abrogation:

3. نسخ الحكم دون التلاوة (the text remains while the law is abrogated):
Almost all scholars believe that this has occurred.

Example of this type of abrogation:

Abrogated verse:

«يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نَاجَيْتُمُ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ نَجْوَاكُمْ صَدَقَةً»

O you who have faith! When you converse privately with the Apostle, offer a charity before your private talk. (58:12)

Abrogating verse:

«أَلَسْتُمْ أَنْ تُقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ نَجْوَاكُمْ صَدَقَاتٍ ۚ فَإِذْ لَمْ تَفْعَلُوا وَتَابَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ فَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ»

Were you dismayed by having to offer charities before your private talks? Since you did not do it, and Allah has excused you [for not be able to comply], now maintain the prayer and pay the zakat, and obey Allah and His Apostle. Allah is well aware of what you do. (58:13)

Forms of نسخ الحكم دون التلاوة:

1. The content of a verse is abrogated by a following verse revealed after the first one, "such that the second verse corresponds to the first."



2. The content of a verse is abrogated by a following verse revealed after the first, such that the second does not correspond to the first. Rather, through the contradiction apparent in their content, the ruling of abrogation is inferred.

Ayatollah al-Khoei rejects the second type of abrogation, suggesting that the contradiction may arise from a lack of reflection upon that verse.

3. The content of the verse is abrogated by a definitive Sunnah.
4. Abrogating a Sunnah by a verse.

Objection 1:

If a verse is abrogated, since there is wisdom and benefit behind each verse, the wisdom behind the new verse was either hidden from God or there is no wisdom in it. Thus, ignorance should be ascribed to God.

Answer:

God has always known that the benefit of the ruling is limited and specific to a certain time. Therefore, it was necessary for the benefit not to be revealed from the outset.

Objection 2:

The abrogating verse opposes the abrogated verse, and this contradicts the verse: *"Had it been from [someone] other than Allah, they would have surely found much discrepancy in it."*

Answer:

The abrogating verse reveals the end of the law in the first verse. Thus, they are not simultaneous to say that they contradict one another.