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Summary of Quranic Sciences

Lesson 30: Methodology of Revelation

Wahy was revealed to the Prophet of Islam through the archangel Gabriel (جبرئيل).

Different verses of the Quran confirm this idea, such as:

«قُلْ مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِجِبْرِيلَ فَإِنَّهُ نَزَّلَهُ عَلَى قَلْبِكَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ»

Say, 'Whoever is an enemy of Gabriel [should know that] it is he who has brought it down on your heart with the will of Allah (2:97)

Based on some hadiths, some scholars believe that the Prophet also received revelation directly. However, these hadith are:

1. Weak in regard to their chains of transmission.
2. Not explicitly about the Quran.

The messages received by the Prophet:

1. Some: He received the meaning and formulated the words (vocal expressions) himself.
2. Most scholars: The Quran was revealed with both the meaning and the text, as some verses of the Quran indicate.

«تِلْكَ آيَاتُ اللَّهِ نَتْلُوهَا عَلَيْكَ بِالْحَقِّ»

These are the signs of Allah, which We recite for you in truth. (2:252)

«لَا تُحَرِّكْ بِهِ لِسَانَكَ لِتَعْجَلَ بِهِ إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا جَمْعَهُ وَقُرْآنَهُ فَإِذَا قَرَأْنَاهُ فَاتَّبِعْ قُرْآنَهُ»



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Do not move your tongue with it to hasten it. Indeed, it is up to Us to put it together and to recite it. And when We have recited it, follow its recitation.
(75:16-18)

Some Hanafis: The Prophet only received the meaning. After that, they differ:

1. Some: He knew the meanings and formulated the words himself.
2. Some: Gabriel gave him the meanings, and he uttered them in Arabic. Gabriel then took them to the heavens, where the angels recited those words and revealed them again to the Prophet.

Different groups that reject Wahy:

1. Some modern researchers reject revelation and connection to the unseen entirely, accusing the Prophet of using this method to gain control over people.
2. The moderate ones reject the unseen saying that the Prophet wanted to improve his people.