

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE MANY SCIENTIFIC FACTS FOUND IN THE QURAN. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE QURAN IS NOT A BOOK OF SCIENCE, BUT THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH SCIENCE.

Universe

A mobile phone is clearly something that was put together in an organised way, so it would be rational to believe that it must have an organiser. In the same way, when we see the order in the universe around us, isn't it rational to say that the universe has an organiser?

"We shall show them our signs in the universe and within themselves, until it becomes clear to them that this is the truth. Is it not enough that your lord is the witness of all things?"[Quran, 41:53]

Origin of life

The fact that living things consist mostly of water was discovered only after the invention of the microscope. In the deserts of Arabia, the last thing someone would have guessed is that all life came from water.

"We made every living thing from water? will they not believe?"[Quran, 21:30]

Embryology

"We created man from an extract of clay. Then We made him as a drop in a place of settlement, firmly fixed. Then We made the drop into an alaqah (leech, suspended thing, and blood clot), then We made the alaqah into a mudghah (chewed substance)..." (Quran 23:12-14).

Professor Emeritus Keith L. Moore (one of the world's most prominent scientists in the fields of anatomy and embryology) : " It is clear to me that these statements must have come to Muhammad from God, because almost all of this knowledge was not discovered until many centuries later.

Sky's protection

The sky protects the earth from the lethal rays of the sun. If the sky did not exist then the sun's radiation would have killed off all life on earth. It also acts like a blanket wrapped around the earth, to protect it from the freezing cold of space. The temperature just above the sky is approximately -270oC. If this temperature was to reach earth then the planet would freeze over instantly. The sky also protects life on earth by warming the surface through heat retention.

"We made the sky a protective ceiling. And yet they are turning away from Our signs!" (Quran 21:32)

Iron

Iron is not natural to the earth. It did not form on the earth but came down to earth from outer space. This may sound strange but it's true. Scientists have found that billions of years ago the earth was stuck by meteorites. These meteorites were carrying Iron from distant stars which had exploded (M. E. Walrath, History of the Earth's Formation)

"We sent down Iron with its great inherent strength and its many benefits for humankind." (Quran 57:25)

Seas and Oceans:

Modern Science has discovered that in the places where two different seas meet, there is a barrier between them. This barrier divides the two seas so that each sea has its own temperature, salinity, and density (1) [Principles of Oceanography, Davis, pp. 92-93]

He has set free the two seas meeting together. There is a barrier between them. They do not transgress. (Quran, 55:19-20).

Sun's orbit

The belief that the Sun is stationary was widespread amongst astronomers until the 20th century. It is now a well-established scientific fact that the Sun is not stationary, but is moving in an orbit around the centre of our Milky Way galaxy.

"It is He who created night and day, the sun and the moon, each floating in its orbit." [Quran, 21:33]

Mountains:

A book titled 'Earth' by Geophysicist Frank Press (Earth (ISBN 0716717433) by Press, Frank, Siever, Raymond. W.H. Freeman, c1986.) explains that mountains are like stakes, and are buried deep under the surface of the earth. Mount Everest, the height of which is approximately 9 km above ground, has a root deeper than 125 km.

"Did we not make the earth a resting place? and the mountains as stakes?" [Quran, 78:6-7]

Universe expanding

The fact that the universe is expanding was discovered in the last century. The physicist Stephen Hawking in his book 'A Brief History of Time' writes, *"The discovery that the universe is expanding was one of the great intellectual revolutions of the 20th century."*

"And it is We who have built the universe with [Our creative] power and keep expanding it." [Quran, 51:47]

Skin pain receptors

For a long time it was thought that the sense of feeling and pain was dependent on the brain. However, it has been discovered that there are pain receptors present in the skin. Without these pain receptors, a person would not be able to feel pain.

We shall send those who reject our revelations to the (hell) fire. When their skins have been burned away, We shall replace them with new ones so that they may continue to feel the pain: God is almighty, all-wise." [Quran 4:56]

Oceans

It is commonly thought that waves only occur on the surface of the ocean. However, oceanographers have discovered that there are internal waves that take place below the surface of the ocean. These waves are invisible to the human eye, and can only be detected by specialist equipment.

“Darkness out in a deep ocean which is covered by waves, above which are waves, above which are clouds, layers of darkness, one upon the other. When one puts out his hand [therein], he can hardly see it. Those God gives no light to, they have no light.”[Quran, 24:40]

Lying & Movement

First, a book titled ‘Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology’ which includes the results of research on the functions of this area states: “The motivation and the foresight to plan and initiate movements occur in the anterior portion of the frontal lobes, the prefrontal area. The part of the brain that is responsible for movement is said to be seized if the man does not stop. Secondly, numerous studies have shown that this same region (frontal lobe) is responsible for the lying function of the brain. One such study at the University of Pennsylvania in which volunteers were asked questions during a computerized interrogation, it was found that when the volunteers were lying there was significantly increased activity in the prefrontal and premotor cortices.

There was a cruel oppressive tribal leader named Abu Jahl who lived during the time of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Allah revealed a verse of the Quran to warn him: “No indeed! if he does not stop, We will seize him by the forehead, his lying, sinful forehead.”[Quran, 96:15-16]. Allah does not call this person a liar, but calls his forehead (the front part of the brain) ‘lying’ and ‘sinful’, and warns him to stop.