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### [Ulumul Qur'an](#)

- In Book One, we defined Ulumul Qur'an as a scientific study dealing with various fields related to Quran.
- Can you mention some of the components included in this scientific study?
- From the various components, you have mentioned above, we shall learn about Wahyi.

### [Wahyi](#)

- Wahyi is an Arabic terminology, which comes from the root word 'Awha', which means inspiring, giving direction or guidance on an issue.
- Technically, it refers to the methods or ways through which Allah (SWT) used to communicate to the prophets and other creatures.
- Communication is an important tool for human beings.
- Communication between human beings or creatures may take different forms.
- The modes of communication between the human beings are different from those observed in the animals and other creatures.
- Likewise, Allah (SWT) has His own ways of sending information to the creatures as He says in the Qur'an:  
***"It is not fitting for a man that Allah (SWT) should speak to him except by inspiration, or from behind a veil, or by sending a messenger to reveal with Allah (SWT)'s permission what Allah (SWT) wills: For He is Most High, Most Wise."*** [Q 42:51]
- Some examples of this communication:
  - When Nabi Ibrahim broke the idols, his people decided to set him on fire but Allah (SWT) inspired the fire to be cool on him. The following verse of the Qur'an gives this inspiration of Allah (SWT) to the fire. ***"We (Allah (SWT)) said: 'O fire! Be you coolness and safety for Ibrahim (Abraham)"*** [Q 21:69] this is a form of communication from Allah (SWT) to the fire.
  - The dry earth is inspired by Allah (SWT) to give produce for the human beings so that they can have food for nourishment from it. Allah (SWT) says, ***"And a sign for them is the dead land. We give it life and We bring forth from it grains so that they eat thereof."***[Q 36:33]
  - Allah (SWT) inspired the Hoopoe (Hud Hud) with knowledge of detecting the acts of shirk committed by the Queen of Saba' (Bilqis) and the ability to report it to Nabi Suleiman. Read this from Qur'an 27:30-37.

## Modes of Wahyi

- The examples we have seen above show that Allah (SWT) can communicate to His creatures in various ways.
- The ways through which Allah (SWT) communicated to His Prophets can be divided into two;
- Direct and Indirect modes.

### **Direct Mode**

- In this mode of Wahyi, Allah (SWT) speaks directly to the prophet without sending a messenger (Angel). The prophets would hear Allah (SWT)'s voice without seeing his image.
- This form of Wahyi includes the following:
  - As spoken words behind a veil. A veil is a form of barrier which is intended to block the Prophet from seeing Allah (SWT) during the process of revelation. For example, during the Night of Isra Wal Miiraj the prophet spoke to Allah (SWT) at 'Arsh behind a veil of a cloud. In Sura A' Taha (Q 20:9-14) Allah (SWT) speaks to prophet Musa (AS) behind a veil of fire.
  - Through inspiration. Inspiration is a spiritual experience where one is guided by Allah (SWT) to do something good. The Prophets were inspired through guided visions of events taking place when they were fully awake in the form of Wahyi. One would consciously become an active participant while following orders to do a given action. For example: Allah (SWT) inspired Nabi Issah to speak at infancy when his mother was accused of being unchaste. Allah (SWT) says, "**He (Issah) said: 'Verily I am a slave of Allah (SWT), He has given me the scripture and made me a Prophet; And He Has made me blessed wheresoever I be, and Has enjoined on me Swalat (prayer), and Zakat, as long as I live. And dutiful to my mother, and made me not arrogant, unblest. And Salaam (peace) be upon me the day I was born, and the day I die and the day I shall be arisen alive.'**" [Q 19:33]

### **Indirect Mode**

- The indirect mode of Wahyi is shown when Allah (SWT) uses an intermediary subject that bridges the gap between Him and His prophet.
- A link is used to transmit the message to the intended prophet.
- It takes two forms which we shall discuss below:
  - Through Angel Jibril (AS): Allah (SWT) created Angel Jibril (AS) and gave him the role of taking His divine message to the prophets. He used to take the message to the prophets without tampering with it. Allah (SWT) says, "**Say ( O Muhammad) Ruhul Qudus [Jibril] has brought it down (the Qur'an) from your Lord with truth and it may make firm and strengthen (the faith of) those who believe, and as a guidance and glad tidings to those who have submitted (to Allah (SWT) as Muslims)**" [Q16:102] You can also refer to Quran [Q 2:97]
  - Through dream: A dream is a form of visualization of events while one is in a sleep. Human beings often have dreams during sleep. Events in these dreams might turn out to be true but many a time they are not true. A true dream is guidance from Allah (SWT) to a chosen person. Several prophets used to get guidance in the form of dreams. Prophet Yusuf (AS), for example, told his father "**(Remember) When Yusuf (Joseph) said to his father: "O my father! Verily, I saw (in a dream) eleven stars and the sun and the moon-I saw them prostrating themselves to me."**" [Q 12:4] His father warned him not to reveal the dream to his brothers because it was a sign and a revelation from Allah (SWT) that he had been chosen by Allah (SWT) among the family of Yaqub as a great leader, interpreter of dreams and a prophet.