

A Research Study Of Qur'anic Discussion In Tauzeeh Ul-Bayan Fi Usool-E-Qur'an Written By (Alama Barakat Ullah)

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Abstract

This study was conducted to answer the objections of “Allama Barakat Ullah” in his manuscript “Tauzeeh Ul-Bayan Fi Usool-e-Qur'an” regarding the Quran. For this purpose a number of authentic sources were explored to answer the raised objections. It was found that he tried to prove the supremacy of the Bible over the Holly Quran through unknown Muslim scholar’s weak arguments, fabricated hadiths and self explanation of the verses of the Holly Quran. Next, he was of the opinion that the Quran was not a universal book as compare to Bible. The answer to this objection was answered in very comprehensive way. Furthermore, he protested that the imagine of God found in the Quran was incomplete as compare to the Bible. This objection was answered in a thought provoking way by using authentic sources as well views of well-known Muslim scholars.

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A Brief Introduction of “Allama Barkatullah”

“Allama Barakat Ullah” was born in Narval(India) in1891.in start he was a Shia muslim. He got his primary education from mission school afterwards he was admitted in a madrassa. And it was a sign of his ability that when he was studying in the fifth class, he was even ahead of the Christian students in the knowledge of the Christian religion. During his schooling every year he win prize in Bible Studies.¹ He had become very familiar with the Christian religion during his

student life. After passing 9th Class exam he was told that: some member of his family accepted Christian religion as well as his father. His father was the president of anjuman islamia thus his father helped him a lot in the teaching of Bible and finally Barakat Ullah got biptism when he was 16 years old and become a Christian in 1907. “Allama Barakat Ullah” died in 1971 and he was the author of many books.²

An Analytical Study of “Tauzeeh Ul-Bayan Fi Usool-e-Qur'an”

This book was published 1939 by the Royal Ethical Society, London and comprises on seven chapters. In this book "Allama Barakat Ullah" attempt to prove that Quran is not a Universal book nor islam is a universal religion and the teaching of the Bible is better and highest then the teaching of Quran in all aspect. He presented some verses from the Holy Quran as a evidence for his subjected claims, Although he did not refuse the inspiration of the Quran but with explanatory arguments he try to prove that Quran was relived only for Arab People.

Under the chapter: No equality found in the principle of Islam: he has criticized many commands of Quran which is related polygamy, slavery, women's witness, women's inheritance and the veiling of a woman and reasoning fabricated hadiths and saying of unknown Muslims scholars.

Objection to the Universality of the Quran:

Pastor Allama Barakat Ullah writes: that the Prophet Isa (peace be upon him) did not limit his message to the Jewish nation, but the message of the Isa for the people of the whole world, but the Islam and Quran revealed only for the Arab nation. And Islam was only for those Arabs who had been living in the land of Arabia for thirteen hundred years. And the purpose of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) mission was to guide only Arabs people, Pastor Barakat Ullah presenting the following verses from the Qur'an as evidence for his claim.³

" وَ أَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ"⁴

"O (Muhammad), scare your close relatives and turn them to God"

" وَ كَذَلِكَ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا لِتُنذِرَ أُمَّ الْقُرَىٰ وَمَنْ حَوْلَهَا"⁵

We have revealed to you (O Muhammad) the Qur'an in the Arabic language so that you may warn the great city (Makkah) and those people whose are living around it.

" إِنَّا جَعَلْنَاهُ قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ"⁶

We made this Arabic Qur'an so that you, O Arabs, would understand it.

From the above Quranic verses it has been objected by pastor that the Qur'an was revealed only for the Arabs nation and people, while Christianity is a universal religion compared to Islam.

Was the revelation of the Holy Qur'an only for the Arab nation? Research Overview

The research analysis of above mentioned objection is that when we look forward the Holy Bible, we found clearly the limitation of Christianity, because when Jesus (peace be upon him) sent his 12 disciples for preaching then issued the following instructions.

"Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go instead to the lost sheep of Israel"⁷

And it is also described in the Gospel of Matthew:

"A Canaanite woman came to him, begging him, "Lord, has mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon - possession". He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel". "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs"⁸

It is clear from the above quoted verses of the Gospel that the preaching of Christianity was limited and it was only among the Israelites and no other nation was allowed to bring the

message of Christianity. And the same words of jusus (peace be upon him) have been confirmed by the Holy Quran. All (SWT) says in the Quran:

"وَ إِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يٰبَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ"⁹

"(Remember) when Isa, son of Maryam, said, O children of Isra'il, I am a messenger of Allah sent towards you"¹⁰

And on the contrary, when we look at the teachings of the Qur'an, we clearly found that the Prophet's Muhammad ﷺ mission is to the whole world and Quran revealed for the supervision of mankind and has complete code of life. Allah (SWT) says in the holy Quran:

"إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا نَذْرٌ لِّلْعَالَمِينَ"¹¹

"It is nothing but a reminder for all the (people of the) worlds"¹²

Allah says more about the comprehensiveness of the Quran:

"هٰذَا بَلٰغٌ لِّلنَّاسِ"¹³

"This is a message for mankind so that they (take lesson and) be warned"¹⁴

Muhammad Mutaui al- Shaarawi writes about this verse:

This verse expands for us that the people who received and heard the Holy Qur'an through Muhammad ﷺ, may he convey the teachings of the Qur'an to those who did not hear.¹⁵

And in the same way, the Qur'an has also stated that the Prophet's mission was for all mankind and was not limited to the Arab nation, as it says:

"قُلْ يٰأَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا"¹⁶

"(O Prophet Muhammad) Say, O people, I am a messenger of Allah (sent) to you"¹⁷

Quran further says:

"وَ مَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَ نَذِيرًا وَ لَكِنَّا أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ"¹⁸

"We did not send you (O prophet,) but to the entire mankind, as a bearer of good news and as a Warner, but most people do not know."¹⁹

Further says:

"وَ مَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ"²⁰

"And we have not sent you but as mercy for all the worlds"²¹.

The study of comparative religions shows that the religion of Christianity was only attributed and limited to a particular nation, while Islam is not attributed to any person and its scope is very wide and includes all nations. Islam is the religion of all nations and also universal. And islam has all the potential to be universal And his teachings are such that guide man at in every turn.

And in the same way, it is clear from the hadith of the Prophet (ﷺ):

Every messenger was sent to his own nation, but I have been sent to the all red and black nations.²²

Similarly, it has come in another hadiths:

"إني عبد الله لخاتم النبيين، وإن آدم عليه السلام لمنجذل"²³

When Adam (peace be upon him) was in the first leaven of clay, I was still a prophet with Allah.

Sheikh Ahmed Deedat Opinion

Sheikh Ahmed Deedat writes about the University of Islam:

"Although Christianity has now become a universal religion and it has adopted the form of a preached religion, Christians are found all over the world, but they have their majority in every continent of the world, Christians still have the current political and economic superiority and The number of Christian nations is also high all over the world, but it has been proven that the religion of Christianity came only to the Israelites and its original teachings have been lost. After the arrival of Islam, the original and true religion is Islam. And the Holy Prophet completed all the laws and he is the last Messenger of Allah. Therefore, for the good of this world

and the Hereafter, Islam is the original religion and the source of guidance”²⁴

Religion Christianity is a collection of incomplete commandments

The teachings of Christianity are incomplete and do not cover the whole life, only a collection of some basic beliefs and some moral teachings. Social and economic orders have been completely ignored and likewise no guidance has been given regarding the teachings of government and politics, there is no Shari'a and no permanent code of life and no code of conduct. Nor are there any teachings about rights and duties, not even a prescribed method of worship. Sheikh Ahmed Deedat quoted the Christian scholar Jude:

“The teaching of Jesus on political and economic matters is sadly ambiguous, with the result that Christian scholars use capitalism, colonialism, slavery, war, imprisonment, burning their enemies alive and suffering to prove the teaching of Jesus”²⁵

And when we look at the teachings of the Qur'an, Islam is a complete code of life and its contains clear principles and teachings about living and religious, worldly, spiritual, social, political, economic, worldly and hereafter life along with moral education.²⁶

Now it is mandatory to present the tafseer in the light of Muslim Mufasssireen of those verses which are quoted by Barkatullah from the Quran as evidence so that explanatory arguments of the pastor can be refuted.

”وَ أَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ”²⁷

This verse does not prove that the Prophet's mission was only for the Arab nation. Rather, the meaning of the verse is that it was the first time that the Prophet (PBUH) was ordered to

preach first his close relative, and that was the reason Prophet (ﷺ) gathered his close relatives and invited them to Islam. It is also known from this verse that the work of reformation should start from own family members first.²⁸

Imam Razi Says:

Amar Bil Mahroof and Nahi Ani Munkar is better to start with the nearest people.²⁹

The meaning of the second verse is that:

Imam al-Tabari has mentioned in the commentary of this verse saying of Ibn e Abbas he says "ام القرى" it means Makkah "ومن حولها" Means whole earth. It means that the responsibility of the Prophet Muhammad convey the message of Quran to the people of Makkah and to all humanity.³⁰

Also written in Tafser Baghwi in the explanation of this verse that:

"ام القرى" applies to the east, west and all of humanity.³¹

Third Verse: The verse does not mean that we have revealed the Qur'an only for the Arabs, but in this verse it is stated that the first addressees of the Holy Qur'an are the Arabs and their language is Arabic, and the Qur'an was also revealed in the Arabic language. So that the people understand it first and explain it to others? If we had not revealed the Holy Qur'an in Arabic, so people could object that we are Arabs and the language of the Qur'an is not Arabic.³²

Objection Regarding Concept of GOD in Quran

Allama Barkatullah further write there is 99 name of God in islam but the name “Ab” is not exist in these name And the subtle and pure meaning of this word does not exist in the Qur'an under any other name.³³

Research Overview

Why the Word of “Ab” is not use in the Quran for ALLAH?

The research and consistent answer to this question is that when we look at the word of “اب” we found three position in this word, for example if zaid is someone “اب” then its concept will consist on three meaning:

Self of Zaid

Any one is Spouse of Zaid

Any one is Son of Zaid

Unless we don't found these three concepts in men we cannot called him any ones father. The Qur'an has used the word “رب” instead of “اب”. And it was not used without reason, but the Qur'an says:

”أَتَى يَكُونُ لَهُ وَلَدٌ وَ لَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ صَاحِبَةً”³⁴

”How can he have a son when He never had a wife”³⁵

And in the same way in Surah Al-Ikhlās Allah has negated these three positions by himself. Allah (SWT) says:

”قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ لَمْ يَلِدْ ۖ وَ لَمْ يُولَدْ وَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ”³⁶

Say, “The truth is that Allah is One. Allah is besought of all needing none. He neither begot anyone nor was he begotten. An equal to him has never been any one One.”³⁷

In Tafser Ruh al –Maani: In all respects being Allah one means that his essence is one in such a way that he has no components or parts and neither found the part of Allah in any one.³⁸

If the Christian says that we do not believe that God is "رب" in this sense, then the answer is that, what is the need for Christian to use the word "اب" for God, even The use of this word is a source of error and confusion, there is no illusion or error in the word "رب" and due to using this word a large number of Christians have filled into error and confusion. As poster Ali Bakhsh has³⁹ written:

Some Christians have called Mary the Queen of Heaven and the spouse of God.⁴⁰

And if you go to any country in the world and see the use of their language, they do not like to call God "اب", but they like to say "رب", and this is the reason for its universality.

Molana Shibli Naghmani Opinion Regarding Father and son Relationship

Molana Shibli Naghmani, s opinion regarding the relationship between “Ab” and “Rab” is that when we compare the mutual meaning of both words means “Ab” and “Rab” then we realize that the imagination of Christian is very from the point of view of islam because “Ab” relation with his son for a particular moments which is create for a particular condition then its status changes and convert in bringing up and protection which is contain for the limited period of childhood. Thus, although the father must have a single relationship in the existence of the son, but this relationship is imperfect, limited and mortal, Compared to this, the son does not need the father in the existence, stay and survival, necessities of life, life goods, development and evolution, because the son can determine these stages even without the father. and by considering, is it possible to break the relationship between the servant and Allah at any time?. Can a person be free from his God even for a moment? Is this relationship limited and temporary like the relationship between father and son? And in the same way, the relationship between Allah and His servant, which begins from birth to death, rather from death to eternity, which does not end even for a moment, and man, even if he is in the form of a drop of water, Whether he is in the mother's womb or outside, whether he is a child, young or old, no one can be deprived of the pleasure and love of Allah at any moment.⁴¹

So, from the above facts, it is known that the religion of Islam, which is the last religion of Allah

In this, the teachings of the Prophet (ﷺ) are so free of errors interpreting spiritual facts with the words of material and physical metaphors has been avoided, It is for this reason that Islam has not called man as son and God as father, but Islam has called God as Rab and Father as Abba, and according to Islam, Allah Almighty is not the father of the whole world but Rab.⁴²

Conclusion

In this book Allama Barkatullah try to prove university of Christianity with self-expounding of Quran with presentation of fabricated hadiths.

It is proved by the teaching of Bible the religion of Christianity was revealed only for specific nation and people.

Religion of Christianity teachings are incomplete, consisting of a few basic beliefs and moral teachings and methods of worship is also not found in this religion.

Islam is a complete code of life and the revelation of the Qur'an is for all mankind.

The concept of "Rab" is consummate in each aspect therefore Quran use this word for Allah.

There are many defects create in the word "Ab," therefore the Qur'an has avoided the use of this word.

Using for Allah word "Ab" a large number of Christian filled in astray.

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