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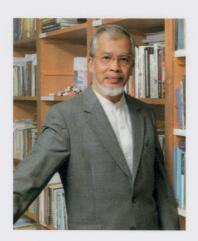
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CHAPTER 2 looks into the details of "Electricity and Magnetism", the interplay between the two, the generation of electricity and the various applications of electro-magnetism. This is followed by the subject of light, a form of energy in the family of electromagnetic radiation. Included in the discussions on light is colour, and sight – the God-given aperture that lets us perceive the beautiful world that He created.

The discussions on energy continues in CHAPTER 3 with the theme "Chemical Thermodynamics, Kinetics and Equilibria", providing the foundation for understanding chemical thermodynamics and kinetics, with a thorough treatment on rates of reactions. The subject of equilibrium ensues, where the reader is brought to realise the dynamism and universality of equilibrium apparent in every level of cosmic existence as a Sign (*Ayah*) of the grandeur of the plan, order, and intelligence of Allah's creativeness, artistry and impeccable design. The chapter concludes with a brief qualitative reflection on entropy.



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