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(QUR'ANIC METHODOLOGY) IN DEALING WITH OTHERS: AN EXEGETICAL ANALYSIS OF SELECTED VERSES

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1- Al-Qur'ān – The Divine Source of Knowledge:

## Al-Qur'an - The Divine Source of Knowledge

### METHODOLOGY IN DEALING WITH OTHERS

The construction of a Transcendental-Moderate-Exemplary Methodology that enables people to deal with each other with respect, love and care, requires a genuine Source of Knowledge revealed by Allah S.W.T. through which He responds to the calls of His creatures.

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### Al-Qur'ān claims itself to be:

- a **Heavenly Book**: “﴿بَلْ هُوَ قُرْآنٌ مَّجِيدٌ \* فِي لَوْحٍ مَّحْفُوظٍ﴾ (البروج: 22-21) – ‘Nay, this is a Glorious Qur'ān, (Inscribed) in a Tablet Preserved! (Lauḥin Maḥfūz)’” (al-Burūj: 21-22),
- a **Preserved and Vouchsafed Book by Allah S.W.T.:** “﴿إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ﴾ (الحجر: 9) – ‘We have, without doubt, sent down the Message; and We will assuredly guard it (from corruption)’” (al-Hijr: 9.).

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**Al-Qur'ān claims itself to be:**

- a **Revealed Divine Guidance aiming at:**
- -1. **PEOPLE:** “﴿هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ﴾ (البقرة: 185)” - guidance for mankind” [al-Baqarah: 185], but most of them do not treat it justly. Allah S.W.T. says: ﴿وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَا لِلنَّاسِ فِي هَٰذَا الْقُرْآنِ مِن كُلِّ مَثَلٍ فَأَبَى أَكْثَرُ﴾ (الإسراء: 89) – ‘And We have explained to men, in this Qur’an, every kind of similitude: yet the greater part of men refuse (to receive it) except with ingratitude!’ (al-Isrā’: 89).
- - 2. **PIOUS/RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE:** “﴿هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ﴾ (البقرة: 2)” – ‘guidance for pious people’” [al-Baqarah: 2].

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According to *al-Qur'ān*, **PIOUS/RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE** are neither those who have greatest house, nor those with biggest clan; rather they are **God-conscious people** with:

***al-Imān*** [firm conviction in the six articles of Islamic Creed:

الإيمان بالله - *al-Imān bil-Allāh* – conviction in Allah (s.w.t.);

الإيمان بالملائكة - *al-Imān bil-Malāikah* – conviction in the Angels;

الإيمان بالكتب - *al-Imān bil-Kutub* – conviction in Revealed Books;

الإيمان بالرسول - *al-Imān bil-Rusul* – conviction in Messengers;

الإيمان بيوم الآخرة - *al-Imān bil-Yawm al-Ākhir* – conviction in the Last Day; and

الإيمان بالقدر خيره وشره - *al-Imān bil-Qadar* *Khayrihi wa Sharrihi* - conviction in the Predestination its good and evil], and

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*al-'A'māl al-Ṣāliḥ* [righteous deeds in the application of the five articles of *al-Islām*:

**الشهادة - al-Shahādah** –  
witnessing that there  
is no god but Allah  
S.W.T. and  
Muḥammad  
(p.b.u.h.) is His  
Messenger;

**الصلاة - al-Ṣalāḥ**  
– obligatory  
five daily  
prayers;

**الزكاة - al-Zakāh**  
– obligatory  
alms or  
charity;

**الصيام - al-  
Ṣiyām** –  
obligatory  
fasting; and

**الحج - al-Ḥajj** –  
obligatory  
pilgrimage to *al-  
Ka'bah*, for those  
who can afford it in  
their life time.

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**What makes  
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Qur'ān  
different from  
previous  
revelations?**

*Al-Qur'ān* as the final Revelation from Allah S.W.T. to all mankind:

1. **confirms** the previous revelations,
2. **puts an end** to the Office of Prophethood and Messengerhood, and
3. **claims** to be a Comprehensive Source of Knowledge.

According to *al-Qur'ān*, the most important revelations revealed by Allah S.W.T. to mankind are:

1. *al-Tawurāh* [the Law of Moses (p.b.u.h.)],
2. *al-Zabūr* [the Psalms of David (p.b.u.h.)],
3. *al-Injīl* [the Gospel of Jesus (p.b.u.h.)], and
4. *al-Qur'ān* [the Qur'ān of Muḥammad (p.b.u.h.)].

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Allah S.W.T. says:

﴿نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَأَنزَلَ التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنجِيلَ﴾ (آل عمران: 3)

“It is He Who sent down to thee (step by step), in truth, the Book [the Qur'an], confirming what went before it; and He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this,...” (Āl-‘Imrān: 3)

﴿وَرَبُّكَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَن فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَقَدْ فَضَّلْنَا بَعْضَ النَّبِيِّينَ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ وَآتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ زَبُورًا﴾ (الإسراء: 55)

“And it is your Lord that knoweth best all beings that are in the heavens and on earth: We did bestow on some prophets more (and other) gifts than on others: and We gave to David (the gift of) the Psalms.” (al-Isrā': 55)

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### 2- The Selected Qur'ānic Methodologies:

القرآن - al-  
Qur'ān  
addresses a  
unique  
methodology:

- to be **used by** every Muslim and especially the learned scholars, while dealing with the study of other religions,
- that **inspires** them to respond fairly to the claims of others (non-Muslims) about the Real Truth – The Reality about the Creator, Allah (s.w.t.) and the Creatures – every being created by Allah (s.w.t.), the Creator / **الحقيقة** عن الخالق والمخلوق
- that is of **different nature** based on its use. Therefore, the discussion will be on descriptive, objective, analytical, critical, comparative, argumentative, and travelogue methods.

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**1. DESCRIPTIVE:** It is used by *al-Qur'an* in verses that describe things, situations, people, communities, beliefs, places, etc.

**Example:**

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالصَّابِئِينَ وَالنَّصَارَى وَالْمَجُوسَ وَالَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْصِلُ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ﴾ (الحج: 17)

“Those who believe (in the Qur'ān and they are Muslims), those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Sabians, Christians, Magians, and Polytheists-Allah will judge between them on the Day of Judgment: for Allah is witness of all things.” (Al-Ḥaj: 17)

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**2. ANALYTICAL:** It is used by *al-Qur'an* in verses to investigate an issue with the purpose of identifying what is what and also why - to make the message addressed very clear.

**Example:**

﴿أَمْ اتَّخَذُوا آلِهَةً مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ هُمْ يُنشِرُونَ \* لَوْ كَانَ فِيهِمَا آلِهَةٌ إِلَّا اللَّهُ لَفَسَدَتَا فَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ﴾ (الأنبياء: 21-22)

‘Or have they taken (for worship) gods from the earth who can raise (the dead)? If there had been in the heavens and the earth other gods beside Allah, then surely both would have gone to disorder and ruin.’ (21:21-22)

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**3. CRITICAL:** It is used by *al-Qur'an* to point out errors and then provide the correct assessment and justification, i.e., the situation of the Torah of Jews and the Gospels of Christians - modified by their scholars.

#### Example:

﴿فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَكْتُبُونَ الْكِتَابَ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ ثُمَّ يَقُولُونَ هَذَا مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ لِيَشْتَرُوا بِهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا فَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا كَتَبَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا يَكْسِبُونَ﴾ (البقرة: 79)

“Then woe to those who write the Book with their own hands, and then say: ‘This is from Allah,’ to traffic with it for miserable price!- Woe to them for what their hands do write, and for the gain they make thereby.” (al-Baqarah: 79)

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**4. COMPARATIVE:** It is used by *al-Qur'an* in many verses in dealing with two different issues, i.e., the light and the darkness, the day and the night; or with groups of people, such as the believers and the disbelievers, etc. - to understand two different cases standing against each other (i.e., particularities).

#### Example:

﴿قُلْ لَّا يَسْتَوِي الْحَيْثُ وَالطَّيِّبُ وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَكَ كَثْرَةُ الْحَيْثِ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ﴾ (المائدة: 100)

“Say: ‘Not equal are things that are bad and things that are good, even though the abundance of the bad may dazzle thee; so fear Allah, O ye that understand; that (so) ye may prosper.’” (al-Maidah: 100)

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**5. ARGUMENTATIVE:** It is used by *al-Qur'an* in verses dealing with people who are prevailed by their arrogance and ego, which do not allow them to show any kind of interest in searching for or knowing of the Revealed Truth with certainty. Arguing with what is best is the Qur'anic approach.

**Example:**

﴿ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ﴾ (فصلت: 33-35)  
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“Repel (Evil) with what is better: then will he between whom and thee was hatred become as if he was thy friend and intimate!” (Fuṣilat: 33-35).

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**6. TRAVELOGUE:** It is used by *al-Qur'ān* in verses, where Allah S.W.T. commands the disbelievers (Arabs) to travel through the earth and see what happened to those before them, who rejected the Truth - change takes place by dealing with the reality face-to-face.

**Example:**

﴿أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَتَكُونَ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ يَعْقِلُونَ بِهَا أَوْ آذَانٌ يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا فَإِنَّهَا لَا تَعْمَى الْأَبْصَارُ وَلَكِنْ تَعْمَى الْقُلُوبُ الَّتِي فِي الصُّدُورِ﴾ (الحج: 46)

‘Do they not travel through the land, so that their hearts (and minds) may thus learn wisdom and their ears may thus learn to hear? Truly it is not the eyes that are blind, but the Hearts which are in their breasts.’ (22:46)

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**7. OBJECTIVE:**

- it denotes **fair and just approach** in dealing with others and especially in the study of their religion(s),
- it is used to **investigate** the teachings of other religions/belief systems/ideologies as **they are even** if there is disagreement with it,
- it requires **fair investigation**, where the survey is done with sincere intention and endurance, and
- it does allow **violation** towards the rights of others and especially towards the inner feelings of others related with their religious identity.

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**7. OBJECTIVE:**

- *Al-Qur'ān* uses this method in verses directly and indirectly.

**Example:**

Allah (s.w.t.) says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهَالَةٍ فَتُصِحُّوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ﴾ (الحجرات: 6)

“O ye who believe! *If a wicked person comes to you with any news, ascertain the truth, lest ye harm people unwittingly, and afterwards become full of repentance for what ye have done.*” (al-Ḥujurāt: 6)

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**THE MESSAGE OF THIS VERSE:**

- is **addressed** to THE BELIEVERS (the Muslims) who believe in the Revealed Truth,
- **commands** them to be ascertained about any information presented to them (an evil/impious person) before taking a decision, and
- **shows** to them appropriate steps in order to get the authentic information from the news brought by such people.

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**INTERPRETATIVE ANALYSIS:**

THE BELIEVER (Muslim) is commanded by Allah S.W.T. in the light of this verse to:

**Firstly, investigate the news delivered to him/her. Why?**

- it enables the receiver (a Muslim) to control his emotions and feelings, as well as to avoid the possibility of causing harm to anyone because of ignorance,
- this process is done through a proper observation of the received news followed by appropriate description,
- it allows him to face the reality about the news reported to him,
- it makes him to avoid the possibility of distortion of news, and
- it ensures him certainty towards the collected information related to the presented (false) news.

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**Secondly, maintain justice in his final judgement. Why?**

- it enables him to avoid the regret or shame that may arise from a wrong decision,
- it allows him to develop a balanced view about the news, where injustice is avoided easily,
- it ensures him protection of his character and personality,
- it helps him to manage the situation in appropriate manner,
- it makes him to maintain a good relationship with those related with the given-news, and
- it will make him to prevent the happening of a harm related to both parties involved in the news.

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**WISDOM BEHIND THE USE OF OBJECTIVE METHOD:**

Every person who would like to use objective method in the investigation of false news presented by unreliable sources, he/she has to:

1. collect all the information related to the given-news from reliable sources;
2. investigate all the provided information before making a decision;
3. avoid the fabrication, alteration, or distortion of the facts while collecting the data about the presented news, and
4. be fair and just while dealing with the justification of such news.

**ARE WE READY TO FOLLOW THESE STEPS?**

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## 4- Conclusion:

## CONCLUSION

1. *al-Qur'ān* as the Divine Source of Knowledge offers unique methodologies in dealing with others, namely: descriptive, objective, analytical, critical, comparative, argumentative, and travelogue,
2. the **analysis of objective method** provides the best sample to deal with other methodologies,
3. the study on *al-Manhaj al-Qur'ānī* in the light of exegetical analysis of selected *Qur'anic* verses has to be understood and used by all people and especially Muslims, as it:
  - **enables** them to harmonize their feelings, thoughts, expressions, and attitudes,
  - **assists** them to use appropriate approaches in the study of other religions, cultures, civilizations, traditions, customs, and ideologies,
  - **helps** them to avoid in advance any chances that lead to conflicts and enmity, and
  - **provides guidelines** for establishing good relationships in the light of mutual respect and better understanding.

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شكرا جزيلاً

THANK YOU VERY MUCH