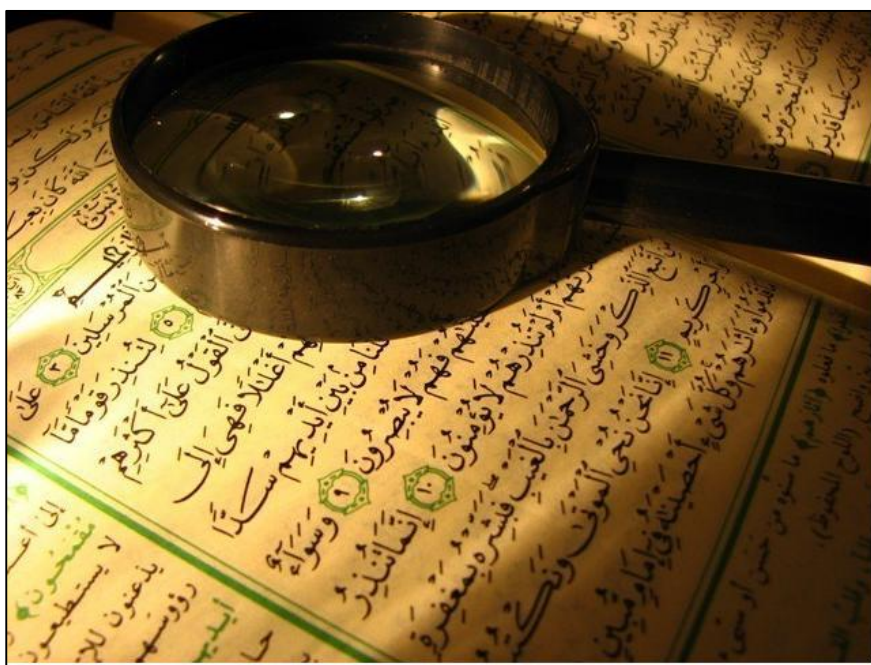




AL KITAB
The Renaissance Project

Science and the Quran

Volume 1



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Volume 1: An Introduction

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Volume 1 of Al Kitab is entitled “Science and the Quran”. The purpose of this Volume is to investigate the Quran’s observations that pertain to the Universe, Earth, and some of the organisms living on this planet, and compare these to modern scientific findings. In doing so, I hope to highlight one of the Quran’s most fascinating features; the presence of advanced scientific knowledge within its verses that was not known to man during the time of its composition.

The Volume is divided into three parts. Part 1 “The Universe” (Chapters 2 to 7) looks at the Universe’s inception, its future, the formation of stars, black holes and pulsars, time, and our own Sun and Moon. Part 2 “Earth” (Chapter 8 to 11) investigates the atmosphere, tectonic plates, and water. Finally, Part 3 “Life” (Chapters 12 to 14) highlights findings on human birth and fetal development, the human brain, and animals.

What Makes This Book Different?

There have been many books published in the Arab world that attempted to highlight the advanced scientific knowledge present in the Quran. Unfortunately, much of the literature has failed to attract a strong audience due to a number of challenges, some of which include:

- The majority of literature is published in Arabic, thus limiting accessibility to non-Arabic speakers
- Publications are lengthy and complex which have deterred many from reading about the subject
- Some publications are characterized by inaccurate facts and unproven assumptions. Such instances have deterred readers and impacted the credibility of studies.
- The majority of publications target devout Muslims. As such, many of the conclusions made by authors are based on their convictions and religious assumptions which may not be shared by other readers.

Volume One of Al Kitab attempts to remedy these errors through a number of ways. First, most of the **chapters in this book don’t exceed a few pages. The scientific information is also simplified** to allow readers to grasp its main concepts with ease. Second, **chapters are edited and reviewed by experts in their fields** to ensure that the information presented is correct and relevant. Finally, while it is often impossible to be entirely objective in matters of faith, I have done my best **to present facts objectively**, presenting theories and relations which can be backed by considerable evidence.

Having established the perimeters of this study, I now direct your attention to the Methodology used in this Volume and Part 1 of Al Kitab: the Universe.