

Question of the Day

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Question #4

Scientists discovered that Oxygen levels are reduced as we go higher in elevations. Which ayah in the Quran describes this phenomenon? Who is the Ayah talking about?

Masha'Allah Participation is picking up and all the responses were right on target. Great job from all the participants.

The Ayah as everyone is Ayah #125 from Surah Al Ana'm.

فَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَهْدِيَهُ يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يُضِلَّهُ يَجْعَلْ صَدْرَهُ ضَيِّقًا حَرَجًا كَأَنَّمَا يَصَّعْدُ فِي السَّمَاءِ كَذَلِكَ يَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ الرِّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ (125)

So whoever Allah wants to guide - He expands his breast to [contain] Islam; and whoever He wants to misguide - He makes his breast tight and constricted as though he were climbing into the sky. Thus does Allah place defilement upon those who do not believe.

Allah SWT says in Surah Fussilat:

سَرِّبِهِمْ آيَاتِنَا فِي الْأَفَاقِ وَفِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ حَتَّىٰ يَتَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِ بِرَبِّكَ أَنَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ

We will show them Our signs in the horizons and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that it is the truth. But is it not sufficient concerning your Lord that He is, over all things, a Witness?

Allah SWT mentions that he will show people the signs such as the phenomenon of Oxygen being reduced in higher elevations. The prophet PBUH had no way of knowing that Oxygen level are reduced in higher elevations. So, how did he know that? This is so that people will know that this Quran is from Allah SWT and believe in it. The Quran contains many signs, some are scientific, some are Medical, some are linguistic and so on, so that people can believe that this is the truth from Allah SWT. The Quran is not intended to be a science book, rather a book to teach us about Allah SWT and how to live life with justice, and that the signs in it are to help us believe that it is from Allah SWT and no one else.

The Ayah from Surah Al Ana'm describes the condition of two types of people, those whom Allah guides and those who are misguided and how their hearts/chests are tight and constricted due to them not having the guidance from Allah SWT. It's a clear indication that Islam is the way, and without it, one would be a stray living life with no purpose. May Allah guide us to the straight path and keep us away from Kufr.