Question #23 5-16-2020

Allah SWT says in Surah Al Waqiah Ayah 75 and Ayah 76:

فَلَا أُقْسِمُ مِهَوَاقِعِ النُّجُومِ (75) وَإِنَّهُ لَقَسَمٌ لَّوْ تَعْلَمُونَ عَظِيمٌ (76)

Then I swear by the setting of the stars, And indeed, it is an oath - if you could know - [most] great.

Allah SWT swore by the settings (locations) of the stars, but not by the starts. What is the significance of the locations of the stars?

AssalamuAlaikum,

Information contained in question 23 makes you appreciate the creation of Allah and the miracles that exist that Al Quran described 1441 years ago.

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In this Ayah, Allah swears by the location of the starts and not the stars. When we talk about stars, there are two things. The star it self an the light it emits. We realize the star by the light it emits. Everything in the universe is moving at a certain speed. For example, the moon rotates around earth at a speed of 2,288 miles per hour. Earth rotates around the sun by a speed of 67,000 miles per hour. The sun itself rotates around the galaxy at about 450,000 per hour, or 200 Kilometer per second. One can imagine if the sun is moving at this speed, then after light is emitted from the sun, the sun has already moved. And as we know it takes the sun light 8 minutes to reach earth, and so at the speed of the sun, where would the sun be, or how many miles has it moved after sunlight has been emitted? Therefore the significance here is in the location of the sun rather than the sun itself.

On a much higher scale, the farthest star the Hubble telescope has been able to discover so far is Icarus. Icarus is 9 Billion light years way. This means that this star's light has been traveling for 9 billion light years. This also tells us about the age of the universe. This star probably existed when the universe was created (Allah knows best). So, the star has moved for 9 billion light years after it's light was emitted. We can't comprehend where would the star be at this point after we were able to see the light after 9 billion light years. Subhan Allah!!

The life span of stars range between 1 to 10 billion light years. This means Icarus probably has already exploded and vanished while it's light is still traveling (Allah knows best)

In summary, the location of the stars is of great significance as the Quran mentions in the great ayah above.