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Is the Quran God's words?

(Muhammad's words/the angels/invocation /praising/blessing/thanking)

The author : Father Zakaria Boutros The publisher: <u>www.fatherzakaria.com</u> In the quran there are verses telling that its words are the inspired God's words like:

- 1) The Cattle chapter(Surat Al-An'am) 19:" this Quran has been revealed to me"
- 2) The Cave chapter (Surat Al-Kahf):" It has been inspired to me"
- 3) The Star chapter (Surat An-Najm) "it is only an Inspiration that is inspired."

1) Muhammad's words:

The Islamic encyclopaedia, part, page 8166, 8167 under the title (Muhammad and the quran): According to the Muslims Sunnah, there are quran verses telling that the wards of the quran are the inspired God's words, where Al-mighty God is the speaker and Muhammad is the receiver, but there are other quran verses having another indications, In them it seems that Muhammad is the speaker: as <u>the darkening chapter (Surat At-Takwir)</u> 15-21 and <u>The Splitting chapter (Surat Al-Inshiqaaq)</u> 16

There are other verses like:

1) The Cattle chapter (Surat Al-An'am) 104:"I am not a watcher over you"

2) The Cattle chapter (Surat Al-An'am) 114: "Shall I seek a judge other than Allah"

3) <u>Hud chapter (Surat Hud) 2</u>:" worship none but Allah. Verily, <u>I am</u> unto you from him a Warner and a bringer of glad tidings. Then <u>I fear</u> for you the torment of a Great Day"

4) <u>The ants chapter (Surat An-Naml) 91</u>:" <u>I have been</u> commanded only to worship the Lord of this city... And I am commanded to be from among the Muslims"

5) The ants chapter (Surat An-Naml) 92:" I have been commanded to recite the Quran"

6) <u>Consultation Chapter (Surat Ash-Shura) 10</u>:" Such is Allah, <u>my Lord</u> in whom <u>I put</u> my trust,"

So if they were God' words, he wouldn't say the verses as if he is the speaker, it is Muhammad who is speaking words of his own

Al-Tabry explained that saying, it seems that God is saying" O Muhammad say I am so and so" but that's irrational as how could anyone dare to insert words not actually present in the text into the verses, and what about those words inserted, do they exist in the preserved tablet before the beginning of time ?

2) The angels' words:

There are other verses uttered by the angels as:

1) <u>Mary chapter (Surat Maryam) 64</u>:"And we (angels) descend not except by the Command of your Lord"

The annotators said: narrated Ibn Abbas: Gabriel was delayed to come onto the messenger of God, so the messenger mourned, and then Gabriel came to Muhammad and told him "we descend not except by the Command of your Lord"(the verse)

Narrated Mugahed: the messengers (angels) was late to come onto the messenger of God, then Gabriel came to him lately, Muhammad asked him: why you are so late?, he replied how can we came while you are not trimming your nails and moustaches and cleaning your teeth using miswak (an old traditional Arabic way of teeth brushing using piece of wood used by Muhammad and the people of his time) and" we descend not except by the Command of your Lord" (the verse)

I am wondering why the angels couldn't come to Muhammad, because he was not brushing his teeth and trimming his nails, were they disgusted? is that a reason for them to be late for him?

2) <u>The Ranks chapter (Surat As-Saffaat) 164-166:</u>" There is not one of us (angels), but has his known position, we stand in rows for the prayers. We are they who glorify"

Al-Galaleen said: Gabriel said to the prophet: we the angels have a certain dignified rank in heaven worshiping God within that and not exceeding it, so angels were speaking by themselves in those verses and they are not the inspired words of God (that was also mentioned in (the perfection in the quran sciences) by Al-Syouty)

Where all of those from the verse" it is only an Inspiration that is inspired."

So being the words of God they should not be said by Muhammad or the angels

4) Words with no message:

The Islamic encyclopaedia mentioned in page 8166:' the analysis of the quran 's text is showing that it is much more complicated in the oldest verses of the quran, as they show no minor evidence of any message from God to people as:

<u>The sun chapter (Surat Ash-Shams)(91)</u>:"(And by the sun and its brightness; And by the moon as it follows it, And by the day as it shows up brightness; And by the night as it conceals it, And by the heaven and him who built it; And by the earth and him who spread it, . And by *Nafs* (soul), and him who perfected him"

<u>The Striking Hour chapter (Surat Al-Qari'ah) (101):</u>" Al-Qari'ah (the striking (Hour). What is Al-Qari'ah and what will make you know what Al-Qari'ah is? It is a Day whereon mankind will be like moths scattered about,. And the mountains will be like carded wool, Then as for him whose balance will be heavy, He will live a pleasant life, But as for him whose balance will be light, He will have his home in *Hawiyah* (Hell). And what will make you know what it is? It is a hot blazing Fire"

<u>Afternoon chapter (Surat Al-Asr) (103)</u>:" Man is in loss, and recommends one another to the truth and recommends one another to patience"

<u>Rivalry chapter (Surat At-Takaathur)(102)</u>:" Gross rivalry diverts you, even till you visit the graves. Nay! You shall come to know. Again, Nay! You shall come to know. Nay! If

you knew with a sure knowledge. You shall see the blazing Fire, and again, you shall see it with certainty of sight! Then, on that Day, you shall be asked about the delight"

4) Invocation words:

The Islamic encyclopedia mentioned in page 8246:' there are words in the quran taking the pattern of invocation like:

<u>The opening chapter (Surat Al-Fatihah)</u>:"<u>In the Name of Allah</u>, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. All the praises and thanks be to Allah, you <u>we wors</u>hip, and you <u>we ask for help, guide</u> us to the straight Way"

Could God say in the name of himself?

And could God say: "we worship" and ask for help and ask for guide to himself?

5) Praising words:

The Islamic encyclopedia mentioned also verses containing praising words

<u>Friday chapter (Surat Al-Jumu'ah) 1</u>:"Whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on the earth <u>glorifies</u> Allah,"

<u>The Narration chapter (Surat Al-Qasas)</u>:"And your Lord creates whatsoever He wills and chooses....<u>Glorified be Allah</u>, and exalted above all that they associate as partners"

The Ranks chapter (Surat As-Saffaat) 180:" Glorified be your Lord, the Lord of Honor and Power"

<u>Ya-Sin chapter (Surat Ya-Sin) 36</u>:"<u>Glory be to Him</u>, Who has created all the pairs of that which the earth produces"

<u>The Adornments chapter (Surat Az-Zukhruf) 82</u>:"<u>Glorified be the Lord</u> of the heavens and the earth"

So does God glorify and praise himself? Those words are not definitely the words of God

And that was also mentioned in the Islamic encyclopedia

6) Blessing words

The Islamic encyclopedia also mentioned in page 8247 some quran verses with blessing frame as "Blessed be Allah" as:

The Heights chapter (Surat Al-A'raf) 54: "Blessed be Allah, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (all that exists)"

The Believers chapter (Surat Al-Mu'minun) 14:" So blessed be Allah, the Best of creators."

The Dominion chapter (Surat Al-Mulk) 1:" Blessed is He in Whose Hand is the dominion"

Also in the chapters of The Forgiver (Surat Ghafir) and The Criterion chapter (Surat Al-Furgan) it was mentioned" <u>blessed be Allah</u>"

So could the speaker in those verses be God himself and he is blessing himself??

Or it must be the words of human who is blessing God

7) Thanking words

Also according to the Islamic encyclopedia there are verses with thanking frame as

The opening chapter (Surat Al-Fatihah):"All the praises and thanks be to Allah"

<u>The Originator of Creation chapter (Surat Fatir) 1</u>:" All the praises and <u>thanks</u> be to Allah, the Originator of the heavens and the earth"

Also in other chapters like the cattle chapter (Surat Al-An'am), the cave chapter (Surat Al-Kahf) and Saba' chapter (Surat Saba') there are verses with that thanking frame

And thanks can't be the words of God as he couldn't thank himself

So in conclusion, not all of the words of the quran are God's words