

Lesson 22

continuation of Verse [57:3]

Also, الأول: He is the cause of the being of everything, and nothing has caused its existence.

الآخر: Everything has an end except Him.

يُظْهِرُ : to appear ; to emerge

يُظَاهِرُ عَلَى : to overpower ; to overcome

ظَاهِرٌ : Apparent ; Evident

ظَهَرَ : [past tense] ظَهْرٌ (n) : back ; ظُهُورٌ (pl.)

ظُهُورٌ : Appearance

يُخْفِي / يُخْفِي : to conceal ; to hide

أَخْفَى / أَخْفَى : [past tense]

باطن : Internal medicine ; طبِّ بَاطِنٍ / Interior , inward

بَطْنٌ (n) : abdomen ← بَطُونٌ (pl.)

يَعْلَمُ : to know / يَعْلَمُ : to teach / يَتَعَلَّمُ : to study

عَلِمَ : [p.t.] عَلَّمَ : [p.t.] تَعَلَّمَ : [p.t.]

عَالِمٌ : Scholar, scientist ← عَالِمٌ : exaggeration form

لَهُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ
ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ [57:4/a]

"It is He who created the heavens and the earth in six Days, then seated Himself on the throne..." [57:4/a]

• سِتَّةٌ / سِتَّةٌ : six [سِتُّونَ / سِتِّينَ : sixty]

• يومٌ : day أسْبُوعٌ : week شَهْرٌ : month عَامٌ : year
أَيَّامٌ [pl.] أَسَابِيعٌ [pl.] شَهُورٌ [pl.] أَعْوَامٌ [pl.]

[Note: Also, year: سِنَةٌ with plural as {سِنُونٌ / سِنِينَ} {سِنَوَاتٌ}]

• يَسْتَوِي : to sit firmly on ← اسْتَوَى [past tense]

• اسْتِوَاءٌ : straightness; levelness [خَطُّ الِاسْتِوَاءِ : The Equator]
Line

• يَسْوِي : to level ← سَوَى [past tense]

• سَوِيٌّ : right, correct, proper; straight; level

• عَرْشٌ : Throne

Notes : (i) The "Days" here denotes periods of time whether extremely short or extremely long. It does not refer to the 24-hour day of the worldly earth.

(ii) When Imam Malik Ibn Anas was asked about "اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ", he said, "الاستواء" (i.e. its literal meaning) is well-known; but "How" (i.e. its manner) is unknown; and believing in it is required; and asking about it is innovating (بدعة)

"الاستواء معلوم، واللبس مجهول، والبيان به واجب،
والسؤال عنه بدعة"

This is the position that Muslim must take [i.e. accepting] without questioning how) regarding all what Allah SWT described Himself as

"يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلِجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا" [57:4/b]

"He knows all that enters [or penetrates into] the earth and all that comes out of it, and that comes down from the sky and all that goes up to it" [57:4/b]

يَلِجُ فِي : to enter into (something narrow) ← وَلَجَ : [past tense]

يَخْرُجُ : to come out / to exit ← خَرَجَ : [past tense]

خُرُوجٌ : exiting / مَخْرَجٌ : an exit / مَخَارِجٌ : [pl.]

مِنْهَا = مِنْ + هَا
From it (The earth)

يَنْزِلُ = to come down, to descend ← نَزَلَ : [past tense]

يُنزِلُ = to send down ← أَنْزَلَ : [past tense]

يَعْرُجُ : to go up; to ascend ← عَرَجَ : [past tense]

فِيهَا : فِي + هَا
in (it (The sky)) →

المِعْرَاجُ : The Prophet's ascent to Heavens