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Why is the Qur'an a Miracle?

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What is a Miracle?

The logical coherent definition of a miracle is,

“Events which lie outside the productive capacity of nature”

What this means is that miracles are acts of impossibilities concerning causal or logical connections.

Illustration

In the philosophy of science it is common to say that there is a natural law if events of kind A cause events of kind B *if and only if* an event of type A, is always followed by an event of kind B. For example, planet earth's rotation on its axis causes the different times of day. The event A - *the earth rotating on its axis* - will cause event B - *different times of day* - and due to the fact that the rotation of earth is *always* followed by the change in time; then it is a natural law.

A miracle, in the case of the above illustration, is the time of day changing *regardless* of the earth rotating on its axis. This is due to the fact that the changing of the time of day cannot be explained naturally if the earth ceases to rotate; as it has become certain the time of day changes due to the rotation of earth – and nothing else. Therefore, the change of time in this context is beyond the productive capacity of nature.

Why is the Qur'an a Miracle?

Similarly the Qur'an is miraculous because the literary and linguistic nature of the Qur'anic text transcends the productive capacity of the nature of the Arabic language. The productive capacity of nature, concerning the Arabic language, is that any author who attempts to express themselves in the Arabic tongue will always have their speech or text categorised as the known literary and linguistic expressions. What makes the Qur'an a miracle is that it is outside the productive capacity of the nature of the Arabic language. This is due to its,

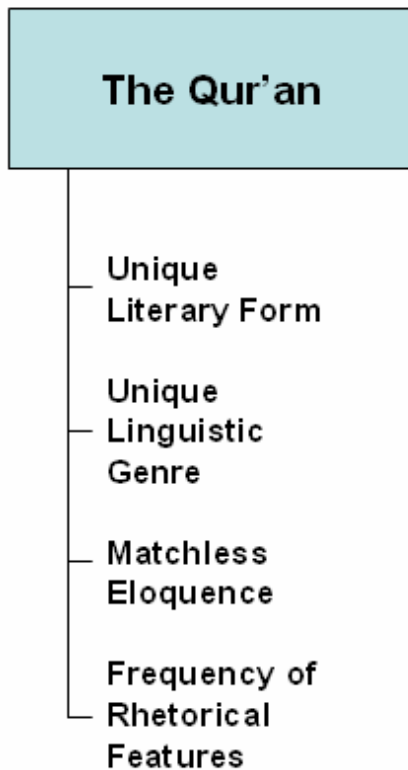
- Unique literary form
- Unique genre
- Matchless eloquence
- Frequency of rhetorical features

Any Arabic text producer or author can only express themselves within the established linguistic and literary principles that defines the scope of the Arabic language. A totally unique expression, other than the known Arabic literary and linguistic constructions, cannot be explained naturally; as the productive capacity of the nature of Arabic language are the known expressions called prose and poetry.

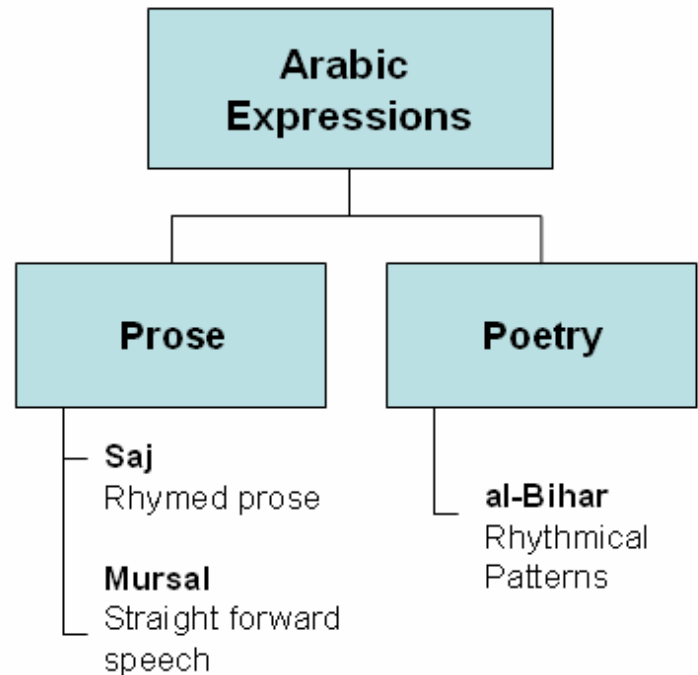
The Qur'an is a miracle as its expression cannot have occurred naturally, as natural Arabic linguistic and literary expressions – regardless of variation and type – are known and have been repeated for millennia. The Qur'an however has not been imitated and is a unique expression. This impossibility cannot be explained naturalistically; hence a supernatural explanation is the only coherent explanation for this impossible Arabic literary and linguistic expression – the Qur'an.

Schematic

Outside the productive capacity of the nature Arabic language



The productive capacity of the nature Arabic language



Summary

1. Any expression of the of Arabic language falls into its known literary forms of prose or poetry.
2. Prose and poetry are inside the productive capacity of the nature of the Arabic language.
3. The Qur'an is unique and does not fit into the known divisions of the Arabic language.
4. Therefore the Quran is not inside the productive capacity of the nature of the Arabic language.

This website provides detailed evidence that the first three points are true; therefore the conclusion mentioned in point 4 logically follows.

If the Qur'an is outside the productive capacity of the nature of the Arabic language, then the Qur'an is a miracle by definition.

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