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Through the Centuries

Surah Al-Ghashiyah 88 : Verse No. 17



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أَفَلَا يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَى الْإِبِلِ كَيْفَ خُلِقَتْ ﴿١٤﴾

So do they not see the camel – how it has been created?

Tafsir al-Baghawi

تفسير البغوي

{ أَفَلَا يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَى الْإِبِلِ كَيْفَ خُلِقَتْ } قَالَ أَهْلُ التَّفْسِيرِ: لَبَّأ نَعَتَ اللهُ تَعَالَى فِي هَذِهِ السُّورَةِ مَا فِي الْجَنَّةِ عَجَبٌ مِنْ ذَلِكَ أَهْلُ الْكُفْرِ وَكَدَّبُوهُ، فَذَكَرَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى صُنْعَهُ فَقَالَ: { أَفَلَا يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَى الْإِبِلِ } [مِنْ بَيْنِ سَائِرِ الْحَيَوَانَاتِ] { كَيْفَ خُلِقَتْ } وَكَانَتِ الْإِبِلُ مِنْ عَيْشِ الْعَرَبِ لَهُمْ فِيهَا مَنَافِعٌ كَثِيرَةٌ، فَلَبَّأ صَنَعَ لَهُمْ ذَلِكَ فِي الدُّنْيَا صَنَعَ لِأَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ فِيهَا مَا صَنَعَ.

The Exegetists have said: When Allah Almighty described the state of Paradise and its contents, the infidels were surprised at it and falsified it. Hence Allah Almighty reminded them of His creation and thus stated, "So do they not see the camel (among all the other animal species) how it has been created?" For the camels are valuable to the Arabs and they derive many benefits from it. So if Allah Almighty could create that for them in this world, He can certainly create for the residents of Paradise all its contents.

وَتَكَلَّمَتِ الْحُكَمَاءُ فِي وَجْهِ تَخْصِيصِ الْإِبِلِ مِنْ بَيْنِ سَائِرِ الْحَيَوَانَاتِ؛

فَقَالَ مُقَاتِلٌ: لِأَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يَرَوْا بَهِيمَةً قَطُّ أَعْظَمَ مِنْهَا، وَلَمْ [يُشَاهِدِ] الْفِيلَ إِلَّا الشَّاذُّ مِنْهُمْ.

Some wise men have mentioned as to why the camel was exclusively mentioned among all the other animal species;

Sayyiduna Muqatil - may Allah be pleased with him - said: For they had not seen an animal bigger than that. It was very rare for them to witness an elephant.

Tafsir al-Baghawi (Ma'aalim al-Tanzeel) of Muhiyy al-Sunnah Imam Abu Muhammad Al-Husain ibn Mas'ood al-Baghwi al-Shafe'i ؓ D. 510 A.H.

Tafsir al-Jalalain

تفسير الجلالين

{ أَفَلَا يَنْظُرُونَ } { أَمْ كُفَّارٌ مَكَّةَ نَظَرًا عِتْبَارًا } { إِلَى الْإِبِلِ كَيْفَ خُلِقَتْ }

Will they, the Meccan disbelievers, not consider, by way of reflection, the camels, how they are created?

Tafsir al-Jalalain of Imam Jalaaluddin Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Mahalli al-Shafe'i ؓ D. 864 A.H. and Imam Jalaaluddin Abd al-Rahman ibn Abi Bakr al-Suyooti al-Shafe'i ؓ D. 911 A.H.