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# TAFSIR OF AHLUS SUNNAH

Through the Centuries

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Surah Al-Ghashiyah 88 : Verse No. 20



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## وَإِلَى الْأَرْضِ كَيْفَ سُطِحَتْ

And the earth – how it has been spread out?

Tafsir al-Jalalain

تفسير الجلالين

{وَإِلَى الْأَرْضِ كَيْفَ سُطِحَتْ} أَى بُسِطَتْ فَيَسْتَدِلُّونَ بِهَا عَلَى قُدْرَةِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى  
وَوَحْدَانِيَّتِهِ وَصُدِّرَتْ بِالْإِبِلِ لِأَنََّّهُمْ أَشَدُّ مَلَابَسَةً لَهَا مِنْ غَيْرِهَا وَقَوْلُهُ سُطِحَتْ ظَاهِرٌ فِي  
أَنَّ الْأَرْضَ سَطْحٌ وَعَلَيْهِ عُلَمَاءُ الشَّرْعِ لَا كُرَّةَ كَمَا قَالَهُ أَهْلُ الْهَيْئَةِ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْقُضْ رُكْنَا مِنْ  
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And the earth, how it was laid out? and thus infer from this the power of Allah Almighty, and His Oneness. The commencing with the [mention of] camels is because they are closer in contact with it [the earth] than any other [animal]. As for His words, 'laid out', this on a literal reading suggests that the earth is flat, which is the opinion of most of the scholars of the [revealed] Law, and not a sphere as astronomers have it, even if this [latter] does not contradict any of the pillars of the Law.

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.