



Lesson 6 Universality of Quran

Doubt:

Verses such as the following indicate that Quran is only for the Arab:

“... وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مُبَارَكٌ مُصَدِّقُ الَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَلِتُنذِرَ أُمَّ الْقُرَى وَمَنْ حَوْلَهَا ...” (6:92)

(And this is a Book We have revealed, blessed, verifying that which is before it, and that you may warn the mother of Cities (Mecca) and those around it ...)

Answers:

1. Quran does not use the word ‘حول’ only for the nearby places.
2. Mecca is the *Qiblah* and also the center of the whole earth (the earth expanded from that area).
3. This interpretation is not compatible with the mission and tradition of the Holy Prophet ﷺ which was universal.
4. Mecca was the area where the Holy Prophet ﷺ began his mission first and not the last.
5. At the rest of the verse “والذين يؤمنون بالآخرة” includes all believers in the world.

The indicators of the universality of Quran are a lot, including:

1. The Quranic verses (in various ways)
2. Conversion of many non-Arabs to Islam, some of which were the companions of the Prophet ﷺ
3. Writing letters to many kingdoms and inviting them to Islam
4. That the Imams did not disapprove of the early conquests of Islam