



*Deciphering the Hidden Realities of
Mi'raj, 'Ascension'*

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Partial Thematic Classification of the Qur'an

(Based on A. Yusuf Ali p. 691)

<i>Addressing humanity as</i>	<i>Reference (Suras – chapters)</i>		<i>Thematic emphasis</i>
The historical human	Suras 1-7		early religious communities
The social human	Suras 8-16		Formation of the new universal community, the <i>Ummah</i>
The spiritual (individual) human	Suras 17-29	17-21	Spiritual bridging the Divine –human divide
		22-25	Rites and rituals
		26-29	linking the new universal human with its evolutionary predecessor

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سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ
الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا
حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ
(17:1)

LIMITLESS in His glory is He who transported His servant by night from the Inviolable House of Worship [at Mecca] to the Remote House of Worship [at Jerusalem] - the environs of which We had blessed - so that We might show him some of Our symbols: for, verily, He alone is all-hearing, all-seeing

(53:1) وَالنَّجْمِ إِذَا هَوَىٰ

CONSIDER this unfolding [of God's message], as it comes down
!from on high

(53:2) مَا ضَلَّ صَاحِبُكُمْ وَمَا غَوَىٰ

This fellow-man of yours has not gone astray, nor is he deluded

(53:3) وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ

:and neither does he speak out of his own desire

(53:4) إِنَّ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ

that [which he conveys to you] is but [a divine] inspiration with
– which he is being inspired

(53:5) عِلْمَهُ شَدِيدُ الْقُوَىٰ

:something that a very mighty one has imparted to him

(53:6) ذُو مَرَّةٍ فَاسْتَوَىٰ

an angel] endōwēd with surpassing power, who in time manifested]
,himself in his true shape and nature

(53:7) وَهُوَ بِالْأُفُقِ الْأَعْلَىٰ

,appearing in the horizon's loftiest part

(53:8) ثُمَّ دَنَا فَتَدَلَّىٰ

,and then drew near, and came close

(53:9) فَكَانَ قَابَ قَوْسَيْنِ أَوْ أَدْنَىٰ

.until he was but two bow-lengths away, or even nearer

(53:10) فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ مَا أَوْحَىٰ

And thus did [GóD] reveal unto His servant whatever He deemed
.right to reveal

(53:11) مَا كَذَبَ الْفُؤَادُ مَا رَأَى

:The [servant's] heart did not give the lie to what he saw

(53:12) أَفْتُمَارُونَهُ عَلَىٰ مَا يَرَى

?will you, then, contend with him as to what he saw

(53:13) وَلَقَدْ رَأَاهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَىٰ

And, indeed, he saw him a second time

(53:14) عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ

,by the lote-tree of the farthest limit

(53:15) عِنْدَهَا جَنَّةُ الْمَأْوَىٰ

.near unto the garden of promise

(53:16) **إِذْ يَغْشَى السُّدْرَةَ مَا يَغْشَى**
....with the lote-tree veiled in a veil of nameless splendour

(53:17) **مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَى**
:And withal,] the eye did not waver, nor yet did it stray]

(53:18) **لَقَدْ رَأَى مِنْ آيَاتِ رَبِّهِ الْكُبْرَى**
truly did he see some of the most profound of his Sustainer's
.symbols

(53:19) **أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ اللَّاتَ وَالْعُزَّىٰ**
HAVE YOU, then, ever considered [what you are worshipping in] Al-
,Lat and Al-Uzza

(53:20) **وَمَنَاةَ الثَّالِثَةَ الْأُخْرَىٰ**
?[as well as [in] Manat, the third and last [of this triad

(81:19) **إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ رَسُولٍ كَرِيمٍ**

behold, this [divine writ] is indeed the [inspired] word of a noble
,apostle

(81:20) **ذِي قُوَّةٍ عِنْدَ ذِي الْعَرْشِ مَكِينٍ**

with strength endowed, secure with Him who in almightiness is
enthroned

(81:21) **مُطَاعٍ ثَمَّ أَمِينٍ**

[the word] of one to be heeded, and worthy of trust]

(81:22) وَمَا صَاحِبُكُمْ بِمَجْنُونٍ

:For, this fellow-mán of yours is not a madman

(81:23) وَلَقَدْ رَأَاهُ بِالْأُفُقِ الْمُبِينِ

;he trulý beheld [the angel - beheld] him on the clear horizon

(81:24) وَمَا هُوَ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ بِضَنِينٍ

and hē is not óne to begrudge others the knowledge [of whatever has been revealed to him] out of that which is beyond the reach of .human Perception

Distanced by Time: Ibn 'Abbas Narratives

The Prophet passed away	d. 632
Ibn 'Abbas a companion of the Prophet lived 58 years longer	d. 687
Ibn Iss-haaq	d. 767
Yunus Ibn Bukayer (transmitter from Ibn Iss-haaq)	d. 814
Ibn Hishaam (transmitter from Ibn Iss-haaq)	d. 833
Ibn Sa'd (historian and biographer)	d. 845
Bukhari (<i>fiqqi</i> , theologian)	d. 870
Tirmidhi (<i>muhhaddith</i> , theologian)	d. 892

Politicized Ascension Literature I

Shi'i Scholars under the Sunni 'Abbasid dynasty

Saffar Qummi (Shi'i <i>mufassir</i>).	d. 902
Furat Kufi (Shi'i <i>mufassir</i>)	d. 912
'Ali Qummi (Shi'i <i>mufassir</i>)	d. 919
Tabari (Sunni <i>mufassir</i> , historian)	d. 923

Politicized Ascension Literature II

Sunni Scholars under the Shi'i Buyid dynasty

Ibn Hibban Sunni <i>muhaddith</i> , compiler	d. 945
Sulami Sunni <i>mufassir</i> , Sufi mystic	d. 1021
Tha'labi Sunni <i>mufassir</i>	d. 1035
Ibn Sina philosopher	d. 1037
Qushayri Sunni <i>mufassir</i> , Sufi mystic (Seljuq period)	d. 1072

The Chaos of Political Collapse

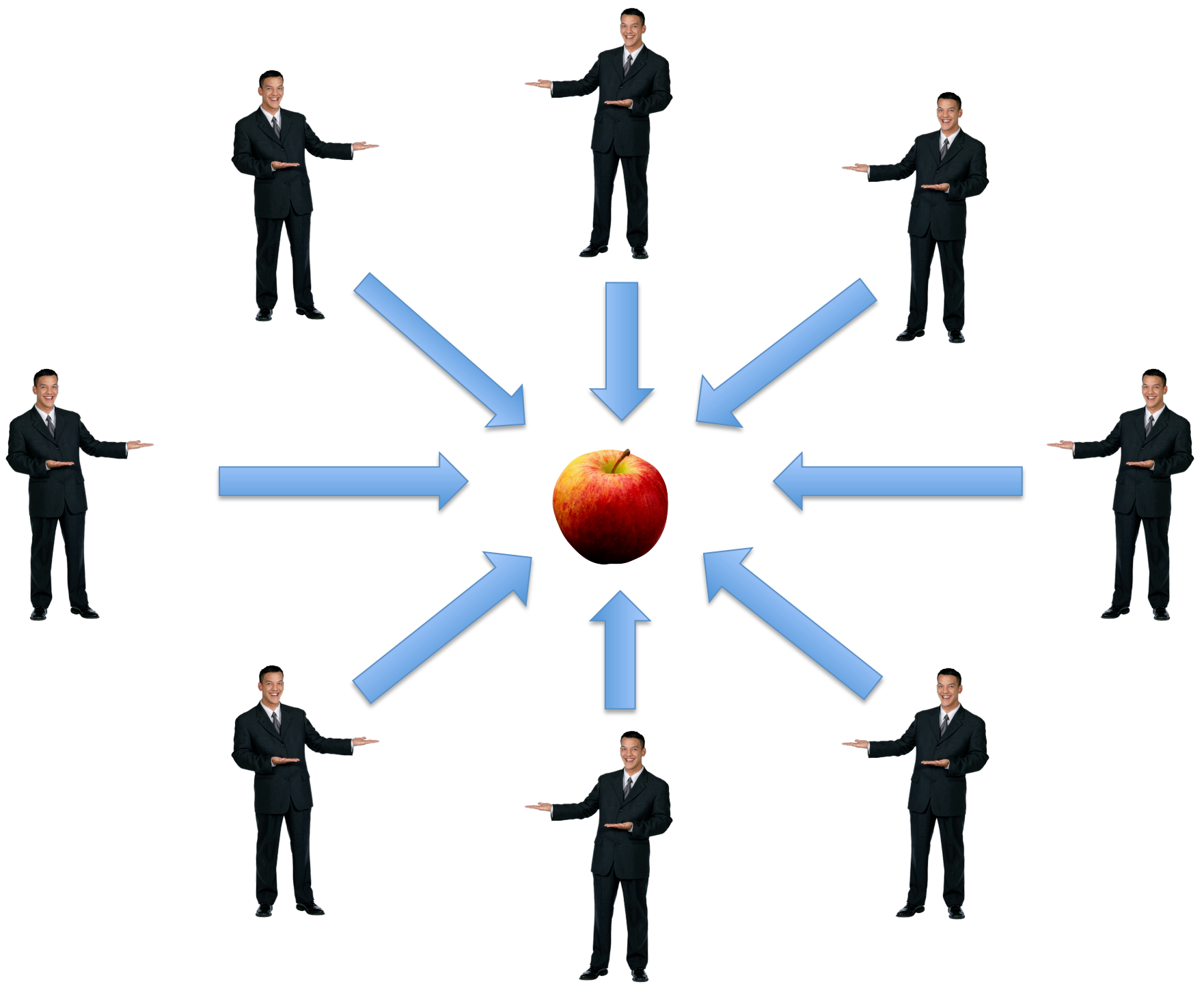
Seljuq Invasion	consolidates 1055	Abu al-Futuh Razi (Shi'i <i>mufassir</i>)	d. 1131
The Christian Crusades	begins 1099	Bakri Reshaped Version (historical Bakri)	d. 902 - 1295?
The Mongol Devastation	starts 1227	Anon. <i>Mi'rajnama</i>	Circa 1301

Adam's or Newton's



Reality Check





Perceptions of the Realms of Reality - Zaman Stanizai, Ph.D.

Western Perception of Reality	Islamic Perception of Reality				
	Perception of Visibility	Perceptions of Temporality	Para-cosmic Perception	Arabic Terminology (Transliteration)	Arabic Terminology
<i>meta physical</i>	<i>ghaib</i> غيب	The Realm of the Eternal	Divine Essence	Hahut	ماهوت
			Divine Nature	Lahut <i>'alam-i dhat, ghayb al-ghuyub, haqqiqat al haqaait</i>	لاهوت عالم ذات غيب الغيوب حقيقت الحقايق
			Spiritual Existence	Jabarrut <i>majma' al-bahrain, qab qawsain, wahidiat, 'amma</i>	جبروت مجمع البحرين قاب قوسين واحدية، عماً
		The Realm of the Infinite	The realm of likes - similitudes	'aalam al-mithaal	عالم المثال
			The Angelic Realm	Malakkut <i>'aalam al-arwah</i>	ملكوت عالم الارواح
<i>physical</i>	<i>shuhud</i> شهود	The Realm of the Finite	The realm of (all) senses	Mulk <i>shahhadat</i>	ملك شهادة
			The realm of (human) senses	Nassut,	ناسوت

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