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Prophetic Wisdom in the Quran: Bridging Divine Revelation and Universal Ethical Principles

Divine revelation (*wahy*) is central to Islamic tradition. A distinctive feature of this revelation in the Quran is its emphasis on the parallel workings of the *kitāb* (the Book) and *ḥikma* (wisdom). This integration highlights the prophets' mission to deliver divine law alongside nurturing ethical and spiritual consciousness. This integration positions wisdom as essential for contextualizing and internalizing divine commandments, bridging guidance's practical and philosophical dimensions.

The Quran explicitly attributes to all prophets the responsibility to teach both the divine law and wisdom. This pairing highlights the holistic nature of revelation, which not only prescribes rules but also cultivates an ethical and spiritual consciousness that transcends specific legal codes. Wisdom (*ḥikma*) in this context is more than a practical adjunct to law; it illuminates the purpose behind the divine commandments. Through wisdom, the prophets guide their communities in contextualizing divine laws, fostering a balance between external compliance and internal moral growth. This dimension of revelation invites humans to engage their *'aql* (intellect) and *fiṭra* (natural disposition) to harmonize their actions with universal ethical truths.

This paper investigates how the Quranic concept of prophetic wisdom (*ḥikma*) serves as a bridge between revelation (*wahy*) and human understanding. It addresses questions: How does the Prophet teach wisdom—is it rational, spiritual, or both? How does the Quran articulate wisdom's universality and its role in uniting diverse cultures and religions to address shared human challenges? By exploring the interplay between *al-kitāb* (the Book) and *ḥikma*, the study emphasizes the Prophet's dual mission of delivering divine law (*shari'a*) and cultivating a universal language of wisdom that transcends religious and cultural boundaries.

The Quranic emphasis on wisdom as a universal principle provides a foundation for addressing challenges at all times. Wisdom offers guidance for justice, environmental stewardship, and social harmony, enabling humanity to ground moral decisions in universal ethical principles. Moreover, the universality of wisdom fosters interreligious dialogue, offering pathways for collaboration to address global issues, transcending theological and cultural boundaries. Revisiting the Quranic paradigm of revelation and wisdom underscores its enduring relevance for contemporary society, enriching Islamic thought and paving the way for global harmony and understanding.



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