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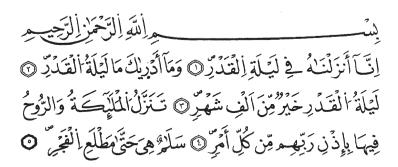
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DISCOURSE 1

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Allah the Exalted says in Surat al-Qadr (97:1-5):



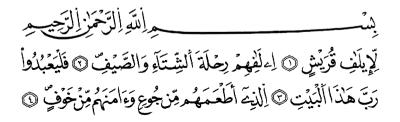
In the name of Allah, All-Merciful, Most Merciful

Truly We sent it down on the Night of Power. And what will convey to you what the Night of Power is? The Night of Power is better than a thousand months.

In it the angels and the Ruh descend
by their Lord's authority
with every ordinance.

It is Peace – until the coming of the dawn.

The Night of Power, in it the Angels and the Ruh descend by their Lord's authority. So we find that the Qur'an itself is hurtling from beyond the beyond-time-and-space from the 'Arsh, down into the heart of the Rasul, sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam – awaiting the Divine impulse that Sayyiduna Jibril would open to Rasul, sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam, at the significant moment of event that merited the opening of these lights into the world of time and space. We now turn to Surat al-Quraysh (106):



In the name of Allah, All-Merciful, Most Merciful
In acknowledgment of
the established tradition of Quraysh,
their tradition of the winter and summer caravans:
so let them worship the Lord of this House
who has preserved them from hunger
and secured them from fear.

We find in this Surat that Allah honours the Quraysh for their caravans of the summer and the winter. Allah indicates by this that the winter and the summer caravan have to be linked to the worship of the Lord of the House. Then this has to be connected to a knowledge that Allah has preserved them from hunger and secured them from fear. Therefore, by the process of the caravan, they have knowledge of Allah's power and compassion towards them. The significance and importance of the journey is that it is the means by which the people get to know of this tremendous mercy and compassion of Allah, subhanahu wa ta'ala.

Now we go to Surat at-Tariq (86:11-14):



By Heaven with its cyclical systems and the earth with its splitting seeds, it is truly a Decisive Word.

It is no joke.

Allah, subhanahu wa ta'ala, tells us that the heavens are designed on a movement, on a journey, that is circular – the heavens are moving in this circular motion as the foundational reality of existence. "And the earth with its splitting seeds." So you go from the stars and the cosmos to the seeds which are also moving, they are moving and breaking open to give life to the earth. The whole cosmic system is journeying, is on Safar. And Allah, subhanahu wa ta'ala, says that this is no joke. It is not something poetic and pretty, but