

Chapter 1**QURANIC PASSAGES****Passage no. 2****Al-An'aam 6. 101–103****Translation:**

101. To **Him** is due the primal origin of the heavens and the earth: how can He have a son when he has no consort?

102. He created all things, and He has full knowledge of all things. That is Allah, Your Lord! There is no god but He, the Creator of all things: then worship Him: and he has power to dispose of all affairs.

103. No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision: He is above all comprehension, yet is acquainted with all things.

Main Theme of the Passage

Theme of this passage is God in Himself. It elaborates some of the fundamental aspects of unity of God (Tawhid). Essence of God is beyond human perception that's why His unique **attributes and qualities** are mentioned to introduce God. It describes God as the Originator and the Creator of universe as the Omnipotent Lord who can create everything without any source. Allah says in the Quran:

He is the One who has originated the heavens and the earth, and when He wills to (originate) a thing, He only says to it: 'Be,' and it becomes". (2:117)

This passages further mentions that Allah is the Absolute and the Unique. It rejects any kind of misconception of God having any family or relatives like humans. He does not have spouse, nor does He have a son. Quran says:

"He does not beget nor is he begotten". (112:3)

It does not befit the most gracious to choose an offspring! (19: 92)

It also refers to Allah's unbounded knowledge, power and grasp on His created world as He is the Omnipotent, the Omniscient and the Omnipresent being. The passage further stresses on the sublime nature of God and inability of human imagination to encompass God's person, though He himself can see to the unfathomable depths, as endorsed elsewhere in the Quran:

"for God is He Who understands the finest mysteries" (22:63).

Though God is invisible and beyond human imagination but His signs are everywhere around us. His creation is proof of Allah's existence. Quran says :

“Those who remember Allah standing, and sitting and on their sides and they reflect on (the) creation (of) the heavens and the earth, "Our Lord, not You have created this (in) vain. Glory be to You, so save us (from the) punishment (of) the Fire. (3:191)

The passage highlights the Supreme and matchless existence of Allah and His knowledge.

Importance of the theme for Muslims

- This passage is important for Muslims to clearly understand the doctrine of Tawhid in terms of God's nature and powers. Muslims need to learn that though God is too sublime to be perceived, He is everywhere and all powerful. This develops the faith that everything is under the Lordship and authority of Allah. So, Muslims should always look forward towards Allah for all their needs and fulfillment of prayers.
- Muslims learn that Allah knows everything of the universe. Our actions words and thoughts are not hidden from Him. Hence Muslims develop the sense of accountability and remain careful of their deeds. The Quran reminds Muslims this repeatedly:

*“and He is with you wherever you are” (57:04), and
“for We are nearer to him (man) than his jugular vein” (50:16).*

- This passage inspires and persuades a Muslim to reflect in the creations of Allah around him and realize the glory and magnificence of the Supreme Creator whose every creation is flawless.
- It instigates Muslims to develop an attitude of scientific research and reflection in the system of Universe which ultimately strengthens the belief of a Muslim in Allah and would enable them to discover laws of nature and make discoveries and inventions. Thus, Muslims would be able to discover new technologies and enhance their knowledge in field of science and technology which would ultimately lead to their glory as a nation again.
- The passage also categorically negates the false belief of God having any wife or children and thus, it strikes at the roots of shirk (associating partners with God) and Paganism. Muslims, in this way, develop a clearer concept of tawhid and feel themselves bound to adore God only. They remember that shirk is the only unpardonable sin in the sight of God.
- This passage enables a believer to realize the Ultimate power of the Omnipotent Lord and inspires him to seek His help and protection in his daily life. He realizes that only Allah is the Provider and the Sustainer of this universe and nobody can benefit and harm a person without His will that's why a believer never hesitates to say the truth in any type of circumstances.
- Realization of Allah's Omnipotence and Omniscience makes a believer Self accountable for his deeds and actions and he tries his level best to shun all vices and evils openly or secretly. He realizes that Allah knows the hidden and manifest. He knows all our actions, thoughts, and secrets of our hearts. A believer seeks beneficial knowledge from Allah and never feel proud and arrogant of his knowledge and seek Allah's forgiveness. As it is commanded in the Quran.

“But seek the forgiveness of Allah; for Allah is oft-forgiving the Most Merciful. (4:106)

- Theme of this passage motivates a believer to be thankful to Allah for all His blessings including power and knowledge and instigates him to think deeply in to the creation of Allah and reflect in to them as proof of Allah's existence, Lordship, authority and majesty.

- This passage could remind Muslims that they should always remember their creator as He is the ultimate authority over their affairs.

