

The Holy Qur'an

Guidance for Mankind

SCIENCE

Origin of Life

“And, surely, We created man from dry ringing clay, from black mud wrought into shape.” (Ch.15 v.27)

“And the Jinn We had created before from the fire of hot wind.” (Ch.15 v.28)

“He created man from dry ringing clay *which is* like baked pottery.” (Ch.55 v.15)

“... And We made from water every living thing...” (Ch.21 v.31)



Clay subjected to cycles of wetting and drying can link molecules of the amino acid known as glycine. The cycling transfers energy from the environment to the organic molecule. Direct heat from fire played a vital role in the creation and maintenance of pre-biotic organisms; their decay and fermentation created the primordial soup. The Holy Qur'an clearly states that the material used for the making of pottery-like plates was decayed organic matter—stagnant blackish mud.

Evolution

“That you shall assuredly pass on from one stage to another.” (Ch.84 v.20)

“What is the matter with you that you expect not wisdom and staidness from Allah? ‘And He has created you in *different* forms and *different* conditions.’” (Ch.71 v.14-15)

“O man, what has emboldened thee against thy Gracious Lord, Who created thee, then perfected thee, then proportioned thee aright? In whatever form He pleased, He fashioned thee.” (Ch.82 v.7-9)

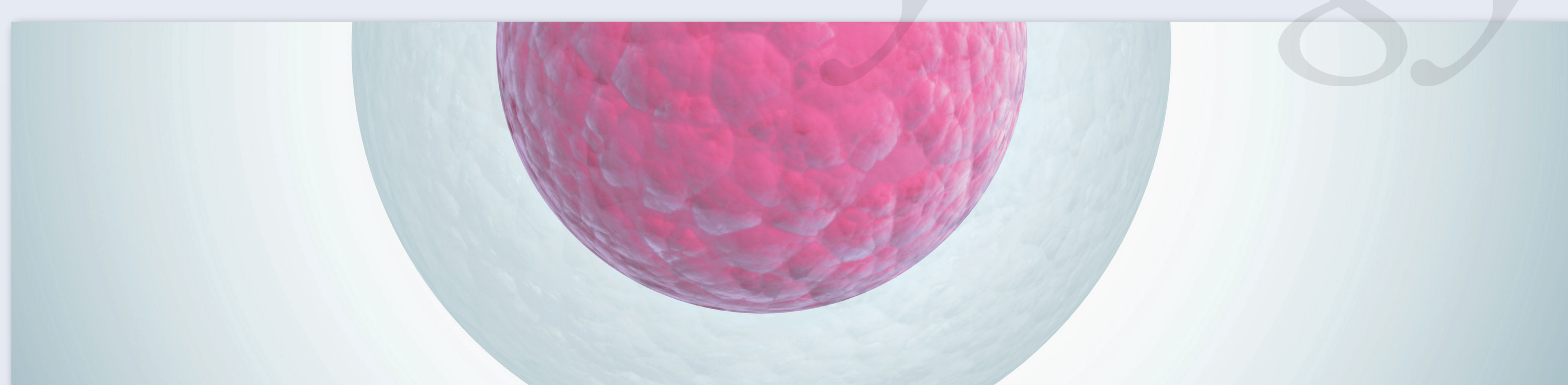


The Holy Qur'an speaks of creation only in step by step progressive stages which are well provided for, categorically rejecting the concept of spontaneous generation. Several verses suggest an evolution controlled and directed by the hand of the Creator.

Embryology

“... We have indeed created you from dust, then from a spermdrop, then from clotted blood, then from a lump of flesh, partly formed and partly unformed, in order that We may make *Our power* manifest to you. And We cause what We will to remain in the wombs for an appointed term; then We bring you forth as babes; then *We rear you* that you may attain to your *age of full strength* ...” (Ch.22 v.6)

“... He creates you in the wombs of your mothers, creation after creation, in threefold darkness ...” (Ch.39 v.7)



Verses in the Holy Qur'an describe the different stages of fetal development. Various references are made to the different shapes and forms of the fetus, to the fact that not all fertilized embryos complete the full fetal cycle and to the existence of the abdominal wall, uterine wall and the embryonic sacs (the “threefold darkness”).