

The Holy Qur'an

Guidance for Mankind

SCIENCE

Cosmology

“Do not the unbelievers see that the heavens and the earth were *a* closed-up *mass*, then We opened them out ...” (Ch.21 v.31)

“And the heaven We built with Our own powers and indeed We go on expanding it.” (Ch.51 v.48)

“*Remember* the day when We shall roll up the heavens like the rolling up of written scrolls by a scribe. As We began the first creation, so shall We repeat it — a promise *binding* upon Us; We shall certainly perform it.” (Ch.21 v.105)

Astronomy

“He it is Who made the sun *radiate* a brilliant light and the moon *reflect* a lustre ...” (Ch.10 v.6)

“And He it is Who created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon, each gliding along in *its* orbit.” (Ch.21 v.34)

“And the sun is moving on the course *prescribed* for it. That is the decree of the Almighty, the All-Knowing *God*. And for the moon We have appointed stages, till it becomes again like an old dry branch of a palm-tree. It is not for the sun to overtake the moon, nor can the night outstrip the day. All of them float in an orbit.” (Ch.36 v.39-41)

Extraterrestrial Life

“And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and *of* whatever living creatures He has spread forth in both. And He has the power to gather them together when He pleases.” (Ch.42 v.30)

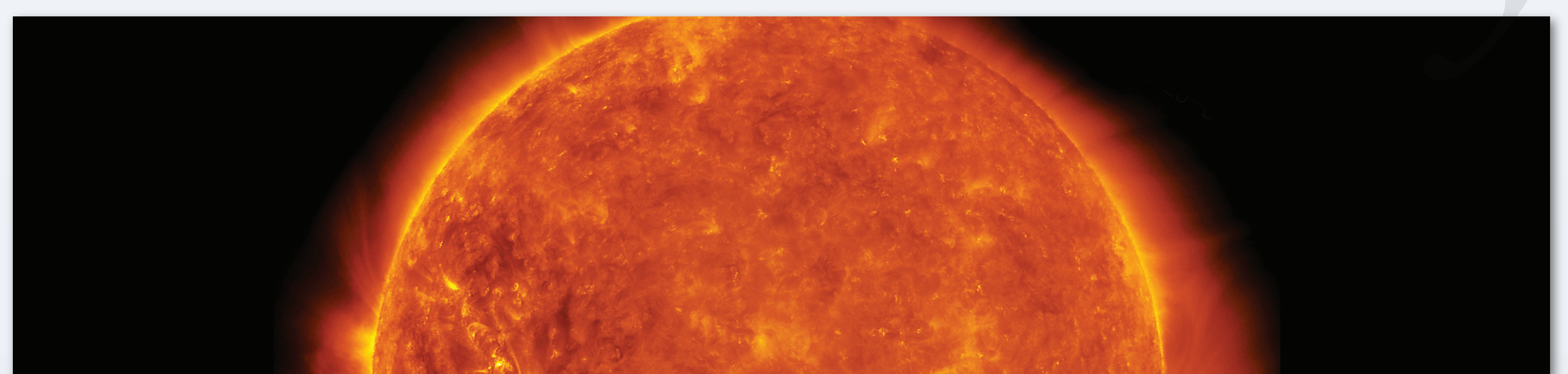
The word used to depict living creatures in this verse is "Da'bbah", it covers all animals which creep or move along the surface. It does not apply to animals which fly or swim. It is certainly not applicable to any form of spiritual life. This verse speaks not only of the possibility of extraterrestrial life, but it categorically declares that it does exist. The last part of the verse states that He (Allah) will bring together the life in the heavenly bodies and the life on earth when He so pleases.

Cosmology



The Holy Qur'an depicts many aspects of cosmology and astronomy including the beginning of the universe and the big bang, the expanding nature of the universe, the celestial orbits, path of the sun and the moon, the different nature of light coming from the sun and the moon, the collapse and ending of the universe as we know it, the recreation of the universe, the existence of Extraterrestrial Life and our contact with it.

Astronomy



Contrary to the common belief at that time, the Holy Qur'an clearly distinguishes between the light coming from the sun and the moon and uses words that describe sun as a source of light and the moon as a reflector. The Holy Qur'an also clearly states that the sun and the moon move in well defined orbit and that the sun itself is also moving towards a prescribed course, clearly indicating the celestial orbits and the movement of the entire solar system within the milky way.

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