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Introduction

1. The classical method of Qur'anic exegesis, which explains the Qur'an on a verse-by-verse basis, commencing from the first chapter and moving towards the end, without considering the thematic coherence of the verses.
2. The humanistic approach of Qur'anic exegesis concentrates on universally accepted human values and thus emphasises the universality of the Qur'anic ethical system.
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iltifāt in the Qur'an, were not always clear for Theodor Nöldeke, who states that: “*Die grammatischen Personen wechseln im Korān zuweilen in ungewöhnlicher und nicht schöner Weise*”: “the grammatical persons change from time to time in the Qur'an in an unusual and not beautiful way.” See Theodor Nöldeke, *Neue Beiträge zur Semitischen Sprachwissenschaft*, (Strassburg: Karl J. Trubner, 1910), p. 13.

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- al-Risālah, 2001), vol. 25, p. 133). So, the narration of Ibn Mardawayh might have been the reason for some classical sources of Islamic jurisprudence to accept the information about the Prophet's permission for Christians to pray in the mosque as authentic. For example, Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah in his *Aḥkām Aḥl al-Dhimmah* states the following: "It is **authentically** transmitted from the Prophet, peace be upon him, that he received the Christian delegation from Najran in his mosque and when the time for their prayer came they prayed in the mosque." (See Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, *Aḥkām Aḥl al-Dhimmah* (al-Dammām: Ramādī li al al-Nashr, 1997), p. 397). Yet, the works of Ibn Mardawayh, in which he transmits the information, are unfortunately not available to us, having become lost down the centuries.
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46. In respect of the chain of transmission, it is the most reliable and authentic chain through which Qatādah's exegetical opinions are transmitted. This is because Saʿīd ibn Abī ʿArūbah in addition to being a reliable transmitter, *thiqah ḥāfiẓ*, is also one of the most reliable and accurate sources of Qatādah's *tafsīr*. See Ibn Ḥajar al-ʿAsqalānī, *Taqrīb al-Tahdhīb*, edited by Abu al-Ashbal Sagir Ahmad Shagif al-Bakistani (Dār al-ʿĀshimah, n.d.), p. 384. In the same way, Yazīd ibn Zurayʿ is a reliable, firm transmitter, *thiqah thabat* (ibid., p. 1074), as well as Bishr ibn Muʿādh al-ʿAqadī who is defined as trustworthy transmitter, *ṣadūq* (Ibid., p. 171).
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70. Abd al-Aziz al-Salumi, *Al-Wāqidi wa Kitābuhu al-Maghāzī: Manhajuhu wa Maṣādiruhu* (Al-Madīnah al-Munawwarah: Al-Jāmiʿah al-Islāmiyyah, 2004), vol.2, p. 848.
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 78. Muḥammad al-Bukhārī, *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī*, translated by Muhammad Muhsin Khan, vol.6 (Beirut: Dār al-‘Arabiyyah, 1985), p. 407, no. 435.
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 83. Ibn Ḥajar al-‘Asqalānī, *Al-Iṣābah fī Tamyīz al-Ṣaḥābah*, edited by Ali al-Bajawi (Beirut: Dār al-Jīl, 1992), vol.5, p. 387.
 84. Muhammad al-Buti, *Fiqh al-Sīrah al-Nabawiyyah* (Damascus: Dār al-Salām, 2004), pp. 300-301.
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96. Ṣalāḥ al-Dīn al-ʿAlāʾī, *Jāmiʿ al-Taḥṣīl fī Ahkām al-Marāsīl*, edited by Hamdi Al-Salaifa (Beirut: ʿĀlam al-Kutub, 1986), p. 218.
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106. Muḥammad ibn Ḥibbān, *Kitāb al-Thiqāt* (Hyderabad: Dāʾirah al-Maʿārif al-ʿUthmāniyyah, 1978), vol.7, p. 331; Ibn Hajar al-ʿAsqalānī, *Taqrīb al-Taḥdhīb*, edited by Abu al-Ashbal Sagir Ahmad Shagif al-Bakistani (Dār al-ʿĀšimah, n.d.), p. 790.

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108. Ibn Jarīr al-Ṭabarī, *Tafsīr al-Ṭabarī* (Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-ʿIlmiyyah, 1999), vol. 6, p. 349.
109. The existence of the imperative *uqtulū*, slay or kill, prescribed to Muslims in four Qurʾanic verses (2:191; 4:89, 91; 9:5) does not contradict my statement, since the imperative of the first morphological form *qatala* in all those verses is prescribed within the context of initially waged war on Muslims. For this reason, all four verses occur in a textual context of the third form *qātala*.
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