

ABSTRACTS

PRINCIPLES AND METHODS FOR INTERPRETATION BY DIFFERENT WAYS OF QURANIC RECITATIONS.

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The Holy Quran has been revealed in seven different ways. These different ways of recitation or pronunciation are very important source of Tafseer. There are various kinds of Qira'at according to their effect on Tafseer. Most of the Qira'at cause to expand or explain the meaning of the Quranic words. Some Qira'at answer the questions arising by other Quranic verses. Sometimes this difference of Qira'at leads to the jurisprudential differences also. Therefore all the Fuqaha'a and Mufasssireen concentrated these differencet Qira'at to interpret. Especially the Mutawatir Qira'at is a very basic and direct source of Tafseer. All the Fuqaha'a and Nufasssireen consider two different ways of recitation or pronunciation as two complete verses. So if there appears a difference or conflict between the meaning of two Qira'at, it is a point of concentration of all Mufasssireen and Fuqaha'a, because no Qira'at is to be given up as meaningless. They have principles and systematical methods for interpretation of such Qira'at.

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