ABSTRACTS

THE START OF KOOFI SCRIPT – ORIENTALISTS VIEW

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Although the inception of raising objections regarding the text of the Quran belongs to the reign of Holy Prophet (PBUH), yet with the passage of time, on the basis of objections of infidels of Makah, in the recent times antagonists of the Islam are propagating the same assertions with the little bit reshaping and new form. In this regard, to prove the parallel codices to the Quran, they have tried to attribute some fictitiousquotations to some companions of Prophet and to Muslim rulers.

Recently, an objection regarding the Quranic orthography has been infiltrated on a website titled www.answering-islam.org abut the Kufic script that it was not inventedtill the time of Caliph Usman (RA), when the canonization of the Quran was occurred.

The purpose of this paper is to negate and refute this claim. It has been established with reasonable amount of arguments that Kufic script was invented before the Usman's era.

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