## THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE COLORS MENTIONED IN THE HOLY QURAN AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE THE GREEN MODEL

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### Abstract

The Holy Quran mentioned the colors and its differences and urged people to think about the pattern and diversity of colors that appear among them. Such and include the different colors of their skin. But let focus our discussion about the color green. The green color is better who comes with predominant color of life. Likely the color of nature, plant, trees and fruit are signs that the earth are living. Green color also represent the color of paradise and its named after its signifier like the dark green tree of the paradise. The people of heaven also wearing dress in the green color, their beds and furniture also comes in likely which the color that the prophet peace be upon him loved.

Keywords: The Holy Quran, The colors, The Green

### Preface

*In the name of Allah the most gracious and the most merciful* The Holy Quran was actually giving its concern to the colors as much. Furthermore, everything that surrounds on human has its different pattern and colors. Each colors come in give effect on the human psychology and temperament. Thus the impact that appears from one person to another are depends on their mood, the nature, the intensity or plurality of the colors that have faced them. The green color as mention in The Holy Quran have its special meaning than any kind of colors. Its represent goodness, bliss, beauty, fertility and sunshine. Allah the Almighty has describe that the people of heaven are wearing basically in silk green in color and the beds that recline them carousing in paradise. Same goes to the Prophet peace be upon him is love to wear the green clothes which is the color of nature of the earth. Thus the color of green was life on the earth, if the withered plant and greenery trees was dried, then no life will be estimated for.

### **Topic's significance**

The colors coming with great importance to clarify all the things, creatures of all that surrounding us. The colors have psychological effect for human by another word , which green color has a significant impact on a human psychology for having comfort and pleasure and this picture the example of mostly the color of earth and also the heaven. The study shows how significant of green color to the verses of the holy Quran.

### Writing methodology

This research comes with the both inductive and analytical in this study. The inductive method is to collect the verses from The Holy Quran that said about literally green color then follow to the analytical method to study and analysis their exact meaning from the languages or interpretation of the holy Quran.

### Study plan

First topic: The importance of the colors that mention by The Holy Quran and relation between it's meaning.

First section: The concern of The Holy Quran reciting all those colors.

Second section: The relation between those colors and the verses of The Holy Quran.

Second topic: The relation between green in color and its meaning on related to the verses of Quran.

First section: Green is the symbol of life and rejoice in the world Second section: The green colors of paradise afterlife.

### **First Topic**

### The importance of the colors that mention by The Holy Quran and relation between its means.

The Holy Quran used colors to illustrate the beauty if the image in the mind as its view. Or it maybe it comes in fact to human to see and live in this colors. The colors surrounding things and that's how the Quran mentioned different colors as a statement in human or in universal God creatures.

**First section: The concern of The Holy Quran reciting all those colors.** This verse of Quran says about and urge the entire human to think and realize that the colors that surrounding them comes in many kind of pattern and differences, Allah the Almighty says that: {*And He has subjected for you the night and day and the sun and moon, and the stars are subjected by His command. Indeed in that are signs for a people who reason. And [He* 

has subjected] whatever He multiplied for you on the earth of varying colors. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who remember.} (surah an-nahl 12-13). These precious verses reported the different pattern of colors in context talking about cosmic and asks us to think and search how the reflection of light and the different colors of diversity, plants, trees, and fruits on the earth.

{And your Lord inspired to the bee, "Take for yourself among the mountains, houses, and among the trees and [in] that which they construct. Then eat from all the fruits and follow the ways of your Lord laid down [for you]." There emerges from their bellies a drink, varying in colors, in which there is healing for people. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who give thought. } (surah an-nahl 68-69)

Both of this verses saying that the invitation reflection on the honey that comes from the same bee but different colors. Those colors has stated in dozens of verses that have mention by scientist and researcher. But I will surely mention about each colors reveal of the Quran.

1. Black color. Allah Almighty said {And eat and drink until the white thread of dawn becomes distinct to you from the black thread [of night]. Then complete the fast until the sunset} (albaqarah 187)

2. White color. Allah Almighty said {But as for those whose faces will turn white, [they will be] within the mercy of Allah. They will abide therein eternally. } (ali-imran 107)

Yellow Allah color. Almighty said 3. {They said, "Call upon your Lord to show us what is her color." He said, "He says, 'It is a yellow cow, bright in color - pleasing to the observers.' "} (al-baqarah 69)

4. Red color. Allah Almighty said {Do you not see that Allah sends down rain from the sky, and We produce therebyfruits of varying colors? And in the mountains are tracts, white and red of varying shades and [some] extremely black.} (surah fatir 27)

5. Green color. Allah Almighty said {[It is] He who made for you from the green tree, fire, and then from it you ignite.}

(surah yaasin: 80)

6. Blue color. Allah Almighty said {The Day the Horn will be blown. And We will gather the criminals, that blue-eyed.} Day,

(surah taha 102)

7 Beam. gleam in color. Allah Almighty said {And do not extend your eyes toward that by which We have given enjoyment to [some] categories of them, [its being but] the splendor of worldly life by which We test them. And the provision of your Lord is better and more enduring.} (surah taha 131)

# Second section: The relation between those colors and the verses of The Holy Quran.

There is close relation between the meaning of the verses and colors that have mentioned before. For example, the associated from the white is about serenity, clarity and joy, peace, purity and radiance and optimism. There are also vice verse with black represent darkness, gloom and sadness, and the models come from the The Holy Quran. How its really related to the context in content.

**First** : Allah the Almighty saying in the Quran about the prophet Moses ; {And he drew out his hand; thereupon it was white for the observers.} (surah asyuara' 33) there a white that appear from the part of ablution. {On the Day [some] faces will turn white and [some] faces will turn black. As for those whose faces turn black, [to them it will be said], "Did you disbelieve after your belief? Then taste the punishment for what you used to reject." But as for those whose faces will turn white, [they will be] within the mercy of Allah . They will abide therein eternally.} (ali-imran 106-107)

This previous verses talking about the conditions of people on the day of resurrection in terms of colors, it was the white face appear within the mercy of Allah. The face of black is because the agony from the losers. We also can know that white color indicates the radiance, purity, and serenity and happiness. Compare to the black color indicates the glooming depressions and illness. That's how The Almighty Allah said in his verses.

**Second:** The Almighty Allah said, {Do you not see that Allah sends down rain from the sky and makes it flow as springs [and rivers] in the earth; then He produces thereby crops of varying colors; then they dry and you see them turned yellow; then He makes them [scattered] debris. Indeed in that is a reminder for those of understanding. So is one whose breast Allah has expanded to [accept] Islam and he is upon a light from his Lord [like one whose heart rejects it]? Then woe to those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of Allah. Those are in manifest error.} (surah az-zumar 21-22).

We can conclude that how both of this verses say about the difference in colors. Between the believer and the reference to the importance of thinking and realize. Also comes in examples of the dirt and the water that separated , and this world full of colors barely find ends.<sup>65</sup>

**Third:** Almighty Allah said: {Do you not see that Allah sends down rain from the sky, and We produce there by fruits of varying colors? And in the mountains are tracts, white and red of varying shades and [some] extremely black. And among people and moving creatures and grazing livestock are various colors similarly. Only those fear Allah, from among His servants, who have knowledge. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and *Forgiving.* **/** (surah fatir 27-28)

This verse saying that the different kind of fruit which comes in color of whites reds and blacks. People, animals and cattle comes in various colors as well. There's have the mountain of red and white, those colors implement facts, from the invitation to study, research and depth including the nature of colors. This verse came for human to think, increase their knowledge to become knowledgeable, likely as god says, "Only those fear Allah, from among His servants, who have knowledge". Those are scientist that have to fear Allah, come from the bottom of their heart, not only because of their research, it's all about how to think of the gracious and great of Almighty Allah who created the heaven and the earth.<sup>66</sup> We can say that the Almighty Allah mentioned about the variety of

colors and its comes with many pattern and description, such as vegetables, fruits the different colors of the mountains and animals to be told to. These people, among scholars and scientist that they have to lead their research and experiment lead them to Allah the Creator at last.

### Second topic

### The relation between green color and its meaning related to the verses of The Holy Quran.

We have mentioned the green colors in the verses of Quran too many times. Most of the meaning of this color symbolized joy and happiness and sometimes shows optimism. We can't possibly deny that there is a comfortable impact by looking at the green color of nature, and it represents the colors of vegetables and trees and the background color of paradise and the people of heaven.

**First section: Green is the symbol of life and rejoice in the world** Allah sent the prophet Adam peace be upon him to earth with having a lot of happiness and joy. The Quran said about this colors of joyful and beauty, Allah Almighty said ; {Then let mankind look at his food - How We poured down water in torrents. Then We broke open the earth, splitting [it with sprouts], And caused to grow within it grain, And

grapes and herbage, And olive and palm trees, And gardens of dense shrubbery, And fruit and grass } (surah abasa 24-31)

The garden comes as a metaphor of heaven with warm welcoming of trees and fruits. The trees are their gratitude. The variety of fruits were already served to those who are the believer. The dense shrubbery means the condensation of the leaves and they turn the energy to the trees so that the trees have complete the power, Allah Almighty said: {*and gardens of entwined growth*}. (surah an-naba 16)<sup>67</sup>

The relation between the gardens and the trees can makes happiness. Allah Almighty said: *{[More precisely], is He [not best] who created the heavens and the earth and sent down for you rain from the sky, causing to grow thereby gardens of joyful beauty which you could not [otherwise] have grown the trees thereof? Is there a deity with Allah ? [No], but they are a people who ascribe equals [to Him].}* (the ant 60).

All the trees that have been created by God are good looking and, glee with happiness, delighting themselves and send the sunshine to others, Allah Almighty said: {And you see the earth barren, but when We send down upon it rain, it quivers and swells and grows [something] of every beautiful kind.} (Hajj 5), The green fallon comes with the node of cheerful and bright and make the eyes who see it becoming calm peaceful and tranquility<sup>68</sup>.

The Almighty Allah gives the feeling of sensation with peaceful and joy, like the two previous verses in the first verse says joy of gardens and next the joy of jubilation of pleasure and optimism. This is the reason of joy that mentioned by Allah comes in different meaning and diversity of the green itself.<sup>69</sup> (the joyful beauty) its means preached and pleasure on the convergence of it assets with different type , contrast and amount of the green colors itself.<sup>70</sup>

**FIRST**: Allah Almighty said: {*And it is He who sends down rain from the sky, and We produce thereby the growthof all things. We produce from it greenery from which We produce grains arranged in layers. And from the palm trees - of its emerging fruit are clusters hanging low. And [We produce] gardens of grapevines and olives and pomegranates, similar yet varied. Look at [each of] its fruit when it yields and [at] its ripening. Indeed in that are signs for a people who believe.} (Surah al'anam 99)* 

We produce from it greenery, it mention of any plant as a vegetables where greenery is the spirit in force in the life of the plant. Without those the colors of green it is never beat it.

Allah also said, We produce grains arranged in layers like any of the greenery and the color of green hold the lif of the plant and provide him with force, development and evergreen itself. It comes from the plant fruits and ant other of vegetables as the origin of life <sup>71</sup>, to the animal and perhaps also the entire human and creation.

The Messenger of Allah ( $\Box$ ) said: "The world is sweet and green (alluring); and verily, Allah is making you to succeed each other, generations after generations in it in order to see how you act".<sup>72</sup>

It mean of (The world is sweet and green (alluring)) is gracious souls and freshness with savor of the green such as the soul required fruits to maintain freshness of the body, we need fruit and sweet instead of glucose to maintain the health and run in good life. The words in Arab call it the goodness of greenery comes with sweet fruits as a metaphor of goodlooking of the plants.<sup>73</sup>

**SECOND:** Allah the almighty said in the holy quran, {*Do you not* see that Allah has sent down rain from the sky and the earth becomes green? Indeed, Allah is Subtle and Acquainted.} (surah al-hajj 63)

(and the earth becomes green) imagine of a place with dry and dead become greenish with vivid ripe, vibrant developing including the lives of humankind. This verse also teach us to have a country plant in each diversity for the human and animal to lived happily in green of plant<sup>74</sup>. Which is the backbone of the life of humankind and animals is basically comes from the plant. This also told us how God created the beauty of his manufactured in a verse; And for you in them is [the enjoyment of] beauty when you bring them in [for the evening] and when you send them out [to pasture]. (surah an-nahl 6)

The beauty of the land and earth is actually comes in the land of full of greenery. Its will represent the good picture of the land and the creation.<sup>75</sup> The significant of the word 'green' is include almost most part of the globe that apply the life, fertility, and beauty.

**THIRD:** If we compare this before, the green color of trees and plant will prevent the global warming and the essential of this color of plant

will sustainable the benefits of life. As the Almighty Allah said; { [It is] He who made for you from the green tree, fire, and then from it you ignite.} (surah yaasin 80)

The meant of green trees describe as humidity it is because the green colors of tree is the color of life and will dried up the hot and warm. Its is exactly the metaphor for moisture the undergrowth of the earth.<sup>76</sup>

The green is also the evidence of the essential life and happiness and it also how God created the happiness and tranquility based on this nature in color; {Does man not consider that We created him from a [mere] spermdrop - then at once he is a clear adversary? And he presents for Us an example and forgets his [own] creation. He says, "Who will give life to bones while they are disintegrated?" Say, "He will give them life who produced them the first time; and He is, of all creation, Knowing."} (yaasin 77-79)

We created and "Who will give life" is also was mentioned about the greenery plant and trees grows to support the ecosystem of life.

**FORTH:** The Almighty Allah said: {And [subsequently] the king said, "Indeed, I have seen [in a dream] seven fat cows being eaten by seven [that were] lean, and seven green spikes [of grain] and others [that were] dry. O eminent ones, explain to me my vision, if you should interpret visions} (surah yusuf 43)

This verse are talking about the vision of the king of Egypt at the time of the prophet Joseph peace be upon him , when he saw in his dream, seven fat cows being eaten by the seven thin cows. And seven green spikes of graining and the seven of others are dry. The mention of word green also indicate the life, fertility and prosperity compare to the higher lands of dry that indicates the drought and towards death. The fat cows indicate as prosperity and fertility same goes to the greenery spikes of grains. Which refer to the time of prophet Joseph in the verse;

*{[He said], "Joseph, O man of truth, explain to us about seven fat cows eaten by seven [that were] lean, and seven green spikes [of grain] and others [that were] dry - that I may return to the people; perhaps they will know [about you]." [Joseph] said, "You will plant for seven years consecutively; and what you harvest leave in its spikes, except a little from which you will eat. Then will come after that seven difficult [years] which will consume what you saved for them, except a little from which you will store. Then will come after that a year in which the people will be given rain and in which they will press [olives and grapes]} (surah yusuf: 46-49)* 

So the green was refers to describe the grains and seeds that clear signals of life of prosperity and fertility.

These foregoing shows us that the color of green is the color of life, optimism and happiness, it comes to comfort human. It also represent the health of physical an mental which good for the hearts and help to breathe fluently. This color are also can help to restore balance to the body cells, and this colors entered the human pleasure and joy. We also find the surgical doctor are wearing the green suit in operation theatre as reducing the pain of the patients and sort of giving calmness tranquility and the sense of joy for their patient.<sup>77</sup>

### Second section: The green colors of paradise and afterlife.

As The Holy Quran said about the almighty Allah has prepared the heaven to those who are believe in Him. He swears about the picture of the heaven where trees, roses and flowers are pictured besides their home in heaven. All ,which in green of gardens. The density of greenery and trees was mention in the holy Quran to describe the natural beauty of heaven itself.

FIRST: Allah told us about the characteristic of the heaven;

{And below them both [in excellence] are two [other] gardens - So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny? - Dark green [in color]. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?} (ar rahman 62-65)

**Dark green [in color]** is mentioned as dark green, like the earth that evergreen of the dark green of rainforest, hits the black in color<sup>78</sup>. It also told us the description of the gardens and the trees. The trees tangled by in which something that have shade of intensity described by the black exaggeration of greenest.<sup>79</sup> And this is about one of the characteristic of the heaven and paradise that also appearing the merciful of Almighty Allah who created the colors of the heaven.<sup>80</sup>

**SECOND:** Allah the Almighty described the clothing of people of paradise in the verse; { Upon the inhabitants will be green garments of fine silk and brocade. And they will be adorned with bracelets of silver, and their Lord will give them a purifying drink.} (al-insaan 21)

This verse told us that the clothes of those who enter paradise are attired in green soft thin silk, and also thick padded with silk. Their garment will be of silk. The Almighty Allah said: *{They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and pearl, and their garments therein will be silk.}* (al hajj 23)<sup>81</sup>

There was mentioned in Quran about the garment, the bracelets of gold and pearl as the reward for the believer, make them enjoyable and stay with happiness.<sup>82</sup>

Allah completed their happiness with the life of pleasurable and make them in dress of soft silk pretending as prosperity and take them to psychological comfort for each other.

**THIRD:** The Almighty Allah said, *{Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds - indeed, We will not allow to be lost the reward of any who did well in deeds.* Those will have gardens of perpetual residence; beneath them rivers will flow. They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and will wear green garments of fine silk and brocade, reclining therein on adorned couches. Excellent is the reward, and good is the resting place.} (surah al kahf 30-31)

This verse was also spoke about the dress of the people of paradise. As everyone know that the one who enter paradise is the believers. They are sitting in the paradise by wearing the green garments of fine silk and brocade. The dress is thin silk with brocade exaggerate the glamor of those the believers. Allah also said, "reclining therein on adorned couches" is mentioned about reclining comfort and bliss on their luxury.<sup>83</sup> In the garden that fully of abounded tree, numerous rivers, as Allah said about the characteristic of paradise which is the place in elegant under the shading trees, high houses instead of tranquil home, the jewelry and ornaments filled with gold. They also wearing the dark green silk called 'sundus' reclining where the couches, the outlined luxury was dressed. Also the sofa and furniture was in comfort and luxurious, their ride was in luxury, and demise the monument and fatigue.<sup>84</sup>

They are enjoying themselves with their heart in desires in pleasure, long lasting joy, and got blessings. The dress in hull, highly cosmetic, elegance in green colors and fairest advantageous when it be seen by others.<sup>85</sup>

**FORTH**: Despite The Almighty Allah says about the furniture of the people of heaven; {*Reclining on green cushions and beautiful fine carpets.*} (surah arrahman 76)

The fender clothes also the cushions are in green color derived from rack to them. The pillow was high likely the mattress are fine in expensive value to cover their bed. The carpets are also the amazing things that indulge in the tendency of green obviously God said about the importance of this color is one of the universal color in this world. Even the paradise also was created in the color of greenery<sup>86</sup>. The prophet also said in authentic hadis, "We asked the meaning of the verse (from the Holy Prophet) who said: The souls, of the martyrs live in the bodies of green birds who have their nests in chandeliers hung from the throne of the Almighty. They eat the fruits of Paradise from wherever they like and then nestle in these chandeliers"<sup>87</sup>

We can conclude from our study on previous verses including the trees, fruits, plant, the accessories, those clothing of the people of paradise, the furniture and mattress of the paradise is decorated slightly in variation of green colors. It is because the green is the nature color of life, optimism and fertile, comfort and pleasurable, and happiness. The content of the verses in The Holy Quran are talking about the bliss and happiness experienced by the believers. The greenery granulated to comfort souls and the study agreed that the content on the verses which is the favorites color of the beloved prophet peace be upon him Muhammad the messenger in narrated hadis by bukhari, "*I asked Anas, "What kind of clothes was most beloved to the Prophet?" He replied, "The Habra (a kind of Yemenese cloth).*" Which the kind of yemenese cloth is in green color like the colors of the suits of the people of paradise.<sup>88</sup>

### Conclusions

After study about the green color and their diversity in the holy Quran, and after the detail of studies about the green color, and how it related to the verses of Quran, we can conclude this studies by the following results, 1. The colors were mentioned in the holy Quran in dozens of verses.

1. The colors were mentioned in the holy Quran in dozens of verses. Which would draw the attention and interest in followers and listeners of the holy book of Allah the Almighty. The importance of colors seek attention, diversity, different, and spreading around us the universe to include everything around us like the colors of our skin and also our skin.

2. In some verse that we mentioned before, is about the colors and difference which was a reference to the issues of utmost importance of humans such as the faith in Allah. How the ability to hear and fear about Him. This study in clear references as the reflection of meditation of colors and the differences that could lead humankind to have a sincere faith in Him and fear of Him.

3. The green color which comes in great interest from the verses of Quran after the color of whites. The numbers that mentioned in the Quran comes with many terms. Almost the verses are talked about the nature greenery colors of plant, vegetables, trees and fruits. Perhaps also the green color was mentioned about the people of paradise with their clothes and dress, about their ornaments and beds also the furniture and fruits that have

been eaten. The paradise was synonyms with the dark green in colors to picture the high density of trees and greenery pictured. 4. The green color was clearly indicated in the verses of Quran and the life of prosperity and fertility, optimism and happiness, comes with psychological comfort and the meditation towards the viewer.

### Recommendation

Researcher recommends that study of the holy book of almighty Allah will turned out the differ due to diligence, towards the study of the diversity, the existence part that will obtained knowledge. I ,also recommend the dual studies between scientists and the

interpretation of the Quran is the colors of the psychologist and how its relates due to human psychology and influences, it also trough in-depth study in each color regarding the holy Quran that was mentioned.

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