

## **Preference in Quranic Studies: Context versus Occasions of Revelations**

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### **Abstract**

This research addresses an old and new controversy: the Quranic context versus occasions of revelations: which of them is stronger semantically for preference if it proves impossible to reconcile them within one apparent context. What is old in this research is the importance of context for semantic preference in terms of deciding what is meant by the Quranic text as appears from the context, and in terms of clarifying and specifying generalizations, in addition to context being the meaning that links words and Ayat (verses) together.

What is new about this research are the claims by some scholars that the occasions of revelations cannot be preferred to contextual reference. It has been proved that these claims have no grounds and no evidence.

When faced by the importance of the circumstances of revelations, scholars voicing these claims have fell into another contradiction which is denying the authentic form of occasions of revelations, though forms are a linguistic matter recognized by people and have been a basis for many rules and verdicts in Sharia.

The research finally proves that occasions of revelations are more important than context, and thus it is necessary to look for the appropriate context that reconciles with both the occasion and the reasons of revelations, using of course the available evidence, if any, from great scholars.

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