The Effect of Atypical Readings of the Quran on the Formation of Syntactic Rules

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Abstract

This paper seeks to study the effect of Quranic readings in general, and atypical readings in particular, on the formation of grammatical rules and syntax. It also tries to show the relationship between Quranic readings and the seven enunciation styles. The Quran allows the opportunity of different readings. These readings, together with the seven famous accents, constitute an important manifestation of the uniqueness of Quran. They support one another without any contradiction. Some researchers believe that Quranic readings have not received the due attention of grammarians regarding the formation of syntactic rules. Readings of exceptions in the Quran which lack systematic and coherent relation to the big whole are not less important than the mainstream of the vocabulary, rules and styles. Regular or irregular readings are standard grammatical illustrations or bases, which are probably better than the poetic examples. In neglecting those readings, grammarians missed a number of standard Arabic accents. They deemed as irregular what did not fit their analogies and preconceptions. They should have taken into consideration the Quranic readings both in the formation and modification of syntactic rules.

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