

The Holy Quran is the last revealed Book of Allah. It is a source of perfect guidance and inspiration for all the Muslims of the world. It has specific terminology and every word of it implies a number of meanings and shades. In Surah 3 entitled "The Family of Imran" two contrastive terms, Muhkamat (Clear in Meaning) and Mutashabihat (Not very clear in meaning or resemblances) have been used in its verse 7. The Muhkamat and Mutashabihat dichotomy has been widely debated by the medieval Arab scholars and prominent theologians.

The literature of exegesis is full of great variety of meanings, dimensions and explanations. However, the word Mutashabihat was not perceived well until the recent time and the present age of science. When the matter was looked into its real perspective of present scientific knowledge it revealed another side of the story. So it was made the subject of PhD thesis under the above mentioned caption. The thesis was divided into five subsections comprising the following.

1. Muhkamat and Mutashabihat - Meanings and Division.
2. Muhkamat and Mutashabihat - Identification and Examples.
3. Verse 7 of Surah Al-e-Imran (Family of Imran) in the light of Exegesis.
4. Muhkamat and Mutashabihat - In the light of Usool-e-Fiqh.
5. Muhkamat and Mutashabihat - In the light of Modern Knowledge In the fifth section the writer has tried his best to clear picture of Mutashabihat verses. At the end of the work substantial annotated illustrations provide a detailed and comprehensive guide to the topic. Now it is up to the readers and the scholars to conclude how well the author has contributed, interpreted and disclosed the much hidden message of the verse.