

Notes for Quranic Passage 1 – Ayat al-Kursi (2:255)

(a) Briefly describe the main theme(s) in this passage. [4]

The main theme of this passage is **Allah's absolute oneness, perfection and supreme authority**. It declares that Allah alone deserves worship because He is **Al-Hayy (the Ever-Living)** and **Al-Qayyum (the Self-Subsisting)**, while all creation depends on Him. Unlike His creation, Allah is free from every weakness; He neither sleeps nor becomes tired. His uniqueness is also affirmed elsewhere in the Qur'an: "**There is nothing like Him**" (42:11), showing that no one resembles Allah in His attributes.

The passage also emphasises **Allah's complete knowledge and unlimited power**. He knows everything about the past, present and future, while human beings only know what He allows them to know. No one can intercede before Him except with His permission, proving that all authority belongs to Him alone.

Finally, the verse highlights **Allah's universal sovereignty**. His **Kursi (Throne)** extends over the heavens and the earth, symbolising His limitless Kingdom, Majesty and Control. Overall, the passage proves Allah as the Creator, Sustainer and Protector of the entire universe, whose Knowledge, Power and Authority are absolute.

(b) Briefly explain the importance of these themes in a Muslim's life today. [4]

These themes strengthen a Muslim's **belief in Tawhid**, reminding them that only Allah deserves worship, obedience and complete trust. A believer should therefore avoid all forms of shirk and place their hopes only in Allah.

Knowing that Allah never sleeps and is fully aware of every action encourages Muslims to remain honest and avoid sins such as lying, cheating, bribery and injustice, even when no one else is watching. This develops sincerity (**ikhlas**) and consciousness of Allah (**taqwa**). Belief in Allah's complete Knowledge and Power also gives comfort during difficulties. Muslims understand that Allah knows their struggles and has control over every situation, so they remain patient, make dua and rely upon Him.

Finally, Allah's Supreme authority teaches Muslims not to fear worldly powers more than Allah. They should stand for truth and justice, remembering that every ruler and every human being is ultimately under Allah's control.

