

The Scientific Accuracy of the Koran

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REFERENCE	STATEMENT	FACT
Al-Nahl 16:66 (Sura of the Bee)	Excretion, blood, and milk come from cattle's abdomen.	Milk and excretion come from different parts of the cow's anatomy.
Al-Nahl 16:69 (Sura of the Bee)	Honey comes out of a bee's abdomen and heals men.	Honey is not produced in a bee's abdomen.
Al-Anam 6:38 (Sura of the Cattle)	All animals and all things that fly form communities like man.	Many forms of life do not live in communities.
Al-Saffat 37:6 (The Ranks) to Al-Jinn 72:8-9 (The Spirits) Al-Tariq 15:16-18, etc.	A piercing flame is a shooting star—a weapon of God used to strike devils.	Meteorites are solid lumps of matter which survive passage through the earth's atmosphere and reach the ground.
Noah 71:15-16 The Dominion 67:3 The Believers 23:17, 86, etc.	There are seven heavens, one above the other. Each holds different things—the lower being fitted with lights.	Groupings of stars do not match the layering description in any way.
The Prophets 21:31 The Bee 16:15 Lugman 31:10 The News 78:6-8 The Overwhelming 88:17, 19	God threw down mountains like tent pegs to keep the earth from shaking.	Mountains do not keep the earth from shaking and are not in any way like tent pegs.
The Women 4:23 (Al-Nisa) The Heights 7:172 (Al-Araf)	Semen comes from the back or kidney area, not from the testicles.	Semen comes from the testicles.
Resurrection 75:37-39 (Al-Qiyama) The Believer 40:67 (Al-Mumin) The Pilgrimage 22:5 (Al-Hajj) The Believers 23:12-14 (Al-Muminun)	Humans are produced by an ejaculated sperm that becomes (<i>alaqa</i> in Arabic) a leech-like clot, a clot of blood, a clot, depending upon which translation you use.	Human development does not involve anything that fits the Koran's description.
The Women 4:23 (Al-Nisa)	Nursing passes on genetic traits from mother to child.	No genetic traits are transmitted by nursing.
The Ant 27:15-44 (Al-Naml)	Solomon talked with ants, birds, and giants (not presented as a miracle or a fable).	This kind of communication does not happen.