

Comparison Constructions in the Language of the Qur'an

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Abstract : The aim of the present paper is to provide a characterization of the expression of comparison in the language of the Qur'an, the language of the Divine Book of the Muslim nation. It focuses on quantitative as well as qualitative comparisons. While works on comparison constructions in Arabic focus on a type(s) of the comparison construction and exclude another and investigate its behaviour in Standard Arabic, the paper aims to be inclusive of the varied instances that are scalar comparison constructions and describe its aspects in the language of the Qur'an. To the best of my knowledge, comparative constructions in the language of the Qur'an has not been tackled before and hence the characterization provided in the paper would be the contribution of the present work. The paper highlights the several rhetorical features of the construction as present in the different verses in the Qur'an which set them distinct from the ordinary use of the construction in the different varieties of the Arabic language.

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