

all, and they do not have the slightest knowledge except that which He has taught them. Hence He says: «while they encompass nothing of His knowledge except what He wills».

«His Kursi extends over the heavens and the earth». This is indicative of His perfect might and all-encompassing power, as the Kursi encompasses the heavens and the earth, despite their vastness and the greatness of what they contain. The Kursi, however, is not the greatest of Allah's creation; rather there is something that is greater than it, namely the Throne *al-'Arsh* and that which no one knows except Him. The greatness of these creations dazzles the mind and is beyond comprehension; it causes the mountains to crumble and cannot be grasped by even the most brilliant of human minds. So how about the greatness of their Creator and Initiator, Who instilled in them many wonders and mysteries that point to His great wisdom, the One Who keeps a firm hold on the heavens and the earth, lest they fall apart (*cf.* 35: 41), without becoming tired or weary? Hence He says «and the preservation of both does not weary Him» that is, it is not burdensome for Him.

«for He is the Most High» in and of Himself, above His Throne; He is the Most High in the sense that He is the Subduer of all His creation, the Most High in status, because of the perfection of His attributes. «the Most Great»; the might of tyrants appears insignificant when compared with His greatness, and the status of powerful kings appears small when compared with His Majesty. Glory be to the One Who is possessed of great power and might over all things.

This verse refers to the oneness of divinity (*tawḥeed al-ulooḥiyah*), the oneness of the divine Lordship (*tawḥeed ar-ruboobiyyah*) and the oneness of the divine names and attributes (*tawḥeed al-asmâ' waṣ-ṣifât*). It also refers to His all-encompassing sovereignty and knowledge, and to the greatness of His power, majesty, glory, might and pride, and His exaltedness above all His creation. This verse on its own highlights belief in the names and attributes of Allah, and implies all the beautiful names and sublime attributes of Allah.