

and seeking an interpretation [that suits them]. But no one knows its [true] interpretation except Allah. And those who are firmly grounded in knowledge say: We believe in [the Book]; all of it is from our Lord. None will pay heed except people of understanding.

3:8. Our Lord, do not let our hearts deviate now after You have guided us, and bestow upon us mercy from Yourself; for You are the Bestower.

3:9. Our Lord, You will gather all people on the day of which there is no doubt; for Allah does not break His promise.

The entire Qur'an is definitive, as Allah (ﷻ) says:

﴿...This is a Book, the verses of which are perfected, then explained in detail, from One Who is Most Wise, All-Aware.﴾ (Hood 11: 1)

It is precise, based on clarity, justice and perfection.

﴿...But who could be better in judgement than Allah, for a people who are certain in faith?﴾ (al-Mā'idah 5: 50)

All of it is similar in beauty and eloquence, with some parts confirming others and with similarities in terms of wording and meaning. With regard to the definitive clarity and ambiguity mentioned in this verse, Allah says, in reference to the Qur'an: ﴿In it are definitive verses﴾ that is, their meaning is clear and there is no ambiguity or confusion.

﴿which are the foundation of the Book﴾ that is, they form the basic reference point in the light of which any ambiguous verse is to be understood, and they form the greater part of the Book.

﴿others are ambiguous﴾ that is, the meaning may not be clear to many people, because the wording is very general, or they may be misunderstood by some. To sum up, some of the verses are clear to everyone, and they are the majority that form the reference point for others; and there are other verses which may be unclear to some people. In that case what they must do is refer that which is ambiguous