

﴿He said: Thus Allah creates what He wills. When He has decreed something, He merely says to it, 'Be!' and it is﴾. So the angel told her that this was something extraordinary, created by the One Who says to everything that He wills, 'Be!' and it is. The one who is certain of that will no longer be astonished or amazed. In His wisdom, Allah (ﷻ) takes a gradual approach by telling His slaves of that which is strange as an introduction to that which is stranger. So He first of all mentioned the creation of Yaḥyâ ibn Zakariyâ, who was born to parents, one of whom was elderly and the other was barren. Then He mentioned something stranger and more amazing than that, which was the creation of 'Eesâ (ﷺ) through a mother, without a father, in order to show to His slaves that He does what He wills, and that whatever He wills happens, and whatever He does not will does not happen.

Then Allah (ﷻ) speaks of the great blessing that He bestowed upon His slave and Messenger 'Eesâ (ﷺ), as He said:

﴿And Allah will teach him the Book﴾. It may be that what is meant is books in general, thus the Torah and the Gospel are mentioned in specific terms because of their sublime status and virtue, and because they contain rulings and laws by which the Israelite Prophets ruled and in which there is a great deal of knowledge; hence they include knowledge of words and meanings. Or it may be that what is meant by the words ﴿And Allah will teach him the Book﴾ is literacy, because literacy is one of the greatest blessings that Allah bestows upon His slaves. Thus He reminds His slaves of His favour in teaching them the use of the pen, as mentioned in the first soorah that He revealed, as He said:

﴿Recite [commencing] with the name of your Lord Who created, created man from a clinging clot. Recite, for your Lord is the Most Generous, Who taught the use of the pen.﴾ (al-'Alaq 96: 1-4)

What is meant by wisdom is knowledge of the reasons behind the rulings and knowing how to do or say the right thing at the right time. Hence this is a reminder of Allah's blessings to 'Eesâ (ﷺ), as He