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"Exalted is He who created all pairs - from what the earth grows and from themselves and from that which they do not know."

SURAH YASIN 36:36

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All praise is due to Allah, who created all things in pairs, who sends down rain from the sky and brings forth from it greenery. Blessings and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, and upon his family and his Companions.

This article is specially dedicated to my beloved wife,

ZAHARAH MOHD LATIF;

my dear children,

MUHAMMAD HAFIZ, NOOR HAZWANI, ABDUL HAKIM, NOOR HIDAYAH, NOR AQILA and **NOR ATIQAH**;

and my sons- and daughters-in-law,

FAZILAH, MALEK, HANIN, FAIRIZAL and **FIRWAN**.

Whenever we see a green leaf or a flower, may we remember His words: ***"perhaps you will remember"*** (51:49) — and may this article be 'ilmun yuntafa'u bih, knowledge that brings benefit.

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ABOUT THE COVER OF THIS ARTICLE

The cover of this article shows **a green leaf** lit by golden sunlight, so that its veins seem to glow. **The fine particles** drifting around it symbolise the work of green matter (chlorophyll), which turns light into food and energy — as indicated by ***"greenery"*** (6:99) and ***"from the green tree, fire"*** (36:80).

Beside it is **a flower** with pollen-laden stamens and a pistil at its centre — the **male** and **female** parts that are the basis of plant reproduction. Below, **a seed** is sprouting with its first two leaves, also a pair. This is a picture of the words of Allah: ***"Exalted is He who created all pairs"*** (36:36).

Two gold lines at the bottom frame the author's name.

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PAIRED PLANTS & GREEN MATTER

The plant world is among the ***ayat kawniyyah*** — the signs of Allah in creation — closest to our daily lives. Every day we eat its produce, breathe the oxygen it releases, and shelter beneath its leaves.

This article gathers the verses on two great secrets of the plant world: the ***pairs*** that are the basis of its reproduction (13:3; 36:36; 20:53; 51:49; 15:22), and the ***green matter*** that turns sunlight into food and energy (6:99; 36:80). The exegesis of Ibn Kathir comes first, then two authentic Hadith, then the findings of modern botany — honestly distinguishing what is sound from what is only a contemporary reading.

Note: The translation of the Qur'anic verses in this article is Sahih International. The grading of each Hadith is stated in the Hadith box, with a link to sunnah.com. Every scientific finding is given with a link to its original source.

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PLANTS CREATED IN PAIRS

SURAH AR-RA'D 13:3

وَهُوَ ٱلَّذِى مَدَّ ٱلْأَرْضَ وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا رَوَٰسِىَ وَأَنْهَٰرًا ۖ وَمِن كُلِّ ٱلثَّمَرَٰتِ جَعَلَ فِيهَا زَوْجَيْنِ ٱثْنَيْنِ ۖ يُغْشِى ٱلَّيْلَ ٱلنَّهَارَ ۚ إِنَّ فِى ذَٰلِكَ لَءَايَٰتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٣﴾

And it is He who spread the earth and placed therein firmly set mountains and rivers; and from all of the fruits He made therein two mates; He causes the night to cover the day. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/13:3

COMMENTARY ON 13:3

First: Two kinds of every form. Imam Ibn Kathir explains that the earth was spread out, anchored with mountains and given rivers to water fruits ***of different colours, shapes, tastes and scents***. On ***"from all of the fruits He made therein two mates"***, he says: ***"of every form, two kinds."*** Tafsir Ibn Kathir 13:3

Second: A contemporary reading. Some modern I'jaz 'Ilmi writers see in this verse an indication of ***male and female*** in the plant world. Both meanings are discussed carefully in the Analysis section.

SURAH YASIN 36:36

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Exalted is He who created all pairs - from what the earth grows and from themselves and from that which they do not know.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/36:36

COMMENTARY ON 36:36

Ibn Kathir explains three groups in this verse: ***"from what the earth grows"*** means ***crops, fruits and plants***; ***"from themselves"*** — Allah made them ***male and female***; and ***"from that which they do not know"*** means ***many kinds of creatures they do not know***. He links it to 51:49. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 36:36

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SURAH TAHA 20:53

ٱلَّذِى جَعَلَ لَكُمُ ٱلْأَرْضَ مَهْدًا وَسَلَكَ لَكُمْ فِيهَا سُبُلًا وَأَنزَلَ مِنَ ٱلسَّمَآءِ مَآءً فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِۦٓ أَزْوَٰجًا مِّن نَّبَاتٍ شَتَّىٰ ﴿٥٣﴾

[It is He] who has made for you the earth as a bed [spread out] and inserted therein for you roadways and sent down from the sky, rain and produced thereby categories of various plants.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/20:53

COMMENTARY ON 20:53

On ***"categories of various plants"*** (***azwājan min nabātin shattā***), Ibn Kathir explains: ***the many colours of plants*** — crops and fruits, ***the sour and the sweet***, and all other kinds. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 20:53

SURAH ADH-DHARIYAT 51:49

وَمِن كُلِّ شَىْءٍ خَلَقْنَا زَوْجَيْنِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

And of all things We created two mates; perhaps you will remember.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/51:49

COMMENTARY ON 51:49

Ibn Kathir says: all creatures are in pairs — heaven and earth, night and day, sun and moon, land and sea, light and darkness, faith and disbelief, death and life, Paradise and Hell, ***even animals and plants***. The purpose: ***"perhaps you will remember" — that you may know that the Creator is One, with no partner***. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 51:49

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THE FERTILIZING WINDS

SURAH AL-HIJR 15:22

وَأَرۡسَلۡنَا ٱلرِّيَٰحَ لَوَٰقِحَ فَأَنزَلۡنَا مِنَ ٱلسَّمَآءِ مَآءٗ فَأَسۡقَيۡنَٰكُمُوهُ وَمَآ أَنتُمۡ لَهُۥ بِخَٰزِنِينَ ٢٢

And We have sent the fertilizing winds and sent down water from the sky and given you drink from it. And you are not its retainers.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/15:22

COMMENTARY ON 15:22

First: Two meanings of "lawāqih". The word ***lawāqih*** comes from ***laqaha***, to mate or fertilise. Imam Ibn Kathir himself combines both meanings: the winds ***fertilise the clouds*** so that they release water, and ***fertilise the trees*** so that their leaves and flower-buds open. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 15:22

Second: The translation. Sahih International renders the phrase as ***"the fertilizing winds"***. The second meaning fits pollination by wind, explained in the science section.

Third: The barren wind. Ibn Kathir adds that "winds" here is in the plural because they bring forth produce, unlike ***the barren wind*** (al-rīḥ al-'aqīm), which is mentioned in the singular.

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GREEN MATTER AND FIRE FROM THE GREEN TREE

SURAH AL-AN'AM 6:99

وَهُوَ ٱلَّذِىٓ أَنزَلَ مِنَ ٱلسَّمَآءِ مَآءً فَأَخۡرَجۡنَا بِهِۦ نَبَاتَ كُلِّ شَىۡءٍ فَأَخۡرَجۡنَا مِنۡهُ خَضِرًا نُّخۡرِجُ مِنۡهُ حَبًّا مُّتَرَاكِبًا وَمِنَ ٱلنَّخۡلِ مِن طَلۡعِهَا قِنۡوَانٌ دَانِيَةٌ وَجَنَّٰتٍ مِّنۡ أَعۡنَابٍ وَٱلزَّيۡتُونَ وَٱلرُّمَّانَ مُشۡتَبِهًا وَغَيۡرَ مُتَشَٰبِهٍۗ ٱنظُرُوٓاْ إِلَىٰ ثَمَرِهِۦٓ إِذَآ أَثۡمَرَ وَيَنۡعِهِۦٓۚ إِنَّ فِى ذَٰلِكُمۡ لَأٓيَٰتٍ لِّقَوۡمٍ يُؤۡمِنُونَ ٩٩

And it is He who sends down rain from the sky, and We produce thereby the growth of all things. We produce from it greenery from which We produce grains arranged in layers. And from the palm trees - of its emerging fruit are clusters hanging low. And [We produce] gardens of grapevines and olives and pomegranates, similar yet varied. Look at [each of] its fruit when it yields and [at] its ripening. Indeed in that are signs for a people who believe.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/6:99

COMMENTARY ON 6:99

First: A precise sequence. This verse sets out a sequence: rain → plants → ***"greenery"*** → ***"grains arranged in layers"***. Ibn Kathir explains ***khaḍiran*** as ***green crops and trees***, ***and after that*** Allah creates in them grain and fruit; ***ḥabban mutarākiban*** are grains layered one over another, ***like ears of wheat***. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 6:99

Second: A call to observe. ***"Look at [each of] its fruit when it yields and [at] its ripening"*** — a call to observation and study.

REFLECTION — GRAIN FROM THE GREEN

In the language of modern botany, the green parts of a plant are where ***photosynthesis*** takes place — the process that produces sugar, which is finally stored as starch, oil and protein in seeds and fruit. The sequence of this verse is beautiful to reflect on.

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SURAH YASIN 36:80

ٱلَّذِى جَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنَ ٱلشَّجَرِ ٱلْأَخْضَرِ نَارًا فَإِذَآ أَنتُم مِّنْهُ تُوقِدُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾

[It is] He who made for you from the green tree, fire, and then from it you ignite.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/36:80

COMMENTARY ON 36:80

First: From water to fire. Ibn Kathir explains: Allah began the creation of this tree from water until it became ***green, fresh, fruit-bearing and ripe***, then returned it to ***dry firewood*** with which fire is kindled. Qatadah said: He who brings this fire out of this tree is able to resurrect. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 36:80

Second: The markh and 'afar trees. Ibn Kathir also mentions a view, narrated from Ibn 'Abbas رضى الله عنهما, that the trees meant are the ***markh*** and ***'afar*** of the Hijaz. Two green sticks are rubbed together until fire comes out, like a fire-striker.

Third: The context. The verse answers those who deny the resurrection: the Lord who brings fire out of the green tree is surely able to bring decayed bones back to life.

REFLECTION — SUNLIGHT STORED IN A PIECE OF WOOD

Burning wood in fact holds the energy of sunlight captured by green leaves over many years. When it is lit, that energy is released again as heat and light. Ibn Kathir describes the tree's journey from water, to green, to dry wood — and modern science adds another layer of reflection: ***that fire is sunlight "stored" by green matter***. Glory be to Allah, who made it all.

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EVIDENCE FROM THE HADITH

THE FIRST HADITH — "THEY PUT THE MALE INTO THE FEMALE"

HADITH — SAHIH MUSLIM, NO. 2361

حَدَّثَنَا قُتَيْبَةُ بْنُ سَعِيدٍ الثَّقَفِيُّ، وَأَبُو كَامِلٍ الْجَحْدَرِيُّ - وَتَقَارَبَا فِي اللَّفْظِ وَهَذَا حَدِيثُ قُتَيْبَةَ - قَالاَ حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عَوَانَةَ عَنْ سِمَاكٍ عَنْ مُوسَى بْنِ طَلْحَةَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ قَالَ مَرَرْتُ مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم بِقَوْمٍ عَلَى رُءُوسِ النَّخْلِ فَقَالَ «مَا يَصْنَعُ هَؤُلاَءِ». فَقَالُوا يُلَقِّحُونَهُ يَجْعَلُونَ الذَّكَرَ فِي الأُنْثَى فَيَلْقَحُ. فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم «مَا أَظُنُّ يُغْنِي ذَلِكَ شَيْئًا». قَالَ فَأُخْبِرُوا بِذَلِكَ فَتَرَكُوهُ فَأُخْبِرَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم بِذَلِكَ فَقَالَ «إِنْ كَانَ يَنْفَعُهُمْ ذَلِكَ فَلْيَصْنَعُوهُ فَإِنِّي إِنَّمَا ظَنَنْتُ ظَنًّا فَلاَ تُؤَاخِذُونِي بِالظَّنِّ وَلَكِنْ إِذَا حَدَّثْتُكُمْ عَنِ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا فَخُذُوا بِهِ فَإِنِّي لَنْ أَكْذِبَ عَلَى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ».

TRANSLATION:

Talhah bin 'Ubaidillah رضى الله عنه said: I passed with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ by some people at the tops of the date palms. He asked: **"What are these people doing?"** They said: "They are pollinating them; they put the male into the female, and so it is fertilised." The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: **"I do not think that will be of any use."** They were told of this, so they abandoned it. Then the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was told of that, and he said: **"If it benefits them, then let them do it, for I only made a supposition. So do not hold me to a supposition. But when I tell you something from Allah, then take it, for I will never lie about Allah, the Mighty and Majestic."**

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Muslim: from Qutaibah bin Sa'id al-Thaqafi and Abu Kamil al-Jahdari, from Abu 'Awanah, from Simak bin Harb, from Musa bin Talhah, from his father, Talhah bin 'Ubaidillah رضى الله عنه, from the Prophet ﷺ.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam Muslim in Sahih Muslim, Book of Virtues, Hadith No. 2361.

GRADE: SAHIH — narrated by Imam Muslim in Sahih Muslim.

Source: https://sunnah.com/muslim:2361

LESSONS FROM THIS HADITH

First: The date farmers of Madinah had long known that date palms are ***male and female***, and that male pollen must reach the female flower. So we cannot claim that the Qur'an "introduced" the idea of male and female date palms.

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Second: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ clearly distinguished between ***revelation from Allah*** and ***personal supposition*** in technical worldly matters — a very important scholarly principle. In the narration of 'A'ishah and Anas رضى الله عنهما (Sahih Muslim 2363), he said: ***"You know best the affairs of your worldly life."***

THE SECOND HADITH — PLANTING AS CHARITY

HADITH — SAHIH AL-BUKHARI, NO. 2320 (AGREED UPON)

حَدَّثَنَا قُتَيْبَةُ بْنُ سَعِيدٍ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عَوَانَةَ، ح وَحَدَّثَنِي عَبْدُ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنُ الْمُبَارَكِ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عَوَانَةَ، عَنْ قَتَادَةَ، عَنْ أَنَسٍ ـ رضى الله عنه ـ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم «مَا مِنْ مُسْلِمٍ يَغْرِسُ غَرْسًا، أَوْ يَزْرَعُ زَرْعًا، فَيَأْكُلُ مِنْهُ طَيْرٌ أَوْ إِنْسَانٌ أَوْ بَهِيمَةٌ، إِلاَّ كَانَ لَهُ بِهِ صَدَقَةٌ». وَقَالَ لَنَا مُسْلِمٌ حَدَّثَنَا أَبَانُ، حَدَّثَنَا قَتَادَةُ، حَدَّثَنَا أَنَسٌ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم.

TRANSLATION:

Anas رضى الله عنه said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: **"There is no Muslim who plants a tree or sows a crop, and then a bird, a person or an animal eats from it, except that it is counted as charity for him."**

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari: from Qutaibah bin Sa'id, from Abu 'Awanah; and from 'Abd al-Rahman bin al-Mubarak, from Abu 'Awanah, from Qatadah, from Anas bin Malik رضى الله عنه, from the Prophet ﷺ. (Supporting chain: Muslim bin Ibrahim, from Aban bin Yazid, from Qatadah, from Anas.)

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari in Sahih al-Bukhari, Book of Agriculture, Hadith No. 2320; also narrated by Imam Muslim in Sahih Muslim, Hadith No. 1553.

GRADE: SAHIH — Agreed upon (Muttafaq 'alaih): narrated by al-Bukhari (No. 2320) and Muslim (No. 1553).

Source: https://sunnah.com/bukhari:2320

LESSONS FROM THIS HADITH

First: Every tree planted is a small "factory" that turns sunlight into food through its green matter. Its reward keeps flowing as long as its produce is used.

Second: The Hadith mentions ***birds, people and animals*** — all of them depend on plants. In scientific terms, green plants are the ***primary producers*** at the base of the food chain on land.

Third: This charity counts even when the planter did not intend to give — it is enough that the produce is eaten. This shows the breadth of Allah's mercy and Islam's encouragement to ***cultivate the earth***.

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WHAT MODERN BOTANY SAYS

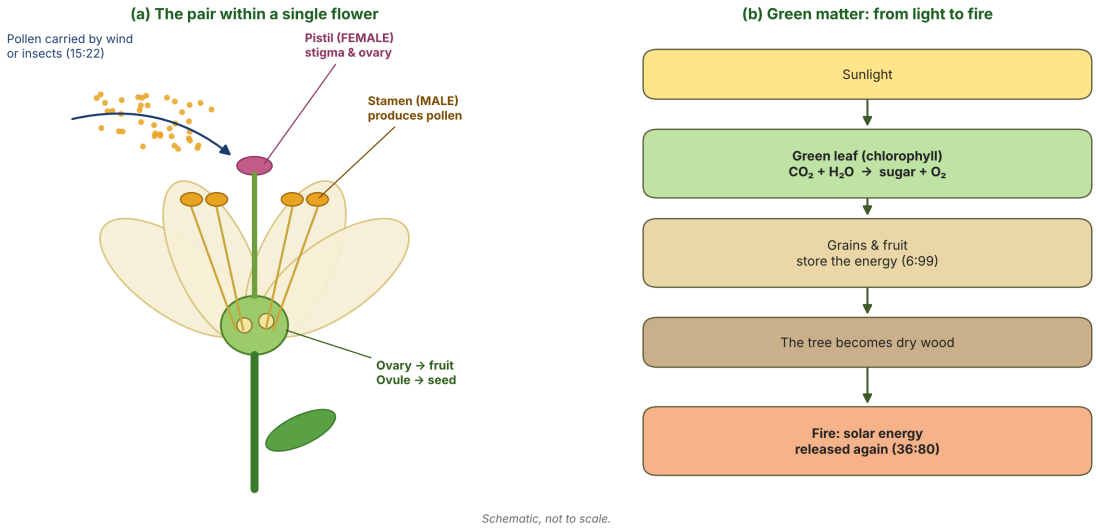


Figure 1: (a) The male and female parts of a flower; (b) The flow of energy from sunlight to fire.

PAIRS IN THE PLANT WORLD

SCIENTIFIC FINDING: CAMERARIUS PROVES THAT PLANTS HAVE SEXES (1694)

In 1694, Rudolf Jacob Camerarius, professor of medicine at Tübingen, Germany, published his letter ***De sexu plantarum epistola***. Through experiments, he showed that ***pollen from the stamens*** (male) is needed to fertilise ***the pistil*** (female) before seeds form. Before then, many scholars followed Aristotle's view that plants have no sexes.

Žárský and colleagues (1995) describe this discovery as a ***"Copernican event"*** for biology.

STUDY REFERENCES:

Žárský, V. et al. (1995). A missed anniversary: 300 years after Rudolf Jacob Camerarius' "De sexu plantarum epistola". Sexual Plant Reproduction. https://doi.org/10.1007/BF00243206

SCIENTIFIC FINDING: DATE PALMS: MALE AND FEMALE DOWN TO THE GENES

Torres and colleagues (2018) sequenced the genomes of ***15 female and 13 male trees*** from all 14 species of the genus Phoenix (the date-palm family). All these species have separate male and female trees. They found male-specific DNA sequences, including two genes (***CYP703*** and ***GPAT3***) that are important for pollen formation.

This finding explains at the molecular level what the farmers of Madinah were doing in the First Hadith.

STUDY REFERENCES:

Torres, M.F. et al. (2018). Genus-wide sequencing supports a two-locus model for sex-determination in Phoenix. Nature Communications, 9, 3969. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-018-06375-y

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SCIENTIFIC FINDING: THE WIND AS THE PLANTS' "MATCHMAKER"

A review by Friedman and Barrett (2009) states that ***about 10% of flowering plants*** are pollinated by wind, and that this has evolved repeatedly in unrelated lineages. They include grasses and cereals such as ***wheat, rice and maize*** — the staple foods of humankind.

STUDY REFERENCES:

Friedman, J. & Barrett, S.C.H. (2009). Wind of change: new insights on the ecology and evolution of pollination and mating in wind-pollinated plants. Annals of Botany, 103(9), 1515–1527. https://doi.org/10.1093/aob/mcp035

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GREEN MATTER: A FACTORY OF FOOD AND ENERGY

SCIENTIFIC FINDING: CHLOROPHYLL AND PHOTOSYNTHESIS

Blankenship (2010) describes the evolution of photosynthesis: pigments such as ***chlorophyll*** absorb sunlight and use its energy to turn ***carbon dioxide and water into sugar***, while releasing oxygen. It is this photosynthesis that filled Earth's atmosphere with the oxygen we breathe.

Chlorophyll absorbs red and blue light but reflects green light — that is why leaves look green.

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SCIENTIFIC FINDING: THE OUTPUT OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS ACROSS THE EARTH

Field and colleagues (1998) estimated that plants and photosynthetic organisms across the earth fix ***about 105 billion tonnes of carbon each year***, with roughly equal shares from land and ocean.

When wood is burned, that stored solar energy is ***released again*** as heat and light — an interesting angle on fire from the green tree (36:80).

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BETWEEN HARMONY AND CAUTION

The table below summarises the assessment of each claim in this article.

POPULAR CLAIMS AND THEIR ASSESSMENT

CLAIMS OFTEN HEARD	ASSESSMENT
"Verse 13:3 states that fruits have male and female."	A contemporary reading. Ibn Kathir: two kinds of every form. The meaning of sexes is an additional interpretation.
"The Qur'an states that all creatures, including plants, are in pairs."	Sound. 36:36 and 51:49 — Ibn Kathir mentions plants explicitly.
"The Qur'an introduced the idea of male and female date palms."	Inaccurate. The farmers of Madinah had long practised it (Sahih Muslim 2361).
"Lawāqih (15:22) means winds that carry pollen."	Linguistically sound. Ibn Kathir himself says the winds fertilise both clouds and trees.
"Verse 6:99 mentions chlorophyll and photosynthesis."	An interesting harmony. The verse says grain comes from the green, not a scientific term.

REFLECTION — WHY THIS CAUTION MATTERS

The Qur'an is a book of guidance, not a botany textbook. Harmony between the verses and science is a sign of Allah's greatness that strengthens faith — not the measure of the Qur'an's truth. Scientific theories can change, while the Qur'an remains.

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LESSONS AND CONCLUSION

LESSONS FROM THIS ARTICLE

First: Pairs point to the Oneness of Allah. All creatures are in pairs, so that we remember that only Allah is One (51:49).

Second: Look at its fruit. The Qur'an calls us to observe the plant world (6:99) — the basis of study.

Third: Distinguish revelation from worldly experience. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ himself taught this principle (Sahih Muslim 2361).

Fourth: Plant trees. Every crop that is used is a charity (Sahih al-Bukhari 2320).

Fifth: Fire from the green is an argument for resurrection. He who brings fire out of the green tree is able to bring the dead back to life (36:80).

CONCLUSION

The plant world holds two signs of Allah's greatness: the ***pairs*** that are the basis of its reproduction, and the ***green matter*** that turns sunlight into food and energy. Modern botany — Camerarius' discovery, the date-palm genome, studies of wind pollination and photosynthesis — reveals how beautiful the imagery of these verses is. At the same time, scholarly honesty requires us to respect the interpretations of earlier scholars. Every green leaf is a glorification that reminds us of its Creator: ***"Exalted is He who created all pairs"***. And Allah knows best.

In sha Allah, the series **Exploring the Qur'an & Science** will continue with the same method: the Qur'an, authentic Hadith, the exegesis of the scholars, and solid science.

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SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2:261

مَّثَلُ ٱلَّذِينَ يُنفِقُونَ أَمۡوَٰلَهُمۡ فِي سَبِيلِ ٱللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنۢبَتَتۡ سَبۡعَ سَنَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ سُنۢبُلَةٖ مِّاْئَةُ حَبَّةٖۗ وَٱللَّهُ يُضَٰعِفُ لِمَن يَشَآءُۚ وَٱللَّهُ وَٰسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ٢٦١

The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/2:261

SURAH SABA' 34:39

قُلۡ إِنَّ رَبِّي يَبۡسُطُ ٱلرِّزۡقَ لِمَن يَشَآءُ مِنۡ عِبَادِهِۦ وَيَقۡدِرُ لَهُۥۚ وَمَآ أَنفَقۡتُم مِّن شَيۡءٖ فَهُوَ يُخۡلِفُهُۥۖ وَهُوَ خَيۡرُ ٱلرَّٰزِقِينَ ٣٩

Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts [it] for him. But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers."

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/34:39

HADITH — SAHIH MUSLIM, NO. 2588

حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ أَيُّوبَ، وَقُتَيْبَةُ، وَابْنُ، حُجْرٍ قَالُوا حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ، - وَهُوَ ابْنُ جَعْفَرٍ - عَنِ الْعَلاَءِ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ « مَا نَقَصَتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ وَمَا زَادَ اللَّهُ عَبْدًا بِعَفْوٍ إِلاَّ عِزًّا وَمَا تَوَاضَعَ أَحَدٌ لِلَّهِ إِلاَّ رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ ».

TRANSLATION:

Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Charity does not decrease wealth.

Allah does not increase a servant who forgives except in honour. And no one humbles himself for the sake of Allah except that Allah raises him in rank."

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Muslim: from Yahya bin Ayyub, Qutaibah bin Sa'id and 'Ali bin Hujr, from Isma'il bin Ja'far, from al-'Ala' bin 'Abd al-Rahman, from his father 'Abd al-Rahman bin Ya'qub, from Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه .

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam Muslim in Sahih Muslim, Book of Virtue, Good Manners and Joining the Ties of Kinship (Kitab al-Birr wa al-Silah wa al-Adab), chapter on the encouragement of forgiveness and humility, Hadith No. 2588.

GRADE: SAHIH — contained in Sahih Muslim.

Source: https://sunnah.com/muslim:2588

HADITH — SAHIH MUSLIM, NO. 1631

حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ أَيُّوبَ، وَقُتَيْبَةُ، - يَعْنِي ابْنَ سَعِيدٍ - وَابْنُ حُجْرٍ قَالُوا حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ، - هُوَ ابْنُ جَعْفَرٍ - عَنِ الْعَلاَءِ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ « إِذَا مَاتَ الإِنْسَانُ انْقَطَعَ عَنْهُ عَمَلُهُ إِلاَّ مِنْ ثَلاَثَةٍ إِلاَّ مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ جَارِيَةٍ أَوْ عِلْمٍ يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُو لَهُ ».

TRANSLATION:

Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "When a person dies, his deeds come to an end except for three: an ongoing charity, knowledge that is benefited from, or a righteous child who prays for him."

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Muslim: from Yahya bin Ayyub, Qutaibah bin Sa'id and 'Ali bin Hujr, from Isma'il bin Ja'far, from al-'Ala' bin 'Abd al-Rahman, from his father 'Abd al-Rahman bin Ya'qub, from Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه .

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