

## The difference in usloob between Makki and Madanee aayaat

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Taken from the works of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)

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With regards to the difference in usloob between Makki category of aayaat of the Qur'aan and Madanee aayaat, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>1</sup> comments:

And the distinction of the Makki category from the Madanee is by way of the usloob (manner of addressing) and the mawdoo' (topic):

As for the usloob, then (the difference) is:

1) The majority of Makki aayaat have a strong manner and a sternness in their message - because most of the people being addressed were those who turned away (from the Truth) and those who were haughty and proud. And nothing but that would be befitting for them. (For example), read the two Soorahs, al Muddath-thir and al Qamar.

As for the Madanee, then most have gentleness as their usloob and ease in their message – because most of the people being addressed were those coming towards (Islaam) and complying with it. (For example), read Soorah al Maa-idah.

2) The majority of Makki aayaat have short aayaat and strength of argument because most of those people being addressed were those who stubbornly opposed and contended with (the Truth); so they were addressed with that which their condition necessitated. Read Soorah at Toor.

As for the Madanee, then most of them have long aayaat and contain a mention of rulings, sent without discussion – because their condition necessitated that. Read the aayaat relating to ad dayn (debt) in Soorah al Baqarah.

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