

The Application of Halliday's Functional Grammar in Surah al-Inshirah

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Abstract

In the present article, Surah al-Inshirah is linguistically analyzed drawing on Halliday's systemic grammar in three experiential, interpersonal and textual metafunctions. To this end, we analyzed all sentences of this surah separately in terms of the three mentioned metafunctions. While highlighting the analysis of linguistic foregrounding, we investigated the reflection of textual semantic characteristics in features of the context of situation. In terms of experiential metafunction, it was found that the material process had the highest frequency and this frequency is in line with this surah's atmosphere because at its beginning it speaks of the happened action (the revelation of divine blessings unto Prophet) and also at end of the surah, Allah invites the Prophet to action and giving thanks. In interpersonal metafunction, declarative mood and past tense have been foregrounded that confirm the sending down of divine blessings and the existence of any doubt impossible. The findings obtained through textual metafunction show that blessings of Allah toward his Prophet are known and they are not new thus the given information has the highest frequency in this surah. Grammatical cohesion and lexical cohesion that create cohesion have an important role in the confirmation of the contents of this surah.

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