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Abstract

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This study is a contrastive research of Qur'anic translations dealing with "Ghareeb" (unusual Qur'anic words and expressions). It aims to investigate the appropriateness of Ghareeb translation and examines how adequate the renditions are. It also investigates how semi-adequate or inadequate translation can distort the meanings conveyed in the Holy Qur'an. The study analyzes four interpretations made by Abdullah Yusuf Ali, Muhammad Zufrullah Khan, T. B Irving and Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthall, and compares their translations of "Ghareeb" terms with one of the most recent interpretations of *Ghareeb* compiled by Mohammad Altonji. Through studying sixty- four examples quoted from the Holy Our'an together with their English translations, followed by discussions, explanations and analyses, the study concludes that there are some shortcomings in the renditions of the four translators. Therefore, new renditions for these "lexicons" are

suggested depending on Muhammad Abdel Haleem translation and some other trustworthy exegetes including Ibn Katheer, Al-Zamakhshary, Al-Razi and Al-Qurtuby.

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المستخلص

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تهدفُ هذه الدراسةُ إلى مقارنةِ بعض ترجمات غريبِ القرآن وإلى التحقُّقِ من مدى ملاءمة هذه الترجماتِ لمصطلحاتِها باللغةِ العربية. كما تبحثُ في مدى تأثيرِ الترجمةِ على المعاني المنقولةِ من النصِّ القرآني. وقد دققت الباحثةُ في أربع ترجماتٍ لهذه المفردات، هي ترجمةُ عبد الله يوسف علي, وترجمةُ توماس ب ايرفنج, وترجمةُ محمد مرمدوك بيكثول وترجمةُ محمد ظفر الله خان. وقارنتُ ترجماتِهم لغريبِ القرآن مع المعجم المفصل في تفسير غريب القرآن الكريم الذي أعده محمد التونجي. وتناولت الباحثةُ اربعةً وستين مثالاً من القرآنِ الكريم، ووضعتُ ترجماتٍ مقترَحةً لها بالاستنادِ إلى ترجمةِ محمد عبد الحليم, وكذلك التفسيرات التي وردتُ لهذه المصطلحات في كثُب أشهرِ العلماءِ المسلمين مثل ابن كثير والزمخشري والرازي والقرطبي. ثم أثبَعتها بمناقشاتٍ وتفسيراتٍ وتحليلات وتخلصُ هذه الدراسةُ إلى أنّ هناكَ عدم إنساق في نقلِ الترجماتِ مدار البحثِ لغريب القرآنِ الكريم.