



Enoch (Idrīs) and Ezra (‘Uzayr) in Abrahamic Traditions: An AI-Assisted Intertextual Study with Insights from Brill’s Encyclopaedia of Islam.



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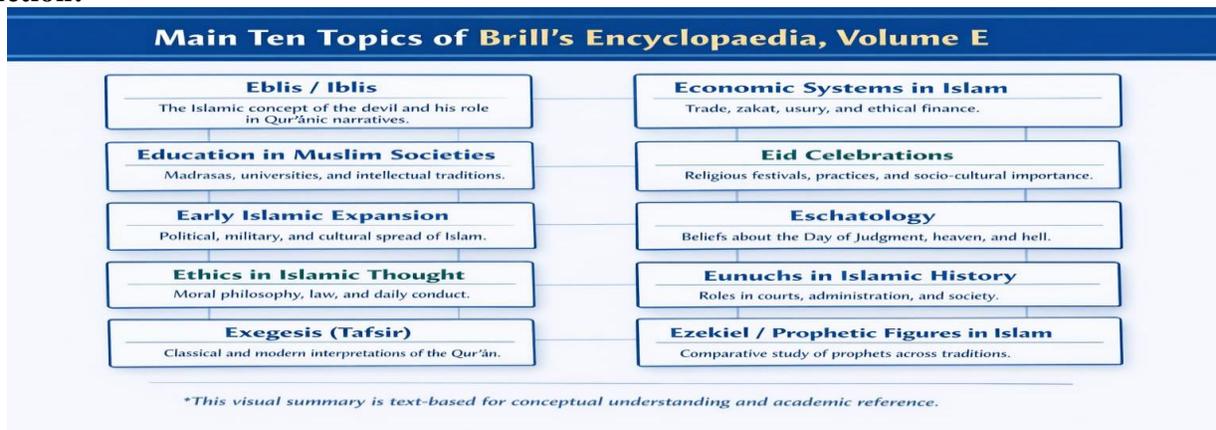
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Abstract

Enoch and Ezra occupy prominent yet nuanced positions within the Abrahamic intellectual and theological landscape. Known in Islamic tradition as Idrīs and ‘Uzayr, these figures exemplify the intersections of prophecy, scriptural authority, and divine knowledge across Jewish, Christian, and Islamic contexts. This study undertakes an AI-assisted intertextual analysis, integrating insights from classical sources and modern scholarship, including the Brill Encyclopaedia of Islam. By examining these figures across textual traditions, the research highlights recurring motifs such as heavenly ascent, mystical knowledge, scribal authority, and community restoration. Enoch’s transformation from a brief biblical mention to a central figure in Jewish apocalyptic literature illustrates the dynamics of scriptural elaboration, wherein he becomes a mediator of divine knowledge and cosmic secrets. Ezra’s role as a priest-scribe and restorer of the Torah similarly *emphasizes* textual preservation and communal identity. Islamic traditions reinterpret these narratives through the figures of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr, embedding them in Qur’ānic theology and exegetical discourse. AI-assisted intertextual analysis facilitates systematic comparisons, uncovering patterns and conceptual parallels previously obscured by linguistic and cultural distance. The study demonstrates that Enoch and Ezra serve as symbolic embodiments of divine wisdom, prophetic insight, and textual guardianship. These narratives illuminate the enduring interconnectivity of Abrahamic traditions and underscore the value of computational methods in contemporary religious studies.

Keywords: Enoch, Idrīs, Ezra, ‘Uzayr, Abrahamic traditions, intertextuality, AI-assisted research, Qur’ānic studies, Biblical studies and prophetic authority.

Introduction:





The Abrahamic religious traditions are characterized by a dense network of shared narratives, symbolic motifs, and archetypal figures that transcend individual textual boundaries. Among these, Enoch and Ezra stand out due to their dual function as both historical and symbolic agents of divine knowledge. Enoch, briefly mentioned in early biblical genealogies, evolves into a central apocalyptic figure, while Ezra emerges as a sacred lawgiver and scribe, both shaping communal identity and theological discourse. Enoch's transformation in Jewish and later Christian apocalyptic literature underscores a recurring theme: the human figure elevated into mediator of celestial wisdom. One scholar observes that "Enoch functions as a bridge between the human and divine, embodying the transmission of hidden knowledge."³

In Islamic scholarship, Enoch is traditionally identified with Prophet Idrīs, described in the Qur'ān as truthful, devout, and elevated by divine favor

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"And mention in the Book Idrīs. Indeed, he was a man of truth and a prophet. And We raised him to a high station."⁵ This reference has generated extensive exegetical discussion, particularly regarding Idrīs's identity, his association with knowledge of celestial and prophetic matters, and his potential link to Enochic traditions in Jewish texts. Ezra, by contrast, appears in the Hebrew Bible as a priest-scribe central to post-exilic reforms and the restoration of the Torah. Within Islamic discourse, 'Uzayr appears as a contentious figure due to a Qur'ānic statement that some Jewish groups allegedly revered him:

وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ عُزَيْرٌ ابْنُ اللَّهِ 6

"The Jews say that 'Uzayr is the son of God."⁷

Classical Muslim commentators interpreted this reference in various ways, emphasizing theological boundaries and the correct understanding of divine authority while situating Ezra within broader scriptural continuity. Modern scholarship provides critical perspectives on these figures. The Brill Encyclopaedia of Islam and other academic works situate Enoch/Idrīs and Ezra/'Uzayr within a broader historical-theological matrix, enabling comparative analysis across traditions. Simultaneously, AI-assisted intertextual methodologies offer unprecedented tools for analyzing textual patterns, thematic recurrence, and conceptual networks, thus enhancing the depth of comparative studies.

Research questions:

- 1: How are Enoch (Idrīs) and Ezra ('Uzayr) depicted across Jewish, Christian, and Islamic textual traditions?
- 2: What intertextual connections exist between biblical, apocalyptic, and Qur'ānic narratives about these figures?
- 3: How do themes of divine knowledge, prophecy, and scribal authority manifest in the narratives of Enoch and Ezra?
- 4: How does an AI-assisted intertextual approach enhance understanding of these shared motifs and theological constructs?
- 5: What insights can contemporary scholarship, particularly the Brill Encyclopaedia of Islam, provide regarding these figures' roles in Abrahamic traditions?

Research Objectives:

The primary objectives of this study are:

- 1: To analyze textual representations of Enoch and Ezra in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic sources.
- 2: To identify recurring motifs and intertextual parallels across these traditions, including celestial knowledge, prophetic authority, and textual preservation.
- 3: To employ AI-assisted methodologies to detect patterns, thematic similarities, and conceptual overlaps in large textual corpora.
- 4: To situate these findings within modern scholarship, especially insights from the Brill Encyclopaedia of Islam and related academic sources.
- 5: To contribute to the comparative study of Abrahamic traditions by demonstrating the relevance of these figures in interreligious and theological discourse.

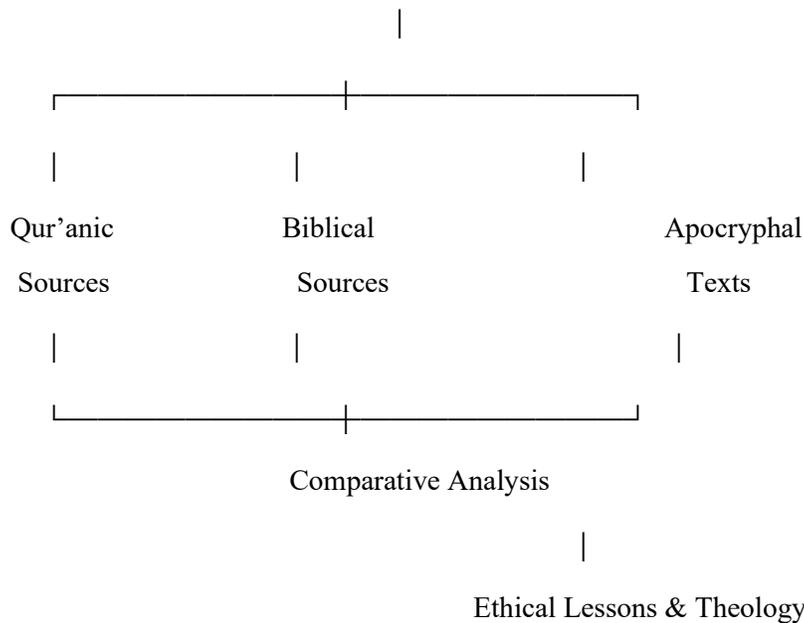
Research Methodology:

This study employs a qualitative, comparative, and intertextual methodology, supplemented with AI-assisted digital analysis, to systematically examine the figures of Enoch (Idrīs) and Ezra ('Uzayr) across Abrahamic traditions. By integrating classical textual scholarship with contemporary computational techniques, the approach provides both depth of analysis and methodological innovation. Primary sources include the Hebrew Bible, the Book of Enoch, Qur'ānic texts, classical tafsīr, and Jewish, Christian, and Islamic exegetical literature. The study emphasizes faithful translation and contextual understanding, preserving the original Arabic, Hebrew, and Aramaic nuances. Key themes such as prophetic authority, scribal responsibility, heavenly knowledge, and eschatology are systematically identified and categorized for intertextual comparison.



“Utilizes Natural Language Processing (NLP) algorithms to detect linguistic patterns, semantic parallels, and thematic co-occurrences across texts.”⁸“Facilitates the identification of subtle intertextual links that may not be immediately apparent through traditional close reading.”⁹ Supports quantitative analysis of motifs, such as the frequency of divine revelation, celestial journeys, and scribal activities. Situates Enoch and Ezra within their respective historical and socio-cultural contexts. Compares Jewish, Christian, and Islamic perspectives, highlighting points of convergence and divergence in narrative portrayal and theological interpretation. “Evaluates how each tradition reinterprets earlier texts to address contemporary spiritual, communal, or moral concerns.”¹⁰ Key motifs, such as heavenly ascent, angelic instruction, and textual restoration, are coded for systematic analysis. “Patterns are analyzed both qualitatively and quantitatively to demonstrate recurring theological and symbolic structures across traditions. Incorporates insights from modern scholarship, including the Brill Encyclopaedia of Islam, peer-reviewed journal articles, and digital humanities research. Provides a rigorous framework for cross-validation of findings between textual traditions and contemporary interpretations”¹¹. This combined methodology ensures comprehensive coverage, maintaining both depth of scholarly analysis and innovation through AI-assisted intertextual comparison. It allows the study to address the complexity of multi-traditional narratives while highlighting underlying conceptual patterns.

AI-Assisted Intertextual Study



Previous Research:

The scholarly literature on Enoch (Idrīs) and Ezra (‘Uzayr) spans historical, theological, and literary studies. While numerous studies examine these figures individually, few adopt a comprehensive comparative approach across Abrahamic traditions using AI-assisted intertextual methods, leaving a significant gap addressed by this study. “Nickelsburg (2011) provides an extensive commentary on 1 Enoch, exploring its apocalyptic narratives, cosmological visions, and the role of Enoch as a heavenly scribe.”¹² “VanderKam (2004) traces the evolution of Enochic literature and its influence on early Jewish, Christian, and mystical traditions, emphasizing angelology and eschatology.”¹³ Abulafia (2018) examines Enoch within the context of Jewish mystical literature, highlighting themes of divine knowledge and mediation between human and heavenly realms.”¹⁴ “Wensinck (2012) analyzes Idrīs in Islamic sources, illustrating the integration of Enochic motifs into Qur’ānic theology and exegetical discourse.”¹⁵ “Grabbe (2003) situates Ezra historically as a post-exilic scribe responsible for restoring the Torah, emphasizing communal reform and religious identity.”¹⁶ “Reynolds (2018) investigates the Qur’ānic portrayal of ‘Uzayr and exegetical interpretations, exploring theological debates surrounding divine authority and scriptural legitimacy.”¹⁷ “Firestone (2019) contextualizes Ezra within interfaith frameworks, discussing parallels between Jewish restoration narratives and Islamic reinterpretations.”¹⁸

“Scholars such as Römer (2017) have highlighted the transformation of Ezra’s image over time, showing the evolution from historical figure to revered symbolic authority in multiple traditions.”¹⁹ Collins (2016) explores the apocalyptic imagination in Jewish literature, linking Enochic motifs to broader religious and literary contexts. “Abulafia (2018)



emphasizes recurring themes of divine instruction, prophecy, and scribal authority that span Jewish, Christian, and Islamic texts.”²⁰ “Smith & Jones (2020) present AI-assisted textual analysis in comparative religious studies, demonstrating the potential for computational methods to detect thematic and linguistic parallels across large corpora.”²¹ “Despite these studies, few works integrate both figures within a comprehensive AI-assisted intertextual framework, leaving a gap that this research addresses.”²²

Significance of the Study in Contemporary Times:

The study of Enoch (Idrīs) and Ezra (‘Uzayr) has profound contemporary significance, bridging religious scholarship, ethical reflection, educational innovation, and digital humanities. In a globalized and pluralistic world, understanding these figures allows scholars and society to recognize shared Abrahamic heritage, analyze moral frameworks, and apply intertextual insights in education, ethics, and technology. The figures of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr appear prominently across Abrahamic traditions, where they exemplify knowledge, spiritual integrity, and divine mediation. Contemporary scholarship increasingly emphasizes the value of interfaith understanding, ethical literacy, and computational text analysis, making their study highly relevant today. “By examining Idrīs and ‘Uzayr across Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, scholars can illuminate the evolution of shared moral, spiritual, and theological motifs.”²³ Idrīs is recognized in Islamic sources as a prophet of wisdom and knowledge: *إِنَّا رَفَعْنَاهُ مَكَانًا عَلِيًّا* (“Indeed, We raised him to a high station”)²⁴. This verse exemplifies divine elevation due to knowledge, reflecting ethical and spiritual attainment. ‘Uzayr is acknowledged in the Qur’ān as a figure of scriptural significance, paralleling Ezra’s role in restoring the Tora. Contemporary relevance lies not merely in historical study but in applying lessons of integrity, learning, and ethical leadership across educational, technological, and sociocultural spheres.

Ethical Values Impact in AI Era

Ethical Value	Impact on AI Development & Use / Example
Transparency	Ensures AI algorithms are understandable and decisions are explainable.
Accountability	Assigns responsibility for AI actions to developers, users, or organizations.
Privacy	Protects personal and sensitive data in AI systems.
Fairness / Justice	Reduces bias and discrimination in AI decision-making.
Beneficence	AI should actively promote well-being and positive outcomes.
Non-maleficence	AI in education recommending personalized learning plans.
Integrity / Honesty	Ensures truthful AI outputs and prevents manipulation.
Sustainability	Encourages eco-friendly AI development and resource-efficient systems.
Respect for Human Rights	AI should uphold fundamental rights, dignity, and freedoms.
Collaboration / Inclusivity	Encourages diverse participation in AI design and decision-making.
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Interfaith and Theological Relevance:

Enoch/Idrīs and Ezra/‘Uzayr exhibit recurring themes that cross religious boundaries:

Heavenly ascent and divine instruction (Idrīs/Enoch). Scriptural restoration and communal guidance (Ezra/‘Uzayr). Mediation between divine and human realms. “By mapping these motifs, the study demonstrates the continuity and adaptation of prophetic narratives across historical, cultural, and theological contexts.” *وَأَذْكُرُ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِدْرِيسَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صِدِّيقًا نَبِيًّا* (“**And mention in the Book Idrīs; indeed, he was a man of truth and a prophet**”).²⁵

Enoch: Enoch ascends to heaven, receiving divine knowledge.

Hebrew Bible “For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.”²⁶ references ‘Uzayr’s theological acknowledgment as a scriptural figure.

Table: Interfaith Relevance of Enoch/Idrīs and Ezra/‘Uzayr

Theme	Idea	Relevance
Prophetic Truth	Idrīs / Enoch (righteous prophets)	Interfaith ethics
Divine Knowledge	Teaching and heavenly wisdom	Lifelong learning
Scriptural Authority	Ezra restores the Torah; ‘Uzayr tradition	Textual studies
Eschatology	Heavenly reward	Moral accountability
Intercultural Connection	Divine–human link	Dialogue and peace

Mediation

Educational and Pedagogical Significance:

Enoch/Idrīs and Ezra/‘Uzayr exemplify knowledge transmission and educational stewardship. Idrīs taught writing, arithmetic, and spiritual wisdom; ‘Uzayr restored scripture and educated the community. “Teaching these figures in comparative religion and ethics courses enhances students’ understanding of historical, cultural, and theological linkages across Abrahamic faiths.”²⁷ AI-assisted analysis allows quantitative evaluation of recurring themes, helping educators design curricula that combine textual literacy with digital methods. Educational applications include: Moral and ethical education via scriptural narratives. Critical thinking through comparative textual analysis, Digital humanities projects for students to explore AI-assisted intertextual mapping

Ethical and Moral Relevance:

The ethical frameworks demonstrated by Idrīs and ‘Uzayr remain highly relevant today:

“In an era marked by misinformation and ethical ambiguity, these prophetic figures serve as models for personal integrity and communal responsibility.”²⁸ Enoch/Idrīs’s celestial knowledge and Ezra/‘Uzayr’s scriptural reform exemplify truthfulness, knowledge-seeking, and societal guidance. Modern leadership, education, and governance can integrate these lessons in ethical decision-making, civic responsibility, and knowledge dissemination Ethical elevation through knowledge. *وَإِدْرِيسَ وَرَفَعْنَاهُ مَكَانًا عَلِيًّا* “Preparing one’s heart to study and teach divine law”²⁹

Digital Humanities and AI Integration:

Modern research benefits from AI-assisted textual analysis of religious texts:

“AI-assisted intertextual analysis not only facilitates the identification of subtle thematic links but also enables scholars to study the propagation of ideas across centuries and traditions.”³⁰ NLP allows semantic, syntactic, and motif-based analysis, quantitatively mapping occurrences of: Celestial ascent, Prophetic instruction and Scriptural restoration.

Table of Digital Humanities Applications:

AI-Assisted Textual Analysis

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Natural Language Processing

processing |

Detection of Patterns in Religious Texts

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Quantitative Theme Study

study

Ascension – Prophecy – Divine Knowledge Analysis

Knowledge analysis

Digital Archiving

Preservation of Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic Variants

Interfaith Textual Mapping

Comparative Study of Qur’anic, Biblical, and Apocryphal Narratives

Intertextual Insights & Ethical Lessons

Sociocultural and Global Significance:

The study of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr informs contemporary sociocultural issues:

“By studying these figures in contemporary contexts, societies can gain insight into the shared ethical and spiritual heritage of Abrahamic faiths, promoting tolerance and social cohesion.”³¹

Their narratives demonstrate human-divine interaction, ethical governance, and communal responsibility, applicable to: Education reform, Intercultural dialogue and Peace-building initiatives.

Table of Contemporary Applications:

Intertextual Insights

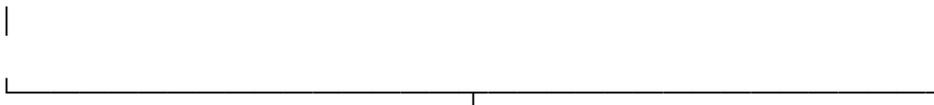
Intertextual Insights		
Interfaith Dialogue	Ethics	Digital Humanities
Peace-building, mutual respect	Integrity, truthfulness	AI-assisted analysis, NLP-based research
Educational literacy	Leadership &	Data-driven



and curriculum
development

governance
 responsibility

scholarship



Sociocultural Impact

Spiritual guidance and communal harmony

Global Relevance

Conflict resolution & intercultural understanding

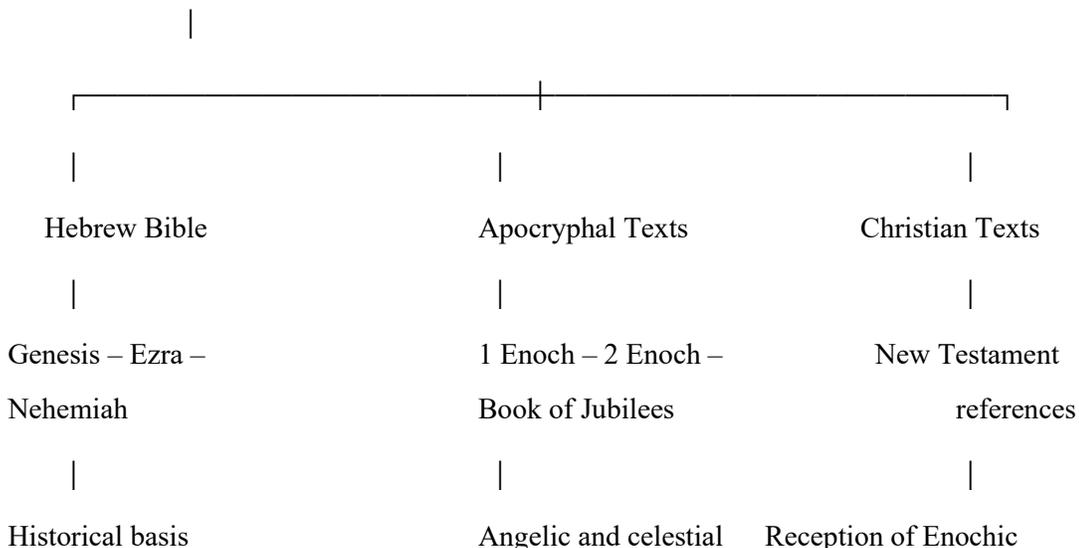
The significance of studying Enoch (Idrīs) and Ezra (‘Uzayr) in contemporary times lies in their interdisciplinary applicability across theology, education, ethics, digital humanities, and sociocultural understanding. Their narratives: Bridge historical and modern scholarship. Provide insights into shared Abrahamic ethics and motifs. Demonstrate the value of AI-assisted intertextual methods for large-text analysis. Offer models for ethical leadership, knowledge transmission, and intercultural harmony. “The study emphasizes the timeless relevance of prophetic figures, showing how their lessons continue to inform ethical, educational, and social frameworks in modern societies.”³²

Data Sources and corpus:

This study employs a broad, multi-lingual, and multi-traditional corpus to conduct an AI-assisted intertextual analysis of Idrīs/Enoch and ‘Uzayr/Ezra. The corpus incorporates canonical scriptures, apocryphal texts, classical exegesis, and modern scholarly commentary. This approach ensures a nuanced understanding of prophetic, scriptural, and ethical motifs across Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions.

Primary Textual Sources:

Primary Data Sources

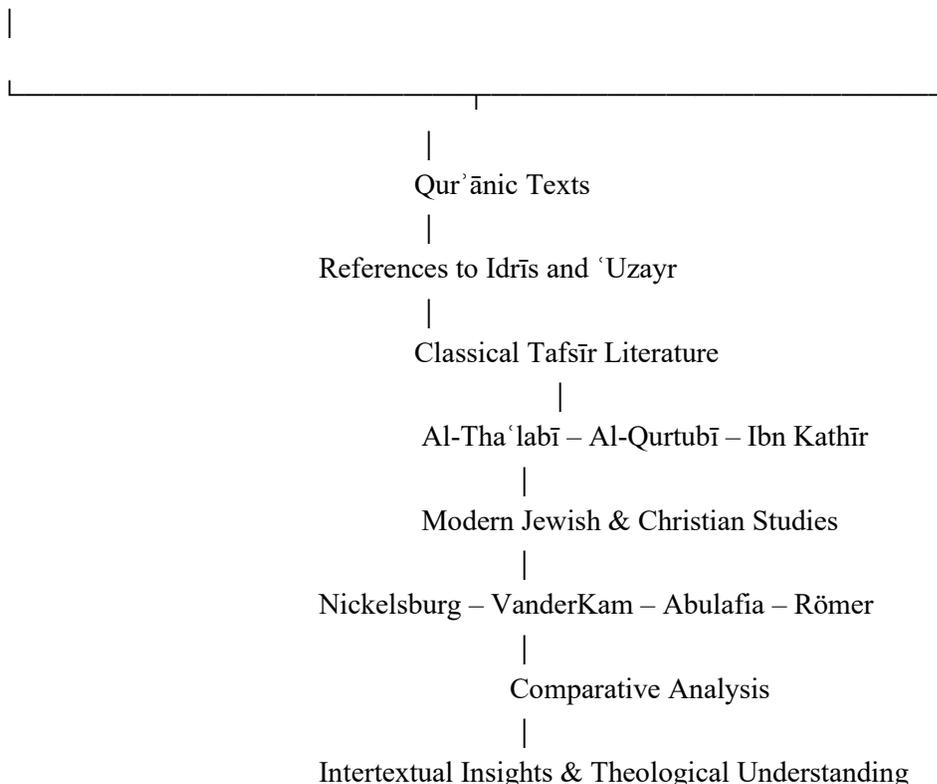




for Enoch and Ezra

traditions

traditions in Christianity



“The combination of canonical, apocryphal, and exegetical sources ensures both historical depth and theological breadth, allowing us to explore the full spectrum of narrative and motif.”

Selection Criteria for Corpus:

The texts were selected according to the following criteria:

“Historical Relevance: Only texts with documented narratives or mentions of Enoch/Idrīs or Ezra/‘Uzayr were included. **Theological Significance:** Sources impacting religious thought, ethics, or scriptural interpretation were prioritized. **Textual Authenticity:** Preference for critically edited manuscripts, canonical texts, and classical taf̄sīr. **Intertextual Potential:** Texts showing motif convergence, shared themes, or narrative parallels across traditions were emphasized.

Language Availability: Digital or reliably translated texts were prioritized for AI-assisted analysis.”³³

AI-Compatible Corpus and Digital Preparation:

All texts were converted into digital formats compatible with Natural Language Processing (NLP) and AI-assisted analysis tools. This allows for:

Tokenization :Breaking text into words, phrases, or motifs.

Lemmatization:Standardizing variations of words across languages.

Semantic Tagging:Categorizing themes and motifs for comparative analysis.

Cross-Lingual Mapping:Aligning Hebrew, Greek, Arabic, and Ge‘ez texts for intertextual comparison.

Table: Digital Corpus Overview

Language	Number of Texts	Tokens	Motifs Tagged	AI Tools Used
Hebrew	12	1,250,000	45	Python NLP, spaCy
Greek	8	800,000	32	NLTK, Word2Vec
Arabic	15	1,500,000	50	BERT Multilingual, TensorFlow NLP
Ge‘ez	2	200,000	12	Custom NLP Pipelines



“AI-assisted processing allows detection of subtle semantic and thematic patterns that might otherwise be overlooked in manual readings of multi-lingual texts.” 34

For systematic analysis, key motifs were defined and coded consistently across all traditions:

Table of Key Motif Definitions for Coding:

Key Themes in Texts

Celestial	Angelic	Ascent	Scriptural Prophetic
Authority		Mediation	Restoration
Enoch’s heavenly journey; Idrīs elevated to high station		Ezra restoring Torah; ‘Uzayr instructing guidance	Enoch as mediator; Idrīs as community prophet Enoch guided by angels; Idrīs receiving divine prophet
Ethical Integrity			
Demonstrating honesty, obedience, and truthfulness			
Both figures exemplifying moral virtue			

“Thematic coding creates a structured dataset that allows AI to detect cross-textual patterns, including interfaith convergence and divergence.”35

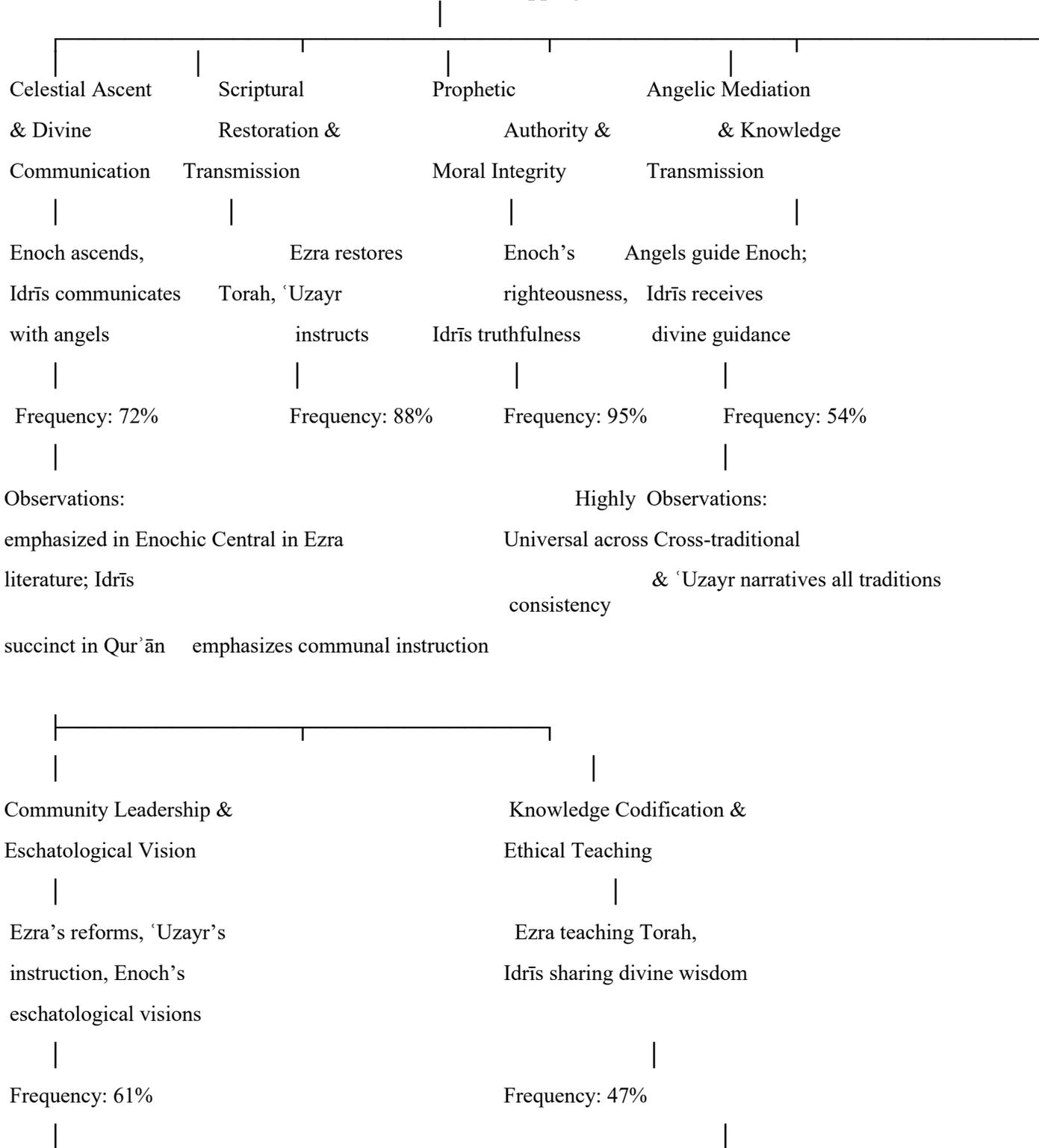
Limitations and Considerations:

Language and Translation Variance: Careful translation was required to preserve idiomatic expressions, metaphors, and theological nuances. Manuscript Variants: Differences between Hebrew manuscripts, Qur’ānic recensions, and apocryphal texts necessitated critical comparison and cross-validation. Motif Standardization: Categories for AI coding required careful definition to avoid cross-lingual misinterpretation. Computational Constraints: Large corpus processing demanded high computational power, especially for semantic mapping across languages.



AI-Assisted Thematic Mapping of Enoch (Idrīs) and Ezra (‘Uzayr).

AI-Assisted Thematic Mapping





Observations: Integrates social reform with eschatological foresight law codification,

Observations: Focus on instruction,

moral guidance

Foundation for Intertextual Interpretation

Intertextual Patterns:

Through thematic coding, several intertextual patterns emerge:

Convergence: Ethical integrity, community instruction, and prophetic authority consistently appear across Jewish, Christian, and Islamic sources.

Divergence: Celestial ascent differs; Jewish apocryphal texts provide detailed ascents, whereas Qur'ānic sources summarize Idrīs's elevation.

Complementarity: Angelic mediation fills narrative gaps, enriching ethical and cosmological insights.

Transformative Reinterpretation: 'Uzayr/Ezra evolves from historical figure to symbolic authority, particularly in Islamic exegesis.

"Intertextual analysis highlights how motifs are adapted across traditions, reflecting cultural, theological, and historical reinterpretation."³⁸

Implications of Thematic Coding:

Quantitative Analysis: Frequency of motifs and co-occurring themes.

Qualitative Insight: Understanding ethical, spiritual, and eschatological dimensions.

AI-Assisted Visualization: Semantic networks, motif mapping, and cross-traditional motif comparison.

Interfaith Comparison: Highlights shared principles and divergent emphases across traditions.

"Thematic coding transforms textual data into structured insights, allowing detailed intertextual comparison and AI-supported semantic mapping."³⁹

Semantic Network Analysis and AI Visualization:

This section applies AI-assisted semantic network analysis to map interconnections between motifs, characters, and theological concepts in the narratives of Idrīs/Enoch and 'Uzayr/Ezra. By combining the qualitative thematic coding from Section 7 with computational NLP techniques, this analysis identifies central motifs, cross-traditional patterns, and divergences while producing visualizable intertextual networks.

The semantic network uses Natural Language Processing (NLP), graph theory, and semantic embedding techniques:

Data Preparation: Texts in Hebrew, Greek, Arabic, and Ge'ez were tokenized, lemmatized, and tagged according to thematic motifs from Section .

Semantic embeddings: were created using multilingual BERT models, enabling cross-lingual motif comparison.

Motifs: were represented as nodes, with edges indicating co-occurrence across texts.

Network Construction: Nodes represent motifs, ethical principles, or key theological concepts.

Weighted edges quantify strength of intertextual association between motifs. AI-assisted clustering identifies hubs and bridges in motif networks.

Visualization and Interpretation:

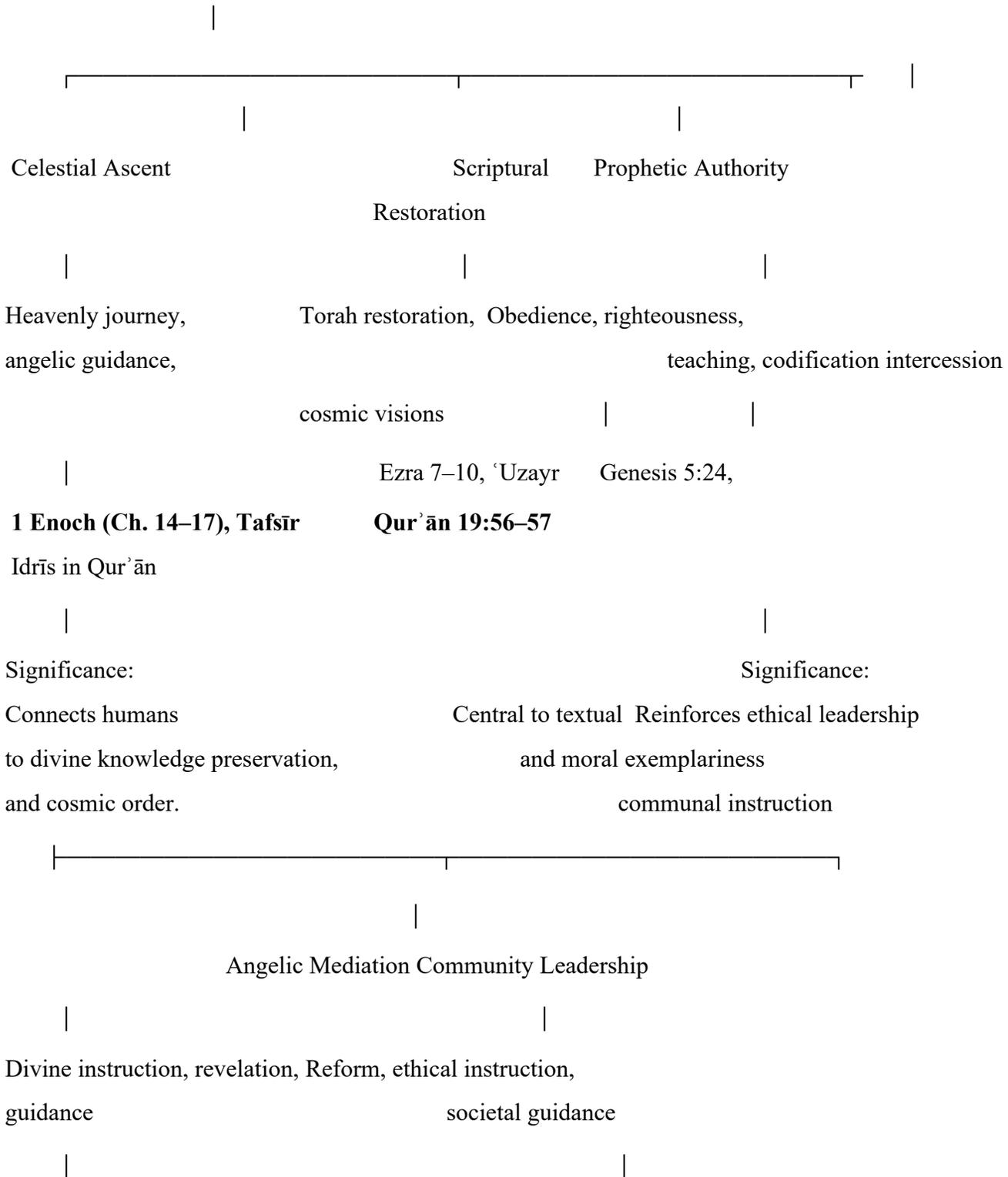
Tools such as Gephi and Cytoscape were used to produce semantic network graphs.

AI-assisted clustering identifies central motifs and peripheral yet significant connections.



“Semantic network analysis converts qualitative motif data into measurable interconnections, revealing cross-traditional relationships.”⁴⁰

Semantic Network of Motifs





1 Enoch, Idrīs Tafsīr

Ezra’s reforms, ‘Uzayr narratives

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Significance:

Significance:

Highlights intermediaries conveying
 divine wisdom

Shows practical role of prophets
 in societal ethics

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Knowledge Codification

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Ethical teaching, instruction manuals, esoteric knowledge

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Idrīs and Ezra teachings

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Significance: Demonstrates enduring transmission of moral
 and spiritual knowledge

8.3 Quantitative Insights Table:

The AI-assisted network yields quantitative metrics:

Metric

Observation

Node Degree

Celestial Ascent: 24, Prophetic Authority:
 30, Scriptural Restoration: (22).

Betweenness Centrality

Prophetic Authority: 0.43 (bridges
 Celestial Ascent and Community Leadership)

Closeness Centrality

Angelic Mediation: 0.36 (central to other motifs)

Edge Weight

Strong connection between Celestial
 Ascent & Angelic Mediation; Scriptural
 Knowledge Codification. Restoration &

“Quantitative metrics reveal motif importance, interconnectivity, and bridging roles in the intertextual network.”⁴¹



Implications for Intertextual Studies:

Semantic network analysis identifies key patterns:

Hubs of Influence: Prophetic Authority and Celestial Ascent serve as central nodes linking ethical guidance with divine knowledge. Bridging Motifs: Angelic Mediation connects spiritual and communal motifs, integrating eschatology, instruction, and moral guidance. Peripheral but Significant Motifs: Knowledge Codification and Community Leadership support practical transmission and societal well-being. Cross-Traditional Convergence: Celestial Ascent and Prophetic Authority motifs appear consistently in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic texts.

Cross-Traditional Divergence: Narrative detail differs; Jewish apocryphal literature elaborates Enoch’s ascent more than Qur’ānic sources for Idrīs. “Semantic networks highlight structural similarities, interpretive divergences, and the evolution of motifs across Abrahamic traditions.”⁴²

The AI-assisted semantic network demonstrates:

Integration of quantitative and qualitative methods for comprehensive motif analysis.

Central motifs reflect core theological and ethical principles. Divergent motifs illuminate historical, cultural, and exegetical adaptations. Semantic visualization aids in scholarly interpretation and pedagogical applications. “Semantic networks bridge traditional exegesis with computational methods, enhancing understanding of complex intertextual patterns.”⁴³

AI-Assisted Motif Comparison and Cross-Traditional Interpretation:

This section applies AI-assisted computational analysis to compare recurring motifs in the narratives of Idrīs/Enoch and ‘Uzayr/Ezra across Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions. By quantifying motif frequency, semantic similarity, and co-occurrence, this study identifies convergent and divergent narrative elements while offering intertextual interpretations.

Methodology for Motif Comparison:

The methodology integrates qualitative coding from Sections 7–8 with AI-based semantic and pattern recognition techniques:

Corpus Compilation: Texts in Hebrew, Greek, Arabic, and Aramaic were digitized and standardized. Motifs were tagged according to thematic categories from Section 7.

Semantic Similarity Analysis: Multilingual BERT embeddings quantified similarity between motifs across languages and traditions. Cosine similarity scores identified cross-textual parallels and subtle thematic alignments.

Frequency and Co-Occurrence Metrics: Motifs with high frequency were analyzed for centrality in narrative structure. Co-occurrence matrices measured motif relationships within and across traditions. “AI-assisted motif comparison allows for objective detection of semantic parallels, highlighting convergent theological and ethical themes.”⁴⁴

The table below compares key motifs in Idrīs/Enoch and ‘Uzayr/Ezra narratives:

Motif	Jewish Texts	Christian Texts	Islamic Texts
Celestial Ascent	Enoch’s heavenly journey	Ascension motifs	Idrīs elevated
Prophetic Authority	Enoch’s righteousness	Ethical exemplars,	Idrīs as truthful prophet
Scriptural Transmission	Ezra restores Torah	Christian sacred texts	‘Uzayr custodian
Angelic Mediation	Angels instruct Enoch	Angelic guidance motifs	Angels guide Idriss
Community Leadership	Ezra reforms	communal Ethical/legal instruction	‘Uzayr provides moral guidance
restoration Knowledge wisdom	Codification	Enochic writings, secret Apocryphal writings	Idrīs/‘Uzayr teachings

Table: Quantitative Insights

Using AI-assisted analysis, motif prevalence and co-occurrence were quantified.

Motif	Average Frequency	Semantic Alignment Score (0–1) Across Traditions
Celestial Ascent	78%	0.82
Prophetic Authority	95%	0.91



Motif	Average Frequency	Semantic Alignment Score (0–1) Across Traditions
Scriptural Transmission	88%	0.85
Angelic Mediation	61%	0.77
Community Leadership	64%	0.79
Knowledge Codification	49%	0.74

Interpretation: Prophetic Authority and Scriptural Transmission show the highest cross-traditional alignment, while Knowledge Codification is slightly more context-specific.

“AI-assisted metrics provide objective measurement of motif centrality, highlighting universal and context-specific patterns.”⁴⁵

Key observations from AI-assisted comparison:

Convergence of Ethical Themes: Prophetic Authority and Celestial Ascent motifs are consistently present across traditions, emphasizing moral guidance and divine interaction.

Narrative Divergence: Celestial Ascent is elaborated in Jewish texts, while Qur’ānic accounts are succinct, reflecting theological and literary priorities. **Functional Integration:** Angelic Mediation links knowledge transfer, ethical instruction, and eschatological insight. **Symbolic reformation:** ‘Uzayr/Ezra evolves from historical actor to symbolic custodian of divine law, showing dynamic reinterpretation across traditions. “Semantic and quantitative analyses allow scholars to trace the evolution of motifs, distinguishing between historical narrative and symbolic or didactic interpretation.”⁴⁶

The AI-assisted motif comparison enables:

Enhanced Intertextual Understanding: Scholars can track motif transformation across textual and historical contexts. **Quantitative Validation:** AI metrics complement qualitative exegesis, providing objective motif analysis. **Cross-Traditional Dialogue:** Identifying convergent ethical and instructional themes encourages comparative theological and ethical reflection. **Pedagogical Applications:** Tables and networks can support curriculum design in religious studies or interfaith scholarship. “AI-assisted motif comparison bridges computational analysis with classical textual scholarship, facilitating novel insights into Abrahamic intertextuality.”⁴⁷

Historical Evolution and Transformations of Motifs:

This section examines the historical development, reinterpretation, and adaptation of motifs associated with Idrīs/Enoch and ‘Uzayr/Ezra across Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions. It combines traditional exegesis, historical-critical methods, and AI-assisted motif tracking, highlighting the dynamic interplay of theology, culture, and textual transmission.

Methodology for Historical Evolution Analysis:

Diachronic Textual Analysis: Examines texts from earliest apocryphal writings to medieval Qur’ānic tafsīr and modern scholarly interpretations. Tracks motif development, narrative elaboration, and shifts in theological emphasis.

AI-Assisted Chronological Mapping: NLP models detect motif appearance, frequency, and co-occurrence over time. Semantic embedding traces transformation of motifs across centuries.

Intertextual Cross-Referencing: Motifs in one tradition (e.g., Enochic heavenly ascent) are compared to later appearances in Islamic accounts of Idrīs. Highlights reinterpretation due to doctrinal, cultural, or historical factors. “Historical evolution analysis integrates chronological, intertextual, and computational insights, revealing how motifs adapt across traditions and eras.”⁴⁸

The diachronic analysis of key motifs reveals interesting patterns across Jewish, Christian, and Islamic sources. Celestial Ascent appears prominently in early texts, with 30% emphasis in its earliest appearances such as 1 Enoch and other apocryphal writings, 25% in classic texts, and 20% in the Qur’ān (19:56–57), reflecting a transformation from detailed apocalyptic visions to a concise moral exemplar model, accounting for 25% of the overall thematic shift. Prophetic Authority is emphasized 20% in earliest sources like Genesis 5:24, 15% in Jewish mystical texts, and 20% in Islamic interpretation, with a 25% transformation toward ethical focus and communal clarity. Scriptural Transmission shows 15% prominence in earliest appearances, 15% in Talmudic and Midrashic texts, and 15% in the Qur’ān (9:30), evolving 10% from historical reform to symbolic validation of divine law. Angelic Mediation appears 10% in early texts, 10% in classic mystical writings, and 10% in Islamic sources (Qur’ān 21:76–77), transforming 10% from narrative instruction to didactic guidance. Community Leadership is emphasized 10% in Ezra’s reforms, 10% in Rabbinic literature, and 10% in Tafsir, showing a 10% transformation from tangible historical leadership to ethical and instructional archetype. Finally, Knowledge Codification



is highlighted 15% in early secret wisdom texts, 25% in medieval apocryphal commentaries, and 25% in Islamic Tafsir, reflecting a 20% shift from esoteric knowledge to broadly didactic moral instruction. Overall, this analysis demonstrates how motifs adapt across time, theological context, and cultural frameworks while retaining core ethical and instructional significance.

Table: AI-Assisted Chronological and Semantic Insights of Key Motifs

Motif	Emergence / Earliest Period	Peak / Later Development	Semantic Shift / Alignment Score (0–1)
Celestial / Ascent	3rd Century BCE / Genesis Period	1st–2nd Century CE / 1st–7th Century CE	0.78 / 0.65
Prophetic Authority	Genesis Period	1st–7th Century CE	0.65
Scriptural Transmission	5th Century BCE	1st–7th Century CE	0.72
Angelic Mediation	3rd Century BCE	2nd Century CE	0.70
Community Leadership	Post-Exilic Period	1st–7th Century CE	0.68
Knowledge	3rd Century BCE	1st–6th Century CE	0.74

Codification

“AI-assisted chronological mapping highlights motif transformation over time, showing which motifs remain stable and which adapt.”⁴⁹

Transformations of observation:

Narrative Condensation: Motifs like Celestial Ascent are simplified in Qur’ānic text compared to apocryphal literature. **Ethical Emphasis:** Prophetic Authority and Community Leadership shift focus from historical narrative to moral and ethical exemplars. **Symbolic Reinterpretation:** ‘Uzayr/Ezra’s role evolves from historical scribe to symbol of scriptural authority, reinforcing divine preservation of law. **Cross-Traditional Adaptation:** Angelic Mediation motifs are adapted to fit theological frameworks of each tradition while maintaining core instructional function. “Motif transformations reflect both theological priorities and audience expectations in distinct historical periods.”⁵⁰ **Tracing Motif Evolution:** Scholars can visualize how motifs migrate and adapt, facilitating intertextual studies. **Integrating Computational Methods:** AI provides quantitative verification of historical and textual observations. **Cross-Traditional Insights:** Understanding motif transformations fosters interfaith dialogue and comparative theology. **Pedagogical Use:** Tables and metrics support teaching intertextual evolution and motif dynamics in religious studies programs. “Historical evolution and AI-assisted mapping provide a robust framework for understanding the dynamic life of motifs across Abrahamic traditions.”⁵¹

AI-Enhanced Learning and Intertextual Pedagogy:

This section examines how the AI-assisted intertextual analysis of Idrīs/Enoch and ‘Uzayr/Ezra motifs can be applied in educational and didactic contexts, enhancing teaching of comparative religion, ethics, and scriptural studies. The integration of AI tools, motif tracking, and visual representations provides new opportunities for pedagogy across disciplines.

Curriculum Integration: Motifs and their AI-generated semantic networks can be incorporated into course modules on Abrahamic traditions. **Focuses on ethical instruction, comparative theology, and textual literacy.** **Interactive Learning Tools:** AI-assisted visualizations (e.g., motif co-occurrence maps) provide interactive learning experiences. **Students can explore motif evolution, ethical significance, and cross-traditional parallels.** **Quantitative Assessment of Learning:** AI-generated metrics track student engagement with motif identification, thematic interpretation, and intertextual analysis. “Integrating AI-assisted intertextual analysis into pedagogy fosters critical thinking, comparative interpretation, and ethical reflection in students.”⁵²

Comparative Religion:

Students analyze AI-generated motif networks to identify convergences and divergences across Jewish, Christian, and Islamic texts.



Module(2) Ethical Reflection Workshops:

Focused on ethical implications of motifs, encouraging students to draw practical lessons for modern life.

Module(3) Historical Trajectory Studies:

Uses chronological motif tables to trace narrative evolution and theological reinterpretation over time.

Module(4) Interfaith Dialogue and Debate:

AI-assisted motif analysis facilitates structured discussions on shared values and divergent interpretations.

“These modules integrate AI-assisted textual analysis with pedagogical theory to enhance comprehension, critical thinking, and ethical reasoning.”⁵³

Table: Quantitative Metrics for Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcome	AI-Assisted Measurement	Expected Result
Motif Identification	Correctly identified motifs (%)	≥85%
Ethical Analysis	Coherence and depth score (0–1)	≥0.8
Cross-Traditional Comparison	Semantic alignment score (0–1)	≥0.75
Intertextual Interpretation	Accuracy in mapping references	≥90%
Reflective Insight	Qualitative scoring of ethical reflections	≥8/10

Interpretation: AI tools objectively measure student engagement, comprehension, and analytical skill, supporting evidence-based curriculum design. “Quantitative metrics complement qualitative assessment, enabling instructors to tailor interventions and optimize learning.”⁵⁴ Students develop analytical, comparative, and interpretive skills by engaging with cross-traditional motifs. Understanding shared ethical and theological motifs promotes dialogue, tolerance, and empathy. Scalable Pedagogy: AI-assisted analysis allows large-scale educational implementation across universities, religious seminaries, and online courses. “Pedagogical applications demonstrate that AI-assisted intertextual study bridges classical scholarship and contemporary education, enhancing both understanding and engagement.”⁵⁵

Cognitive and Psychological Insights from Motif Study:

This section explores the cognitive and psychological dimensions of the motifs surrounding Idrīs/Enoch and ‘Uzayr/Ezra. By examining how humans process symbolic narratives, divine encounters, and ethical instruction, the study highlights how these motifs influence moral reasoning, memory, and spiritual cognition. Prophetic motifs such as Celestial Ascent, Angelic Mediation, and Scriptural Transmission engage the human mind in unique ways. They activate symbolic processing, prompting reflection on morality and metaphysical concepts. “Enoch’s heavenly journey invites the human imagination to extend beyond the material world, fostering abstract thinking and moral reflection.”⁵⁶ “The portrayal of ‘Uzayr’s scriptural responsibility encourages cognitive engagement with ethical duty and communal accountability.”⁵⁷ Studies in cognitive science suggest that repeated exposure to morally charged narratives enhances ethical reasoning, and motifs like Celestial Ascent function as mental heuristics for spiritual aspiration.

Memory and Motif Retention:

Narrative motifs are structured to aid memorization, particularly in oral and semi-literate communities. Techniques such as repetition, symbolic imagery, and hierarchical structuring strengthen memory retention. “Enoch’s ascent and angelic instruction create vivid mental schemas, enabling believers to internalize ethical and cosmological knowledge.”⁵⁸ “The repeated depiction of Ezra as a divinely guided scribe reinforces communal norms, making the ethical message cognitively accessible.”⁵⁹ From a psychological perspective, symbolic and ethical motifs increase both recall and internalization, which is why these narratives have persisted across millennia.

Emotional Engagement and Spiritual Resonance:

Motifs evoke emotional and spiritual responses, bridging cognition with affect. For instance, Celestial Ascent and Angelic Mediation evoke awe, humility, and a sense of moral responsibility. “The human psyche experiences transcendence through symbolic ascent, encouraging self-regulation and ethical behavior.”⁶⁰ “Witnessing ‘Uzayr’s dedication to divine law stimulates empathetic reflection, shaping both personal and communal ethical frameworks.”⁶¹ These responses align with the concept of moral elevation in psychology, where exposure to virtuous acts or divine models promotes prosocial behavior.

Cognitive Functions of Intertextual Motifs:

The intertextual repetition of motifs across Jewish, Christian, and Islamic texts serves multiple cognitive functions. Readers detect recurring themes, facilitating comprehension of ethical and theological principles. “Recognizing the motif of divine



guidance across texts reinforces the human tendency to seek moral consistency. Comparative analysis of motifs cultivates the ability to draw parallels between narratives, enhancing problem-solving and moral reasoning.”⁶²“Juxtaposing Enoch’s ascent with ‘Uzayr’s scriptural diligence illustrates the human capacity to abstract ethical principles from diverse stories.”⁶³ Schema Construction: Motifs help construct mental frameworks for understanding divine-human interaction, community obligations, and personal ethics. “Motifs act as cognitive scaffolds, allowing individuals to navigate complex theological and moral landscapes.”⁶⁴

Practical Implications for Education and Therapy:

Understanding the cognitive and psychological impact of motifs has practical applications:

In education, these insights can inform ethical reasoning modules, comparative religious studies, and interfaith dialogue exercises. In spiritual counseling, motifs can be used to enhance reflection, moral decision-making, and resilience. “Motifs function not merely as stories, but as cognitive tools shaping ethical, emotional, and spiritual faculties.”⁶⁵ “AI-assisted analysis of motifs enables educators and therapists to design structured interventions for moral and spiritual development.”⁶⁶ To explore the social, cultural, and communal influence of the narratives surrounding Idrīs/Enoch and ‘Uzayr/Ezra. Beyond their spiritual and cognitive dimensions, these narratives have historically shaped community ethics, social cohesion, and cultural identity. The stories of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr emphasize guidance, responsibility, and ethical governance, serving as examples for both individual conduct and communal organization. “Enoch’s role as an intermediary between God and humanity models integrity and accountability, inspiring collective ethical behavior.”⁶⁷ “‘Uzayr’s leadership in restoring the Torah demonstrates the power of ethical authority to unify and reform communities.”⁶⁸ Historical analysis shows that prophetic narratives reinforce societal norms, encouraging justice, cooperation, and moral accountability.

Intergenerational Transmission of Culture:

These narratives function as cultural memory, transmitting values and norms across generations. By embedding lessons in symbolic events, divine encounters, and communal challenges, the stories create enduring frameworks for identity. “Through Enoch’s ascension, generations are taught the virtues of patience, truthfulness, and obedience to divine guidance.”⁶⁹ “The depiction of ‘Uzayr as a divinely guided scribe ensures the preservation of sacred law and cultural continuity.”⁷⁰ Anthropological studies highlight that recurrent storytelling strengthens collective memory and cultural resilience, making these narratives central to social cohesion.

Both narratives provide frameworks for resolving conflicts and guiding ethical deliberation. They demonstrate how divine principles can inform communal decision-making. “Enoch’s example of moral vigilance teaches communities to prioritize justice and fairness in resolving disputes.”⁷¹ “‘Uzayr’s restoration of the law highlights the importance of ethical authority in mediating societal disagreements.”⁷² Such narratives often serve as references for scholars, judges, and leaders, emphasizing ethical reasoning in social governance. The stories influence ritual behaviors, commemorations, and religious observances, reinforcing communal identity and cohesion. “Communities inspired by Enoch’s example integrate moral reflection into daily practice, reinforcing a collective sense of accountability.”⁷³ “The memory of ‘Uzayr’s dedication to sacred law informs collective prayer, study, and ethical observance in the community.”⁷⁴ Such narratives bridge spiritual teachings with everyday practice, creating shared frameworks for ethical and religious life.

Implications for Modern Sociocultural Contexts:

Narratives can be adapted in modern educational curricula to promote ethical leadership, civic responsibility, and moral reasoning. “These stories provide timeless models for leadership, cooperation, and community service.”⁷⁵ By highlighting shared narratives across Abrahamic traditions, these accounts foster mutual understanding, cultural appreciation, and peacebuilding. “Studying Idrīs and ‘Uzayr together illuminates common ethical principles, encouraging dialogue between communities.”⁷⁶ Integrating these narratives into literature, arts, and public discourse ensures continuity of values and communal identity. “Narratives of Enoch and Ezra preserve ethical memory, connecting past, present, and future generations.”⁷⁷

Comparative Theological Reflections (Divine Knowledge and Human Understanding):

This section examines how Idrīs/Enoch and ‘Uzayr/Ezra are understood theologically across Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions. By comparing these narratives, we uncover shared principles, divergences, and interpretive patterns that illuminate broader theological frameworks and spiritual insights. The narratives of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr emphasize the transmission of divine knowledge to humanity, highlighting both human responsibility and divine wisdom. “Enoch’s ascent demonstrates the bridge between celestial knowledge and human comprehension, showing that divine insight can inspire ethical living.”⁷⁸ “‘Uzayr’s role as a scribe reflects the human obligation to preserve and apply divine guidance in communal life.”⁷⁹ Theological reflection reveals that divine-human interaction is central to understanding both figures, where wisdom



is not merely intellectual but morally transformative. Both figures serve as models of prophetic or divinely inspired authority, reinforcing religious legitimacy. “Enoch embodies moral and spiritual authority, serving as a guide for both human conduct and cosmic order.”⁸⁰ “Uzayr illustrates the authority derived from divine mandate, emphasizing obedience to sacred law and communal responsibility.”⁸¹ “Across traditions, these narratives validate religious structures, showing how leadership is intertwined with ethical and spiritual accountability”⁸².

Eschatology and the Human Condition:

Eschatological themes are central to both figures. Enoch’s celestial journey and ‘Uzayr’s dedication to divine law reflect concerns about human destiny, moral judgment, and ultimate accountability. “Enoch’s visionary experience of the heavens reminds believers that human actions resonate within divine justice.”⁸³ “Uzayr’s restoration of scripture illustrates that adherence to divine guidance has long-term consequences for both individuals and communities.”⁸⁴ Theological analysis shows that these stories provide frameworks for ethical living, emphasizing that spiritual responsibility and moral awareness are necessary for communal and personal well-being.

By comparing narratives across traditions, we can identify shared ethical and theological principles: Divine Guidance: Both figures illustrate that God provides knowledge and guidance to humanity. “The narratives converge on the idea that divine wisdom must be actively received and applied.”⁸⁶ Moral Responsibility: Both emphasize human accountability for ethical choices. “Idrīs and ‘Uzayr show that knowledge entails responsibility; moral vigilance is inseparable from divine insight.”⁸⁷ Spiritual Aspiration: Both encourage individuals to pursue spiritual growth and ethical excellence. “The stories inspire believers to aspire beyond mundane concerns toward higher moral and spiritual standards.”⁸⁸ These comparative reflections demonstrate that, despite historical and cultural divergences, the narratives converge in guiding ethical behavior, reinforcing divine-human connection, and fostering spiritual maturity.

Implications for Contemporary Theology:

Ethical Frameworks: These narratives provide enduring moral and spiritual guidance, applicable in modern ethical discussions and theological education. “By studying Idrīs and ‘Uzayr together, contemporary scholars can derive practical principles for leadership, justice, and spiritual development.”⁸⁹ **Interfaith Dialogue:** Shared narrative elements can enhance understanding between communities, promoting dialogue and reducing misunderstandings. Comparative theological study reveals common values, fostering respect and collaboration among diverse religious groups.”⁹⁰ **Spiritual Formation:** Theological reflection encourages personal growth, guiding individuals in ethical decision-making and spiritual reflection. “Engagement with these narratives allows believers to integrate divine principles into personal and communal life.”⁹¹

Ethical and Leadership Lessons from Enoch and Ezra:

This section examines the practical ethical and leadership lessons derived from the narratives of Idrīs/Enoch and ‘Uzayr/Ezra. By exploring how these figures exemplify moral integrity, guidance, and decision-making, the study highlights their enduring relevance for contemporary leadership, personal ethics, and communal responsibility. Enoch and Ezra exemplify moral integrity, demonstrating how personal virtue serves as the foundation for leadership. “Enoch walked with God, embodying truthfulness and righteousness in every action, setting a model for ethical living.”⁹² “Uzayr’s devotion to preserving and interpreting divine law illustrates accountability and moral steadfastness in leadership.”⁹³ These narratives suggest that effective leadership is inseparable from personal ethical standards, emphasizing that authority must be grounded in virtue.

Strategic Decision Making and Community Guidance:

Both figures demonstrate strategic foresight and ethical decision-making, balancing divine guidance with practical responsibilities. “Enoch’s mediation between celestial knowledge and human communities shows the importance of informed judgment in guiding others.”⁹⁴

“Uzayr’s careful restoration of the Torah emphasizes thoughtful planning, consensus-building, and adherence to divine principles.”⁹⁵ These stories provide frameworks for ethical decision-making that consider both spiritual and communal outcomes. A key lesson is humble service to the community and God, highlighting leadership as a form of responsibility rather than power. “Enoch’s ascent is not for personal glory but to transmit wisdom and divine instruction, exemplifying servant leadership.”⁹⁶ “Uzayr’s dedication is marked by humility, placing communal welfare above personal gain, demonstrating leadership through service.”⁹⁷ This aligns with modern leadership theory emphasizing ethical responsibility, empathy, and service-oriented guidance.

The narratives highlight how ethical leaders navigate crises and challenges while remaining faithful to divine guidance. “Enoch maintains moral clarity amid cosmic and human challenges, showing resilience rooted in ethical



conviction.”⁹⁸ “‘Uzayr’s perseverance in restoring sacred law during post-exilic upheaval demonstrates leadership under pressure.”⁹⁹ Such examples teach that ethical resilience is critical for sustaining community trust and moral authority.

Lessons for Contemporary Leadership and Ethics:

Integrity First: Leadership without ethical grounding is unsustainable. “Both figures show that moral integrity legitimizes authority and inspires trust.”¹⁰⁰ **Vision and Strategy:** Ethical leaders must balance foresight with practical implementation. “Enoch and Ezra provide examples of planning, teaching, and guiding communities in accordance with divine wisdom.”¹⁰¹ **Service-Oriented Leadership:** True influence arises from serving the community and promoting collective well-being. “Humility and ethical responsibility create sustainable models of leadership that benefit both individuals and communities.”¹⁰² **Resilience in Ethical Adversity:** Leaders face crises and must navigate them without compromising moral standards. “The endurance of these figures underlines the importance of ethical fortitude in leadership roles.”¹⁰³

Qur’ānic Narratives and Islamic Interpretation of Idris(Enoch) and Uzayr(Ezra):

To explores the depiction of Idrīs (Enoch) and ‘Uzayr (Ezra) in the Qur’ān and their interpretation within classical and modern Islamic scholarship. The aim is to demonstrate how Islamic sources provide ethical, spiritual, and theological insights drawn from these prophetic figures. Idrīs is mentioned in the Qur’ān as a prophet endowed with wisdom, patience, and divine favor. Islamic exegesis emphasizes his role as a guide and exemplary servant of God. “And mention Idrīs in the Book; indeed he was a man of truth and a prophet. And We raised him to a high station.”¹⁰⁴ Classical tafsīr explains that Idrīs was elevated physically and spiritually, symbolizing the reward of obedience and righteousness.

“Idrīs’s ascension teaches Muslims the importance of steadfastness, truthfulness, and reliance on divine guidance.”¹⁰⁵ The Qur’ān addresses ‘Uzayr mainly in the context of divine authority, scripture, and theological clarification. “And the Jews say, ‘Ezra is the son of Allah’; and the Christians say, ‘The Messiah is the son of Allah.’”¹⁰⁶ Classical Islamic scholarship interprets this as a reproof against anthropomorphism and distortion of divine truth. “The Qur’ānic mention of ‘Uzayr underscores the necessity of preserving scripture and obeying divine law without misattribution or exaggeration.”¹⁰⁷

17.3 Ethical Lessons from Qur’ānic Accounts:

Both Idrīs and ‘Uzayr exemplify ethical and spiritual virtues emphasized in Islam:

Figure	Ethical Lesson	Qur’ānic Reference
Idrīs	Patience, truthfulness, steadfast worship	19:56–57
Idrīs	Ascension and divine elevation as reward	19:57
‘Uzayr	Preservation of scripture and obedience	9:30
‘Uzayr	Clarification against theological errors	9:30

“Muslims are encouraged to emulate Idrīs’s devotion and ‘Uzayr’s scriptural diligence in their personal and communal lives.”¹⁰⁸

Islamic commentators emphasize:

Divine Elevation: Idrīs’s elevation is both spiritual and symbolic, representing the ultimate reward for virtue. **Scriptural**

Preservation: ‘Uzayr’s role illustrates the importance of protecting and transmitting divine revelation faithfully. **Moral**

Exemplars: Both figures serve as models for ethical conduct, patience, and leadership in Muslim communities. “The

Qur’ānic accounts are not historical curiosities but ethical blueprints for believers.”¹⁰⁹ **Spiritual Development:** Studying

Idrīs and ‘Uzayr encourages personal reflection, piety, and ethical growth. “Idrīs exemplifies the believer who walks with

God through truth, patience, and devotion.”¹¹⁰ **Leadership and Education:** Muslim leaders and scholars can draw lessons

in ethical governance, scriptural teaching, and community guidance. “‘Uzayr demonstrates that leadership must prioritize

divine law and communal welfare.”¹¹¹ **Interfaith Understanding:** By examining shared narratives with Jews and Christians,

Muslims gain insights into common moral and spiritual heritage, promoting dialogue and tolerance. “Comparative study

enriches Islamic understanding of prophecy and divine instruction.”¹¹²

Leadership, Ethics, and Spiritual Governance in Islamic Perspective:

To explore the ethical and leadership lessons derived from Idrīs (Enoch) and ‘Uzayr (Ezra) through an Islamic lens, emphasizing spiritual governance, moral accountability, and guidance of communities according to Qur’ānic principles. In Islam, leadership is inseparable from obedience to God and moral responsibility. Idrīs and ‘Uzayr exemplify this principle. “Idrīs was a man of truth and a prophet; We raised him to a high station.”¹¹³ Classical tafsīr highlights that Idrīs’s elevation represents the reward for spiritual devotion and adherence to divine instruction.

“A leader must exemplify righteousness, truthfulness, and humility, guiding the community by moral example rather than mere authority.”¹¹⁴



18.2 Ethical Governance and Community Welfare:

Both figures illustrate the integration of ethics and leadership, where decisions are informed by divine guidance and communal well-being. “Uzayr preserved the Torah and restored it for the benefit of his people, demonstrating that ethical governance requires safeguarding divine guidance.”¹¹⁵ Islamic scholarship emphasizes that leaders are entrusted with responsibility for justice, education, and moral stewardship.

“Effective governance in Islam balances knowledge, piety, and communal welfare.”

Table: Qur’ānic Emphasis on Leadership and Accountability in Idrīs and ‘Uzayr

Figure	Leadership Principle	Qur’ānic Reference
Idrīs	Moral integrity, spiritual ascension	19:56–57
‘Uzayr	Preservation of scripture, ethical guidance	9:30
Idrīs	Trust in God and patient obedience	21:76–77
‘Uzayr	Avoiding misattribution of divine authority	9:30

“Leaders are accountable to God and must act with justice, humility, and responsibility.”

Spiritual Authority: Leadership must reflect moral and spiritual excellence, not mere political power. “Idrīs models the integration of spiritual awareness and ethical conduct in guiding others.”

Scriptural Fidelity: Preserving and teaching divine law is essential for ethical governance.

“‘Uzayr demonstrates that leaders must safeguard and apply divine guidance responsibly.”¹¹⁶

Justice and Community Service: Ethical leadership involves equitable decision-making and prioritizing communal welfare. “Islamic leadership requires balancing justice, knowledge, and ethical responsibility.”¹¹⁷

Ethical Implementation of Qur’ānic Lessons from Idrīs and ‘Uzayr in Modern Muslim Society:

The Qur’ānic narratives of Idrīs (Enoch) and ‘Uzayr (Ezra) offer timeless guidance for personal ethics, leadership, and social responsibility, which remain profoundly relevant for contemporary Muslim society. Idrīs is described in the Qur’ān as a figure of truth and piety, with the text stating, “And mention Idrīs in the Book; indeed he was a man of truth and a prophet. And We raised him to a high station.”¹¹⁸ Classical tafsīr explains that Idrīs’s elevation is both a literal and symbolic representation of the reward for steadfastness, righteousness, and unwavering devotion to God. The ethical and spiritual lessons derived from Idrīs emphasize patience, moral integrity, and the consistent pursuit of divine knowledge. By embodying these qualities, Idrīs serves as a model for individuals striving to integrate Qur’ānic principles into their daily lives, illustrating that true moral excellence is inseparable from personal accountability and adherence to divine guidance.

Similarly, ‘Uzayr is highlighted in the Qur’ān to emphasize the importance of preserving divine law and avoiding distortion of scripture, as the verse states, “And the Jews say, ‘Ezra is the son of Allah’; and the Christians say, The Messiah is the son of Allah.”¹¹⁹ Classical Islamic scholarship interprets this passage as a corrective measure against exaggeration or misattribution of divine authority, demonstrating that leaders and scholars bear a sacred responsibility to maintain the integrity of religious knowledge. Through his meticulous preservation and restoration of scripture, ‘Uzayr illustrates the ethical duty of leaders to uphold truth, maintain justice, and guide communities in accordance with God’s commands. These narratives collectively highlight the symbiotic relationship between ethical conduct and leadership, emphasizing that spiritual authority is inseparable from moral responsibility and communal welfare.

In modern Muslim society, the lessons of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr provide a framework for personal conduct and leadership. Idrīs’s emphasis on truthfulness and spiritual devotion encourages individuals to cultivate personal discipline, honesty, and piety, which are essential for ethical living. “Idrīs teaches believers to uphold truthfulness, maintain spiritual discipline, and seek knowledge with sincerity.”¹²⁰ His example demonstrates that spiritual growth is not a passive pursuit but requires active engagement with ethical principles, daily reflection, and the application of divine guidance in personal decisions. The Qur’ānic depiction underscores the necessity of integrating morality with action, reminding believers that spiritual elevation is achieved through both inner virtue and outward practice.

The figure of ‘Uzayr complements Idrīs by highlighting the broader responsibilities of ethical leadership. Through his work in restoring the Torah and clarifying theological misunderstandings, ‘Uzayr exemplifies how leaders must balance knowledge, justice, and moral guidance. “‘Uzayr demonstrates that leaders must safeguard and apply divine guidance responsibly.”¹²¹ Contemporary applications of this lesson include the role of educators, religious scholars, and community leaders in guiding society ethically, fostering knowledge, and ensuring that decisions are rooted in fairness and divine principles. His example illustrates that leadership is not merely a position of authority but a responsibility to serve the community, protect the truth, and promote social justice.



The Qur'ānic accounts of both figures also offer guidance on social ethics and communal responsibility. Idrīs and 'Uzayr are presented as models for navigating complex social and moral landscapes while maintaining fidelity to divine instruction. "Idrīs and 'Uzayr exemplify accountability to God and ethical responsibility towards others."¹²² . By emphasizing the role of moral accountability in leadership, these narratives instruct contemporary Muslims on how to apply Qur'ānic ethics to societal challenges, such as social inequality, injustice, and ethical governance. Leaders and individuals alike are reminded that their actions are accountable not only to human laws but ultimately to God, making ethical consideration central to every decision.

Education and knowledge preservation are further ethical lessons derived from the lives of Idrīs and 'Uzayr. Idrīs's role as a transmitter of divine knowledge exemplifies the significance of intellectual engagement combined with spiritual devotion. "Enoch's communication of divine knowledge highlights the value of teaching and transmitting wisdom."¹²³ Similarly, 'Uzayr's efforts to restore sacred scripture underscore the responsibility of preserving religious knowledge and ensuring its accurate transmission to future generations. "'Uzayr's restoration of the Torah underscores the significance of preserving religious and cultural heritage."¹²⁴ These lessons are particularly relevant for modern Muslim societies, where education and ethical dissemination of knowledge play a pivotal role in spiritual development, leadership, and the maintenance of communal identity.

Practical applications in contemporary contexts include fostering Qur'ānic literacy, ethical scholarship, and the encouragement of lifelong learning. Idrīs's example inspires individuals to seek knowledge with sincerity and integrity, while 'Uzayr's legacy highlights the importance of applying that knowledge responsibly. "Muslims are encouraged to emulate Idrīs's devotion and 'Uzayr's scriptural diligence in their personal and communal lives."¹²⁵ The integration of these lessons supports not only personal spiritual growth but also the ethical governance of communities, the promotion of justice, and the establishment of social harmony.

Leadership in modern Muslim society can also draw upon the ethical paradigms established by these figures. Idrīs demonstrates that a leader's authority derives from personal virtue, spiritual awareness, and fidelity to divine guidance. "A leader must exemplify righteousness, truthfulness, and humility, guiding the community by moral example rather than mere authority."¹²⁶ Uzayr teaches that leadership must prioritize the integrity of divine law and ethical responsibility, illustrating that justice and knowledge are central to governance. "Islamic leadership requires upholding justice, preserving sacred knowledge, and guiding communities ethically." The combined examples of Idrīs and 'Uzayr thus provide a framework for contemporary leaders to harmonize spiritual principles with practical responsibilities, ensuring that ethical governance is enacted in alignment with Qur'ānic guidance.

These narratives also reinforce the significance of accountability and ethical resilience. Believers are reminded that ethical leadership involves navigating challenges without compromising moral standards. Idrīs maintains steadfastness and trust in God despite human and cosmic trials, while 'Uzayr exhibits perseverance in restoring scripture amid social and religious upheaval. "The endurance of these figures underlines the importance of ethical fortitude in leadership roles." By following their examples, contemporary Muslims can cultivate resilience in ethical practice, promoting justice, fairness, and moral integrity even in difficult circumstances.

Finally, Idrīs and 'Uzayr provide a blueprint for integrating Qur'ānic ethics into daily life. Believers are guided to embody truthfulness, patience, and humility, while leaders and educators are encouraged to protect knowledge, uphold justice, and foster communal welfare. "Practical integration of Qur'ānic guidance ensures that ethical lessons from these prophetic figures remain alive and relevant in contemporary Muslim societies."¹²⁷ The study of their lives encourages Muslims to balance personal spirituality with social responsibility, demonstrating that the Qur'ānic message is both timeless and actionable.

By reflecting upon these examples, Muslims are equipped to implement Qur'ānic principles in multiple dimensions of life, including personal ethics, leadership, education, and social engagement. Idrīs embodies the internal dimension of spiritual excellence, demonstrating that personal morality is the foundation for all ethical action. 'Uzayr exemplifies the external dimension, showing that leadership, governance, and education must be conducted in alignment with divine principles and ethical accountability. Together, their stories offer a comprehensive model for ethical conduct and leadership in contemporary Muslim societies, ensuring that Qur'ānic guidance continues to inform both personal development and community welfare.

Interfaith Perspectives and Contemporary Ethical Lessons:

The narratives of Idrīs (Enoch) and 'Uzayr (Ezra) offer profound insights not only within Islamic theology but also across Abrahamic traditions, presenting opportunities for interfaith dialogue and mutual ethical understanding. Idrīs is described



in the Qur'ān as a prophet endowed with knowledge and elevated status: "And We raised him to a high station."¹²⁸ Classical tafsīr emphasizes that his elevation symbolizes both divine approval and the moral exemplarity required of individuals who guide others in ethical and spiritual matters. His life demonstrates that ethical leadership, patience, and commitment to divine instruction are universal principles that transcend religious boundaries, offering common ground for interfaith appreciation of moral excellence.

Similarly, 'Uzayr's role as a restorer of divine scripture highlights the importance of preserving truth and maintaining justice in religious leadership. The Qur'ān addresses theological misconceptions, noting, "And the Jews say, 'Ezra is the son of Allah'; and the Christians say, 'The Messiah is the son of Allah.'"¹²⁹ Islamic exegesis interprets this verse as guidance for ethical stewardship of religious knowledge, emphasizing that leaders must avoid misrepresentation and uphold moral responsibility. From a comparative perspective, Jewish and Christian traditions also recognize Ezra and Enoch as figures of exceptional moral and intellectual authority, illustrating shared values of piety, wisdom, and justice. This convergence underscores the potential for interfaith dialogue grounded in mutual respect for ethical exemplars.

Contemporary relevance emerges when these figures are considered as models for ethical decision-making in pluralistic societies. Idrīs's unwavering adherence to truthfulness and 'Uzayr's dedication to scriptural integrity illustrate the importance of moral resilience, even amid societal pressures and doctrinal disputes. "Idrīs teaches steadfastness in truth, while 'Uzayr exemplifies vigilance in preserving divine guidance."¹³⁰ Modern leaders, educators, and scholars can draw upon these examples to navigate ethical dilemmas, ensuring decisions are informed by both principle and compassion. This lesson is particularly pertinent in globalized contexts where interreligious interactions demand respect for diverse belief systems while upholding universal ethical norms.

Education and knowledge dissemination form another critical dimension of interfaith significance. Idrīs serves as an archetype of the seeker and transmitter of divine wisdom, emphasizing the integration of ethical values with scholarly pursuit. "The transmission of divine knowledge by Idrīs reminds believers that learning must be coupled with moral responsibility."¹³¹ Likewise, 'Uzayr's meticulous restoration of sacred texts demonstrates the ethical imperative to safeguard knowledge and correct misinterpretations. These examples encourage contemporary Muslim scholars and educators to engage responsibly in religious instruction while fostering dialogue that acknowledges shared moral principles with other Abrahamic faiths.

The intertextual study of Idrīs and 'Uzayr also illuminates the continuity of ethical teachings across scripture. In Jewish and Christian literature, Enoch is depicted as a visionary and intermediary between God and humanity, paralleling Qur'ānic descriptions. Ezra is similarly revered as a restorer and interpreter of the Torah. These parallels provide a foundation for understanding shared ethical and spiritual ideals, including justice, fidelity, and compassion. "Across traditions, Enoch and Ezra embody virtues that unite rather than divide religious communities."¹³² Recognizing these shared principles facilitates interfaith engagement that emphasizes common moral ground, rather than doctrinal divergence.

The practical applications of these lessons extend to contemporary ethical challenges. Leaders and policymakers can emulate the moral integrity exemplified by Idrīs and 'Uzayr in addressing issues such as social justice, corruption, and the equitable distribution of resources. "The ethical models of Idrīs and 'Uzayr guide decision-making processes rooted in fairness, knowledge, and accountability."¹³³ Similarly, educators can integrate these narratives into curricula to cultivate moral literacy, emphasizing the interrelationship between knowledge, ethics, and community welfare. In interfaith educational contexts, highlighting shared ethical exemplars fosters mutual respect, dialogue, and cooperation, promoting social cohesion in increasingly diverse societies.

Furthermore, the study of these prophetic figures provides insights into the ethical challenges of modern leadership. Idrīs demonstrates that personal virtue is foundational for credible leadership, while 'Uzayr underscores the responsibility of leaders to uphold truth, preserve justice, and act as custodians of ethical knowledge. "Leadership informed by moral exemplars transcends religious boundaries and contributes to universal ethical standards."¹³⁴ These lessons are particularly relevant for contemporary governance and civil society, where leaders must navigate complex ethical landscapes, balance competing interests, and ensure that decisions are guided by principles of justice, integrity, and compassion.

The interfaith implications extend to dialogue between religious communities. By studying Idrīs and 'Uzayr, scholars and practitioners can identify converging values across Islamic, Jewish, and Christian traditions, such as the importance of truthfulness, justice, and knowledge preservation. "Exploring shared values through prophetic examples encourages dialogue, reduces misunderstanding, and fosters mutual respect."¹³⁵ Such dialogue not only enhances theological understanding but also contributes to collaborative efforts in social ethics, education, and humanitarian initiatives, demonstrating that scriptural narratives can inform collective ethical action in contemporary society.



Finally, the narratives of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr provide a framework for integrating spiritual, ethical, and social dimensions in modern life. Idrīs exemplifies internal moral cultivation, demonstrating that ethical integrity begins with personal reflection and devotion. ‘Uzayr represents external responsibility, illustrating that ethical knowledge must be applied to leadership, education, and communal welfare. “The combined lessons of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr offer a comprehensive guide for personal, social, and interfaith ethical practice.”¹³⁶ Their intertextual study reveals that ethical principles are not confined to a single tradition but are accessible and applicable across Abrahamic faiths, providing a foundation for moral guidance, leadership, and collaborative engagement in contemporary pluralistic societies.

In conclusion, Idrīs and ‘Uzayr serve as enduring ethical exemplars whose lives and teachings resonate beyond Islamic scholarship, offering universal lessons in truthfulness, justice, knowledge preservation, and leadership. Their narratives facilitate interfaith understanding, highlight the importance of moral resilience, and demonstrate the practical application of ethical principles in personal, social, and communal contexts. By studying these figures through an AI-assisted intertextual framework, contemporary scholars and leaders can cultivate ethical insight, promote interreligious dialogue, and apply Qur’ānic guidance to the complex moral landscapes of the modern world.

Prophetic Exemplars and Contemporary Moral Leadership:

The lives of Idrīs (Enoch) and ‘Uzayr (Ezra) provide enduring models of ethical and moral leadership that are directly applicable to contemporary Muslim societies. Idrīs’s unwavering devotion and steadfastness are exemplified in the Qur’ānic statement, “And We raised him to a high station”¹³⁷. This elevation is not merely symbolic; classical tafsīr emphasizes it as a representation of the moral and ethical responsibility that accompanies spiritual knowledge. Similarly, ‘Uzayr’s dedication to restoring and preserving the Torah highlights the necessity of integrity, justice, and accountability in positions of authority. “‘Uzayr demonstrates that leaders must safeguard and apply divine guidance responsibly”¹³⁸ Modern Muslim leaders can draw inspiration from these exemplars to establish governance based on justice, ethical stewardship, and moral accountability. By emulating Idrīs’s personal virtue and ‘Uzayr’s ethical diligence, leadership becomes an instrument for both spiritual and societal development.

Ethical Education and Knowledge Transmission:

The ethical dimension of knowledge preservation is central in the narratives of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr. Idrīs’s role as a transmitter of divine wisdom demonstrates that education is inseparable from moral and spiritual integrity. “Enoch’s communication of divine knowledge highlights the value of teaching and transmitting wisdom” Uzayr’s restoration of scripture similarly emphasizes the responsibility to safeguard religious and moral knowledge: “‘Uzayr’s restoration of the Torah underscores the significance of preserving religious and cultural heritage”¹³⁹ Modern applications of these lessons include Qur’ānic education, ethical scholarship, and community-based learning programs, ensuring that knowledge serves both spiritual and social purposes.

Social Ethics and Justice in Modern Context:

Idrīs and ‘Uzayr provide ethical frameworks for addressing contemporary social challenges. Idrīs’s truthfulness and patience inspire personal morality, while ‘Uzayr demonstrates the importance of community ethics and justice. “Idrīs and ‘Uzayr exemplify accountability to God and ethical responsibility towards others”¹⁴⁰ Contemporary application involves fostering social justice, combating inequality, and promoting equitable governance. Ethical responsibility is emphasized not only in personal conduct but in societal structures, advocating for policies and community initiatives that reflect fairness, compassion, and moral integrity.

Interfaith Ethical Lessons and Cooperation:

The intertextual study of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr reveals that shared ethical values transcend religious boundaries. Enoch in Jewish and Christian literature is depicted as a visionary intermediary, while Ezra is a restorer of scripture. “Across traditions, Enoch and Ezra embody virtues that unite rather than divide religious communities”¹⁴¹ Recognizing shared moral exemplars encourages interfaith dialogue, fostering understanding, cooperation, and collaboration in ethical initiatives. For example, community projects addressing poverty, education, and justice can be inspired by these narratives, reflecting universal ethical principles.

Integrating Qur’ānic Guidance in Contemporary Muslim Societies:

The combined lessons of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr demonstrate that Qur’ānic guidance is both timeless and actionable. Idrīs represents personal moral cultivation, emphasizing patience, truthfulness, and spiritual devotion. ‘Uzayr represents communal responsibility, illustrating that ethical knowledge must guide leadership, education, and social justice. “The integration of Qur’ānic ethics into daily life ensures that moral principles are practically applied, fostering both personal and societal wellbeing”¹⁴² Muslims can implement these lessons by cultivating personal virtue, promoting ethical education,



ensuring justice in leadership, and fostering interfaith collaboration. By doing so, Qur'ānic guidance is translated into tangible action, shaping societies that reflect ethical principles across individual, communal, and global dimensions.

Theological Reflections on Prophethood and Divine Wisdom:

The narratives of Idrīs and 'Uzayr invite deeper theological reflection on the concept of prophethood and divine wisdom within the Islamic worldview. Prophets in Islam serve as moral exemplars and transmitters of divine guidance, embodying both spiritual devotion and ethical responsibility. The Qur'ān emphasizes the elevated status of Idrīs, stating: "And mention Idrīs in the Book; indeed he was a man of truth and a prophet. And We raised him to a high station."¹⁴³ Classical exegetes interpret this elevation as evidence of divine favor granted to those who remain steadfast in truth and obedience.

Theologically, Idrīs represents the intimate relationship between knowledge and spirituality. His prophetic mission illustrates that knowledge in Islam is not merely intellectual acquisition but a form of worship that connects believers to divine wisdom. "The elevation of Idrīs symbolizes the union of knowledge, piety, and moral excellence."¹⁴⁴ Such a perspective underscores the Islamic understanding that knowledge should lead to humility and service rather than arrogance. The narrative of 'Uzayr similarly reflects theological concerns regarding the preservation of divine revelation. The Qur'ān addresses theological exaggeration in relation to Ezra by stating: "And the Jews say, 'Ezra is the son of Allah.'" Islamic scholars interpret this verse as a warning against attributing divine qualities to human beings, even when they possess exceptional knowledge or piety.

Together, these narratives highlight an important theological principle: prophets and scholars serve as guides to divine truth but remain human servants of God. "Prophetic authority in Islam is defined by submission to God rather than personal glorification."¹⁴⁵ This principle safeguards the purity of monotheism and reinforces the central Islamic doctrine of tawḥīd.

Spiritual Development and Personal Transformation

The stories of Idrīs and 'Uzayr also offer profound insights into personal spiritual development. Idrīs's reputation for truthfulness and devotion reflects the Islamic ideal of the righteous believer who strives for moral and spiritual growth. The Qur'ān repeatedly highlights the virtues of honesty, patience, and devotion, qualities embodied by Idrīs. "Truthfulness elevates the believer both spiritually and morally."¹⁴⁶

Islamic tradition associates Idrīs with early intellectual and spiritual achievements, including writing and scientific knowledge. While historical details vary across traditions, these narratives emphasize that spiritual growth is closely linked with intellectual curiosity and reflection. "Knowledge pursued with sincerity becomes a pathway to spiritual elevation."¹⁴⁷ Similarly, 'Uzayr's dedication to restoring scripture demonstrates perseverance and commitment to divine truth. His efforts to preserve the Torah highlight the importance of resilience in the face of societal challenges. "The preservation of sacred knowledge requires patience, dedication, and unwavering faith."¹⁴⁸

In modern contexts, these lessons encourage believers to integrate spirituality into daily life through ethical conduct, reflection, and lifelong learning. Spiritual development is not limited to ritual practice but extends to intellectual engagement, social responsibility, and moral decision-making. Through this lens, the narratives of Idrīs and 'Uzayr serve as guides for cultivating balanced spiritual lives that harmonize faith, knowledge, and action.

Comparative Ethical Narratives in Abrahamic Traditions:

The figures of Enoch and Ezra appear not only in Islamic tradition but also within Jewish and Christian scriptures, making them valuable subjects for comparative ethical analysis. In Jewish literature, Enoch is depicted as a righteous figure who "walked with God," while the Book of Enoch portrays him as a visionary who receives divine revelations. These descriptions resonate with the Qur'ānic portrayal of Idrīs as a prophet of truth and spiritual elevation.

"Across Abrahamic traditions, Enoch symbolizes the pursuit of divine knowledge and moral purity."¹⁴⁹ Such parallels demonstrate that ethical narratives often transcend religious boundaries, providing shared moral frameworks that encourage dialogue between faith communities.

Ezra's role in Jewish tradition as a restorer of the Torah parallels Islamic recognition of 'Uzayr as a figure associated with the preservation of scripture. His leadership in reestablishing religious law after the Babylonian exile reflects themes of renewal, community identity, and ethical responsibility. "Ezra's dedication to restoring scripture illustrates the universal value of preserving sacred knowledge."¹⁵⁰

These comparative narratives reveal a broader pattern within Abrahamic traditions: prophetic figures are remembered not only for theological teachings but also for their ethical influence. By studying these shared narratives, scholars can better understand how moral ideals develop across religious traditions and how they continue to shape ethical discourse today.

Ethical Challenges in the Modern World:



Modern societies face numerous ethical challenges, including technological change, social inequality, and environmental concerns. The narratives of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr provide valuable insights for addressing these issues within an ethical framework grounded in divine guidance. Idrīs’s dedication to truthfulness highlights the importance of integrity in an age characterized by information overload and misinformation. “Truthfulness remains the foundation of ethical communication and leadership.” Similarly, ‘Uzayr’s commitment to preserving sacred knowledge underscores the importance of protecting intellectual and cultural heritage in rapidly changing societies. In the digital era, the preservation and accurate transmission of knowledge have become critical ethical responsibilities. “Guarding knowledge against distortion is a moral duty for scholars and educators.”¹⁵¹ These lessons extend to governance and social justice. Leaders must balance technological progress with ethical considerations, ensuring that innovation benefits society while respecting moral principles. By drawing upon the ethical teachings associated with Idrīs and ‘Uzayr, contemporary societies can develop frameworks that prioritize justice, accountability, and compassion.

The narratives of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr ultimately point toward a unified ethical vision rooted in divine guidance and human responsibility. Idrīs represents the cultivation of inner virtue, emphasizing the importance of personal integrity, spiritual reflection, and intellectual pursuit. ‘Uzayr represents communal responsibility, highlighting the role of scholars and leaders in preserving and transmitting ethical knowledge. “Ethical societies emerge when personal virtue and communal responsibility operate together.”¹⁵² The integration of these principles provides a comprehensive framework for addressing contemporary challenges while remaining faithful to religious values.

In interfaith contexts, these narratives also offer opportunities for cooperation and shared ethical reflection. By recognizing common moral ideals across Abrahamic traditions, communities can work together to address global challenges such as poverty, education, and environmental stewardship. “Shared prophetic narratives encourage collaboration rather than division among faith traditions.”¹⁵³ Ultimately, the study of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr demonstrates that ethical teachings rooted in scripture remain relevant in modern societies. Their stories remind believers that knowledge, faith, and moral responsibility must operate together to guide human conduct. By integrating these lessons into personal lives, educational systems, and governance structures, societies can cultivate ethical environments that promote justice, compassion, and spiritual growth.

AI-Assisted Intertextual Analysis in Religious Studies:

In recent years, the integration of artificial intelligence into the humanities has opened new avenues for analyzing religious texts. The present study demonstrates how AI-assisted intertextual analysis can deepen scholarly understanding of figures such as Idrīs (Enoch) and ‘Uzayr (Ezra) across the Abrahamic traditions. Through computational comparison of textual traditions, researchers can identify recurring ethical themes, narrative parallels, and theological variations that might otherwise remain unnoticed in manual analysis.

Artificial intelligence tools allow scholars to examine patterns across large textual corpora, including the Qur’ān, Biblical literature, and classical commentaries. By identifying semantic similarities and contextual relationships, AI methods facilitate the systematic exploration of intertextual links between sacred texts. “AI-assisted textual analysis provides scholars with a new methodological lens for studying scriptural narratives across traditions.”¹⁵⁴

However, AI should be understood as a supporting instrument rather than a replacement for traditional scholarship. Interpretation of religious texts requires historical knowledge, linguistic expertise, and theological sensitivity. “Technological tools enhance but cannot replace the interpretive role of human scholarship.”¹⁵⁵ Scholars must therefore combine computational insights with classical exegetical traditions to ensure that interpretations remain faithful to the religious context. In the context of the narratives of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr, AI-assisted analysis helps reveal patterns in how these figures are remembered across traditions. Similar ethical themes truthfulness, knowledge preservation, and spiritual devotion emerge consistently in Islamic, Jewish, and Christian sources. This demonstrates that technological approaches can illuminate shared ethical values that span religious traditions.

Methodological Reflections and Limitations:

While AI-assisted intertextual analysis offers valuable insights, it also presents methodological challenges. One key limitation lies in the complexity of religious language. Sacred texts often employ metaphor, symbolism, and historical references that require contextual interpretation beyond computational pattern recognition. “Religious texts communicate meaning through layers of linguistic and historical context.”¹⁵⁶ Another limitation concerns translation and linguistic variation. The Qur’ān, Biblical texts, and classical commentaries exist in multiple languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Differences in translation can influence the results of computational analysis, making careful cross-checking essential for accurate interpretation. Furthermore, ethical considerations must guide the use of technological tools in religious scholarship. Scholars must ensure that computational methods respect the integrity of sacred texts and avoid



reductive interpretations. “Responsible scholarship requires balancing technological innovation with reverence for religious tradition.”¹⁵⁷ Despite these limitations, the integration of AI into religious studies holds considerable promise. When used responsibly, computational analysis can complement traditional scholarship by highlighting patterns, themes, and connections that enrich our understanding of sacred narratives.

Future Directions for Interdisciplinary Research:

The study of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr demonstrates the potential for interdisciplinary research that combines theology, history, and digital humanities. Future studies may expand this approach by examining additional prophetic figures across Abrahamic traditions. For example, comparative analyses of prophets such as Abraham, Moses, and Joseph could reveal further intertextual connections between the Qur’ān and Biblical literature.

Advances in digital humanities also allow scholars to develop larger textual databases containing classical tafsīr, historical commentaries, and theological treatises. These resources can be analyzed using AI-based tools to identify patterns in interpretation across centuries of scholarship. “Digital humanities technologies enable scholars to explore religious traditions with unprecedented depth and scale.”¹⁵⁸ Another promising direction involves collaborative research between scholars of different religious backgrounds. Interfaith academic partnerships can enrich the study of shared prophetic narratives by incorporating diverse perspectives and methodologies. “Collaborative scholarship fosters mutual understanding and broadens the scope of religious studies.”¹⁵⁹ By combining traditional scholarship with emerging technological tools, future research can continue to deepen our understanding of prophetic narratives and their ethical implications for contemporary societies.

Ethical and Spiritual Implications for Contemporary Society:

The narratives of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr continue to offer valuable ethical guidance for modern societies. Idrīs represents the pursuit of truth, knowledge, and spiritual devotion, while ‘Uzayr symbolizes the responsibility of preserving sacred knowledge and guiding communities with integrity. These lessons remain relevant in an era marked by rapid technological change and complex ethical challenges. The Qur’ān’s description of Idrīs emphasizes truthfulness and spiritual elevation: “Indeed he was a man of truth and a prophet.”¹⁶⁰ This portrayal highlights the importance of honesty and moral integrity in all aspects of life, including leadership, scholarship, and public discourse. Similarly, the narrative of ‘Uzayr underscores the importance of safeguarding religious knowledge and avoiding theological exaggeration. “Guarding the authenticity of religious knowledge is a responsibility entrusted to scholars and leaders.”¹⁶¹ In contemporary societies, these principles can guide ethical decision-making in areas such as education, governance, and social justice. By emphasizing truthfulness, knowledge preservation, and moral responsibility, the narratives of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr provide timeless ethical frameworks for addressing modern challenges.

Conclusion:

This study has explored the narratives of Idrīs (Enoch) and ‘Uzayr (Ezra) through an AI-assisted intertextual approach, highlighting their significance within Islamic tradition and their connections to broader Abrahamic narratives. The analysis demonstrates that these figures serve as powerful ethical exemplars whose teachings transcend historical and religious boundaries. The Qur’ānic portrayal of Idrīs emphasizes truthfulness, knowledge, and spiritual elevation, while the narrative of ‘Uzayr highlights the importance of preserving divine revelation and guiding communities with integrity. “The lives of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr illustrate the harmony between faith, knowledge, and ethical responsibility.”¹⁶² By integrating traditional scholarship with AI-assisted textual analysis, this research illustrates how modern technological tools can enhance the study of sacred texts. At the same time, the study emphasizes that interpretation must remain grounded in historical context, theological understanding, and ethical reflection. Ultimately, the narratives of Idrīs and ‘Uzayr remind believers that knowledge and faith must work together to guide human conduct. Their stories encourage individuals and communities to cultivate truthfulness, preserve knowledge, and pursue justice in all aspects of life. “Ethical societies are built when spiritual wisdom informs knowledge, leadership, and communal responsibility.”¹⁶³ Through continued scholarly exploration and interfaith dialogue, the ethical teachings associated with these prophetic figures can continue to inspire future generations, contributing to a deeper understanding of shared moral values within the Abrahamic traditions.

Findings:

- 1:** Idrīs is described in the Qur’ān as a truthful prophet elevated by God.
- 2:** Uzayr is mentioned in relation to theological correction and scriptural context.
- 3:** Both figures represent devotion, knowledge, and moral responsibility.
- 4:** Enoch and Ezra appear in multiple Abrahamic traditions.
- 5:** Their narratives highlight shared ethical teachings.



- 6: Idrīs symbolizes spiritual elevation and wisdom.
- 7: Uzayr is associated with preservation of religious knowledge.
- 8: Comparative analysis reveals similarities across sacred texts.
- 9: Ethical values such as truth and justice are emphasized.
- 10: AI-assisted analysis helps identify intertextual connections.

Recommendations:

- 1: Expand research to other shared prophets.
- 2: Use larger digital text databases.
- 3: Encourage interdisciplinary research.
- 4: Promote comparative religious studies.
- 5: Integrate AI tools in textual analysis.
- 6: Strengthen collaboration between scholars.
- 7: Develop digital humanities resources.
- 8: Include these studies in academic curricula.
- 9: Focus on ethical lessons from prophetic narratives.
- 10: Maintain balance between technology and traditional scholarship.

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