

Gratitude in AI-based Quranic Exegesis: Between Meta AI and ChatGPT

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Abstract

Gratitude is one of the fundamental concepts in human life, reflecting a sense of thankfulness for the blessings given. In the era of digital technology, artificial intelligence (AI) presents a new perspective in understanding and expressing the concept of gratitude through interactions with users. This article aims to comparatively examine the approaches of two AI platforms, Meta AI and ChatGPT, in understanding and conveying the meaning of gratitude based on user input.

This study employs a descriptive qualitative method, With a comparative approach to analyze how Meta AI and ChatGPT understand and convey the concept of gratitude. This study is qualitative in nature and aims to reveal the differences and similarities in the responses of the two artificial intelligence platforms regarding the theme of gratitude.

The results of the study indicate that gratitude is an attitude of the heart, speech, and actions in acknowledging and utilizing Allah's blessings. Gratitude is not merely expressed in words but must also be manifested in tangible actions that align with Shariah. Gratitude also has reciprocal consequences: if one is grateful, Allah will increase the blessings; if one is ungrateful, they will face a painful punishment. The additional blessings promised by Allah encompass both worldly and spiritual aspects, not only in material form but also in blessings, happiness, and closeness to Allah. Ungratefulness does not only mean denying the blessings, but also misusing or failing to use them in accordance with Allah's will.

Introduction

The Qur'an is the holy book revealed by Allah to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) through the Angel Jibril. This makes it closely connected to human life in this world (Shomad & masalah Al-Qur'an, 1940). Although human life experiences ups and downs, the Qur'an remains the primary reference for Muslims in overcoming various life challenges (Nasution, 2023). The Qur'an is proof of the prophethood of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), having a significant impact on human life (Al Faruq et al., 2024). The Qur'an contains vast knowledge and technology as a gift from Allah to humanity. Therefore, human life cannot be separated from it. The Qur'an will remain relevant in guiding Muslims through the ever-changing course of life (Syahfrizal et al., 2024).

Often, when a person achieves success in life, they forget that everything they receive is a gift from Allah SWT. Behind the success achieved, there is a test from Him to measure how well a person can be grateful and uphold the trust bestowed upon them (Ubaidillah et al., 2023). Unfortunately, some people tend to display selfishness and a lack of awareness that the success they achieve is not solely the result of their own efforts, but rather a gift and mercy from Allah SWT. The awareness of the importance of gratitude must not be overlooked. Gratitude is a sincere expression of thankfulness to the Creator for the countless blessings (Rahman et al., 2025). By being grateful, humans show respect and acknowledgment of His greatness and generosity (Sukmadewi et al., 2022). The blessings given by Allah SWT, whether big or small, should be preserved and used properly, not ignored, let alone denied (Enghariano, 2019). Many people have sufficient wealth, even exceeding their needs, yet they are often trapped in the temptations of ego and desires. This makes them never feel content with what they have (Nurrohim, 2019).

The times are increasingly facing great challenges, marked by the growing gap between those who possess abundant wealth and those who are trapped in economic limitations (Nurchari et al., 2024). Ironically, those at the peak of wealth continue to amass more riches, while the poor sink deeper into poverty. This phenomenon raises a profound question: in the midst of this unequal situation (Nurrohim, 2024), Where can we find individuals who are able to consistently express gratitude?

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Gratitude, as an expression of appreciation for the blessings received, has become increasingly rare in a social reality filled with injustice (Nurrohm, 2025). In this context, it is important to reflect on spiritual and moral values as a foundation for fostering collective awareness, so that gratitude becomes not only a personal discourse, but also a driving force for broader social solidarity (Maisiouw et al., 2023).

To gain a more comprehensive and profound understanding of the meaning of gratitude, a comparative approach becomes relevant in examining diverse perspectives (Diningrum et al., 2024). In this study, the author uses two artificial intelligence platforms, Meta AI and ChatGPT, to understand how the concept of gratitude is perceived and conveyed through AI technology.

In addition, the uniqueness in the programming and algorithm design of both platforms offers an interesting perspective for comparative analysis (Al Ghoni et al., 2024). Specifically, in integrating human values such as gratitude into technology-based interactions. This study aims to explore the extent to which AI can serve as a tool that supports the understanding of moral and spiritual values, as well as the challenges and limitations encountered in the process.

Among the many verses about gratitude in the Qur'an, this study will focus on Surah Ibrahim, verse 7. This verse carries a profound message about the importance of gratitude and the consequences that accompany it.

Research Methodology

This study employs a descriptive qualitative method (Yuliani, 2018). With a comparative approach to analyze how Meta AI and ChatGPT understand and convey the concept of gratitude (Nur, 2015). This study is qualitative in nature and aims to reveal the differences and similarities in the responses of the two artificial intelligence platforms regarding the theme of gratitude. A comparative approach is used to compare the outputs of Meta AI and ChatGPT based on specific parameters. Primary data is obtained from the responses generated by Meta AI and ChatGPT to a series of questions designed to explore the meaning of gratitude in QS. Ibrahim, verse 7. Secondary data consists of literature related to artificial intelligence, the concept of gratitude, and technological studies from an ethical perspective.

The author poses the same questions to both Meta AI and ChatGPT to generate responses. All generated responses are then recorded, categorized, and analyzed using content analysis methods (Ahmad, 2018). The researcher identifies themes and patterns in the responses of each platform, then compares Meta AI's approach with that of ChatGPT. Subsequently, the researcher evaluates the accuracy, relevance, and depth of the responses in explaining the concept of gratitude.

The questions presented to both chatbots are as follows:

1. Explain the definition of gratitude!
2. What is the interpretation of Surah Ibrahim, verse 7?
3. What is the interpretation of the phrase *LA AZIIDANNAKUM*?

Discussion

ChatGPT is a generative artificial intelligence chatbot developed by OpenAI and launched in 2022. This chatbot uses the GPT-4 large language model (LLM) as its foundation. ChatGPT is capable of generating human-like conversational responses and allows users to adjust the length, format, style, level of detail, and language of the conversation. ChatGPT is recognized for contributing to the rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI), driving significant investment and increasing public attention toward this technology. However, some critics have voiced concerns that ChatGPT and similar programs could potentially replace human intelligence, facilitate plagiarism, and spread misleading information (wikipedia, 2025).

Meta AI is a company under Meta (formerly Facebook) that develops artificial intelligence, as well as augmented reality and virtual reality technologies. Meta AI functions as an academic research laboratory focused on advancing knowledge for the AI community. The company should not be confused with Meta's Applied Machine Learning (AML) team, which is more oriented toward practical applications in its products.

This laboratory was originally established under the name Facebook Artificial Intelligence Research (FAIR), with its headquarters in Menlo Park, California, and laboratories in London, England, and Manhattan, USA. FAIR was officially announced in September 2013 and was initially led by Yann LeCun, a professor of deep learning at New York University and a recipient of the Turing Award. In collaboration with NYU's Center for Data Science, FAIR's initial goal was to research data science, machine learning, and artificial intelligence with the mission to "understand intelligence, uncover its fundamental principles, and make machines much smarter."

Research at FAIR has led to the development of various technologies that support facial recognition, automatic tagging features in photos, and personalized feed recommendations. In 2014, Vladimir Vapnik, a pioneer in statistical learning, joined FAIR. Vapnik is known as one of the inventors of the Support Vector Machine (SVM) and as a key developer of the Vapnik-Chervonenkis theory (wikipedia, 2025).

Definition of Gratitude

ChatGPT explains that gratitude (شكر) linguistically originates from the root letters ش-ك-ر (shin-kaf-ra), which means "to manifest" or "to appreciate blessings." In Shariah terms, gratitude means acknowledging, appreciating, and using the blessings given by Allah in a way that pleases Him. Al-Jurjani in *At-Ta'rifat* explains that gratitude is "using Allah's blessings in obedience to Him." Ibn Qayyim al-Jauziyyah in *Madarij as-Salikin* divides gratitude into three main aspects: 1) Gratitude with the heart: Acknowledging that all blessings come from Allah, 2) Gratitude with the tongue: Saying praises to Allah, such as reciting "Alhamdulillah," 3) Gratitude with the body: Using blessings in good deeds and worship. Imam Al-Ghazali in *Ihya Ulumuddin* states that gratitude is "a deep awareness of blessings, accompanied by love for the Giver of blessings, and using them for good." Allah frequently mentions the importance of gratitude in the Qur'an, including: 1) Surah Ibrahim, 7, which says: "If you are grateful, I will surely increase your favor upon you; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe." 2) Surah Al-Baqarah, 152, which says: "Remember Me, and I will remember you. Be grateful to Me and do not deny Me." Gratitude is not just about saying thank you to Allah, but also about preserving and using blessings in the right way according to Islamic teachings (OpenAI, 2025).

Meta AI explains that gratitude (*syukur*) is a concept in Islam with several definitions and meanings. Here are some definitions of gratitude: 1) Acknowledging and recognizing Allah's blessings: Gratitude is acknowledging and recognizing the blessings given by Allah SWT, whether they are large or small. 2) Expressing thanks: Gratitude also means expressing thanks to Allah SWT for the blessings that have been given. 3) Using blessings properly: Gratitude also means using the blessings that have been granted by Allah SWT correctly and in accordance with His will (Meta, 2025).

In Arabic, *shukr* (شكر) has several meanings, including: 1) Acknowledging and recognizing: *Shukr* means acknowledging and recognizing something good or a blessing. 2) Expressing gratitude: *Shukr* also means expressing gratitude for something good or a blessing. 3) Using properly: *Shukr* also means using something properly and in accordance with His will.

In the Indonesian Dictionary (KBBI), *syukur* has several meanings, including: 1) A feeling of gratitude: *Syukur* means the feeling of gratitude for something good or a blessing. 2) Expression of thanks: *Syukur* also means the expression of thanks for something good or a blessing. 3) Acknowledging and recognizing: *Syukur* also means acknowledging and recognizing something good or a blessing.

Overall, *syukur* is a concept that holds a broad and profound meaning, encompassing the acknowledgment and recognition of blessings, expressing gratitude, and using blessings correctly.

Tafsir of Surah Ibrahim, Verse 7

ChatGPT explains that Surah Ibrahim, Verse 7, which says: "If you are grateful, I will certainly increase (My blessings) for you, but if you are ungrateful (deny), indeed My punishment is severe." (QS. Ibrahim: 7). This verse provides an important lesson about the relationship between gratitude and the blessings from Allah. In its interpretation, several points can be understood, including: Gratitude here is not limited to mere words of thanks, but includes the acknowledgment of the blessings given by Allah and using them in accordance with His will. As explained by scholars such as Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, gratitude is an acknowledgment in the heart, on the tongue, and through actions. This means that someone who is grateful not only says "Alhamdulillah" but also uses the blessings granted by Allah for good purposes and in line with His commands.

Allah promises to increase blessings for those who are grateful. In Ibn Kathir's interpretation, it is explained that this promise applies not only to material blessings but also includes spiritual blessings and others, such as happiness, peace of heart, and tranquility of mind. Gratitude brings a person closer to Allah, and in many cases, Allah will grant more goodness in various forms. On the other hand, if someone denies or is ungrateful for the blessings given by Allah, a painful punishment will come. Denial here can mean rejecting or failing to acknowledge Allah's blessings, either through denial by words or by misusing the blessings. Allah gives a warning for His followers not to become arrogant or forgetful, because ingratitude can bring punishment, both in this world and the Hereafter.

This verse emphasizes the reciprocal relationship between gratitude and blessings. The more grateful a person is, the greater the blessings Allah will grant. In Tafsir al-Qurtubi, it is explained that this includes blessings not only visible in wealth and material possessions but also in the blessings of life, success in endeavors, and ease in all matters. Therefore, gratitude becomes the key to prolonging and increasing the blessings given by Allah. The main wisdom that can be taken from this verse is that gratitude is an attitude that invites more mercy and blessings. Gratitude leads a person to always feel content with what they have and to draw closer to Allah by using all of His blessings for beneficial purposes. On the other hand, ingratitude brings harm, either in the form of deprivation of blessings or Allah's punishment. Surah Ibrahim, Verse 7, teaches the importance of gratitude as a way to attract more blessings from Allah. Through gratitude, a person not only gains additional blessings but also lives in prosperity and peace. Conversely, ingratitude leads to the loss of blessings and the potential for punishment. Therefore, every Muslim is encouraged to always be grateful for all of Allah's gifts, whether they are great or small (OpenAI, 2025).

According to Meta AI, Surah Ibrahim, Verse 7, is one of the verses of the Qur'an that explains the importance of gratitude and the consequences of denial or ingratitude (Meta, 2025). QS. Ibrahim, Verse 7 says:

وإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ "And (remember) when your Lord proclaimed: 'If you are grateful, I will certainly increase (My blessings) for you, but if you deny (My blessings), indeed My punishment is severe.'"

This verse explains that Allah SWT has proclaimed to His servants that if they are grateful for the blessings He has given, He will increase those blessings. However, if they deny or are ungrateful for those blessings, they will face a severe punishment. Gratitude in this verse does not only mean saying thank you to Allah but also means using the blessings given in the correct way and in accordance with Allah's will. Gratitude also means recognizing and acknowledging the blessings that Allah has bestowed.

This verse also explains that if someone denies or is ungrateful for the blessings given by Allah, they will face a severe punishment. This means that denial or ingratitude for Allah's blessings can lead to very serious and heavy consequences. This verse contains a very important moral message, which is the importance of gratitude and the consequences of denial or ingratitude. It reminds us to always be grateful for the blessings that Allah has given and to use those blessings in the correct way, in accordance with Allah's will

Interpretation of the Phrase "LA AZIIDANNAKUM"

ChatGPT explains that the phrase "لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ" in Surah Ibrahim, Verse 7, comes from the root word *زاد - يزيد - زيادة*, which means to increase. This word is in the form of a fi'il mudhari' (verb indicating present or future tense) with the addition of lam taukid (لَ) and nun taukid (نَ), which serve to strengthen the meaning of Allah's promise. Ibn Kathir explains that the phrase *لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ* is a certain promise from Allah to those who are grateful. This increase in blessings can be in the form of: material blessings such as sustenance, health, and prosperity; spiritual blessings such as guidance, peace of heart, and stronger faith; and blessings in the Hereafter such as rewards and high ranks in paradise (OpenAI, 2025).

ChatGPT also explains the views of Fakhruddin al-Razi, Al-Baghawi, and As-Sa'di. Fakhruddin al-Razi explains that *لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ* shows that gratitude has a broad impact. The increase in blessings can include: an improvement in the quality of blessings – not just the quantity, but also their barakah (blessing); an increase in closeness to Allah – those who are grateful will receive more guidance and blessings; and an increase in the ease of performing good deeds – Allah will ease the path for those who are grateful to continue doing good. Al-Baghawi explains that *لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ* shows that gratitude is the main cause of an increase in blessings. He also interprets that the form of the additional blessings is not always something visible but could also be happiness and contentment in the heart. As-Sa'di interprets that the increase in blessings promised by Allah includes both worldly and eternal blessings. In his view, the opposite of gratitude is ingratitude (kufr), and ingratitude for blessings will lead to punishment.

The phrase "LA AZIIDANNAKUM" in Surah Ibrahim, Verse 7, according to Meta AI, carries significant meaning in the context of gratitude and Allah's blessings. The phrase "LA AZIIDANNAKUM" can be broken down as follows: 1) "LA" is a word meaning "if" or "when." 2.) "AZIIDANNAKUM" is a word meaning "I will add to you" or "I will increase My blessings to you." In the context of Surah Ibrahim, Verse 7, the phrase "LA AZIIDANNAKUM" means that if you are grateful for Allah's blessings, then Allah will increase His blessings upon you. This implies that gratitude is the key to enhancing Allah's blessings in our lives.

Meta AI also quotes the opinions of several mufasssirin, such as Imam Al-Tabari and Imam Al-Qurtubi. Imam Al-Tabari says that the phrase "LA AZIIDANNAKUM" means that Allah will increase His blessings upon you in the form of wealth, children, and knowledge. Imam Al-Qurtubi says that the phrase "LA AZIIDANNAKUM" means that Allah will increase His blessings upon you in the form of safety, happiness, and honor (Meta, 2025).

The phrase "LA AZIIDANNAKUM" in Surah Ibrahim, Verse 7, contains a very important moral message, which is that gratitude is the key to increasing Allah's blessings in our lives. Therefore, we must always be grateful for Allah's blessings and use those blessings in the correct way and in accordance with Allah's will.

Comparative Analysis

Based on a thorough analysis, the main differences between the two chatbots in explaining the meaning of gratitude lie in: Answer accuracy: ChatGPT presents a richer definition of gratitude, supported by references from scholars and relevant Quranic verses. In contrast, Meta AI tends to be more general and less in-depth, only mentioning some aspects of gratitude without citing authoritative sources from tafsir or scholars. Language quality: ChatGPT uses more scholarly and systematic language, with a neat and clear structure, while Meta AI is more descriptive and repetitive in explaining the meaning of gratitude. Understanding of the verse's context: ChatGPT connects gratitude with obedience to Allah and shows the consequences of gratitude and ingratitude based on Quranic verses, while Meta AI is more general and does not thoroughly explore the aspects of gratitude and the consequences of ingratitude.

This finding shows that in understanding the Quran, it is crucial to use credible tafsir sources, organize arguments systematically, and thoroughly understand the context of the verses. The attitude of gratitude in Islam must be understood broadly, not just as words, but also in the form of actions and obedience to Allah.

The implications of this analysis emphasize that in understanding Islamic teachings, Muslims must rely on authoritative references, use effective language, understand the context of the verses, and adopt a critical approach when using

technology such as AI. This is important to ensure that the understanding of Islam remains accurate, profound, and not distorted by shallow or incomplete conclusions.

Conclusion

It can be concluded that the research conducted on ChatGPT and Meta AI shows that gratitude is an attitude of the heart, tongue, and actions in acknowledging and utilizing Allah's blessings. Gratitude is not merely words but must be manifested in concrete actions in accordance with Shariah. Gratitude also has reciprocal consequences: if one is grateful, Allah will increase blessings, and if one is ungrateful, they will face severe punishment. The additional blessings that Allah promises encompass both worldly and spiritual aspects, not only in the form of material wealth but also blessings, happiness, and closeness to Allah. Ingratitude is not just about denying blessings but also about misusing them or failing to use them in accordance with Allah's will.

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