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And the Miracle Continues... All Praise Be to God.

"By the dawn. And the ten nights. By the even and the odd. By the night as it passes. A profound oath, for one who possesses intelligence" (89:1-5).

The Quran's 19-based mathematical miracle continues to manifest itself in different forms as time goes on. God keeps sending signs to the faithful that the Quran is His unaltered word and no falsehood can enter it, and to strengthen their faith as stated in Sura 74:31.

The miracle that I will be trying to explain to you is based on a single verse in the Quran where the focus is placed on only two words! The verse is 89:3 from the chapter called the Dawn. In this verse, God swears by THE EVEN AND THE ODD. At first, this may sound meaningless to a casual reader of the Quran. However, to a sincere student of the Quran it is full of wonders and appreciation for God's power. Let me explain how.

Note that 893 is a multiple of 19. As a matter of fact, it is 47×19 . So far in all investigations of Quran's mathematical miracle we have not looked at the properties of the integer which is the "quotient". In this case 47 happens to also be a "Prime" number (a number which is only divisible by itself and one). The number 47 can be partitioned into $19 + 28$. The number 28 is another interesting number mathematically because it is the second "perfect" number in number theory. The first perfect number is 6. Remember the number of chapters in the Quran equals 114, which is 6×19 . What are perfect numbers? A perfect number is a number that the sum and multiples of its factors are

equal to itself. For example, $6 = 1 + 2 + 3$ and also $6 = 1 \times 2 \times 3$. As I mentioned above, the second perfect number is 28, and the third 496, and so on. Remember God created the heavens and the earth in "6 DAYS". He sent the Quran in a PERFECT ARABIC TONGUE. The second perfect number, which is 28, happens to be the number of Arabic alphabet letters.

Let me now go back to the EVEN and the ODD. Let us look at the number of verses in each chapter and see if it is odd or even. If we do this we find that there are 60 chapters in the Quran which possess an even number of verses and 54 which possess an odd number of verses. Of course if you add these two numbers you obtain 114, as you should. However, the intricacy of the Quran's mathematical code becomes more overwhelming if we examine these numbers as the indices of prime numbers. What do I mean by that? For example the 54th prime number is 251 and the 60th prime number is 281. Now let us add them up.

$$251 + 281 = 532, \text{ and } 532 = 28 \times 19$$

This is only part of the story! Remember there are 112 verses in the Quran which are not numbered. These are the Basmalah's which are in the beginning of every chapter. The two exceptions are Chapter 1 where the Basmalah is numbered and Chapter 9 where it is absent. What happens if we include these unnum-

bered verses in the total number of verses in each chapter? For example, Chapter 2 has 286 verses without the unnumbered Basmalah. If we include the Basmalah, the total number of verses would be 287. Chapter 3 has 200 verses without the Basmalah. The total number of verses would be 201 when we include the unnumbered Basmalah, and so on through Chapter 114. By counting the verses this way we obtain 52 chapters with an even number of verses and 62 chapters with an odd number of verses. The 52nd prime number is 239 and the 62nd prime number is 293. Let's add them up.

$$239 + 293 = 532 \text{ and } 532 = 28 \times 19$$

Glory be to God. How is that for a miracle? Do not relax. There is still more! We have two pairs of prime numbers 251, 281 and 239, 293. Let's add up all the digits in these two pairs and see what we get!

$$2 + 5 + 1 + 2 + 8 + 1 = 19$$

and

$$2 + 3 + 9 + 2 + 9 + 3 = 28$$

Again, absolutely awesome! The Almighty has designed the Quran in such a way which makes it obvious to the sincere that it is His word. God willing, with such a continuous miracle from God, as stated in the Quran, our faith will increase.

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GOD'S RETRIBUTION IS INEVITABLE

It is they who bought the straying at the expense of guidance, and the retribution at the expense of forgiveness. Therefore, they will have to endure Hell" (2:175).

Nineteen months have passed since the assassination of God's Messenger of the Covenant, Dr. Rashad Khalifa. In his March issue, 1990, of the Submitters Perspective, Dr. Khalifa wrote an article about the retribution facing the disbelievers and enemies of the one true God. He said, "A massive asteroid will hit somewhere in the Middle East. The resulting heat will burn living organisms within a 100 mile radius. Total devastation will envelope the Arab world, main opponents of God, His miracle, and His Messenger of the Covenant (9:97, 3:81, 33:7). The Quranic prophecy in 44:10-15 will come to pass: A giant dust cloud will envelope the whole world and obscure the sun for a few months. In fulfillment of 17:92, the Arabs will mock and ridicule this prophecy. When will this happen? I do not know when; but I have a strong feeling that this will take place before the end of 1990. Only God knows the exact time." Dr. Khalifa based this on what God declares in Sura 44:9-15, "Indeed, they are full of doubt, heedless. Therefore, look for the day when the sky brings a tremendous smoke. It will envelope the people: 'This is a painful retribution. Our Lord, remove this retribution for us, we now have believed.' How come they now take heed, when a messenger had come to them, but they disregarded him and said, 'Well educated, but crazy.' We will remove the retribution a little bit. But then, you will soon revert."

The asteroid did not hit in 1990. However, as Dr. Khalifa wrote, he was not sure of the exact date for only God has this

knowledge. This fact is given by God in Sura 27:65, "Say, 'No one in the heavens and the earth knows the future except God. They do not even perceive how or when they will be resurrected.'" Dr. Khalifa was human and admitted that his prediction of the year 1990 was only a feeling of his, not a surety. The certainty was, and is, that the retribution will come at the time God wills.

The fact that the asteroid did not hit in 1990 does not in any way distract from the fact that this inevitable retribution will take place. Much of the Middle East is already suffering because of the war with Iraq. There has been tremendous destruction caused by the war. Some of the after affects will continue to plague these countries for years. As written in an article from, "Economic Times", July 2, 1991, in Bombay, "Black tides have coated beaches for hundreds of miles in the Gulf and crude oil is still trickling south four months after the Gulf war. About 150 miles of Saudi Arabia's north eastern coastline is smothered with thick heavy crude oil. Fishing industries on both sides of the Gulf have been devastated and shallow breeding grounds for fish, shrimp, and other marine life were destroyed. Thousands of sea birds have died."

And what of the asteroid? This past month, numerous articles have been written about an enormous asteroid expected to hit the earth within 50 years. Scientists say that it is inevitable and according to writer William J. Broad of New York,

"The odds are that the moment could be relatively soon, in celestial terms. Somewhere in space at this moment, hurtling toward earth at roughly 16 miles a second is the doomsday rock. The doomsday rock is an asteroid large enough to severely disrupt life on earth upon impact by lofting pulverized rock and dust that blocks most sunlight."

From the same article, Mr. Broad quotes Tom Gehrels, a professor of lunar and planetary science at the University of Arizona who heads a team that searches the sky for asteroids, "Eventually it will hit and be catastrophic." He also quotes Clark R. Chapman, an astronomer, "The earth is bound to be hit. Statistically, it's certain.... The risk of death is higher per person that a jet airplane crash. The risk is high enough to suggest that action should be taken."

Scientists believe they can somehow prevent an asteroid from hitting the earth. We know they cannot stop the will of God. The disbelievers will pay for rejecting the worship of God alone and for the killing of God's Messenger of the Covenant. He had gone to them with God's message of truth and told them to give up their idolatrous ways. But as the Quran says, "...they turned away from him saying, 'Well educated, but crazy!'" (44:14) When told of their coming retribution, "They challenge, 'When will this promise come to pass, if you are truthful?'" Say, "You have a specific time, on a specific day, that you cannot delay by one hour, nor advance" (34:29-30).

The Struggle Within

by Robert Bujarski

I imagine that one of the worst feelings in life has to be uncertainty. It is very frightening to think that one may truly believe he or she is a good person but still be totally astray. God tells us in the Quran in Sura 18:103-104, "Say, 'Shall I tell you who the worst losers are? They are the ones whose works in this life are totally astray, but they think that they are doing good.'" Obviously, we pray that this is not the case for each of us. The idea of being unsure of what is inside of our own hearts, knowing neither whether it is good nor bad, is very scary.

The criteria for reaching heaven is basic. God teaches us in the Quran that we are required to believe in Him, the Hereafter, and lead a righteous life. The people who meet these criteria, "have nothing to fear nor will they grieve" (2:62, 5:69).

The question then becomes what does it take to meet the criteria? How does an individual come to believe in God and the

Hereafter? We learn, in Sura 7:172, that all of us are born with an instinctive knowledge about God, "Recall that your Lord summoned all the descendants of Adam, and had them bear witness for themselves: 'Am I not your Lord?' They all said, 'Yes. We bear witness.' Thus, you cannot say on the Day of Resurrection, 'We were not aware of this.'" Therefore, with this understanding it is possible to reason that belief naturally would follow. However, here is where I would like to make the distinction between knowledge and belief. It is possible to know something but not fully believe it. The quickest example that comes to mind is that of a young individual who knows something is bad for him, such as drugs, but still doesn't really believe that they can harm him. In this case, the person may know that drugs are harmful but not truly believe that they can harm him.

This type of scenario can also be related to belief in God, the Hereafter, the

Quran, or religion in general. An individual may know that God exists, read the Quran, or other scripture, accept the Hereafter, yet still not truly believe these things in his heart. This situation could be labeled the "true" jihad or struggle. It is a struggle between what an individual accepts and knows to be true, yet he falls short of making this knowledge 100 percent reality in his life.

We learn from the Quran that Abraham attributes his righteousness to God, and in the same fashion, God is the Granter and provider of all things, including true belief. If God wills, He will assure our hearts and minds at a time that is best for each of us. We are responsible for obeying the system of worship and upholding our covenant with God that is set out in the Quran, and then God-willing, unyielding belief and faith will follow by the grace of God.

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by Shayhu Adam

Submitters Are Still Responsible

Responsibility in Submission begins with the process of growing up spiritually and realizing that, as submitters in God ALONE, we are still responsible for everything we say or do. God states this as the law of retribution in Sura, 99:7-8, "Whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it. And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it."

It is becoming a disturbing concern nowadays to see many of the submitters in God ALONE lie, fail important appointments, and reflect all kinds of behaviors similar to the disbelievers, and unjustifiably take it out on God, the Most Gracious. The Almighty teaches in Sura 4:40, "God does not inflict an atom's weight of injustice. On the contrary, He multiplies the reward for the righteous work, and grants from Him a great recompense." The majority of other people continue living to win the approval of their parents, family, friends, co-workers, etc., in everything they do or say. In reality these people should be living to win the approval of God. Instead they are motivated by the desire to please their spouses or the people they are in contact with, even if what they say or do violates the divine commandment found in Sura 9:24, "Say, 'If your parents, your children, your siblings, your spouses, your family, the money you have earned, the business you worry about, and the homes you cherish are more beloved to you than God and His messenger, and striving in His cause, then just wait until God brings His judgement.' God does not guide the wicked people."

Have you noted some of the brothers and sisters in Submission whose words are inconsistent with their actions? It must be heeded carefully what God says in Sura 61:2-3, "O you who believe, why do you say what you do not do? Most abominable in the sight of God is that you say what you do not do." I'd like to digress here to talk briefly on communication as it relates. One human method is corresponding with words. Much of human communication, however, is done non-verbally by actions, body posture, gestures, facial expressions, etc. Tone of voice discloses messages to others. Frequently, if these messages are inconsistent with words we have used, it is the non-verbal messages that will prevail. Therefore, if we say to someone, "I'll call you tomorrow, or send you some information," and we fail to do it, we lose credibility in that person's eyes. We also accumulate charges against ourselves for we can never conceal any action from God, as shown in Sura 83:9-12, "Indeed, you disbelieve in the religion. Oblivious to the fact that there are (invisible) keepers around you. They are honest recorders. They record everything you do."

Unfortunately, some brothers and sisters have developed their own personal interpretation of the concept, "God's in Control," in order to evade changes in many of their deeds. However, the Quran informs those who take heed that God is in charge and knows ahead of time what kind of decision each one of us will make for every action, even before we were born, "We have recorded the fate of every

human being; it is tied to his neck. On the Day of Resurrection we will hand him a record that is accessible" (17:13). "Anything that happens on earth, or to you, has already been recorded, even before the creation. This is easy for God to do" (57:22). We further learn from the Quran that we are individuals with absolute rights, convictions and values to decide our lives. We will be held accountable for this decision. The Omniscient shows us this in Sura 33:72, "We offered the responsibility (freedom of choice) to the heavens and the earth, and the mountains, but they refused to bear it, and were afraid of it. But the human being accepted it; he was transgressing, ignorant."

People who always find themselves in the defensive position, thereby allowing their egos to flare up, are cheating their own souls, "It is not us who wronged them; it is they who wronged their own souls" (43:76). We should always create room for repentance for our mistakes. God promises this is Sura 25:71, "Those who repent and lead a righteous life return to God, and He will surely redeem them a complete redemption." We must also realize that no one needs to give an explanation to another person for a personal decision or action. God will be the ultimate judge. In this life, "Every human being is responsible for his own works" (53:39). The human concern of, "What will people think?", is no longer a factor in our decision making process if we decide to submit to God ALONE. Our primary concern should be what benefit is our action to our souls?

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