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Discovery Corner

The Three Messengers of Islam

The Quran specifies three messengers of Islam: Abraham was the original messenger of Islam (22:78). He delivered all the practices of Islam. Muhammad was the messenger who delivered the scripture of the religion (47:2). His sole mission was to deliver the Quran, the whole Quran, and nothing but the Quran (3:20, 5:48-50, 13:40 etc.). Rashad was the purifying and consolidating messenger who delivered the Quran's proof of authenticity (3:81).

The mathematical evidence that links these three messengers together is awesome. Some of this evidence will be given below. For more information, please refer to Appendix 26 of QURAN: THE FINAL TESTAMENT, translated to English from the original by Rashad Khalifa, Islamic Productions, Tucson, 1989.

1. The gematrical values of the names Abraham, Muhammad, and Rashad are as follows:

Abraham = 258
Muhammad = 92
Rashad = 505

The total gematrical value of the three names is $258 + 92 + 505 = 855 = 19 \times 45$.

2. The root word "Rashada" is mentioned in the Quran 19 times.

3. "Abraham" is mentioned in 25 suras, "Muhammad" is mentioned in 4 suras, and "Rashada" occurs in 9 suras. The total of these numbers is $25 + 4 + 9 = 38 = 19 \times 2$.

5. The sum of all sura numbers where any of these three names occur, without repetition, is 991. The sum of all the verse numbers where any of these three names occur, again without repetition, is 5488. If we add 991 to 5488, we get $6479 = 19 \times 341$.

6. The total number of occurrences of the words "Abraham," "Muhammad," and "Rashada" is 92. If we add this number to the sum of all sura numbers where the three words occur (991), we get $1083 = 19 \times 57$.

Thus, it is mathematically coded in the Quran that Abraham, Muhammad, and Rashad are the three messengers of Islam.

The true Judaism, Christianity, and Islam will be consolidated into one religion—com-

plete submission and absolute devotion to God ALONE (3:19).

The existing religions, including Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are severely corrupted, and will simply be dispelled. This is specified in the Quran with the following statement in three different verses, 9:33, 48:28, and 61:9:

"He is the One who sent His messenger with the guidance and the religion of truth, and will make it dominate all other religions, despite the idol worshippers."

The order of revelation of the three occurrences of the above statement is 61:9, 48:28, and 9:33. If we write the gematrical values of the words "Rashad" 505, and "Khalifa" 725, followed by the three verses in the order of revelation, we get:

505 725 619 4828 933
 $= 19 \times 266171378675207$

This mathematical fact is a further indication that the messenger mentioned in the above statement is Rashad Khalifa.

Outstanding Publications From Masjid Tucson

QURAN: THE FINAL TESTAMENT (list price \$57.00) English translation by Dr. Rashad Khalifa, Hardcover, Arabic text, Glossary	38.00
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Discovery from Turkey

Brother Cemal Aktas from Istanbul, Turkey, discovered the following mathematical fact that further indicates that the three messengers of Islam are Abraham, Muhammad, and Rashad.

The number of Arabic letters in the word "Abraham" is 6. The number of Arabic letters in "Muhammad" and also in "Rashad" is 4. Therefore, if we write the number of letters in the name of each messenger followed by the gematrical value of his name shown in the above article, we get the following number which is a multiple of 19:

6 258 4 92 4 505 = 19×3293943395

Praise be to God, the Almighty.

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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GULF WAR CONTINUES

HELL IS SURROUNDING THE REJECTORS

It has been a year since Dr. Rashad Khalifa was martyred. He was a messenger of God, the Messenger of the Covenant who was prophesied in the scriptures (Malachi 3:1-3, Quran 3:81). He was killed by rejectors of the message he brought. This was the same message that was advocated by all the messengers of God throughout history, as stated in the Quran: **"Their messengers went to them, in front of them and behind them saying, 'you shall not worship except God'..."** (41:14).

Dr. Rashad Khalifa did not benefit materially from being a messenger. He never accepted any money for his work in the cause of God, just like any messenger of God described in the Quran: **"O my people, I do not ask you for any wage; my wage comes only from God..."** (11:29).

Rashad came with a profound, and divine proof of messengership: The unveiling of the mathematical code in the Quran based on the number 19. God supports His messengers with signs so that the people may recognize them. **"We sent our messengers supported by clear proofs, and we sent down to them the scripture and the law, that the people may uphold justice..."** (57:25).

Despite the clear proofs of messengership, Rashad was rejected by the majority of the people, especially by the corrupted Muslims. His main opponents were the Arabs who not only rejected the message of worshiping God alone, and the miracle of the Quran, but also spent millions of dollars to conceal and fight the truth.

The Quran reports that God's messengers were not accepted readily by the communities they were sent to. In fact, they were ridiculed, rejected, or even killed by the people who did not want to abandon their wicked and idol worshiping ways: **"...Is it not a fact that whenever a messenger went to you with anything you did not like, you turned arrogant, and either rejected him, or killed him?"** (2:87).



God's system never changes for the people who reject His message and the messenger. This is very clearly stated in the Quran: **"Consequently, the quake annihilated them, leaving them dead in their homes."** (7:78) **"...Consequently, we punished them suddenly when they least expected."** (7:95) **"...Consequently, we sent upon them condemnation from above the sky, because of their wickedness"** (7:162).

Brief Celebration Ends

When Dr. Rashad Khalifa was killed, the Arabs rejoiced at the news. However, their celebration did not last long. God raised a tyrant among them to make life very miserable for them, in accordance with His will: **"Say, 'He is able to pour upon you retribution from above you, and beneath your feet, or He can divide you into factions and have you taste each others' tyranny and persecution'..."** (6:65).

Therefore, what is happening in the Middle East is not coincidence. It is a consequence of the actions taken by these communities against

God. They brought the misery and the retribution on themselves as stated in Verse 11:117. **"Your Lord never annihilates any community unjustly, while its people are righteous."**

God is in full control of everything, and He knows full well the minutest detail of what goes on in the heavens and the earth: **"... He knows everything on land and sea. Not a leaf falls without His knowledge. Nor is there a grain in the depths of the soil, be it wet or dry, that is not recorded in a profound record."** (6:59)

When Saddam decided to invade Kuwait, and similarly, when President Bush decided to attack Iraq, they were indeed fulfilling a part of God's plan that is already recorded. We will have to wait to see how the rest of God's plan unravels. But, regardless of what appears to be happening, or what we consider as retribution, God describes the disbelievers' situation in Verse 29:54. **"They challenge you to bring the retribution, when Hell is already surrounding the disbelievers."**

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Righteousness: A Quranic Perspective

In studying the Quran, one often finds important lessons "hidden" between seemingly unrelated subjects. For example, the Quran discusses idolaters who invented dietary prohibitions and attributed them to God in Sura 6:138-144. In the subsequent verses, God not only answers and nullifies the people's argument by detailing what the real dietary prohibitions are, but He goes on to the essence of the matter as only the Creator can. Verses 145 and 146 of the Sura specify in no uncertain terms the four dietary prohibitions. However, God does not stop there; in verses 151 to 153 He goes on to point out what the real prohibitions and commandments are. These can be summarized as follows: not to set up idols beside God, to honor the parents, to give zakat, not to kill the children (abortion) or any person (except in the course of justice), not to commit gross sins/adultery, not to touch the orphans' money except for their own good, to give full weight and measure in trade, to be just when bearing witness, to fulfill the covenant, not to accept any information unless verified, and not to be arrogant (see also 17:22-39).

Similarly, one can find an important concept illuminated in many different subjects within the book. This exemplifies another aspect of the Quran's beauty. In 2:62 and 5:69, we learn that the three minimum requirements for anybody's salvation and eternal happiness are: belief in God, belief in the Hereafter, and leading a righteous life. One cannot attain God's grace without being righteous. How do we know how to lead a righteous life? Within the Quran, righteousness is mentioned in light of the discussions about the direction in prayer (qiblah), the different rites and laws of Abrahamic congregations, the hajj pilgrimage, and even in the discussion about dress code, among others. These provide the sincere seeker a better perspective and a fuller understanding of the meaning.

The changing and restoring of the qiblah
The fools among the people would say, "Why did they change the direction of their qiblah?" Say, "To God belongs the east and the west; He directs whomever He wills in the right direction." (2:142)

This verse opens the discussion on the changing of the qiblah during prophet Muhammad's time as a test for the people, and actually hints at the answer. The verses that follow explain why the prayer direction was changed and then restored back to the Sacred Masjid in Mecca. However, 2:148 sums up the heart of the matter, the true qiblah:

Each of you chooses the direction to follow; you shall race towards righteousness...

One religion, different rites and laws
The only religion approved by God is Submission... (3:19)

Anyone who accepts other than Submission

as his religion, it will not be accepted from him... (3:85)

Islam (Submission) is not a name; it is a description: "Total submission to God—worshipping God, and devoting the worship absolutely to Him alone." Anyone who meets this criterion is a submitter. Thus, one can be a submitter Jew, a submitter Christian, a submitter Muslim, or even a submitter anonymous. What is required from them, according to the Quran, is righteousness.

For each congregation, we have decreed a set of obligations that they must uphold... (22:67)

...For each of you, we have decreed laws and methodologies. Had God willed, He could have made you one congregation. But He thus puts you to the test through His revelations to you. Therefore, you shall race towards righteousness... (5:48)

Provisions for the Hajj pilgrimage
 Hajj pilgrimage, as detailed in the Quran, is the only commandment that is conditional upon one's ability. As with all religious duties in Submission, hajj was decreed through Abraham (22:26-27), but only for those who can afford it (3:97). Pilgrims from all over the world converge in Mecca, and with it comes the chance to buy and sell goods as a way to help finance the journey. Indeed, seeking God's provision through commerce during hajj is allowed in 2:198. But the following verse makes it clear what the best provision is.

Hajj pilgrimage shall be observed during specific months... As you prepare your provisions for the journey, remember that the best provision is righteousness... (2:197)

The next verses explain one of the rituals in hajj pilgrimage:

The animal offerings were included in God's rituals for your own good... Neither their meat, nor their blood reaches God. What reaches him is your righteousness. (22:36-37)

Finally, on the subject of hajj, here is a question to the Arabs:

Have you considered the watering of the pilgrims and caring for the Sacred Masjid a substitute for believing in God and the Last Day, and striving in the cause of God? They are not equal in the sight of God. God does not guide the wicked. (9:19)

Dress code
 This must be one of the hottest topics of discussion in idolatrous "Islamic" countries in the Middle East and throughout the world. In many of these countries, women are literally "buried alive" under piles upon piles of garments that cover everything, from face to toe. Known as the "Muslim" dress code, it is actually based more on tradition and prejudice than religion. It is an idolatrous practice because people claim (false-

ly) that it comes from God when in fact it was invented by their religious scholars—just as the case with dietary prohibitions mentioned previously. Nowhere in the Quran does God command the women to cover their head or their face. The clear commandment in the Quran is for women to cover their chests (24:31). More importantly, the motivating idea, directed to both men and women, is given just prior to this commandment:

Tell the believing men that they shall subdue their eyes, and to maintain their chastity... And tell the believing women to subdue their eyes, and maintain their chastity... (24:30-31)

Obviously, maintaining one's chastity is easier if the bosoms—not the faces—are covered. In addition, God also commands the believing women to lengthen their garments (33:59), and to maintain modesty in general (24:60). However, the essence of discussion about "the best garment," as in the prohibitions, goes beyond the mundane dress code:

O children of Adam, we have provided you with garments to cover your bodies, as well as for luxury. But the best garment is the garment of righteousness... (7:26)

As we learn from the Quran, Satan does not have any power over God's servants, those who worship God alone (38:83). The garment of righteousness protects God's servants from Satan's influence. Breaking God's commandment results in removal of one's garment of righteousness, and the person falls prey to Satan's ever eager hands. This is explained in the verse immediately after the above verse:

O children of Adam, do not let the devil entice you as he did when he evicted your parents from Paradise. He removed their garments to expose their bodies. He and his tribe see you, while you do not see them. We appoint the devils as companions for those who do not believe. (7:27)

With all the above perspectives on righteousness, it would be nice to know its clear description. As it turns out, righteousness is a whole set of moral standard, as the Most Gracious has defined it for us in the following verse:

Righteousness is not turning your faces towards the east or the west. Righteous are those who believe in God, the Last Day, the angels, the scripture, and the prophets; and they give the money, despite loving it, to the relatives, the orphans, the needy, the traveling alien, the beggars, and to free the slaves; and they observe the contact prayers (salat), and give the obligatory charity (zakat); and they keep their word whenever they make a promise; and they steadfastly persevere in the face of adversity, hardship, and persecution. These are the truthful; these are the righteous. (2:177)

A Question For Christian Scholars

Which one is correct? "Not every one..." or "None of those..."

Jesus never claimed that he was literally the son of God, or God. There are many verses in the Bible confirming this fact. God willing, we will present those verses in the coming issues. It is a well known historical fact that today's Christianity is the product of the Nicene Conference (325 AD). In that conference, the professional religionists established the Trinity and banned many portions of the Bible that did not support their distorted ideas. In today's Bible, there are a few distorted verses about the divinity of Jesus, which contradict the entire Old Testament, and the majority of the New Testament (Four Gospels). Let us see what the Encyclopedia Britannica says about Trinity:

Trinity, the doctrine of God taught by Christians that asserts that God is one in essence but three in "person," Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Neither the word Trinity, nor the explicit doctrine as such, appears in the New Testament, nor did Jesus and his followers intend to contradict the Shema in the Old Testament: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one" (Deut. 6:4).

Outstanding Christian scholars have reached the same conclusion. (*The Myth of God Incarnate*, John Hick, ed., The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1977. *The Myth Maker*, Hyam Maccoby, Harper & Row, 1986)

Claiming that God Almighty has a multiple personality, and that He sacrificed one of His personalities for the salvation of human kind, and resurrected it again, etc., can well be the definition of absurdity.

Two translations, two meanings

On the right, you can see two translations of Matthew 7:21. One is from the version which was authorized by a king (not God), King James. The other is The New American Bible which was translated by the members of Catholic Biblical Association of America. Notice the contradiction between the two translations in the first three words of that verse:

Our question for Christian scholars on Matthew 7:21 has two parts. The simple part of the question is:

Which one is correct? "Not every one..." or "None of those..."

And the difficult part is:

"Why?"

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21 ¶ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils; and in thy name have done many wonderful works?
 23 And I will answer and say unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.



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21 None of those who say, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of God but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.
 22 When that day comes, many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, we have prophesied in your name, and we have cast out demons by your name, and we have done many miracles in your name as well?"
 23 Then I will answer and say to them solemnly, "I never knew you. Out of my sight, you evildoers!"