

In the Name of God Most Gracious Most Merciful

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My Experiences and thoughts as a submitter.

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It has been a long time since I got my first letter from Rashad, circa 1988. I am not sure how he got my name and address, but I did get the mail. At first it was an interesting notion, to have a built in code within scripture. My background is lebanese but I was born and raised in Brasil and moved to Canada in 1977 with my family. I allways had an interest in computers in school, and in 1985 I started working for NOVA Corporation as a computer analyst - no real formal training other than high school and my interest. I had worked within NOVA for over a decade.

When I first realized the significance of the code, and others came to market like the bible code, I was interested to read more about coding in the real world and what it was used for.

When I mentioned this to my family, they were bemused at best, and did not take it seriously at all. My parents were and are to this day very against it, while the rest of my family just disregard it. The only exception is my younger brother. They seemed to like the code at first, but as time went on, the interest faded, and I was left really talking to myself most of the time. The community of muslims at large in Calgary oppose it to a large extent, and your mileage varies from person to person. They verbal against it, and it even borders on madness.

Which brings me to my own experiences, and feelings toward the evolution of the code and adherents to the purist view of the God the Koran and all that He stands for. The ongoing discussions within the self, the ongoing tests and many possible tests (whispers from the devil). The things that occurred to me, whilst not paying attention to the most important facet of our lives the contemplation of God and trusting in Him Alone within the context of our human life here on Earth.

Like all humans, we like to think that we are right, and that we hold our own opinion above others, and at times to an extent that is detrimental to our well being and our relations with others. We may hurt someone, and realize it much later when our egos have gone to a far place, and our rational minds return to the focus and balance of God.

You may find this hard to believe, but even I have found myself in those situations over the years, and they are not pleasant and is the right way. You have to find enough courage to admit first to yourself that you are wrong, and correct it. You may have to apologize to others if you had inflamed things beyond reason, and bring yourself closer to God. The hardest part is of course admitting that you are wrong first and forgiving yourself for it and asking God to forgive us our trespasses. The act of forgiveness is a gift that God gave us, and we as submitters must ask for it and receive it graciously and forgive others their own trespasses.

We can only hold on to the strength of the words that God gave us in the proven Koran, and the certainty of prayer and devotion to God Alone. It sharpens and focuses the mind, cleanses the intellect and soul and allow is to grow our souls more. The more righteous works allows our soul to grow to monumental proportions.

I found myself in a dilemma, as I found my parents not listening and agreeing with me and this was annoying me to no extend. It even came to serious arguments and rifts between me and my parents - as time passed and I was reading the Koran, I found that there is a commandment in the Koran to always respect your parents no matter what and to treat them nicely. This was contrary to what I was doing, always arguing with them and at times not in a civilized manner. It took me some years to really appreciate the commandment and wisdom of Gods words in the Koran - that eventually the words are correct and a much better way of leading my life.

I had come to a realization that no matter what I do, others will have a differing view from my own, and that it really is not up to me to make them see this, nor can I force them to see this miracle. It really is not up to me at all, it's all up to God. I realized that I was not really following the commandment to submit to God Alone, and leave all these matters in His Hands. It was really His decision to make them see this, and my arguing with them just made me a disbeliever in trusting God Alone.

This was not an easy path that I took, since I should have read, listened and obeyed the commandment from God and trusted Him at face value, and not bring in my own opinions to the plate.

It saddens me that they do not want to listen, but a greater sadness was when I found myself not listening to God.

This of course led me to submit to the commandment and let all of this excess baggage go. Those who want to believe will surely strive to come and see the light and the miracle. At the same time, those that choose disbelief is really in God's hands, and not my own. In the past I held my opinion above that of God's, and this was not making my life easy. It's much easier to trust in God Alone.

I then realized that I have to take account of my life right now and to look back and reflect in all of my life's actions, before it's too late to realize and recant my actions (returning to God). The realization of my actions made me more anxious about my ongoing relationship with God, and that I have to realign my values in strict accordance with His value system and not my own, and eventually I found peace with myself, because of the process I am undertaking even to this day.

That all my daily actions must be in accordance with His words and commandments, and that His Will be done, and certainly not my own (Kill the Ego). I realized that I will have to do this every day, in all my actions, and everyday till the day that I leave this world. I am grateful and very happy that God allowed me to live this long to come to the conclusion that I cannot do this without God's help.

We all tend to think we are right, that is the ego talking. When we believe that there is a better way (righteous works) then we are guided by God to his words. This is the holy struggle God speaks of in His Glorious Koran. Be humble and righteous at all times, and be kind to everyone - even your enemies, for God loves those who are charitable in both deeds and words and only engage in the best possible manner in terms of understanding differing points of view. This is also a commandment from God.

The best one among us are the ones that follow the best words (straight forward) from God. The devil will always try a new way to trick us into his deception and makes us follow his path and make us think that we are doing right.

The devils greatest trick is into deceiving us into thinking we are right, and into making us believe that everyone else is led astray, when in fact God tells us to be very careful about your own thoughts (ego) and they can lead us to stray off the path if we do not follow every word of God carefully making certain that what we do pass the litmus test of life and the commandments in the Koran.

The more I live life the more I believe I am wrong, and the more I find myself correcting myself in order to come back and returning to God always and to be happy with life - whatever it brings me - so that I may succeed in this test of ours. Remember it was our own Egos that put us here in the first place so we must wrestle with it always in order to purify our own actions and repent before it is too late.

Don't listen to the devil when he holds you ransom for the things of the past, and the actions where you did not intend that outcome, he holds in you the fear that forgiveness will not be given to you, or you don't deserve it. Trust in God, like a child trusts the parents. He remits all sins, and turn them into credit. The mistakes of the past put them behind you, do not let them hold you back from redemption and returning to God. The actions of others are their own, you must always plan for yourself with God in mind.

We always seem to forget the simple things, like In God shall the believers put their trust. The more you thank me the more I give you. The appreciative is rewarded with good works. The righteous works wipe out the bad deeds.

Humans have this part of the brain called the pre-frontal cortex, it allows us to make judgment on our own actions and correct our own behavior so that we can learn from the mistakes and make them a positive contributor to our present and future life.

Pre-Frontal Cortex

Wiki

"The most typical psychological term for functions carried out by the prefrontal cortex area is executive function. Executive function relates to abilities to differentiate among conflicting thoughts, determine good and bad, better and best, same and different, future consequences of current activities, working toward a defined goal, prediction of outcomes, expectation based on actions, and social "control" (the ability to suppress urges that, if not suppressed, could lead to socially-unacceptable outcomes)."

Old Testament

You will also find that in ancient Jewish belief systems the pre-frontal is the seat of the soul and hence the placement of holy scripture at the forehead for prayers.

Bible

Jesus once said and I am paraphrasing, let us all sit down discuss and reason together.

Anonymous

There is a famous quote I heard, but do not remember who said it: "The voice of God is Reason"

In modern culture in the latest Star Wars movie, revenge of the sith:

Anakin seeks Yoda's counsel about his prophetic visions that someone close to him will die. Yoda, unaware of the intensity of Anakin's love for Padmé, tells him to "Train yourself to let go of everything you fear to lose."

This is a striking resemblance to God's teaching in the Koran where we are told we will lose that which we love most besides God.

In Conclusion:

We have a tendency to seek perfection (God), it is an innate built in mechanism but we tend to think we are the perfect ones, when in fact we are in a purification process have to find God in our lives first before we see perfection, before we see God. We must be most critical of ourselves and our lives, so

that we may learn and grow as God allows us this last chance. You must have realized it by now, that when we find faults in others, a mirror is held also in front of your soul and this is the chance to change for the better, to choose the best path the best words, the best thoughts the best deeds, the best actions, the best intelligence, the best life for now and forever.

God places certainty within us after all doubt is conquered and erased and then we see perfection (God). When we believe God without the slightest doubt we see Him and all His Glory - I am still working on it. The Great One, The Perfect, The Most Beautiful, the Most Gracious in forgiving the sins.

May he guides us all is the best path and redeem us a good redemption and to never lose sight of Him.

To God Alone by Aaron Shust - Song

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gT-QWSxV0Hs>

Yoda Advice to Aniken

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9ZqTRbzLWw>

Ancient Jewish Prayer practiced by a small minority of persecuted Jews in Israel - like muslims.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aHWASyMjwg&feature=related>

Jewish Ancient practice of wrapping and placing scripture at the front part of the head where the pre-frontal cortex is located, also known as the seat of the soul:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQ70WXAwwfig&feature=channel>

God Bless us all.