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GOD IS RUNNING EVERYTHING

Say, "Nothing happens to us, except what GOD has decreed for us.

He is our Lord and Master. In GOD the believers shall trust. (9:51)

The understanding that GOD is running everything sets a new light in our submission to GOD. It means our acceptance of whatever happens to us personally, or to anybody, to anything, to any country in the world.

We do not really believe in GOD unless we believe that GOD is running everything and He is in full control of all things.

To GOD belongs everything in the heavens, and the earth. GOD is in full control of all things. (4:126)

Throughout the day, whenever we get the chance we should remind ourselves that GOD is the doer of everything. When we do this, the whole world will look different to us. When anything happens that turns us into an Objector instead of a Submitter, we must remind our-

selves that GOD is doing everything, and that we should be "submitting" instead of "objecting."

For example, if we lose our temper we are not submitters. Losing our temper means we are objecting to something GOD is doing. We must remind ourselves that GOD is doing everything.

It was not you who killed them. GOD is the One who killed them. It was not you who threw when you threw; GOD is the One who threw. But He thus gives the believers a chance to earn a lot of credit. GOD is Hearer, Omniscient. (8:17)

GOD is running everything—this is a very important concept. For example in Chapter (Sura) 12, we learn how Joseph's brothers decided not to kill him. At least they

'thought' they decided not to kill him, and instead threw him in the well. But years before they made this decision, Joseph had seen a dream where the Sun, the Moon and 11 planets were prostrating before him—representing his parents and his brothers.

Therefore, when the brothers met to kill Joseph, they could not decide to kill Joseph. It was impossible for them to make a decision against GOD's will. But there they were meeting, and they had taken votes—Shall we kill him? What shall we do with him? Finally they decided not to kill Joseph. Indeed, it had been already decided by GOD what would happen to him.

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We must constantly remind ourselves GOD is running everything especially when we are at the brink of objecting to something or losing our temper. When we lose our temper, we should tell ourselves we are not submitters, because we are objecting to what GOD is doing.

This is a quality of GOD, which we must recognize. GOD is the doer of everything, but nothing bad comes from GOD. Bad things are the consequences of our own deeds.

Anything bad that happens to you is a consequence of you own deeds, and He overlooks many of your sins. (42:30)

When we disbelieve or break GOD's laws, we step out of GOD's kingdom. Then Satan may inflict some damage. However, even the actions of Satan are under GOD's control. GOD would not be a god if he weren't running everything.

For example, GOD created fire. We can use fire to cook, and we can also put our fingers in fire, and burn them. GOD created fire to be our servant, but if we choose to put our fingers in fire and suffer, then this suffering is from us, not GOD. It is one of GOD's physical laws that when we touch fire it burns. Similarly, if we disobey GOD and use intoxicants, commit adultery or break other laws of GOD, the punishment is the same as the fire—that is we suffer sooner or later.

The consequence or punishment for these sins is just as bad as the physical punishment for putting one's fingers in the fire—even more painful, only not as visible.

So, if GOD is doing everything, what is our role? What do we do? We do only one thing. The decision. To be with GOD or to be with Satan. After that, GOD takes over. The decision to submit is already done. The choice is to willingly submit, or unwillingly submit. For example, people who don't believe in GOD are still submitting to GOD, except they are submitting unwillingly. GOD runs everything. GOD

wants His creations to be free as far as decisions are concerned, until the Day of Judgment. Then on the Day of Judgment everyone will submit willingly, including the people who refused to submit to Him willingly in this life. But it will be too late for them.

His knowledge. No one survives for a long life, and no one's life is snapped short, except in accordance with a pre-existing record. This is easy for GOD. (35:11)

James H. / New Zealand

Story of a Brother Down Under

My dearest family in Submission at Masjid Tucson

I write this letter in spirit of good faith, sending my warmest salutation to you and fellow Submitters there in Masjid Tucson.

I live in Perth, Australia, and have been constantly visiting your tremendous and insightful web site on the true Islam (Submission to God Alone). God be glorified and due to His infinite grace, and thanks to your marvelous efforts with the monthly Submitters Perspective newsletters and other literature, I have now a better understanding about Submission that I did not know before.

Just like the majority of believers, I had been raised up in the traditional Islam in a *Sunni/Hanafi* environment. Since a young age, I have always been a spiritual person and loved hearing tales about God and religion. However, whenever my eldest used to discuss religious matters with me, I would always hear it from hadith (so-called stories of Muhammad) and very little from the Quran. To keep the story brief, last year (2004) I performed my Hajj, and I was so amazed and taken by the great experience that when I arrived home I began to search deeper information on Islam. After going through the dozen of so-called "Islamic" web sites, God Almighty pointed me to the right sources on the true Islam. He somehow brought me to your web site and submission.org, and I haven't stopped visiting your web site ever since I found it on my screen.

I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart for spreading the real truth about Islam. God bless you, always.

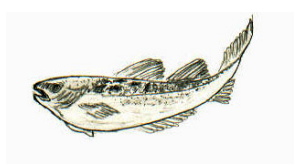
Yours truly,

Imran

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GOD created you from dust, then from a tiny drop, then He causes you to reproduce through your spouses. No female becomes pregnant, nor gives birth, without

**Creatures of the Sea:
FISH**



And He committed the sea to serve you; you eat from it tender meat and extract jewelry which you wear. And you see the ships roaming it for your commercial benefits, as you seek His bounties, that you may be appreciative. (16:14)

The two seas are not the same; one is fresh and delicious, while the other is salty and undrinkable. From each of them you eat tender meat, and extract jewelry to wear. And you see the ships sailing through them seeking His provisions, that you may be appreciative. (35:12)

Nearly three quarters of the earth's surface is covered with water, and in that vast space God has placed a huge variety of animals. It would be impossible to talk about all of them, so I have divided it into three categories: fish, invertebrates and whales. And even then, I will only touch on a few of the thousands of species. It's a fascinating study; so much variety, so much to appreciate.

Fish are a gift from God and a provision for man. He tells us: *All fish of the sea are made lawful for you to eat. (5:96)* Fish is a very healthy food. Most modern nutritionists recommend a diet that includes fish at least two or three times a week. And people in cultures where fish is a prominent part of the diet seem to have fewer heart problems. So it's an important provision. It would be enough if there were two or three kinds of fish; we could survive on that. But God has outdone Himself in providing us a va-

riety to choose from and appreciate.

There are actually over 24,000 species of fish known at present. Because the deep oceans are still being explored and new life is continuously being discovered, there may be thousands more species yet to be found. We probably only know a fraction of all the sea life. Fish range in size from the pygmy goby which is less than 10 mm up to a whale shark that may be nearly 60 feet long. Fish live in mountain lakes at elevations of 12,000 feet and higher and in ocean depths of at least 25,000 feet.

God gave all fish adaptations in order to survive in the water. They breath through special organs called gills. Blood circulating through the gills removes oxygen from the water and distributes it throughout the body. Carbon dioxide is passed out into the water. Fish also have a swim bladder, a special air-filled organ which allows fish to float at the desired depth without using a lot of energy to swim in place. The scales on most fish offer protection but are light and flexible. Some fish have spiny knobs for greater protection.

Many fish travel in schools, which is an amazing phenomenon. Individuals all face the same direction, evenly spaced, moving at the same speed. They wheel and turn as one. It might seem dangerous to travel with so many in a tight formation, and in some cases, it does offer an easy meal for certain predators. For instance, a sawfish will move into the middle of a school and slash his sharp snout all around. Then he feeds on the wounded fish. But in general the large group actually reduces predation by having more look outs, and the larger group may be intimidating and/or confusing to predators. Also, just like birds fly-

ing in a flock, a school of fish greatly increases the efficiency of swimming. A school may number just a handful of individuals or millions. Schools of herring have been observed that occupied nearly 4.6 billion cubic meters of ocean.

Many fish are colored to match their surroundings and become nearly invisible. Bright silvery fish generally swim in groups in well-lighted waters such as mountain lakes, so the bright sun flashing off their scales confuses predators—it's difficult to pick out an individual fish with all that flashing. Colors and patterns that break up the outline of the fish may also act as camouflage. Fish with vertical lines on each side of their bodies tend to live among aquatic plants and thus blend in with the stems of the plants.

Even the vivid hues referred to as "poster colors"—the dazzling, complex color patterns on so many reef fish—serve practical functions, besides being beautiful to look at. In some, such as butterfly fishes and puffers, colors may signal that the possessor is too spiny or poisonous to be worth eating. Bright colors may also be important signs of sex, status or maturity. And interestingly, the bright colors may also provide camouflage. The sun shines in patches through the water onto the reef. The brightly colored coral itself and the sponges and anemones attached to it provide a place for the fish to actually blend in and hide.

Some fish have some serious teeth! Viper fish, dragon fish, and barracuda all catch and chew prey. Anglers are a group of fish that have developed their own unique way of catching other fish.

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Creatures of the Sea: FISH

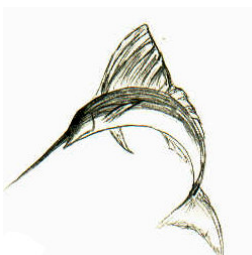
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Their front dorsal fin has evolved into a thin filament which they wave around in front of them as they hide in the muddy bottom. A fish goes for the lure and instead is grabbed by sharp teeth and pulled in by a strong jaw. The largest anglers can be over six feet long and can swallow fish as big as themselves.

There are so many fish. They all go through their lives, swimming along, obeying God's commands and glorifying Him in their own way. And the intriguing differences among them are proofs for us of His mercy and His generosity.

Among His proofs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the creatures He spreads in them. He is able to summon them, when He wills. (42:29)

Lydia



“Quran Alone” Mathematically Coded

The 19th occurrence of the word “Quran” is in verse 17:46 of the Quran. It is used in reference to the “Quran alone.” The 19 verses that contain the word “Quran” till 17:46 are:

1. [2:185]
2. [4:82]
3. [5:101]
4. [6:19]
5. [7:204]
6. [9:111]
7. [10:37]
8. [10:61]
9. [12:2]
10. [12:3]
11. [13:31]
12. [15:1]
13. [15:87]
14. [15:91]
15. [16:98]
16. [17:9]
17. [17:41]
18. [17:45]

19. [17:46] *We place shields around their minds, to prevent them from understanding it, and deafness in their ears. And when you preach your Lord, using the **Quran alone**, they run away in aversion.*

If we add the numbers of verses where the word “Quran” occurs including the 19th occurrence, we get 1254 (19 x 66) [185 + 82 + 101 + 19 + 204 + 111 + 37 + 61 + 2 + 3 + 31 + 1 + 87 + 91 + 98 + 9 + 41 + 45 + 46]

If we multiply each chapter number by the verse number then add all the results, we end up with a total that is also divisible by 19: 11837 (19 x 623)

If we place all the 19 verse numbers next to each other, we get a 38-digit long number:

1858210119204111376123311879198
9414546

The above 38-digit number is also divisible by 19:

19x9780053258969007242754273048
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[6:114] Shall I seek other than GOD as a source of law, when He has revealed to you this book fully detailed?...

Praise God.

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