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Discovery Corner

More on the First Commandment

As explained in the previous issue of S.P., the First Commandment in all scriptures of God has the same basic message: **There is no God besides God.** In Arabic, this statement is **LAA ELAAHA ELA ALLAH** which consists of 12 Arabic letters. The gematrical values of these letters are 30, 1, 1, 30, 5, 1, 30, 1, 1, 30, 30 and 5, respectively. These numbers, when put side by side, result in a 17 digit number. This number is a multiple of 19, as shown below one more time:

30 1 1 30 5 1 30 1 1 30 30 5 = 19 x 1584897436901595

Now, let us take these 12 letters which constitute the First Commandment, and put them together in a different way. First write down 12, the number of letters. Then, write down the sequence number of the first letter (1) followed by its gematrical value (30). Repeat this process for each of the 12 letters. The resultant 34-digit number is a multiple of 19:

12 1 30 2 1 3 1 4 30 5 5 6 1 7 30 8 1 9 1 10 30 11 30 12 5
= multiple of 19

Now, let us proceed from the last letter to the first letter of the statement in the same manner. Start with 12 again, since we are using the same 12 letters. Then write down the sequence number of the last letter (12) followed by its gematrical value (5). Continue this until you get to the first letter where you put 1 for its sequence number and 30 for its gematrical value. The resultant number, which is again 34-digits long, is also a multiple of 19:

12 12 5 11 30 10 30 9 1 8 1 7 30 6 1 5 5 4 30 3 1 2 1 1 30
= multiple of 19

"This is one of the great miracles. A warning to the human race. Indeed, this is a reminder for those who wish to take heed." (74:30-35, 54-55)

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Units of Contact Prayers Divinely preserved since Abraham

Many people think that the prophet Muhammad was the founder of Islam (Submission). They are ignorant of the fact that Islam is called "The religion of Abraham" throughout Quran: "Say, 'God proclaims the truth: You shall follow the religion of Abraham, monotheism, he never was an idol worshiper.'" (3:95; see also 2:130,135; 4:125; 6:161 etc.). Moreover, God informs us in Quran that Muhammad was a follower of Abraham: "Then we inspired you (Muhammad) to follow the religion of Abraham..." (16:123).

Due to this general unawareness of the fact that Abraham was the original messenger of Islam, many so-called Muslims

challenge God: "If Quran is complete and fully detailed (as stated by God in verses 6:38 and 114), then where can we find the number of Rak'ahs (units) in each Salat (Contact) prayer?" We learn from Quran that all religious practices of Islam were already established before the revelation of Quran: "And we granted him Isaac and Jacob as a gift, and we made them both righteous. We made them imams who guided in accordance with our commandments, and we taught them how to work righteousness, and how to observe the Salat (Contact) prayers and the Zakat (obligatory charity). To us, they were devoted worshipers" (21:72-73; see also 8:35; 9:54; 22:27; 28:27).

There is no dispute concerning the number of units in all five daily prayers that are enjoined by God for Abraham and his followers. They are universally accepted to be 2, 4, 4, 3, and 4 units, respectively. However, there is a lot of dispute on the additional prayer units invented by those who are not satisfied by what God enjoined them to do. The people who follow these inventors not only disobey God by adding extra units to the prayers, but also make the practices very difficult for themselves. God tells us in Quran that He does not want hardship for us: "He has chosen you and placed no hardship on you in practicing your religion..." (22:78).

"Where is the number of Rak'ahs in Quran for Salat?"

This is a favorite question of those who follow other sources besides Quran, such as Hadith and Sunna, for their religious practices. The people who ask this type of question do not believe that Quran is complete and fully detailed. They do not accept Quran as the only source of religious guidance. With such questions, they think that they are challenging those of us who want to follow Quran only. But, they are indeed challenging God since He is the One who stated in Quran "...We did not leave anything out of this book..." (6:38) and "...He sent down this book fully detailed..." (6:114).

The five daily Salat (Contact) prayers have a total of 17 Rak'ahs (units): 2 at dawn, 4 at noon, 4 in the afternoon, 3 at sunset, and 4 at night. These practices were first given to Abraham, not to Muhammad, and have been preserved since then by his followers, which include Muhammad. There is no conflict over these numbers and they are universally accepted. We also know that the number 24434 is a multiple of 19 (19x1286). This is an assurance from God that the Contact prayer units are indeed preserved in accordance with His will.

The Contact prayer units of each day of the week are further confirmed mathematically

The total number of units of Contact prayers is 17 for every day except Friday. The noon prayer on Friday has 2 units instead of the usual 4 units, because of the Friday sermon. Thus, the total units prayed on Friday is 15. Now, let us take every day of the week, from Saturday to Friday, and put the number of the day followed by the total number of units prayed on that

| Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
| 1 17 | 2 17 | 3 17 | 4 17 | 5 17 | 6 17 | 7 15 | = multiple of 19 |
| 1 24434 | 2 24434 | 3 24434 | 4 24434 | 5 24434 | 6 24434 | 7 22434 | = multiple of 19 |

Now, do exactly the same as the above table, except take Friday as the first day of the week. The results are still multiple of 19. Praise God.

| Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
| 1 15 | 2 17 | 3 17 | 4 17 | 5 17 | 6 17 | 7 17 | = multiple of 19 |
| 1 22434 | 2 24434 | 3 24434 | 4 24434 | 5 24434 | 6 24434 | 7 24434 | = multiple of 19 |

How many messengers did God send?

According to an answer published in May 1990 issue of *The Message International* which is published by the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), "Allah sent an estimated 125,000 warners and messengers, beginning with Prophet Adam, ending with Prophet Muhammad." This answer is an example of how the religion of Islam (Submission) has been corrupted, and the people are misled by the inventions and blasphemous teachings of the so-called Muslim scholars who follow sources other than God's book, the Holy Quran.

There are two parts to the answer given. The first part is the number of messengers, which is claimed to be around 125,000. The second part is the period specified from Adam to Muhammad. Let us examine each part of the answer separately and question the so-called Muslim scholars for their invention and blasphemy:

1. Who figured out the number of messengers to be around 125,000? And how? If this is based on the Quranic verse (10:47) which says "To each community, a messenger is sent," then did some of you sit down and count all the communities from Adam to Muhammad? How did you count these communities? What comprises a community?

If every community receives a messenger, then how about the communities after Muhammad? Are they not considered to be communities? What are they?

Do you know that the number of people that came to earth before Muhammad is extremely small compared to the number of people that came or is still to come after Muhammad? If your numbers are true, then do you mean that God sent 125,000 messengers to a small number of people, but He ignored the majority? Did He miscalculate or is He unjust? Do you see the blasphemy in your answer?

2. Quran mentions in verse 33:40 that "Muhammad was a messenger of God and the final prophet." God used the words "messenger" (Rasoul) and "prophet" (Nabi) both in the same verse. God did not say that Muhammad was the final messenger. If he was the final messenger, He would have told us so. Maybe you do not know the difference between a messenger and a prophet? In that case you might want to read verse 3:81 in Quran, which gives the definitions of the messenger and the prophet. But if you do know the difference between a messenger and a prophet, why do you challenge God and distort His words? Why do you claim that Muhammad is the final messenger, although he is not?

Do you know that the previous generations also claimed that their messenger was the last one? Look at how many messengers came after Joseph even though his people claimed that God would not send any messenger after him (40:34).

Why do you think that Jews reject Jesus and Christians reject Muhammad? If you think that they reject them because they are not following what God has revealed to them, look at yourself! You are not any better, or any smarter than they because you are not following the clear revelations from your Lord either.

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After questioning our so-called Muslim scholars for their blasphemous answer, now let us turn to Quran, the only source of religious guidance, and look for the correct answer:

"To each community, a messenger (is sent); once their messenger comes, they are judged equitably, without the least injustice." (10:47).

"We have sent messengers before you. Some of them we mentioned to you and some we did not mention to you..." (40:78).

"Muhammad was not the father of any man among you. He was a messenger of God and the final prophet..." (33:40).

"God took a covenant from the prophets, saying 'After I have given you the scripture and wisdom, A MESSENGER WILL COME TO CONFIRM what you have. You shall believe in him and support him.' He said, 'Do you agree with this, and pledge to uphold this covenant?' They said, 'We agree.' He said, 'You have thus borne witness, and I am with you a witness.'" (3:81).

These verses and several other verses in Quran teach us the following:

1. Only God knows the number of messengers He sent or will be sending. Anyone who comes up with a number is an inventor and will be responsible for lying against God.
2. Muhammad was not the final messenger. He was the final prophet.
3. A messenger of the Covenant was to come after all the prophets to confirm what they had. This prophecy has already been fulfilled. Dr. Rashad Khalifa came with profound signs from God, like all messengers, and delivered the message of worshipping God alone, and unifying all existing religions into one: Islam (Submission).

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"They keep their chastity. (They have relations) only with their spouses or what is legally theirs. Anyone who transgresses these limits is a sinner." (70:29-31)

CHASTITY

IN THE NAME OF GOD, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL

The dictionary defines chastity as "The moral excellence of an individual manifested by not indulging in unlawful sexual activity and being pure, decent and modest in nature and behaviour." The definition is very clear and easy to understand, and it explains the above verses aptly.

In the past few decades our society has undergone complete moral decay. Alcoholism, drugs and free sex are rampant. We are raising our children in this society and we have to teach them that the only laws that rule the world are God's laws and that breaking His laws will cost them a lot of misery and problems: *As for the one who disregards My message, he will have a miserable life, and we will resurrect him on the Day of Resurrection, blind.* (20:124)

THE PARENTS SHOULD SET THE EXAMPLE FOR THE CHILDREN

We have to teach our children to judge themselves according to the criteria set forth in the Quran, and they can learn this only by our setting the correct examples for them to follow. The observation of a loving and considerate relationship between parents who are obeying God's commandments is the most effective teaching method. Our aim for our children should be for the development of a believing, mature, dependable and chaste adult who is prepared

to enter into a lasting, happy monogamous marriage and become a responsible parent.

God knows us better than we know ourselves. After all, He created us. He knows what is good and what is bad for us. If we realize the full implications of this statement, then it becomes easy to obey His laws without question. The unhappiness that we accrue by disobeying them therefore becomes a consequence of our own actions, and this is reflected in this life and in the hereafter: *Anything good that happens to you is from God and anything bad that happens to you is from you.* (4:79)

Even though children reach puberty around 12 years of age, it takes another 10-12 years to grow and mature in mind and body, thought and action, to be able to enter into a lasting relationship. This period of adolescence is the most difficult period of growing up. They are not ready physiologically and anatomically. There is no need to worry though - you just do your part and place everything in God's hands. You cannot be with them all the time, but God chaperones the children of the believers, wherever they are, being subjected to all the temptations of this society. God's protection is complete. So exhort the children - boys and girls - not to have sexual relations till they get married. It is very difficult to be a father and a mother and talk to your children about sex, but if you use the Quran and explain to them that this is what God says, then God will

help you and protect them.

THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR BREAKING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

Emphasize to your children that they will have to exert a lot of self control. This is not very easy for them because the temptation is so great, but this is the only way to attain perfect happiness. Disobeying God's laws has terrible consequences. Abortions, incurable genital herpes, human papilloma virus causing cervical cancer, syphilis, gonorrhoea, chlamydia and now AIDS. Our children are special people. They are not like other children because they are very educated about God's laws. Therefore, it will be easy for them to follow God's commandments stated in 70:29-31 above. These verses command our children to remain virgins until their wedding night, then staying loyal to their spouse - never committing adultery - for the sake of their own happiness. Marriage is a divine institution. God's advice to keep our chastity before and after marriage is for our own good.

Finally, always remember that God is the one who controls our health, our wealth, our happiness and our misery: *He is the One who makes you laugh or cry. He is the One who makes you rich or poor.* (53:43,48)

Therefore, if we teach our children to stay in God's kingdom by obeying His laws, they will be eternally happy. God willing.

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