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In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

* "A scripture whose verses have been precisely designed, in an Arabic Quran, for people who know" (41:3). Dr. Ali R. Fazely

God's mathematical miracle of the Quran is destined to overwhelm the whole world and prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Quran is the unaltered word of the Almighty, God. The miracle that I am about to explain here is based on the number of Suras in the Quran and why God designed the last initialed Sura to be number 68. Let us explore this and glorify God as we proceed.

In the following table there are 114 numbers, sequentially numbered from 1 to 114. For every one of these numbers, which are the Sura numbers in the Quran, we write the corresponding prime number in the right column. Because of space considerations, it is not possible to print the entire list. The complete list is available to anyone who is interested through Masjid Tucson. Mathematically, the numbers in the left column are known as the indices of primes.

INDEX	PRIME
1	2
2 FIRST INITIALED SURA	3
Continue.....	
8 IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER	19
9	23
Continue.....	
19 IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER	67
20	71
Continue.....	
68 LAST INITIALED SURA	337
69	347
Continue.....	
114 IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER	619

Mr. Saced Andalib was first blessed to notice that 619 is the 114th prime number and we also know that $6 \times 19 = 114$. Glory be to God.

Let us now count all the primes in the left column. There are 19 primed number Suras before the last initialed Suras and 11 outside the initialed Suras. In the right column every number is a prime. Therefore, there are 68 prime numbers up to, and including, the last initialed Suras and 46 outside the initialed Suras. However, there is a subset of primes known as "TWIN PRIMES" that are even more interesting and complicated mathematically than primes which can also be found in these columns. Note that twin primes are a couple of prime numbers which differ from one another by two.

Guess what!? In the left column there are 7 sets of twin primes between the first and the last initialed Suras. My wife, Mondra, immediately said the "seven pairs". Recall that God says in 15:87, "WE HAVE GIVEN YOU THE SEVEN PAIRS AND THE GREAT QURAN." Furthermore, if I multiply 7 by 19 which is the number of primes in the region of initialed Suras, I get 133. This is exactly the number of the initial NuN in the last initialed Sura! Outside the initialed Suras in the left column, there are 11 and 3 primes and twin primes, respectively. In the right column there are 20 sets of twin primes before the last initialed Suras and 8 sets outside the initialed Suras. This list can be provided upon request. Now let us focus on the number of primes and twin primes

in the initialed domain. We have:

$$19 + 7 + 68 + 20 = 114!$$

And what about outside the initialed domain? We have:

$$11 + 3 + 46 + 8 = 68! \text{ Glory be to God.}$$

In the two preceding equations, I started with 8 numbers, 4 for the left column and 4 for the right column. I tabulate these numbers in the following table:

left	right
19	68
7	20
11	46
3	8

We immediately note that the numbers in the left column all belong to the twin primes family and the right side are all "even" and therefore, not prime. Now let us substitute the indices of these primes in the left column.

left	right
8	68
4	20
5	46
2	8
19	142

And, praise God,
 $19 \times 142 = 2698$

This is exactly the number of times that the word God is mentioned in the Quran. Indeed, God is Omnipotent.

All praises are due to God, Creator of all things.

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IMPLORE GOD WITH THE BEST PRAYERS

"We responded to him and granted him John; we fixed his wife for him. That is because they always hastened to work righteousness, and implored us in situations of joy, as well as fear. To us, they were reverent" (21:90).

The Quran informs us that we attain value at our Lord only through our worship (25:77) and supplication is a form of worship. "Your Lord says, 'Implore Me, and I will respond to you.' Surely, those who are too arrogant to worship Me will enter Hell, forcibly" (40:60). When you implore the Almighty, you are doing the right thing (13:14) and He gives you what you implore Him for (14:34). God is the Hearer of prayers (3:38). He rescues the needy, if He so wills (6:41) (14:39), He is with you wherever you may be (57:4) (58:7). Thus, implore your Lord to shower you with His grace (4:32) and His mercy (7:155) and never despair (15:55). "...God is Possessor of Infinite Grace" (57:21).

The Importance of Imploring

God-willing, we all know that we must implore only God (25:68) (7:37) and the Quran teaches us that God tests people with adversity and hardship that they may implore (6:42) (7:94). The Most Merciful points out, "If only they implored when our test came to them! Instead, their hearts were hardened, and the devil adorned their works in their eyes" (6:43). Throughout the Quran we see many examples of God responding when His servants implored

Him. Noah called upon God and He responded to him by saving him and his family from the great disaster (21:76) (26:117-118). When the devil afflicted Job with hardship and pain, he called upon his Lord and He answered his prayer (38:41) (21:84). The youth who took refuge in the cave implored God to bless their affairs with His guidance (18:10). The wife of Pharaoh implored God to build a home for her at Him in Paradise (66:11). Jonah implored God and He saved him from misery (21:87-88). God responded to Zachariah's imploring and granted him John (21:90). Moses and Aaron asked God to wipe out the wealth of Pharaoh and his elders and their prayer was answered (10:88-89). God answered the prayer of Joseph and protected him from the women's schemes (12:34). Lot implored God for victory (29:30), as did Saaleh, Shuaib, Hood, Abraham and others. You may even implore God for material things such as Solomon (38:35). However, we must never implore God on behalf of those who have transgressed (11:37) (60:4). Remember that God rewards people for what they say (5:84-85). On the Day of Resurrection He will point out that a group of His servants used

to implore Him (52:28) and used to say "Our Lord, we have believed, so forgive us and shower us with mercy" (23:109,118). The Most Gracious states that, "At dawn, they prayed for forgiveness" (51:18).

God describes beautifully in the Quran how important it is to implore and pray to Him, "When My servants ask you about Me, I am always close. I answer the prayers of any of them when they pray to Me. They shall respond to Me, and believe in Me, that they may be guided" (2:186).

Why Some Prayers Are Not Answered

Quran informs us that the human being often prays for something that may hurt him thinking that he is praying for something good. The human being is impatient (17:11) and may dislike something which is actually good and may like something which is actually bad. God knows while you do not know. (2:216) (4:19) (11:45-46). We also learn that the prayers of the disbelievers are always in vain (13:14) (40:50).

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Implore God Continued....

by Laleh

What Are The Best Prayers?

Since God did not leave anything out of the Quran (6:38), let us use the Quran as a source to find the best prayers which will not hurt us, but help us, God-willing.

Our Lord, perfect our light for us and forgive us (66:8), increase our knowledge and include us with the righteous (26:83). We believe in what You have revealed and we follow the messenger, so write us among the witnesses (3:53) (5:83). Guide us in the right path (1:6), make us submitters to You, teach us the rites of our religion, redeem us (2:128), and make us one of those who consistently observe the contact prayer (14:40). Grant us in this world righteousness, and in the Hereafter grant us righteousness and spare us the agony of Hell (3:16) (2:201) (25:65) (7:156). Grant us steadfastness, strengthen our foothold and grant us victory over the disbelieving people (2:250) (3:147) and let us die as Submitters (7:126).

Our Lord, do not condemn us if we forget or make mistakes, protect us from blaspheming against You, and protect us from burdens that are heavy beyond our capacity. Pardon us (2:286) (14:41) (47:19) and forgive us our transgressions, remit our sins, and let us be among the righteous when we die (3:193). Grant us what You promised us through Your messengers and do not forsake us on the Day of Resurrection. You never break a promise (3:194). Protect us from worshipping idols (14:35) and from sin (40:9).

Our Lord, direct us to appreciate the blessings you have bestowed upon us and upon our parents and to work righteousness that pleases You. Let our children be righteous as well (46:15) and admit us by your mercy to be among Your righteous servants (27:19). Admit us an honorable admittance and let us depart an honorable departure. Grant to us from You a powerful support (17:80). Forgive us, our parents and the believers on the

day when the reckoning takes place (14:41). Shower our parents with Your mercy for they have raised us from infancy (17:24).

Our Lord, let ourselves, our spouses and children be a source of joy for us and keep us in the forefront of righteous (25:74). Let us not be with the transgressing people (23:94), Let us not be oppressed by those who disbelieved (60:5) and grant us a decisive victory over our people (7:89).

Our Lord, forgive us and our brethren who preceded us to the faith, keep our hearts from harboring any hatred towards those who believed (59:10) and do not disgrace us on the Day of Resurrection (26:87). Let not our hearts waver after You have guided us and shower us with Your mercy (3:8). Our Lord, please answer our prayers (14:40); You are near, responsive (11:61).

ALL PRAISE BE TO GOD

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A Reminder For The Wise

by Monique Bradley

"If two groups of believers fought with each other, you shall reconcile them. If one group aggresses, you shall fight the aggressing group until they submit to God's command. Once they submit, you shall reconcile the two groups equitably. You shall maintain justice; God loves those who are just. The believers are brethren. You shall reconcile your brethren, and reverence God, that you may attain mercy" (49:9-10).

Many communities that are striving to maintain submission to God Alone, are experiencing more difficulties than usual. Some of us are so busy trying to remind each other of what to do and what not to do according to the Quran, that we are not reflecting on ourselves, *"Why do they not reflect on themselves? God did not create the heavens and the earth, and everything between them except for a specific purpose, and for a specific life span. However, most people with regard to meeting their Lord, are disbelievers" (30:8).*

God tells us to meditate, *"Meditate during the night, except rarely. Half of it, or a little less. Or a little more. And read the Quran from cover to cover. We will give you a heavy message. The meditation at night is more effective, and more righteous" (72:2-6).* This is for the good of our souls to help us behave according to God's teaching and to protect us from Satan. We must work on developing our souls so that our human behavior can mature. Meditating on the Quran, with the senses that God has given us to use wisely, will enable us to see our mistakes. Sometimes we make mistakes unknowingly while trying to do good deeds. Even though our intentions are good, we may make a mistake. Let us take the Quranic studies for example. If my understanding of a verse is different from someone else's understanding, then perhaps my understanding is what God intends for me. If my understanding does not coincide with yours, neither one of us

has a reason to judge or even dispute it unless it is an understanding which is obviously against God's laws, *"O you who believe, do not place your opinion above that of God and His messenger. You shall reverence God. God is Hearer, Omniscient" (49:1).* And even then we should follow God's commandment to argue in the best possible manner (16:125).

We should not condemn each other. God tells us to worry about our own necks. We do not have time to worry about what other believers are doing. That is between them and God. Give them a Quranic reminder relevant to whatever test or adversity they are going through, then leave them alone. None of us should be stamped condemned because we make mistakes and lose points in our daily lives, *"The one who repented, believed, and led a righteous life will end up with the winners" (28:67).* God is the Judge, not us. He knows what we do not know.

We cannot blame Satan for our wrong doings. Satan has a Judgement Day to attend also. He only entices us to do evil deeds, *"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).* Satan's enticements bring out the weaknesses in us. We must overcome those weaknesses and work more on our worship of God rather than worrying about some temporary aspect of this life. Even though Satan is enticing us everyday, it is our own souls that are doing the actual evil deed. Satan will be judged for his works, and we will be judged for ours. We cannot blame Satan for a decision we decided in our minds to act upon. We weren't forced to listen to Satan's whisper.

This is my 23rd year living on this earth. I've been striving to maintain submission for 3 years. In observing my surroundings, I do not see adults as I once did when I was younger. I respected them more then. Now that I am one, I see adult bodies but not too many adult minds. I regard them as I should, but to recognize the fact that some adults are not what I had believed them to be when I was younger, disturbs me. God emphasizes that we use our senses. We in particular, who have had the privilege of receiving God's message, must use them more because of what we know now. We only jeopardize ourselves more if we do not. As we do our work in school or in our jobs, or even in recreational activities, we must try to focus our attention and energy on applying God's teachings to all these things. If you go to a movie, try and reflect on what you are looking at in enlightenment of Quran. Take the movie "Fatal Attraction" for example. What drove this woman crazy was the love she had for a married man. In looking at it from a Quranic point of view, she died idol worshiping a mere human who could not benefit, or harm her.

Basketball can be another example of an opportunity to reflect on God. I look at it in terms of fun, but the physical aspect of it strikes me too; the muscles of the body, the length of time players can run back and forth with ease, the strength in the players while they jump, dribble, etc. The body, designed and created by God, amazes me and causes me to marvel at my Creator. This is one of my reasons for wanting to become a nurse, God-willing.

We should try to see God in everything we experience, do, want, and love. This will strengthen us. God tells us to magnify Him constantly, this is something we must do, EVERYDAY, God-willing.

At the time
I was aware of the fact
That I had eyes
What I did not know
Was that
I had eyes.

I did not see
The sky so blue
I did not recognize
What was given to me
From You.

I did not see
Your choice of morning
For the birds to sing
Precisely and adoring.

I did not see
What God brought forth
Masses of rich colors
Blooming humbly from the earth.

My view of life
Was quite plain
I did not see
The trees, the rain.

I did not see
The value of it all
The way the night passes
The way morning
Answers Your call.

I did not see
The preservation of the land
The sparkling coats of snow
Covering by God's command.

Now I see
That I have eyes
The purpose of my existence
Is to worship The Most Wise.

I did not see
The formation from clay
The construction of my garment
Protective of my soul each day.