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Discovery Corner

Sura Y. S. (Ya Seen)

Some Background

Sura (Chapter) Y. S. is one of the 29 initialed suras in Quran. The first verse of this sura consists of the Arabic letters "Y" and "S." Obviously, the name of the sura comes from these letters. As in the case of other initialed suras, the total occurrence of the letters prefixing this sura is a multiple of 19. The letter "Y" occurs in this sura 237 times, while the letter "S" occurs 48 times. The total of both letters is 285, 19x15. Please refer to Dr. Rashad Khalifa's book "QURAN: VISUAL PRESENTATION OF THE MIRACLE" (Islamic Productions, 1982) for the count of these letters.

Sura Y.S. is the 36th sura in the Quran. If we take the initialed suras only, starting with Sura 2, then Sura 3, then Sura 7, and so on, we find that Sura 36, Ya Seen, occupies position number 19.

Verse 3 of this sura says "Surely, you are one of the messengers." Dr. Rashad Khalifa was told (through the angel Gabriel) that this verse referred to him. (See Appendix 2 of "QURAN: THE FINAL TESTAMENT" from Islamic Productions, Tucson, Arizona, 1989).

New Discoveries

The first 6 verses of Sura Y.S. talk about the message (Quran) and the messenger (Rashad). These verses are repeated below:

1. Y. S.
2. And the Quran, Most Wise
3. Surely, you are one of the messengers.
4. On a straight path.

Among the 29 initialed suras in the Quran, Sura 42 is the only sura that has two sets of initials in two different verses. Lisa Spray made the following observation for these verses that conforms to the Quran's 19-based mathematical system:
42 Sura number
1 Verse no. for first set of initials
48 Gematrical value of first set of initials
2 Verse no. for 2nd set of initials
230 Gemat. value for 2nd set
323 = 19 x 17

5. This is the revelation from the Almighty, Most Merciful.
6. To warn people whose parents were never warned, and therefore, are totally unaware.

Sister Ihsan Ramadan discovered that these 6 verses consist of 19 Arabic words. Furthermore, she found out that the sum of gematrical values of each letter in these 19 words is 7011 which is a multiple of 19 (19 x 369).

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*"They can never fathom the greatness of God.
The whole earth is within His fist on the Day of Resurrection.
In fact, the universes are folded within His right hand. Be He glorified;
He is too high above needing any partners" (39:67)*

Who is God?

Recent articles in LIFE and NEWSWEEK magazines show how more people are seeking their Creator, but the majority are blundering because they lack the true guidance.

Most people, even those who do not associate themselves with any religion, believe in the existence of some sort of supernatural power, a creator. In other words, most people believe in a god, or perhaps several gods, simply because they are intelligent enough to realize that the heavens and the earth, and all creatures on earth could not come about by accident. Thus, many people feel like Professor Edwin Conklin who once said "The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the Unabridged Dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing factory."

Are there several gods?

It is a fact that there is only one god, the Creator, whether He is invoked by some as God, Allah, Yahweh or Jehovah, or by others with different names. It is a fact, and today we have a testament with built-in proof that every word, and even every letter in it is from God. This testament is the Creator's final message to humanity, and it is called the Quran. The Quran's proof of divine authorship is demonstrated by the superhuman mathematical system in this scripture. This mathematical system, which is based on the number 19, was discovered 1400 years after the prophet Muhammad, through whom the Quran was revealed.

(For further information on the Quran's mathematical composition, please refer to QURAN: THE FINAL TESTAMENT, Translated from the Original by Rashad Khalifa, Ph.D., Islamic Productions, Tucson, Arizona, 1989).

The Quran clearly tells us that there is no other god besides God, the Creator, the Almighty, and that He has no son, nor a partner.

Proclaim, "He is the One and only God. The absolute God. Never did He beget. Nor was He begotten. None equals Him." (Sura 112)

"O people of the scripture, do not transgress the limits of your religion, and do not say about God other than the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was a messenger of God, and His word that He sent to Mary, and a spirit from Him. Therefore, you shall believe in God and His messengers, and do not say, 'Trinity.' Stop, for your own good. God is only one god. Be He glorified, much too high to have a son. To Him belongs everything in the heavens and everything on earth. God suffices as Lord and Master." (4:171)

The Quran also tells us that if there were many gods, they would have fought with each other for authority.

Say, "If there were other gods besides Him, as they claim, they would have tried to overthrow the Possessor of the throne." (17:42)

The path to God

There are several ways and means to find and appreciate God. Some people are guided through studying previous scriptures, some find God on their own. But, there is one way which is the shortest as well as the surest way to find God: to study the Quran, His Final Testament to humanity, and follow it to the letter.

"You shall follow what is revealed to you from your Lord, and do not follow any other sources besides it." (7:3)

"Shall I seek other than God as a source of law, when He has revealed this book to you fully detailed..." (6:114)

The Quran not only clarifies for us who God truly is, but also describes for us the purpose of our lives, and our responsibilities on this earth, in order to attain Paradise.

"God, there is no other God besides Him, the Living, the Eternal. Never a moment of unawareness or slumber overtakes Him. To Him belongs everything in the heavens and everything on the earth... No one attains any knowledge, except as He wills. His dominion encompasses the heavens and the earth, and ruling them never burdens Him. He is the Most High, the Great." (2:255)

"I did not create the jinns and the humans except to worship Me alone." (51:56)

"We sent down to you this scripture truthfully, so worship God alone, devoting your religion to Him alone." (39:2)

The Quran tells us that if we believe in God, worship Him alone, and do righteous works, it is for our own good, since God does not need us or our worship of Him.

"If you disbelieve, God does not need you. But He dislikes to see His servants make the wrong decision." (39:7)

We have the free will to choose our own destiny, to stay in the dark, away from God, or to be in the light, with God.

GOD REASSURES THE BELIEVERS

The frequency of the initialed letters in their corresponding suras conforms to the mathematical system of the Quran

The Quran is characterized by a unique phenomenon never found in any human authored book: There are some suras that are prefixed by various letters. The significance of these letters, known as the "Quranic Initials," remained a divinely guarded secret for 14 centuries. As it turned out, these initials constitute a major portion of the Quran's 19-based mathematical miracle.

There are 29 suras that are prefixed with the initials which consist of 14 different sets. Each set may include from one to five letters. Please refer to Appendix 1 of the English Translation of the Quran by Dr. Rashad Khalifa, QURAN, THE FINAL TESTAMENT, for complete details of

these Quranic Initials.

In the previous issue of the S.P., it was shown that the specific letters used as initials prefixing the 29 suras are part of the mathematical system of the Quran, and that their numbers as reported by Dr. Rashad Khalifa are indeed correct. This mathematical phenomenon will be repeated again below.

Let us take all 114 suras in Quran, and write down the following in this order:

- 1) Sura number,
- 2) The number of initials in that sura,
- 3) The gematrical value of each initial in that sura.

If a sura does not have any Quranic initial, we

put a zero for the number of initials for that sura and go to the next sura. For example, Sura 1 is written as 1 0, because it does not have any initials. Sura 2, on the other hand, is written as 2 3 1 30 40, where 2 is the sura number, 3 is the number of initial letters, 1 30 40 are the gematrical values of the letters A, L, M (In Arabic Aleef, Laam, Meem).

We continue this process until we write the information for each one of the 114 suras in the Quran, all in one line, to make up a long number. The last two numbers of this long number are 114 0, representing Sura 114 with no initial letters. This long number is abbreviated below to show you the process.

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|--------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1 0 | A L M 2 3 1 30 40 | A L M 3 3 1 30 40 | 4 0 ... | H M 'A S Q 42 5 8 40 70 60 100 ... | N N 68 2 50 50 ... | 114 0 |
| Sura 1 | Sura 2 | Sura 3 | Sura 4 ... | Sura 42 | Sura 68 | Sura 114 |

The above number is 488 digits long and is a multiple of 19. Now, let us take this number and add another feature to it, by writing for each initialed sura the following in this order:

- 1) Sura number,
- 2) The number of initials in that sura,
- 3) The gematrical value of each initial in that sura.

| | | | | | | |
|--------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1 0 | A L M 2 3 1 30 40 | Total Gem. Val. 188362 | A L M 3 3 1 30 40 | Tot. Gem. Val. 109241 | 4 0 ... | 114 0 |
| Sura 1 | Sura 2 | | Sura 3 | | Sura 4 ... | Sura 114 |

The above number is 627 digits long and is a multiple of 19. Again, let us take this number and include yet another feature with it, by writing for each initialed sura the following in this order:

- 1) Sura number,

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|--------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1 0 | A L M 2 3 1 30 40 | Total Freq. 9899 | Tot. Gem. Val. 188362 | A L M 3 3 1 30 40 | Tot. Freq. 5662 | Tot. Gem. Val. 109241 | 4 0 ... | 114 0 |
| Sura 1 | Sura 2 | | | Sura 3 | | | Sura 4 ... | Sura 114 |

The above number is 722 digits long and is a multiple of 19. Now, let us take this number and remove the gematrical values of each initial from it. Thus, we write for each initialed sura the

- 2) The number of initials in that sura,
- 3) The gematrical value of each initial in that sura.
- 4) The total frequency of the initials occurring throughout that sura.

value of these letters is 188362. This number is calculated as follows:
 $(4502 \times 1) + (3202 \times 30) + (2195 \times 40) = 188362$
 Based on the information for each sura, we then write the entire number as shown below. Note that if a sura has no initials, we do not have to change anything.

following in this order:

- 1) Sura number,
- 2) The number of initials in that sura,
- 3) The total frequency of the initials occurring throughout that sura,
- 4) The total gematrical value of the initials occurring throughout that sura.

The entire number then becomes:

| | | | | | | |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|------------|----------|
| 1 0 | 2 3 9899 | 188362 | 3 3 5662 | 109241 | 4 0 ... | 114 0 |
| Sura 1 | Sura 2 | | Sura 3 | | Sura 4 ... | Sura 114 |

The above number is 582 digits long and is a multiple of 19. Now, let us take this number and replace the total frequency of the initials with the frequency of each initial. Thus, 9899 for Sura 2 is replaced by 4502 3202 2195, the frequency of

the initials A, L, M, and so on. We then write the entire number in abbreviated form as shown below, using the same guidelines as above.

The resultant number is 711 digits long, and again is a multiple of 19. These mathematical

phenomena are further assurance that the frequency of the initials reported by Dr. Rashad Khalifa in his English translation of the Quran is indeed correct. See QURAN, THE FINAL TESTAMENT, Islamic Productions, Tucson, 1989.

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|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|------------|----------|
| 1 0 | 2 3 4502 3202 2195 | 188362 | 3 3 2521 1892 1249 | 109241 | 4 0 ... | 114 0 |
| Sura 1 | Sura 2 | | Sura 3 | | Sura 4 ... | Sura 114 |

A WORD ON UNITY

Unity is a great and wonderful blessing from God upon the believers, none but the believers. The unity we see in the world is artificial and/or temporary. But, for the believers, God promises an everlasting and true unity.

God does not change the condition of people unless they themselves change. We simply cannot achieve unity by wishing it. We have to follow God's laws, and God gives us the specific methodology for achieving unity. For example, Verse 17:53 of the Quran is giving us a formula for unity: "Tell my servants to treat each other in the best possible manner, for the devil will always try to drive a wedge among them." Obviously, if we treat each other as nicely as we can, we are going to be very close. When we lose our temper at someone, it does not draw that person closer to us. Controlling our temper helps promote closeness. However, we must never compromise the Quranic principles for the sake of unity. Compromising may lead to unity, but only to disenchanted, temporary and artificial unity.

Unity is a trait of the believers, and God creates harmony between the believers. The believers are one family and are humble towards each other. They hold fast to the rope of God, and are stern against the disbelievers. They do not break their religion into sects and are like bricks in a wall.

We learn about unity by analyzing some of the factors that cause disunity. Some of the most important factors causing disunity among the people are:

- 1) Different priorities,
- 2) Idol worship,
- 3) Differing beliefs and opinions,
- 4) Failure to follow one consistent source.

All these can be summed up in one word, EGO. It is our ego that causes us

to follow our own priorities, idols and opinions. By telling us to kill our ego, take one consistent source (the Quran), and to have God as the foremost priority, the Almighty is giving us the most powerful ingredients for creating unity. One God, one book, and one brotherhood.

Open-mindedness is a key prerequisite to unity. The ability to accept criticism is also necessary. We have to change our outlook on criticism. To get annoyed or touchy when criticized is a demonstration of ego.

Open-mindedness means not hardening our opinion. Open-mindedness means considering all possibilities in a given situation, working out the pros and cons of each in the light of the Quran, and safeguarding ourselves against as many of the possible negative outcomes as possible. It is true that we cannot always cover all the possible consequences, but we do our best. Then, we repent to God for the rest, for the things we have not thought of.

There is a strong link between ego and opinion. It was our opinion that got us in trouble in the first place during the Great Feud. We were of the opinion that Satan could be a god with God. It was Pharaoh's opinion that there was no Lord of the universe. It was Abraham's father's opinion that statues had to be worshiped. All along, our opinion has gotten us into trouble. Ironically, this ego is a disease that is prevalent among the educated while ignorance is a disease of the illiterate. Most professionals and other successful people think that because they are more educated than others, their opinion is better.

We must convince ourselves that no believer's action is malicious. If it is, then it is their problem, and we have to help them correct it. We must not get

defensive and protect our opinion, and we must not backbite. If you cannot say anything good about someone, then shut up. Discuss matters face to face. Only the gutless or the ignorant say things behind someone's back.

We must not take things personally if we are being criticized. If we are wrong, it does not mean that we are inferior, or insulted, or lose self esteem. It means that our opinion was wrong. Our opinion does not matter anyway. Only God's opinion matters.

The Quran says in Verse 10:19 "The people used to be one congregation, until they disputed." The people disputed over their opinions. They were not satisfied with the opinion of God and His messenger. The Quran gives us a very clear message in Verse 49:1. "O you who believe, do not place your opinion above that of God and His messenger..." If we disregard this commandment, then we become divided like the previous communities:

"The people used to be one community, until God sent the prophets, as bearers of good news, as well as warners, and He revealed through them the scripture, truthfully, to judge among the people in their disputes. But those who received the scripture rejected any new scripture, despite clear proofs, due to jealousy on their part. God guides those who believe to the truth that is disputed by others, as He wills. God guides whomever He wills in a straight path." (2:213)

In conclusion, there are three stages we go through. We first learn to form opinions and hold on to them. This is ignorance. Then we learn to discuss, listen, and accept the best opinion. This is wisdom. Finally, we realize that our opinions do not matter — only God's opinion matters. This is guidance — God's guidance. In Him we trust.

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