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*In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful*

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## Do we thank God enough?

*If you count GOD's blessings, you cannot possibly encompass them.*

*GOD is Forgiver, Most Merciful. (16:18)*

God has given us many things in life that we should be thankful for. Therefore, we should be counting our blessings. But we don't often reflect on what we have. Instead we dwell on what we lack. We cannot have enough of anything, and always want more. We never get tired of asking for more. It is our human nature.

*[41:49] The human being never tires of imploring for good things. And when adversity befalls him, he turns despondent, desperate.*

*[14:34] And He gives you all kinds of things that you implore Him for. If you count GOD's blessings, you can never encompass them. Indeed, the human being is transgressing, unappreciative.*

There is nothing wrong with asking God for good things, as long as we are appreciative of them when He gives us what we want, and submit to His will if He chooses not to give. Perhaps He will give them to us later. God knows what is best for us. Also we might be asking for something that may not be good for us (2:216).

### Never forget to thank God

Often we realize and appreciate what we have after we lose it temporarily or after seeing someone who does not have it. For example, it is unfortunate that we don't thank God enough for our health until we get sick. Then we constantly implore God to heal us. As soon as we feel better, we tend to forget God and may turn unappreciative again (16:53-54). It hardly ever occurs to us that our eyes, hands, feet, and everything we have, are blessings from God until we have problems. This reminds me of a story I heard some time ago:

A man reached 75 years of age and started having problems with his stomach. He could not eat. He went to the hospital and he was diagnosed with a disease in his stomach. The doctors informed him that he was in need of an operation to cure this disease. He agreed to have the operation done as the pain was unbearable. When the operation was completed, his doctor gave him the bill which covered all the costs. The old man

looked at the bill and started to cry. Upon seeing this, the doctor told him that if the cost was too high then they could make some other arrangements. The old man said "I am not crying because of the money but I am crying because God let me eat without any problems for 75 years and He never sent me a bill."

### All praise is due to God

Being thankful and appreciative is for our own good. If we choose to ignore the blessings God has given us, and do not recognize God's hand in our lives, we are the ones who lose. God is in no need, Praiseworthy.

*[14:7] Your Lord has decreed: "the more you thank me, the more I give you." But if you turn unappreciative, then My retribution is severe.*

*[31:12] We have endowed Luqmaan with wisdom: "You shall be appreciative of GOD." Whoever is appreciative is appreciative for his own good. As for those who turn unappreciative, GOD is in no need, Praiseworthy.*

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[35:15] *O people, you are the ones who need GOD, while GOD is in no need for anyone, the Most Praiseworthy.*

Being appreciative is a process and includes understanding that everything comes from God, and that God controls everything. We have to love God and value Him more than anything else.

[2:165] *Yet, some people set up idols to rival GOD, and love them as if they are GOD. Those who believe love GOD the most. If only the transgressors could see themselves when they see the retribution! They will realize then that all power belongs to GOD alone, and that GOD's retribution is awesome.*

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. (Matthew 22:37-38). (See also Deut. 6:4-5)*

The word "love" means "to appreciate" or "to value." But most people fail to value God because they do not understand who God is, and what His qualities or attributes are.

[22:74] *They do not value GOD as He should be valued. GOD is the Most Powerful, the Almighty.*

God is not an old man in the sky. God is not just a Creator helplessly watching His creation going out of control. God is not too busy for the needs of His creatures because He has to worry about the big stuff. God is not too far to hear us or see us. God does not err. God does not get tired or need rest. God is not limited to time and space. God is not unaware of what is happening in our lives or in the universe, not even for a moment. Unfortunately some people diminish God attributing human characteristics to Him.

If we want to truly appreciate God, we need to fully recognize God's at-

tributes, and get to really know Him. God's greatness and power are beyond our comprehension, but He describes His attributes in the Quran in detail so that we have no question about who God is and what He is capable of.

### Some Attributes of God

[2:255] *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 earth. Who could intercede with Him, except in accordance with His will? He knows their past, and their future. 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.*

[59:22] *He is the One GOD; there is no other god beside Him. Knower of all secrets and declarations. He is the Most Gracious, Most Merciful.*

[59:23] *He is the One GOD; there is no other god beside Him. The King, the Most Sacred, the Peace, the Most Faithful, the Supreme, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the Most Dignified. GOD be glorified; far above having partners.*

[59:24] *He is the One GOD; the Creator, the Initiator, the Designer. To Him belong the most beautiful names. Glorifying Him is everything in the heavens and the earth. He is the Almighty, Most Wise.*

[6:103] *No visions can encompass Him, but He encompasses all visions. He is the Compassionate, the Cognizant.*

[39:67] *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 much too high above needing any partners.*

[64:4] *He knows everything in the heavens and the earth, and He knows*

*everything you conceal and everything you declare. GOD is fully aware of the innermost thoughts.*

[6:59] *With Him are the keys to all secrets; none knows them except He. He knows everything on land and in the sea. not a leaf falls without His knowledge. Nor is there a grain in the depths of the soil. Nor is there anything wet or dry, that is not recorded in a profound record.*

These are only some selected verses. To truly appreciate the Almighty God and His system, the best thing is to read the Quran from cover to cover, as commanded by God (73:4).

In conclusion, we should take every opportunity to thank God for His blessings. There is always something to be thankful for, even in difficult times. If we are appreciative, God gives us more. If we are not appreciative, the loss is ours as a consequence of our choice.

[14:7] *Your Lord has decreed: "the more you thank me, the more I give you." But if you turn unappreciative, then My retribution is severe.*

Abdullah

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## Comments from Submitters

Salaam (Peace)...

It was a pleasure to hear from you. I seriously felt so uplifted to know there are people who did think about all these matters all these while. It did not take me long to see the Qur'an's view when it speaks so directly to us. I myself decided to choose my understanding because it just felt right and my instincts felt God was truly guiding me best compared to those Scholars who have misguided all our people from the truth. May God win this race for us. Amin (Amen).

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I am grateful to God that He has let me see the real light from within the Qur'an itself. In fact, the Qur'an speaks for itself and it is so perfect than to need a support such as those man-made hadiths or sunnah. It is a crazy issue when so many sects resulted due to the many Muslim Scholars who chose to idolize the Prophet and the Hadiths, and these men who did not read the real meaning of the Qur'an for the accurate message. I felt it was soooo political.

There was a class I attended last month beginning when I asked a learned Ustaz (teacher) how do we authenticate the Hadiths based on human understanding when I found so many contradictions and even gave him examples of it? He could not answer me but he was merely giving me excuses.

He was ridiculing the Christians of their many sects or divisions based on their Catholic, Protestant, Methodist, etc. But at my question he just looked at me with a stunned look on his face. I told him we are no better than the Christians who bring in divisions when we divide ourselves into sects with so many different opinions where we have only ONE Qur'an! At least the Catholics have a Bible that is a little different than the Protestants (81 books in Catholic with Apocrypha and 66 books in Protestant), so their division is reasonable to notice.

But I was talking right now about Islam, and this is about the Qur'an. He was diverting my question with excuses, and could not go further when I asked him to come back to my question. Wasn't it supposed to be the ULTIMATE GUIDANCE for mankind? Why do we even need the Hadiths? He was quoting me phrases that made me feel like a fool and a great sinner. I just smiled and said "I choose to have MY CREATOR ONLY and the book - QURAN ONLY." I do not agree with MAZHABS (sects).

That was it - HISTORY. I never attended any classes or fellowship with them. I rather study or let Allah guide my understanding at the Cybercafe. It worked all these while, Alhamdulillah (Praise be to God).

I just can never agree when they touch other people's faith without being sensitive to their feelings. Be it Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Tao, Zoroastrian, etc, who are we to judge these people? Aren't we supposed to show them respect and love to bring them towards the truth, only with love for them to know the truth? I would rather share with them my sincere love of God and see their response, and let it be full of laughter and

love in my speech to introduce this God they already feel connected to, and just trying to seek Him. Did you know many other faiths are truly, madly, deeply in love with Our Almighty God that makes them seek, seek, and seek Him without aid? This is where we come in. By word of mouth to spread the message of Love to them.

I can't afford buying anything to promote their understanding, but I use my knowledge and help show them through action. I have a load of my Christian family who are still Christians and are strong in their religion, to bring the message through my pure actions and if possible, my understanding. These are the issues we reverts (converts) face and yet we do not complain, because to us, God equally brings peace and happiness in our soul despite those rough journey.

Brother, I choose to dwell in the Mercy and Kindness of God all times. It is His will that MUST BE DONE, and not ours. I am humbly thanking you for the beautiful offer to send me the Qur'an translated by Dr. Rashad Khalifa and any material you feel shall assist my learning. I am most grateful to you and may Almighty God bless you on earth and the Hereafter, and may God's blessings overflow in Masjid Tucson with financial help from people around the world, love, support and all best blessings for eternity.

Sincerely, I became your website's faithful fan a month ago when I bumped into masjidtucson.org while searching for a simple Qur'an in English. I know it was my Almighty God who brought this path. I am very grateful for your gracious help and May God bless you abundantly on earth and the hereafter. Amin.

Brother, we do have a few libraries here in Malaysia. It is my duty to spread the truth to the lost. I shall get the contacts and email you details to send them the Qur'an to be placed in the libraries.

Please do remember to introduce me to some SUBMITTERS in Malaysia, as I sincerely would love to meet and have a good support group within people who think like me in Malaysia, thus, if you know any of them here, do introduce to me, or forward my details to them that we shall get in touch. It will be great to join more Submitters in the TRUE Light. In everything we do, God has strengthened us with great mercy and kindness to bring us to the REAL LIGHT.

I thank you once again, and look forward to receiving my humble request.

Almighty God's peace and blessings be upon you and everyone who strive towards the truth of the real Islam based purely on the Qur'an. Amin.

Regards,

*Marcia/Malaysia*

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Hello,

I purchased your Quran translation recently and I read it to try to understand the friction between Islam and the rest of the world. I realized I have been a submitter all my life and I accept and believe Muhammad and the Quran. The friction comes because of the Hadith, other writings, misinterpretations and power hungry people.

Is there some ritual or oath or other obligation I must do to become a recognized Muslim with your organization?

Will acceptance in your organization give me acceptance as a Muslim in the rest of the world?

Thank you for your good works.

*Albert*

*[Ed.'s notes. Regarding your first question, the answer is no. There is no ritual necessary.*

*God knows your innermost thoughts and whether you believe in Him alone. If you say you are a Muslim (Submitter), and acknowledge in your heart that "There is no God beside God" (La elaha illa Allah, in Arabic), it is enough for us and you are our brother in faith. We recommend continuing to read and study the Quran for God's guidance. The rest is with you and God. (See verse 3:18)*

*Regarding your second question, you will have some challenges with the traditional Muslims who may want you to utter Prophet Muhammad's name in your statement of faith. They may also want you to follow sources other than the Quran for religious guidance. We suggest that you do not worry whether others would accept you as a Muslim (Submitter). It is sufficient that God knows that you are a Submitter. That is the only thing that matters.*

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## The Quran's Mathematical Composition

### One of the Great Miracles (74:35)

The Quran is characterized by a unique phenomenon never found in any human authored book. Every element of the Quran is mathematically composed based on the number 19 — the suras, the verses, the words, the number of certain letters, the number of words from the same root, the number and variety of divine names, the unique spelling of certain words, the absence or deliberate alteration of certain letters within certain words, and many other elements of the Quran besides its content. There are two major facets of the Quran's mathematical system:

- (1) The mathematical literary composition, and
- (2) The mathematical structure involving the numbers of suras and verses.

Because of this comprehensive mathematical coding, the slightest distortion of the Quran's text or physical arrangement is immediately exposed.

Like the Quran itself, the Quran's mathematical coding ranges from the very simple, to the very complex. The Simple Facts are those observations that can be ascertained without using any tools. The complex facts require the assistance of a calculator or a computer.

Please remember that the following facts refer to the original Arabic text, although some can be verified without the Arabic:

**The first verse (1:1), known as "Basmalah," consists of 19 letters.**

**The Quran consists of 114 suras, which is 19 x 6.**

**The total number of verses in the Quran is 6346, or ...19 x 334. [6234 numbered verses & 112 un-numbered verses (Basmalahs) 6234+112 = 6346]  
Note that 6+3+4+6 = 19.**

**The Basmalah occurs 114 times, despite its conspicuous absence from Sura 9 (it occurs twice in Sura 27) and 114 = 19x6.**

**From the missing Basmalah of Sura 9 to the extra Basmalah of Sura 27, there are precisely 19 suras.**

**It follows that the total of the sura numbers from 9 to 27 (9+10+11+12+...+26+27) is 342, or 19 x 18.**

**This total (342) also equals the number of words between the two Basmalahs of Sura 27, and 342 = 19 x 18.**

**The famous first revelation (96:1-5) consists of 19 words.**

**This 19-worded first revelation consists of 76 letters. 19 x 4.**

**Sura 96, first in the chronological sequence, consists of 19 verses.**

**This first chronological sura is placed atop the last 19 suras.**

**Sura 96 consists of 304 Arabic letters, and 304 equals 19 x 16.**

**The last revelation (Sura 110) consists of 19 words.**

**The first verse of the last revelation (110:1) consists of 19 letters.**

**14 different Arabic letters, form 14 different sets of "Quranic initials" (such as A.L.M. of 2:1), and prefix 29 suras. These numbers add up to 14+14+29 = 57 = 19 x 3.**

**The total of the 29 sura numbers where the Quranic Initials occur is 2+3+7+...+50+68 = 822, and 822+14 (14 sets of initials) equals 836, or 19 x 44.**

**Between the first initialed sura (Sura 2) and the last initialed sura (Sura 68) there are 38 un-initialed suras 19 x 2.**

**Between the first and last initialed sura there are 19 sets of alternating "initialed" and "un-initialed" suras.**

**The Quran mentions 30 different numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 99, 100, 200, 300, 1000, 2000, 3000, 5000, 50,000, & 100,000. The sum of these numbers is 162146, which equals 19 x 8534.**

This is a condensed summary of the Simple Facts. For more details please refer to Appendix 1 in the Quran: The Final Testament, Authorized English Translation by Rashad Khalifa, PhD., or check online: [www.masjiduntucson.org/quran/appendices/appendix1.html](http://www.masjiduntucson.org/quran/appendices/appendix1.html)