The Chronological Sequence of Revelation

Although the revelation of the Quran took 23 years to complete, God tells us that the entire Quran was placed into Muhammad's soul during the month of Ramadan, on the Night of Destiny (see Sura 96, also the verses 173, 443, 531-18). Therefore, the angel Gabriel helped Muhammad release a few verses of the Quran at a time, from the soul to the Prophet's mouth. Muhammad then wrote down and memorized the verses just released into his mind. When he died, he and the complete Quran written down with his own hand in the chronological order of revelation, along with specific instructions on where to place every chapter. The divine instructions recorded by Muhammad were designed to put the Quran together into the final format that we have today. The table on the right gives the chronological sequence of the revelations of the Quran.

Not only was the order of revelations of the Quran (chapters) different than the order in the Quran, but also the majority of the suras were not revealed as a complete unit at once. For example, the first revelation was Sura 96, Verses 1-4, and the second revelation was part of Sura 66.

One of the suras that was revealed in its entirety was Sura 1, "The Key" (Al-Fatiha). This sura was revealed immediately after the Verse 73-63 which says "It is Our preservation of the order of revelations.

The following mathematical facts based on the number 19 assert that the chronological sequence of the suras is indeed divinely guarded, the same as the order in the sura in the Quran.

1. Start from the first sura in the Quran. Put down the order of revelation (1) followed by the sura number (1). Repeat this step for each sura in the Quran, to make a 6-digit number as shown below:
   - Sura 1 (1 1 1 1 1 1)

2. Start from the next sura revealed (Sura 19). Put the sura number (19) and the number of verses in that sura (19) followed by its order of revelation (19), repeat this step for each sura in the order of revelations, to make a 6-digit number as shown below:
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We are actually in a mission to present the truth of the religion of Islam to all the people, mostly non-Muslims, who have been worried about them, and who have deserved His guidance and acceptance. But, they are sincere and deserve the guidance. But, only God guides, and only He knows who deserves His guidance, as stated in Verse 28:56.

"You cannot guide the ones you love. God is the only One who guides in accordance with His will, and in accordance with His knowledge of those who deserve the guidance."

Eventually, millions of people will see the truth by God's grace and embrace the true Islam — complete submission and absolute devotion to God alone. When other people see that it's become a proven religion, they will start jumping on the wagon. The existing religions, on the other hand, are severely corrupted and are destined to die out. In the end, God's true religion will prevail over other religions in accordance with His will. This is stated three times in the Quran (1:53: 48:28, 61:9): "He has sent His messenger with the guidance and the true religion and will make it dominate all religions, in spite of the idol worshipers."

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Sister Ismaan Ramadan discovered the following mathematical relationship between the sura numbers and the order of revelations based on the number 19. Basically, she first took every 19th sura and added them in the right hand column is truly significant, further indicating the divine preservation of the order of revelations.

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Even after the war is over, there will be many people, mostly non-Muslims, working in this region to rebuild the countries that suffered in the war. Even though their first contact with Islam might be negative, they will start jumping on the wagon. The existing religions, on the other hand, are severely corrupted and are destined to die out. In the end, God's true religion will prevail over other religions in accordance with His will. This is stated three times in the Quran (1:53: 48:28, 61:9): "He has sent His messenger with the guidance and the true religion and will make it dominate all religions, in spite of the idol worshipers."
Most of us think we are pretty good people, decent, God fearing, submitters—perhaps even a little better than some others. We haven’t done anything seriously wrong. We’re nice people. However the Quran says, “If God were to think the people for their sin there would not be a single creature on earth” (35:45). That includes Abraham, for example, who called himself “my Lord”. And all the good believers.

Who are more righteous than someone else? Who has the scales with which to weigh, and fairly? I dare you to say to another submitter, “I am better than you! I am a better submitter.” God says the believers, the submitters are humble to one another. So avoid such things as vain talk, frivolous arguments, back biting (Rashad’s explanation of back biting being anything you say about someone else which lowers our esteem for that person, especially behind their back, but also in front of them).

Test yourself: Are you humble? Are you defensive if someone criticizes you? Do you lash back? Is it not being humble if we do. Do you have an open heart? Do you consider what the other person has to say? In a discussion are you seeking the truth? Will you tell us to look at the same thing from the other person’s point of view, rationalizing our behaviour in order to justify our actions?

Being a submitter is a full time job. Every day we are subject to being tested in a multitude of different situations. We should be conscious of our conduct constantly. There are no days off, no vacation, no end, no breaks in Submission.

Ask yourself, “How should I respond to this situation?” For example, the Quran says “Suppress your anger” (3:334). Moreover, we do not know what the future will bring. We should not be too slow in our reactions, no matter how good or bad our circumstances are.

I think of two aspects of being a submitter: 1) as an individual, 2) as a member of a community.

1) As an individual—the “everyone for himself” concept. Consider, for example, on the Day of Judgment the nursing mother will not care for her infant. “Everyone for himself”—what does it mean? It does not mean we can disregard our brothers and sisters. A submitter will ‘race towards righteous works.’ Everybody for himself in that race. What our sister or brother is doing is furthering their own soul is for them. The best person for you is the most righteous. Whatever we do should be from the perspective—is it righteous? Included in righteousness is helping each other to putting aside our own souls—a win/win situation.

2) Community level—“Be united like the bricks in a wall” (61:4). Getting three or four people to agree on something is usually quite a task, let alone 20 or 30 or 40 or 50. The individual who lives out on his own in matters which affect the community owes it to the community to explain his actions. It is not an ‘everyone for himself’ situation to the detriment of the community, or regardless of the community. If so, a crack is created.

Satan has vowed to mislead us. He will try every angle to get us. He knows our weaknesses. He is experienced, clever and has a certain advantage (he can see and hear us but we cannot see and hear him). Moreover, God made the humans being weak. Expect problems! Resolve differences!!

Can we say that for the rest of our lives we will not err and not cause a problem to the community? Be careful when someone errs how you react. You might be next to make a mistake. God has given us a mechanism to cope in Verses 29:45—seek help through steadfastness and salat (contact prayers). Be humble to one another.

What makes me happy is that others are happy. I do not believe that wealth be position or anything of the like will make me happy today, truly happy, in all of us resolve all our differences, be united and live amicably amongst ourselves.

There are many references in the Quran, having to do with cosmic phenomena which have only recently been scientifically established as facts. The Quran speaks with scientific content which are not vague and general. Careful research shows that the use of seemingly peculiar words and phrases, these words are not intended to be peculiar at all. Various combinations, and leave no room for ambiguity as to the meaning and implications of these verses. For a specific example, let us look at Verse 57:25 “…and we sent down the iron wherein there is tremendous strength, and many benefits for the people.”

The words understood above are especially significant, as only one with a full understanding of the atomic structure of elements, the formation and evolution of stars, and nucleosynthesis of elements could have used these specific words written 1400 years ago. Before further elaboration, recall that the words “الحديد” (iron) “الحديد” (the iron) have respectively, general and specific meanings.

Each element consists of an extremely small nucleus, consisting of protons and neutrons, surrounded by a huge cloud or shell of electrons, 100,000 times as large. The atomic number of an element is the number of its protons, its atomic weight being the number of protons and neutrons, with electrons being extremely lightweight.

Many elements have one or more isotopes, which have the same number of protons (and therefore the same chemical properties), but with a different number of neutrons. The chemical property of an element, how well it reacts with other elements, is determined by the outside shell electrons. The stability and identity of an element is a nuclear property determined for all intents and purposes by the right combination of neutrons for a given number of protons — too many or too few neutrons and the nucleus will not be stable at all.

Iron is the most stable of all elements, having the highest binding energy. No further energy can be extracted of fusion of the iron nuclei. This nuclear property of iron, referred to in the above quoted verse “wherein there is tremendous strength” has far reaching consequences as we shall see.

Physicists have calculated binding energies and other nuclear properties for various isotopes of all elements. In the case of iron, the isotope nearest to Green’s approximation of the beta stability line is that having 51 neutrons and the usual 26 protons. It is to be noted that in the above verse the word used is “الحديد” (the iron), formed by the addition of the definite article “ال” (the). The word “الحديد” (iron) is the most stable.

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According to the Big Bang Theory, confirmed in the Quran, only hydrogen and helium were created during the first 1000 years, no carbon, no iron. None of the elements necessary to form the earth and to sustain life existed. All elements besides hydrogen and helium were formed inside stars or during supernova explosions. As the temperature dropped within a star, the hydrogen burning begins. Hydrogen nuclei fuse, forming helium. At higher temperatures, helium nuclei fuse, forming carbon. For massive stars this process continues until the stellar core consists largely of iron. Because of iron’s nuclear stability, there is no further nuclear burning. Iron nuclei cannot be fused to form heavier elements; they can only be formed by the fusion (fission) of nuclei, but even then the tremendous temperature inside the stars is not high enough to do the task. Once the stellar core has been converted to iron, the life of a star has essentially come to an end. As there is no further nuclear burning, there is no force to counteract the ever pressing gravity. There are only 10 million years. Gravity then takes over, the star begins to collapse and the temperature begins to rise dramatically. This increase in pressure and temperature is so tremendous that the star literally explodes. It is only during Supernova explosions that the temperature is hot enough to allow the breakup of nuclei and the formation of heavier elements. Another result of the explosion is that the outer envelope of the star is blown off, sending various elements into space, forming seeds of new generations of stars, ours being an example.

The above concepts, only recently established, are of fundamental importance in the understanding of our physical universe. They also depend, almost exclusively, on the unique nuclear property of iron. Without this property, there would be no mechanism for the creation of heavy elements, no mechanism for sending various elements throughout the universe, forming seeds of our solar system, stars and future generations of stars.

We must be careful not to limit the scientific implications of the Quranic verses by drawing very narrow conclusions and implying in effect that we have understood all their ramifications completely. Nonetheless, I will present some concepts under discussion here which are fundamental, God does seem to confirm that we do have correct understanding of them by showing the chapter naming the chapter “الحديد” (the iron), numbering it 57, giving the words “الحديد” (iron), “الحديد” (the iron), revealing gematrical values, and thus further assuring us, increasing our faith. He has described the entire concept using only a few key words, comprising only part of one simple verse of the Quran. Finally, the amount of knowledge we have today is not high enough to do the task. Once the stellar core has been converted to iron, the life of a star has essentially come to an end. As there is no further nuclear burning, there is no force to counteract the ever pressing gravity.