HOW ARE WE DOING?

Dear Friends,

Praise be to The One True God!

We received your newsletters and correspondence yesterday and wish to tell you that we are very impressed with your newsletters. We would definitely appreciate receiving them on a regular basis. If it is possible to receive more than one copy per issue, 10 or 15 copies would give one to each three or four men attending Jumah each Friday.

We realize that this might be too heavy burden to send to one place, so in the meantime, we will place one copy of each of the newsletters received in our library to a binder.

As God makes a way, the ones with the heaviest need will be the ones that read the articles.

Thank you for your care and concern for these men trying to improve their way of life and establish a proper relationship with the Almighty.

Sincerely,

C. W. Sproxton / Superintendent
Richard D. Prentis / Senior Chaplain
Madison Correctional Institution

As-salamu-alikum

Just received the latest "Submitters Perspective" and was delighted to find the material on Native American! Those who are committed to obeying the Creator, whatever their race, area of origin, or cultural expression, have a great deal of common ground and can work together for mutual benefit and the solution of common problems.

While not all traditions and practices in Native American communities have been healthy— even in ancient times, Native Americans have what we call "The Original Instructions"— which some of our holy people have reiterated and reestablished from time to time, I am not sure whether or not I presently wish to send you the enclosed booklet— my files don't have a record that I did. So at the risk of boring you folks, I am sending you a copy. It compares some themes from the Holy Quran with major themes in our "Original Instructions." I will also send a copy of your newsletter to the chief of the local Delaware Band here in the Southern Utah, Northern Arizona area.

May Allah bless your work; may He guard and protect you always.

Sincerely,

Maria Abdin / Utah

P.S. [Editors note: The booklet she is referring to in her letter is called "Themes from the Holy Quran Seen through Indian Eyes."] It is a comparison of basic Quranic themes with similar Native American spiritual teachings. Copies of the booklet can be obtained by writing to Maria Abdin, 465 S. Bluff #193, St. George, Utah 84770.

If you have any comments about Submitters Perspective or have written an article based on the Quran, Islam (Subordination), worshipping God alone, or related topics to share with others, please send them to ICS/Malijat Tucson, PO Box 4574, Tucson, AZ 85723, USA. Peace be to God.

...The quality of S.P.'s has been really very good. May God bless you all and the writers of the lovely articles. Children's "Submitters R Us 2" is a lovely addition. I enjoyed reading it and so would children of various ages— as we xerox copies for those who are not direct subscribers from Tucson. We look forward to continue to receive it...

Ahmed Currim / India

...Just a short note to let you know how much I enjoy the newsletter...

Steve Fischer / Wisconsin

...I was very pleased to hear from you and of course the newsletter well received. Your newsletter is very informative, enlightening and uplifting, intellectually and spiritually... The article concerning Quranic Justice was so beautiful. I brought tears to my eyes, just to imagine living in a society such as the one described in the article...

Adin Al-Rashid / Texas

Please immediately remove my name from your mailing list. I subscribed under the Shadow of the God that you were a legitimate Islamic magazine, but I have learned, through reading your newsletters over the last year, that you are a group of people far astray. May Allah (SWT) guide you to that right path...

Fares Ahmed Al-Qadi / Oregon

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MAY MANY people will say that they believe in the existence of a supernatural force or a god. If we take two such people and ask them to define or describe the god of their belief, we may get two different answers. If we direct the same question to a third person who also says he believes in God, we may get yet another description of God. Furthermore, when these people realize they have different gods, they may not feel comfortable with each other. What makes people think that their god is not the same god others' god? Is this god the same god who created and everything around us, why can't people accept Him as the same for all of us?

Our Creator is the Same

God has always been the same God, the same Creator since the beginning. It is the people who make a god for themselves in place of the one true God, based on their own conjectures and wishful thinking, to justify their way of life.

One of the major reasons why people do not take time to seek the truth about God is that they either have doubts or wrong ideas about life after death and their accountability. This is very much what will say that they believe in the Hereafter.

This Life is Temporary

God teaches us in the Quran that this first life is a temporary illusion. What is important is the Hereafter, which is the eternal abode (40:39). Can you imagine living in a place for eternity, especially if this is a place that you would not want to live in for a second? Do we ever think we might end up in Hell?

Towards Universal Unity

The majority of people do not want to even think about the possibility that they could be in Hell forever. Some even joke around by saying that they prefer Hell because the most entertaining people will be there. That may very well be true, but in what condition? There is not a single scripture in the Islamic text terms. It is not a place anyone would like to stay for eternity. Yet, some people do not seem to be bothered at all when they hear that Hell is going to be like. They think of the Hereafter as being so far away in time that, even if it turns out to be true, they are surely clever enough to figure out how to avoid Hell then (18:36).

Actions Better Than Words

When people say they believe in the Hereafter, do they really mean it or is it just lip service? A person who really believes in the Hereafter and worries about the consequences of his actions will not disregard God's message, He (or she) will always seek the truth and the path to God. He will research and make sure that the religious beliefs he has been brought up with are divine, and not man-made. After all, it will be his own neck on the line.

Unfortunately, many people who do research carefully before getting their houses, jobs, cars, and so on, are not very inquisitive about the correctness of the religious beliefs they are brought up with. When it comes to religion, people's common sense and intellect seem to operate in a completely different level. "Faith becomes the common denominator to avoid questions and to justify a "I'm happy with what I'm doing, don't rock the boat" lifestyle. Therefore, must people turn away from the true message when it comes to them without studying it, even though this message is essential to their success in the eternal life. These are the people who prefer this life as the expense of the Hereafter (2:56). Thus, they trade away the covenant they made with God, and their obligations, for a cheap price. Consequently, they receive no share in the Hereafter (3:77).

Time For Universal Unity

It is time for the people of all religions who really believe in the Hereafter to leave their worldly differences and come together under the One God, the same God of us all, the Creator. As He has promised, we can enjoy this life without losing our share in the Hereafter. Therefore, let us value God as He should be valued, and devote ourselves totally to Him alone. After all, we will be all returned to Him—for certain.

Only those who repent, reform, hold fast to God and devote their religious activities to God alone, will be counted with the believers. God will bless the believers with a great recompense. [4:146]

Say, "I have been commanded to worship God, devoting the religious activities to Him alone.

"And I was commanded to be the latest submitter."

Say, "I fear, if I disobeyed My Lord, the punishment of a great day."

Say, "God is the only One I worship, devoting my religious activities to Him alone."

Abdul-Aziz Ibn Baz

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In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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Permit #201
A World of Creation

A creation sublime with no creator?
A universe perfect with no perfecter?
Shocking what your eyes see yet cannot perceive!
A creator with no equal
A pillarless ceiling in this world do you see?

Whose
A sun of sparkle
A moon of marble
Radiating with jewels
Their screams pierce the heart of darkness:
Why do they not believe?
A creator with no equal
A pillarless ceiling in this world do you see?

“Elaahun Waahidun” (One god)

The statement “Elaahun Waahidun” (One god) is repeated in the Quran eleven times in ten different chapters. Based on where this statement occurs in these chapters, these mathematical observations follow:

1. The sum of the sura and the verse numbers where this statement occurs, plus the number of times the statement is repeated yields:
   \[149 + 809 + 11 = 969 (19 \times 51)\]
2. Instead of adding the above numbers, if you write them side by side to make an 8-digit number, you get:
   \[1490911 = 19 \times 788469\]
3. When you add the numbers of the suras that have initial letters, the result is:
   \[2 + 14 + 41 = 57 (19 \times 3)\]
4. Adding the value of the initials, plus the number of suras involved, plus the number of initial letters in these suras gives you:
   \[359 + 3 + 8 = 361 (19 \times 19)\]
5. Finally, if you add the sura and the verse numbers where this statement is found, plus the value of the initials, and the number of initial suras which contain the statement “Elaahun Waahidun,” you get:
   \[149 + 809 + 350 + 3 = 1311 (19 \times 69)\]

These facts are displayed in the following table.

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Dear Readers:
Feel free to share your comments and articles with us. God willing, we will incorporate them in the upcoming issues of the Perspective. Especially, we love to hear from you young readers.

Mrs. Kia

[This poem was originally written in Farsi, and was translated into English by Amir Kia, Mrs. Kia’s grandson.]