As of June 18, 1993, the community of Masjid Tucson has moved to their new location. The street address is:

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5010 East Bellevue Street
Tucson, AZ 85712

Our correspondence address remains the same:

P.O. Box 43476
Tucson, AZ 85733
USA

Our phone number is (602) 323-7636.

The best time to call us is Friday 7.30-10.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 6.00-10.00am. You can also try to call us Monday through Thursday before 5.30-7.00pm (All Mountain Standard Time).

Great Success and Blessings. God be praised.

Dr. Rashad Khalifa

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The time to contemplate the convenience and warmth of the sun's rays is good to remember that some reflection into the interaction of light (photons) and matter can certainly add to your experience: although those particular rays (photons) left the surface of the sun about 8 million years ago, they actually originated at the center of the sun about 10 billion years ago. Each outgoing photon is absorbed and re-emitted many times along the way, gradually losing its (initially high) energy. Finally, photons reach the surface, carrying the right amount of energy that is both nondestruc-
tive and nonmutating, and eventually leaving a life on Earth. All according to the design of God.

DO WE VALUE GOD?

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. [39:67]

There are numerous signs for people of intelligence and understanding to appre-
ciate some of God's majesty and power, although it is impossible to truly under-
stand the greatness of God.

It was only in the 1800's that scientists began to suspect that our own galaxy, the Milky Way, was not the entire universe. And only in the 1920's did scientists fi-

ally recognize that the universe consists of many galaxies. Today we know our universe contains at least 10 billion galax-
ies, each averaging nearly 100 billion stars. Assuming the sun to be an average star (many are far bigger while some are smaller), it is big enough to contain one million earths within its volume. If we imagine the sun to be the size of a dime, the nearest star would be well over a mile away -- a typical distance among stars. Thus, for example, if two galaxies of 100 billion stars went through each other, the probability of collisions between the stars of the two galaxies would be quite small. The sun is the major source of light energy in the solar system. It illuminates us and the rest of our solar system with bright light. It keeps itself "alive" by burning 600 million tons of hydrogen every second. It is estimated that this has been going on for about 4.5 billion years. Today, after so many years of steady burning, the concentra-
tion of (reserve) usable hydrogen at the center of the sun has dropped to about half its initial value. This is only about 4% of its total hydrogen content already converted into helium. A simple calculation based on 1) the total usable hydrogen initially present and 2) the rate at which the sun fuses this hydrogen into helium, reveals that the overall lifetime of the sun is about 10 billion years.

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He is the One who rendered the sun radiant, and the moon a light, and He designed its phases that you may learn to count the years and to calculate. God did not create all this, except for a specific purpose. He explains the revelations for people who know. [10:5]

God continues to overwhelm us with signs of His power and glory. In a very recent briefing at UC Santa Cruz, scientists dis-
cussed new findings about "gamma ray bursts" which are photons carrying much higher energy than those of the visible light. Gamma rays are absorbed in inter-
estellar space. Such bursts naturally last for only a few seconds although they may carry as much energy as 10 trillion of the "visible-type" photons. Glory be to God. They do not value God as He should be valued. God is the Most Powerful, the Al-
mighty. [22:74]

Hussein Kowsari

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Please register for the conference ASAP. God willing, we see you all in Phoenix. See details in the next page.
The above verses from the Quran describe the episode of Abraham sacrificing his son Isaac. The traditionally held view is that Abraham was carrying out God's commandments to sacrifice his own son.

However, closer reading of the above verses and other verses in the Quran indicates otherwise. God did not command Abraham to sacrifice his son.

In verse 102 above, Abraham does not say that the vision is from God. In fact, he is unsure and hesitant, hence his question to himself who had decreed the sacrifice in that Abraham's vision was from God, or was it merely an accident. He is uncertain about the source of the vision. From verse 6:151, we can see that absolutely no good at all is derived from human sacrifice or from killing without justice. There is no good in a father killing his own righteous son. Also from Isaac's standpoint there is no good at all in him getting killed, especially when they are uncertain about the source of the vision. They also did not have advance information about God's intervention. Isaac was merely being obedient to his father.

In verse 102 above, we can quote again: "Whatever good that happens to you is from God, and anything bad that happens to you is from you." [4:79] Verses 6:151 and 4:92 were known to Abraham and Moses and were applicable to them. And the fact remains that in all His previous scriptures (Torah, Gospel, Psalms and the "Shahadah") teachings revealed to Abraham) there is no animal sacrifice anywhere. God never decreed human sacrifice.

The traditional explanation is that God was never going to let Ismail get killed. It was simply a test for Abraham. But we must understand that the foresight of events was with God, and with God only. As far as Abraham and Ismail were concerned, at that point in time, they had absolutely no idea at all about God's intervention to save Ismail from being killed. Otherwise it would not have been an "exacting test." [37:106]

Abraham himself informs us in verse 87:19 of the Quran: "This (Quranic decree) is recorded in the earlier teachings. The teachings of Abraham and Moses." Therefore the decrees in 6:51 and 4:92 were known to Abraham and Moses and were applicable to them. And the fact remains that in all His previous scriptures. "There were told, 'La Eisahta Ella Allah (There is no god beside God); they turned arrogant.'" [37:106]

SECOND PILLAR: SALAT
Verse 17:110 informs us that a moderate tone should be used in Salat. The corrupted Muslims, however, have their own rules.

The Muslims of today have discarded the Quran in favor of religious laws and practices dictated to them through sectarian innovations such as Hadith and Sunnah. Once someone makes this decision to follow the traditions rather than the Quran alone as God decrees (6:114-115), that person is blocked out. Because of this, they are prevented from practicing any of the five pillars of Submission (Islam) correctly.

Since Abraham was never going to let Ismail get killed, it was an accident. Therefore the fact that Abraham wanted to sacrifice his own son is negated in no uncertain terms in both the Old and the New Testaments. Besides, being an incorrect statement, even the thought that God could institute human sacrifice, a ritual more akin to pagan cults, is disgusting and abhorrent. But God Himself informs us in verse 87:19 of the Quran: "This (Quranic decree) is recorded in the earlier teachings. The teachings of Abraham and Moses." Therefore the decrees in 6:51 and 4:92 were known to Abraham and Moses and were applicable to them. And the fact remains that in all His previous scriptures (Torah, Gospel, Psalms and the "Shahadah") teachings revealed to Abraham) there is no animal sacrifice anywhere. God never decreed human sacrifice.

For each congregation we have decreed rites whereby they commemorate the name of God for providing them with the live stock. Your god is one and the same god that you shall all submit to Him. [2:244] The animal offerings are among the rites decreed by God for your own good. [2:236]

In these verses, God tells us that although there are many congregations, there is only one God, and He has decreed to these congregations the same sacrifice, i.e., livestock sacrifices only.

Therefore, after decreing thus, it cannot be that God changed His rules and executed a human sacrifice from Abraham. God does not contradict Himself by changing the rules on animal sacrifice. God's system never changes.

Syed Aibar Ali Malaysia

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"You who believe, when you observe the Contact Prayers (Salat), you shall: (1) wash your faces, (2) wash your arms to the elbows, (3) wipe your heads, and (4) wash your feet to the ankles." [2:273]

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FOURTH PILLAR: Fasting

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After completing Hajj, the pilgrims go to the sacred mosques in Mecca and Mina, and then nullifying their Hajj. The Quran consistently talks of only one sacred mosque.

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Notes:

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The registration fee covers 2 lunches and 2 dinners, including the conference expenses. The fee does NOT include the hotel charges.

Participants will pay the room charges to the hotel directly after the conference. The hotel makes special arrangements with a first class hotel and reserved rooms for the United Submitters. The special rate for the hotel is $40 per room per night including tax and breakfast. This special rate is also decreed of those who may stay longer at the hotel.

Single persons will be sharing rooms and therefore pay half the room rate. If they prefer to stay by themselves, then they will have to pay the full room rate.