We have sent you out of mercy from us throughout the whole world. Proclaim, "I have been given divine inspiration that your god is One..." (2:107-108).

...How can you kill a man just for saying, 'My Lord is God,' and he has shown you clear proofs [from your Lord]? If he is a liar, that is his problem, and if he is truthful, you benefit from his promises. Surely, God does not guide any transgressor, liar (40:28).

...It is not a fact that every time a messenger went to you with anything, you disliked, your ego caused you to be arrogant! Some of them you rejected, and some of them you killed. (287).

Peace be upon you.

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What does Thanksgiving really mean?

Thanksgiving day is a day set aside each year to give thanks to God for blessings received during the year. The holiday is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States and on the second Monday of October in Canada. It is unfortunate that the Thanksgiving day is becoming a day where remembering God is at the bottom of people's list of things to do on that day. More than 130 years ago, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, recalled the roots of Thanksgiving. Here are some quotes from him.

Lincoln's View

"We have been the recipient of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no nation has ever grown.

"But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."

The new publication from England, Signs Magazine, devoted most of its third issue to attacking Dr. Rashad Khalifa and his works. Masjid Tucson sent a reply to Signs based on their promise to us that they would publish our reply as an article in its entirety. However, the magazine published only a fraction of our reply as if it were a letter to the editor, without indicating that it was excerpted. Replies from other community members shared the same fate. They (so) were chopped up and quoted out of context. This action has not only shown that the editors of Signs magazine are not reliable in their words, but also indicates their intention to hide the facts from their readers and distort the evidence to meet their own ends. The following is our reply in its entirety.

The Message is What Is Important

The Signs Magazine, International edition, published in Glasgow, England, devoted almost the entire third issue to attacking the late Dr. Rashad Khalifa and his works. This is in spite of the similarity in spirit between this new magazine and the Islamic magazine which seems to advocate (at least in their first two issues) and that Dr. Rashad Khalifa taught. Several articles even in this issue are clear adaptations from some of Rashad's work. The following is a reply from Masjid Tucson in Arizona (USA) where Dr. Khalifa taught and worked until his still unsolved assassination in January, 1990.

Our response? Sincere believers would indeed, in light of the human tendency to idolize God's servants.

If God decided that He would send a human messenger to this world, and He decided that this person who would preach the worship of Him alone was to live as our contemporary, what would be our response? Sincere believers would accept the message despite the messenger's human condition, just as Moses' and Sabbath's followers did in 40:28 and 7:75. As with everything else that goes against established tradition, messengership is a test from God (2:143). It is a blessing for the sincere believers, and a test for the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Rashad is no longer with us, but the issue remains—upholding the worship of God Alone. We should not fall into the same trap as the previous communities, who rejected God's messengers (e.g. the Jews vis-a-vis Jesus, the Christians vis-a-vis Muhammad) out of resentment. We have the Quran, the perpetual source of guidance, the living messenger. We should aim at promoting its message instead of arguing amongst ourselves over the messengers. What's important is...
Do You Appreciate the Mathematical Structure of the Quran, or Don’t You?

It is obvious that the editors cannot make up their minds, as their latest Quranic statement that ‘over it is central to the theme of the Quran, and so mon denominator in the Quran’s mathematical structure. The only conclusion we can draw is that God willed the frequency of His name in His Final Scripture to be known as 2699. In 1985, Rashad did a reciting and to his amazement we see in that ‘Dr. Rashad’s Arabic’ (p.6) that God’s name, ‘Almighty’ is found 2699 times in the Quran. This proves once and for all that Rashad’s work is an irrefutable proof of the Quran’s mathematical structure. The orthodox Islamic sects (Sunnis and Shiites alike) cling to the notion that their scholars have taught them generation after generation, even though what they preach today has nothing to do with Muhammad, Ali, Abu Bakr, etc. Muslims are often heard longing for the ‘good old days’ of the first four Caliphs (Successors after Prophet Muhammad), forgetting that only one of them died of natural causes, and another was assassinated. Who killed them, what were the circumstances, and why? As they say, history is written by the victors. The Muslim scholars then (and now) have been driven by ego, nor was he after fame of any kind. His message was the same message that all previous messengers and prophets brought (21:25).

Today, Rashad is with His Lord. He cannot hear us, nor can we hear him. Only God can help now and forever. God cursed us in the Quran that He alone takes us out of the darkness into the light, that he sent down messengers with some information and knowledge that was not clear to the people (14:4). After a messenger completes his mission, it is our responsibility to adhere to the knowledge that came through him. All that God Almighty asks us to do is to worship Him alone (52:15). We are not supposed to communicate with the messenger himself rather than the information that came from God. The Muslim scholars then (and now) have been driven by ego, nor was he after fame of any kind. His message was the same message that all previous messengers and prophets brought (21:25).

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their universal message: worship God alone.

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