Words of Appreciation

[Balir's note: Readers should remember the brave submitting couple who were ex-communicated by Singapore's religious scholars (S.P. Vol.9, No.12). Here is welcome news from them.]

All praise be to God. Hi! everyone, we are the “ex-communicated couple.” Please forgive me and my dear wife for not writing earlier. By God’s grace, we are just fine, fellow Submitters. God willing, we will steadfastly persevere in the face of persecution and proceed forward with righteousness and countering evil with goodness (28:54 and 2013).

Thank God for giving us all of you, believers. Your warm and kind support, concern and letters are truly a blessing for both of us; very uplifting indeed. MashaAllah, please do keep up your good works. We will too. For God promises us the truth (57:19-23). And may Almighty God forgive us all (47:19).

God bless us all.
Mahtit. Baqir and Rezahah

Quran Translation On Disk
QT Version 3.0
For IBM Compatible Computers
[2OSG Version]
Search Capability
Topic and Help Facilities
Print Option and many more.
Why pay $100’s for similar programs?
$7.50

Fihrist-e Quran-e Kareem
Subject Index of the Quran in Persian
Alphabetical index allows the user to look up any subject and related items in a matter of seconds.
Page: 219 pages.
$19.95
(all prices include postage)

Who Are We?
Daring the past fourteen centuries, traditions, customs, and myths have crept into the religions of Islam (Submission). Gradually, they have become dogma or ritual, to such an extent that anyone who questions them in the light of the Quran finds himself or herself regarded as a dangerous innovator and heretic. Islam (Submission) today is like a precious jewel that is buried under piles upon piles of man-made innovations. Our aim is to purge these innovations by upholding the Quran and the behavior of the Prophet, peace be upon him and the Quran alone, and present the jewel of true Submission to the world.

Write to us for a free catalog and a comprehensive issue of Submitters Perspective. Tell a friend. Help us spread the message of worshiping God alone, and following the Quran alone.

O people, if you have any doubt about resurrection, remember that we created you from dust, and subsequently from a tiny drop, which turns into a hanging (embryo), then it becomes a fetus that is given life or deemed lifeless. We thus clearly things for you. We settle in the worlds what ever we will for a predetermined period. We then bring you out as infants, then you reach maturity. While some of you die young, others live till the worst age, only to find out that no more knowledge can be attained beyond a certain limit. Also, you look at a land that is dead, then as soon as we shower it with water, it vibrates with life and grows all kinds of beautiful plants. (12:25)

In recent years many of the Submitters have had to come to grips with dramatic changes in the lives of our parents. We have all read the above verse. We all know intellectually that our parents will grow old and eventually die, as we will grow old and eventually die (unless God wills to take them in earlier). However, knowing that this will happen is quite different from facing those changes in our daily lives.

In modern western society, we have a tendency to block out painful issues, by ignoring them or actively running away from them. Sadly, this is true even in relation to our elderly. Anyone who has spent time with a loved one in a nursing home or an adult care facility can bear witness to the horrifying number of elderly men and women who are placed there by their families and virtually forgotten.

In many cases this is because people are so busy trying to survive circumstances that they do not have the emotional energy to expend dealing with the painful changes in their parents. This is especially true for us members of the “me” generation, who have never come to grips with the fact that the world does not resolve around us. Now, as age creeps up on us, we are often terrified by the changes in our aging parents...changes which we will soon enough have to face in ourselves.

As Submitters we must not allow ourselves the “luxury” of this kind of behavior on any issue, especially when it has to do with our parents. God is extremely specific about the way in which we must treat our parents:

O people, obey your Lord: the One who created you from one being, and created from it mate, then spread from the two many men and women. You shall regard God, by whom you were created, and regard the parents. God is watching over you. [4:1]

In several verses God tells us we must worship Him alone, and then we must honor our parents. Thus, first we must regard God, and then we must regard our parents. This was also pointed out to the Children of Israel:

We made a covenant with the Children of Israel: Ye shall not worship except God. Ye shall regard the parent...[2:43]

We must honor our parents even when something has happened to make that difficult.

Your Lord has decreed that you shall not worship except Him, and ‘you parents shall be honored. As long as one or both of them are alive, you shall never go to them, “OFF” (the slightest gesture of annoyance), nor shall you shout at them; you shall treat them amicably (Atrope for them the wings of humility, and kindness, and say, “My Lord, have mercy on them, for they have raised me from infancy.” [17:23-24])

Certainly we have all had times when we have been upset with our parents. As we get older and more stuck in our ways, we are apt to react more strongly to them; and as they get older they often become more difficult in many ways. However, the above verses are very clear. We must not show even the slightest annoyance, we must constantly honor them. Only God Himself is honored before them. Still, God is merciful, and in the verse which follows [17:23-24] He reminds us to repent when we are unable to follow these commandments.

Your Lord is fully aware of your innumerable thoughts. If you maintain righteousness, He is Forger of those who repent. [17:25]
These will be precious jewels to hold in our hands. Bless us with special moments together. We can never repay our parents for all that they have done. (31:15)

When the Roles Reverse...

As Submitters we have the chance to be appreciative at any age. From my personal experience I encourage you to recognize the great blessing God gave you in your parents. Enjoy them, share with them, laugh with them as much as you can. Treasure them while you have the chance. None of us knows how long that may be.

QURAN
THE FINAL TESTAMENT
Translated from the Original
Rashid Khalifa, Ph.D.
Paperback, 538 Pages
English Text Only

$9.50
Special Buy Two, get any size $15
Save even more: A box of 28 Qurans is offered for $150. Add $15 for orders from outside USA

M. Fuad Abdulbaki's World Famous
Index of the Quran in Arabic

A must for Arabic speakers.
Handback 900 Pages.
Quantities limited.
$49
(all prices include postage)

Lydia Kelley

Personal Experiences

God blessed me to be with my mother full time for the last week of her life. She had suffered a massive stroke, and never regained consciousness, but the love that flowed into that room as my sister and I kept vigil, was a tremendous healing force in my life. It was one of God's greatest gifts to me.

With my father, God has blessed me with a different kind of experience. At 85, he has suffered some minor strokes which have left him very alert and quite functional. His delusions are usually quite lovely; he has become a billionaire, President Clinton is among his best friends, and he has remarried. Initially he was also extremely paranoid, concerned that since he was now so important, people were trying to kill him. However, even in his terror he had moments of great joy.

I will always be thankful for the time that he insisted I stand next to him, because he was certain I had been talking. As I was in front of him, he leaned forward and with a look of great delight, he touched my nose with his. Suddenly all the years fell away and he was a young father rubbing noses with his little girl.

Answers Without Questions

I found a dollar on the sidewalk the other day. I immediately picked it up and shoved it into my pocket. Then a strange sensation overtook me. I felt as though the dollar were burning in my pocket. I took out this gift from God. It should not be burning. But I could not get rid of the feeling, so I stuffed it into the little box at the Marcus as soon as I got there, thus relieving myself of my burden.

Were I to argue that my feelings were from God and that I believed my actions were dictated by my true, godly nature, my words would not be taken well by most people. Some would say I had a guilt complex; others would say I overreacted to something trivial. I later told my fiancée about it. To my surprise, she had once had an identical experience. I concluded that, though I had asked no questions, I was given an answer. I did not argue with it.

When I look to my feelings to assist in my judgment, I may act on some latent guilt acquired during childhood, or I may act in a purely godly way, consistent with my true nature. By seeking the clarity of vision that comes from worshiping God alone, I gradually learn to accept myself as the beautiful godly creature that God created (954). By coming to grips with the truth of my existence, I learn to let to go of any past guilt that may have obscured my sight. When I am on the straight path, I can understand things that perhaps I could not argue so well were I to debate with words.

This is indeed a bold assertion to make before those who find themselves unable to let go of the grudges of half-worship—those to whom the sight of the word “Allah” alone is a masjid or the sound of a shahadah in which the only name mentioned is “Allah” is frightening. But, in their own way in which they choose to worship, in a way that is accessible to God, all God has given us equally the capacity to know right from wrong. When I read the Quran, my heart heals (1057), and my probationary tests are witnessed to in the hereafter. If the goal of the disputant is to seek truth, they will do so and leave it to God. If it is not, he will not, and at this point we should leave him alone. Confident silence may therefore be more eloquent.

Ultimately, my greatest obligation is to God. I can always be more aware, more heart clear and keep in contact with my fellow believers. I may not be able to explain to anyone’s satisfaction why a dollar burns in my pocket, but my fellow believers will give me the benefit of the doubt. When God talks to you, He talks to you, not me. And if by arguing with people who do not seek real answers my mind becomes cloudy and my heart frail and I no longer feel the dollar burning, then I have made a worthless sacrifice. I rather would have answers without questions than questions without answers.

Richard Steven Voss

When, therefore, the inevitable arguments assail me and the inexorable chains of half-worship along with my freedom, I pray for God alone to raise against my grip on reality, let me remind myself, first, that I have to give in to every other people, instead of God, no matter how I look at it. Second, that God will most assuredly answer my questions, though in all likelihood not through the mouths of those who wish to see me yield. And, third, I will make mistakes in my quest for pure worship, but by no means does this mean that God will forsake me (Sura 93).

It takes a lot of inner strength to go alone the way most of us do. We can find that strength by holding fast to the Quran and our worship of God alone, and by keeping in touch with each other. Perhaps, if many of us often find ourselves in debates that do little more than tax our vitality, we ought instead to leave those who seek debate with a question and then depart. (What would the Prophet have said if he had called the infidels himself?) “Did God bless Bakhtiar with a capacity with which only angels had previously been endowed?” If the goal of the disbeliever is to seek truth, they will do so and leave it to God. If it is not, he will not, and at this point we should leave him alone. Confident silence may therefore be more eloquent.

Ultimately, my greatest obligation is to God. I can always be more aware, more heart clear and keep in contact with my fellow believers. I may not be able to explain to anyone’s satisfaction why a dollar burns in my pocket, but my fellow believers will give me the benefit of the doubt. When God talks to you, He talks to you, not me. And if by arguing with people who do not seek real answers my mind becomes cloudy and my heart frail and I no longer feel the dollar burning, then I have made a worthless sacrifice. I rather would have answers without questions than questions without answers.

Richard Steven Voss

QURAN: English Translation
Without Arabic Text. Paperback
Dr. Rashid Khalifa

$9.50

QURAN: English Translation
With Arabic Text, Softback
Dr. Rashid Khalifa

$19.50

QURAN: Visual Presentation of the Miracle
Dr. Rashid Khalifa

$10.00

The Computer Speaks
Dr. Rashid Khalifa

$10.00

Quran, Hadith, and Islam
Dr. Rashid Khalifa

6.00

Jesus: Myths and Message
Lisa Sopy

7.50

19 Questions for "Muslim" Scholars
Edip Yüksel

4.00

19 Questions for Christian Clergy
Edip Yüksel

5.50

Beyond Probability
God’s Message in Mathematics, Series 1
Abdullah Arif

3.00

The Contact Prayers (Salat)
Booklet

1.00

The Great Debate (videos)
-Watch Dr. Khalifa in debate

12.50

What Life is All About / Who is God?
(Videos)

12.50

Essentials of Islam (Video)
All duties and prohibitions

12.50

King of Chaos (Video)
Why all the problems

12.50

Evolution or Creation
The final argument

12.50

Mathematical Miracle of Quran (Video)

12.50

Recitation of the Quran in Farsi (Audio cassette)

6.00

God’s Teachings Thru Songs
Songs by the "Kids of the Mesopotamia" (Audio cassette with song book)

6.00

All prices include shipping and handling.
Ask for a free catalog for a complete list.
Make your check payable to:
RCS/Musip Typion
P.O. Box 3456
Tucson, AZ 85733