The First Commandment is the main pillar of Submission. It is the statement of faith (Shahadah), and is clearly stated in the Quran:

[3:18] GOD bears witness that there is no god except He, and so do the angels and those who possess knowledge. Truthfully and equitably, He is the absolute god; there is no god but He, the Almighty, Most Wise.

Thus unquestionably “There is no god beside God” (in Arabic, La elaha ella Allah) is the most crucial commandment. This is the first commandment in all scriptures of God (Deut. 5:6-10, 6:4-5, Mark 12:28-30) However, the majority of “Muslims” ignore the above verse and insist on mentioning “and Muhammad is the messenger of God” in their Shahadah. Obviously, anyone who believes in the Quran knows that Muhammad served as one of the messengers of God. He was indeed the last prophet through whom the Quran was revealed.

[33:40] Muhammad was not the father of any man among you. He was a messenger of GOD and the final prophet. GOD is fully aware of all things.

The point is not Muhammad’s messengership and its acknowledgment. The point is to do what is right to please God. There is no reason to put Muhammad’s name next to God. Did Muhammad himself use his name in the Shahadah? It would have been silly for him to utter his name. Furthermore, he would be going against the Quran and what God asked him to do.

[3:79] Never would a human being whom GOD blessed with the scripture and prophethood say to the people, “Idolize me beside GOD.” Instead, (he would say), “Devote yourselves absolutely to your Lord alone,” according to the scripture you preach and the teachings you learn.

Indeed, if the mention of Muhammad’s or any other messenger’s name next to God’s name is what satisfies us, we may not be believers in the Hereafter in the true sense. That is a terrible tragedy and something to watch for according to the Quran:

[39:45] When GOD ALONE is mentioned, the hearts of those who do not believe in the Hereafter shrink with aversion. But when others are mentioned beside Him, they become satisfied.

Is God not sufficient?

God alone should be sufficient for us. According to above criterion, we should be satisfied with mentioning or hearing the name of God in the Shahadah without the mention of other names. This is what God expects us to do. On the other hand, the so-called “Muslim Scholars,” (Ulama in Arabic), want us to disobey God. They want us to mention Muhammad’s name next to God. They say that you are not a Muslim if you don’t. They question whether you believe in Muhammad. They accuse you of not respecting and loving the prophet. How about respecting God and what He says? Isn’t respecting God also respecting Muhammad?

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Isn’t respecting God also respecting all His prophets and messengers who have preached to us the importance of worshipping God alone? Who do we love the most?

[2:165] Yet, some people set up idols to rival GOD, and love them as if they are GOD. Those who believe LOVE GOD THE MOST. If only the transgressors could see themselves when they see the retribution! They will realize then that all power belongs to GOD alone, and that GOD’s retribution is awesome.

Is it possible to think that “Muslims” might be setting up Muhammad as an idol beside God, though they would not want to admit it? As shocking as this might seem to some, the answer is yes, based on the behavior of some of the “Muslims” and the verses of the Quran.

[39:36] Is GOD not sufficient for His servant? They frighten you with the idols they set up beside Him. Whenever GOD sends astray, nothing can guide him.

[37:35] When they were told, “Laa Elaaha Ella ALLAH [There is no other god beside GOD],” they turned arrogant.

Idol-worship is Satan’s trap

It is Satan who does not want people to worship God alone. He promised to use his powers to lead people astray and to have them set up idols beside God:

[7:17] “I will come to them from before them, and from behind them, and from their right, and from their left, and You will find that most of them are unappreciative.”

Satan does not care if the idol we set up beside God is Jesus, Muhammad or Ali. He does not care if the idol we set up is our business, property, children or money. He does not mind if our idol worship is obvious or subtle. All Satan wants from the believers in God, such as the Jews, Christians and Muslims, is that we nullify our worship of God alone by falling into some sort of idol worship. Setting up idols beside God is equivalent to being unappreciative of God and not valuing Him as He should be valued.

[22:73] O people, here is a parable that you must ponder carefully: the idols you set up beside GOD can never create a fly, even if they banded together to do so. Furthermore, if the fly steals anything from them, they cannot recover it; weak is the pursuer and the pursued.

[22:74] They do not value GOD as He should be valued. GOD is the Most Powerful, the Almighty.

Idol-worship not to be taken lightly

God warns us that idol worship is an unforgivable sin if maintained until death. So God willing we should try not to fall into such an offense that has grave consequences.

[4:116] GOD does not forgive idol worship (if maintained until death), and He forgives lesser offenses for whomever He wills. Anyone who idolizes any idol beside GOD has strayed far astray.

[4:48] GOD does not forgive idolatry, but He forgives lesser offenses for whomever He wills. Anyone who sets up idols beside GOD, has forged a horrendous offense.

If we do fall into idol worship by ignorance, we pray that we realize it before it is too late, and repent for it. Otherwise all our works might be nullified. God has made this point very clear in His revelations:

[39:65] It has been revealed to you, and to those before you that if you ever commit idol worship, all your works will be nullified, and you will be with the losers.

Even the messengers of God are not exempt from this rule:

[6:88] Such is GOD’s guidance, with which He guides whomever He chooses from among His servants. Had any of them fallen into idolatry, their works would have been nullified.

Mathematical Coding

God in His infinite mercy mathematically coded the First Commandment, the correct statement of faith for us to declare. The Arabic statement “La elae ella Allah” (There is no god beside God) consists of 12 letters. These Arabic letters (written and read from right to left) in the order of occurrence are:

لا الله الإ علا

The English equivalent of these letters are


noting that A and E in Arabic are the same letter. The gematrical (abjad) values of these letters (numerical values associated with them) are 30, 1, 1, 30, 5, 1, 30, 1, 1, 30, 30 and 5. Now let us write these numbers together (concatenate) to produce one single number. The resultant 17-digit number is a multiple of 19:

30113051301130305 = 19 x 1584897436901595

Thus God has put His stamp on this statement clearly indicating to us this is the correct statement. This amazing code leaves no doubt that “There is no god beside God” (in Arabic, La elae ella Allah) cannot be compromised. Any addition to this statement nullifies the mathematical code and God’s approval.

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Of course, this is a minute example of the numerous other physical and verifiable facts discovered in the Quran based on the number 19. All these facts produce a mathematical system which is perfectly intertwined and interlocked beyond coincidence and human manufacture.

God refers to the mathematical coding of the Quran as one of the great miracles or signs in 74:35. The intricate coding provides the physical evidence that the Quran is God’s message to the world. This is a tremendous blessing for anybody who is seeking for truth to know that every single word in the Quran (Arabic original) is a revelation from God Himself, the Almighty, the Most Wise.

**Why the Mathematical Code?**

It should be noted that one of the functions of the mathematical composition of the Quran based on the number 19 is to remove all traces of doubt from the hearts of Christians, Jews and Muslims regarding the authenticity of God’s revelations and His statements.

[74:30] Over it is nineteen.

[74:31] We appointed angels to be guardians of Hell, and we assigned their number (19) (1) to disturb the disbelievers, (2) to convince the Christians and Jews (that this is a divine scripture), (3) to strengthen the faith of the faithful, (4) to remove all traces of doubt from the hearts of Christians, Jews, as well as the believers, and (5) to expose those who harbor doubt in their hearts, and the disbelievers; they will say, “What did GOD mean by this allegory?” GOD thus sends astray whomever He wills, and guides whomever He wills. None knows the soldiers of your Lord except He. This is a reminder for the people.

This coding of the Quran is the proof of its divine authorship. It is an immutable, indispensible and irrefutable physical design. God calls it one of the great miracles.

[74:32-35] Absolutely, (I swear) by the moon. And the night as it passes. And the morning as it shines. This is one of the great miracles.

**Why 19?**

The gematrical (numerical) value of the word “One” (in Arabic Waheed) in all the scriptural languages – Aramaic, Hebrew and Arabic is 19. The number 19, therefore, proclaims the First Commandment in all scriptures that there is only ONE God. For more information of the subject, please refer to [www.masjidtucson.org](http://www.masjidtucson.org) and the translation of the Quran from Rashad Khalifa, Ph.D.

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Rehan A.
No Arms, No Legs, No Worries!

My name is Nick and I give God the Glory for how He has used my testimony to touch thousands of hearts around the world! I was born without limbs and doctors have no medical explanation for this birth “defect.” As you can imagine, I was faced with many challenges and obstacles.

…I liked going to school, and just try to live life like everyone else, but it was in my early years of school where I encountered uncomfortable times of feeling rejected, weird and bullied because of my physical difference. It was very hard for me to get used to, but with the support of my parents, I started to develop attitudes and values which helped me overcome these challenging times. I knew that I was different but on the inside I was just like everyone else. There were many times when I felt so low that I wouldn’t go to school just so I didn’t have to face all the negative attention. I was encouraged by my parents to ignore them and try to start making friends by just talking with some kids. Soon the students realized that I was just like them, and starting there God kept on blessing me with new friends.

There were times when I felt depressed and angry because I couldn’t change the way I was, or blame anyone for that matter. I went to Sunday School and learnt that God loves us all and that He cares for you. I understood that love to a point as a child, but I didn’t understand that if God loved me why did He make me like this? Is it because I did something wrong? I thought I must have because out of all the kids at school, I’m the only weird one. I felt like I was a burden to those around me and the sooner I go, the better it’d be for everyone. I wanted to end my pain and end my life at a young age, but I am thankful once again, for my parents and family who were always there to comfort me and give me strength.

Due to my emotional struggles I had experienced with bullying, self esteem and loneliness, God has implanted a passion of sharing my story and experiences to help others cope with whatever challenge they have in their life and let God turn it into a blessing. To encourage and inspire others to live to their fullest potential and not let anything get in the way of accomplishing their hopes and dreams.

One of the first lessons that I have learnt was not to take things for granted…. I truly believed that God would heal me so I could be a great testimony of His Awesome Power. Later on I was given the wisdom to understand that if we pray for something, if it’s God’s will, it’ll happen in His time. If it’s not God’s will for it to happen, then I know that He has something better.

I now see that Glory revealed as He is using me just the way I am and in ways others can’t be used.

I am now twenty-one years old and have completed a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Financial Planning and Accounting. I am also a motivational speaker and love to go out and share my story and testimony wherever opportunities become available. I have developed talks to relate to and encourage students through topics that challenge today’s teenagers. I am also a speaker in the corporate sector.

I have a passion for reaching out to youth and keep myself available for whatever God wants me to do, and wherever He leads, I follow.

…I believe that if you have the desire and passion to do something, and if it’s God’s will, you will achieve it in good time. As humans, we continually put limits on ourselves for no reason at all! What’s worse is putting limits on God who can do all things. We put God in a “box.”

The awesome thing about the Power of God, is that if we want to do something for God, instead of focusing on our capability, concentrate on our availability for we know that it is God through us and we can’t do anything without Him. Once we make ourselves available for God’s work, guess whose capabilities we rely on? God’s!

[Note: The detailed story of Nick can be found on the internet by searching for the title of this article.]