Most people know but do not recognise and comprehend what the word “Islam” really means. It is high time that it should be re-discovered. This is because what is going around under the “brand” of Islam is not just a fake but a totally shameful, disfigured and mutilated copy of the immaculate original. True Islam is under an enormous assault from various quarters almost entirely and most regretfully from people who claim to be “Muslims.” We can, Insha Allah (God willing), argue our case rationally, persuasively and convincingly and rebut the charges.

Islam is not named after a person as in the case of Zoroastrianism after Zoroaster, Buddhism after Gautama Buddha, Confucianism after Confucius and Christianity after Jesus Christ. Nor was it named after a tribe – Judaism – after the tribe of Judah or a geographical area – Hinduism - after the inhabitants of the land of the River Indus.

Islam is not a religion brought by Prophet Muhammad in 7th Century Arabia. It is the true religion of God re-expressed in its final form.

[5:3] .... Today, I have completed your religion, perfected My blessing upon you, and I have decreed Submission as the religion for you.

It is the religion given to Adam, and it was the religion of all the Prophets and Messengers sent by God to humankind from time to time. It is the one religion approved by God.

[3:85] Anyone who accepts other than Submission as his religion, it will not be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter, he will be with the losers.

[3:67] Abraham was neither Jewish, nor Christian; he was a monotheist submitter. He never was an idol worshiper.

We do not find anywhere in the Bible, God saying to the Children of Israel, to Prophet Moses or their descendants that their religion is Judaism, or to the followers of Christ that their religion is now Christianity.

The essence of worship is a complete submission to the Will of God and thus the core understanding of Islam is that we must worship God alone and directly and reject the worship of any person, place, animal, event or thing. Since everything in the universes is God’s own creation we can say that Islam in its spirit calls us away from the worship of creation and invites to worship only the Creator. A Creator will always be greater than a creation.

When we are aware that God is One and is distinct from His creation we become a true Muslim both in body and soul. However, merely recognising will not do, we have to submit and choose between right and wrong and such a choice involves accountability. Only then can we start the process of eligibility to Paradise.

We are responsible for our choices and as such we should try our utmost to do good and avoid evil. The ultimate good would be the worship of God alone and the ultimate evil would be the worship of anything beside and/or besides God.

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The second verse of Sura 1 (The Key) should inspire our thinking.

[1:2] Praise be to GOD, Lord of the universe.

The Arabic word “Rabb” (translated as Lord) is very comprehensive. It means the Cherisher, Sustainer, Maintainer and includes the role of creation, security and the complete procedure of evolution from conception to birth and from the cradle to the grave.

This awareness should principally instill a feeling of reassurance in us that it is God alone who feeds us, cares for us, protects us from dangers and heals us from illness. It should promote love and kindness for all His creatures.

One and the same God, the same message

God sent Prophets and Messengers to every community from time to time to support our natural belief and our inborn inclination to worship Him alone. It also reinforces the Divine Truth in the daily signs God reveals. The basic laws remain the same as in the Torah and the Gospel – the laws against murder, stealing and adultery are the same in most societies. The Quran unites all Submitters:

[2:62] Surely, those who believe, those who are Jewish, the Christians, and the converts; anyone who (1) believes in GOD, and (2) believes in the Last Day, and (3) leads a righteous life, will receive their recompense from their Lord. They have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve.

[5:66] If only they would uphold the Torah and the Gospel, and what is sent down to them herein from their Lord, they would be showered with blessings from above them and from beneath their feet. Some of them are righteous, but many of them are evil-doers.

Throughout our lives from childhood till we die, God shows us signs no matter whom or where we may be till it becomes clear that there is only one True God. If we are honest with ourselves, reject all false gods and seek to please God alone, the route will be made easy for us. However, if we continuously reject God’s signs and idolize or worship our egos or anything else, it will be more difficult to return.

The Quran, God’s Final Revelation, teaches us that all of humankind has the recognition of God imprinted on our souls which is part of the nature with which we are created. Basically, we are born with instinctive knowledge about God:

[7:172-3] Recall that your Lord summoned all the descendants of Adam, and had them bear witness for themselves: “Am I not your Lord?” They all said, “Yes. We bear witness.” Thus, you cannot say on the Day of Resurrection, “We were not aware of this.” Nor can you say, “It was our parents who practiced idolatry, and we simply followed in their footsteps. Will You punish us because of what others have innovated?”

There are so many sects, cults, religions, philosophies and movements in the world – all claim to be the right path to God. All false religions have one basic concept with regards to God that some specific human is God, that Nature is God, that God is a fabrication of one’s imagination or that God is a bed-time story.

God says in the Quran [12:40] You do not worship beside Him except innovations that you have made up, you and your parents. GOD has never authorized such idols. All ruling belongs to GOD, and He has ruled that you shall not worship except Him. This is the perfect religion, but most people do not know.

People will argue that all religions teach good things (they are all paths to God) so then why should it matter which one we follow. The answer is that all false religions teach the greatest evil – the abomination of idol worship, the gravest sin we can ever commit.

The purpose of our existence and the reasons for our birth is explained in the Quran:

[51:56] I did not create the jinns and the humans except to worship Me alone.

[67:2] The One who created death and life for the purpose of distinguishing those among you who would do better. He is the Almighty, the Forgiving.

Consequently, the worship of anything other than God is the root of idol worship and this is the only unforgivable sin if maintained until death. This is not a simple outlook but a revealed fact.

[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.

[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.

Since the outcome of any false religion is grave, the true religion of God must be collectively understandable and attainable and not restricted to any people, place and time. There cannot be conditions like baptism, acceptance of any person as Savior etc. for a believer to enter Paradise. Within the fundamental code of Islam and its description (complete surrender and submission to the Will of God) lies the source of Islam’s universality.

Alim C. / India
Mathematical coding of the date of martyrdom of Rashad Khalifa

Here's an extraordinary miracle related to the date Rashad Khalifa, God's Messenger of the Covenant, was killed. As you may already know, he was assassinated (martyred) in Tucson on 31/01/1990 (written in European format):

$$31011990 = 19 \times 1230 \times 1327$$

You will probably recognize 1230 as the gematrical value (GV) of Rashad Khalifa who discovered the miracle of 19 in the Quran, by God's leave. What is absolutely mind blowing is also the fact that 1327 is a prime number. Since a prime number can be divided evenly only by 1 or itself, once you divide the date by 19 and the GV of Rashad Khalifa, you get 1327 and can't divide it any further.

What a sign from God!! But there are more.

We know already Rashad's most extraordinary discovery was the Quranic initials and their miraculous relation with the miracle of 19.

As it turns out, the first verse of Sura 19 (verse 19:1) is the 1230th verse of the initialed suras in the Quran.

And the last verse of Sura 19 (verse 19:98) is the 1327th verse of the initialed suras in the Quran.

Therefore, not only God coded the date of Rashad's martyrdom with the miracle of 19 and the GV of the messenger who discovered one of the greatest miracles, but also the number 19 points at the very first verse of Sura 19, the 1230th in initialed suras, and the last verse of Sura 19, the 1327th! How is it possible to point at Sura 19 (first verse and last verse), the miracle of 19, and Rashad Khalifa more clearly!!

Absolutely extraordinary how God manifests the truth with His miracles! The disbelievers who killed Rashad could not possibly pick up a worse date to kill the Messenger of the Covenant (they are really doomed); God's scheme is always the best and no one can evade the truth. God controls everything!

Praise God, Lord of the universe!

Pierre

[74:30] Over it is nineteen.

[74:35] This is one of the great miracles.

RAMADAN 2011

God willing the month of Ramadan is coming soon. Ramadan dates for USA (except Hawaii and Alaska) and for most of Canada are

**July 31-August 29, 2011**

Ramadan dates for Turkey, Middle East, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand etc. are

**August 1-29, 2011**

The start and end dates of Ramadan are based on the New Moon times. If you have any questions how they are calculated, please refer to September 2009 issue of the Submitters Perspective, and check the dates with the Ramadan Calculation Assistant at http://www.masjidtucson.org/submission/practices/ramadan/re/.

[2:185] Ramadan is the month during which the Quran was revealed, providing guidance for the people, clear teachings, and the statute book. Those of you who witness this month shall fast therein. Those who are ill or traveling may substitute the same number of other days. GOD wishes for you convenience, not hardship, that you may fulfill your obligations, and to glorify GOD for guiding you, and to express your appreciation.

God gives us so many blessings that we often appreciate them more when we do not have them for a while. Is it any wonder that food and drink taste so much better after a long day of fasting? Praise God.

[16:18] If you count GOD's blessings, you cannot possibly encompass them. GOD is Forgiver, Most Merciful.

Comments from the Incarcerated Brothers

Dear Community of Submitters,

I just received my copy of Quran, the Final Testament. So I must first thank you for the quick delivery. All praise is always due to GOD. And may He continue to bless and guide our community as we go forward in life's journey.

So with that said, I would like to take time to express some of my feelings and experiences in Submission. This Quran is actually my second one from the community in Tucson. The first one was with the blue covering. The content of that publication, as you all know, saved my life. I was so happy to receive the truth of humanity's purpose, here on earth. These truths were and are life-saving.

For those that demand to be left with their old corrupt religious ideologies, they will go to any and all lengths to stop the spread of these truths. In fact, here in prison, among these Muslims there was an all-points-bulletin to all their followers to take the Blue Qurans, from anyone caught with one. I actually had to take the cover off and replace it with a yellow folder. I'm past all that for now. But, for awhile it got pretty scary as my life was threatened on a daily basis.

Thank GOD, I’m not just in a good place now, I’m in a great place. As GOD has guided, protected, and blessed me with mental and spiritual growth. All Praise is due to GOD!

Okay in short, that’s my story. I don’t want to take any more of your time. I just wanted to reach out to other Submitters. I don’t think most Submitters out in the world realize the isolation Submitters in prison go through. For instance, I’ve never met another submitter in the twelve plus years I’ve been a Submitter.

I love you guys, sight unseen. Peace!

Clarence

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In the name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

As-Salaam-Alaikum

To the submitters of the Masjid Tucson and to all other submitters around the world, I would like to thank the submitters of Masjid Tucson for responding to my letter in a timely manner and also for the wonderful sending of the monthly “Submitters Perspective” newsletters...

All praises are due to ALLAH for sending of the Messenger of the Covenant (Rashad Khalifa) may peace be upon him 37:181, and praise be to ALLAH for allowing the Masjid Tucson to continue to hold the torch (light) which was given to them thru the Messenger of the Covenant 65:11.. May ALLAH be pleased with the works of Masjid Tucson!

Let us submitters continue to seek truth and strive in the cause of ALLAH 2:218 to spread the truth about Islam in its purest form, which is free of man-made traditions & Hadiths and worshipping none besides ALLAH, the GOD of the Heavens, Earth and the Universe..

I’m leaving as I came in peace.

Your brother

Jabari

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