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Discovery Corner

Some Background

There are two suras (chapters) in Quran which are initialed (prefixed) by the letter "Q." These are Sura 42 and Sura 50. Both of these suras contain exactly the same number of Q's in their Arabic text, 57 and 57.

It is interesting that Sura 50 is not only prefixed by Q, but is also entitled "Q." The first verse of this sura reads, "Q, and the glorious Quran." The word glorious in Arabic is "Majid," and the gematrical value of "Majid" is 57. Therefore, "Q" could be viewed as representing the "Quran," and the total number of Q's in the two Q-initialed suras representing the Quran's 114 suras ($57 + 57 = 114 = 19 \times 6$). This idea was strengthened by the fact that the word "the Quran" occurs in the whole Quran 57 times.

Sura 42 and Sura 50 are further correlated by the fact that their sura number and the number of verses add up to the same total. Sura 42 consists of 53 verses, Sura 50 consists of 45 verses. Therefore, $42 + 53 = 95$, and similarly $50 + 45 = 95$. The number 95 is a multiple of 19 (19×5).

New Discoveries

Lisa Spray and Mahmoud Abib from Masjid Tucson discovered some new mathematical facts when they were looking into the characteristics of the suras from the first Q initialed sura to the last Q initialed sura. These suras are the 9 suras from Sura 42 to Sura 50, both inclusive. Lisa Spray discovered that the sura numbers and the number of verses of these 9 suras add up to 817, which is a multiple of 19 (19×43). Furthermore, she noticed that the sum of the gematrical values of the initials in this section is 570, also a multiple of 19 (19×30). Similarly, Mahmoud Abib found out that the total number of Q's in these 9 suras add up to 456, again a multiple of 19 (19×24). The following table summarizes these results.

The characteristics of the suras from the first Q initialed sura (42) to the last Q initialed sura (50), both inclusive:

Sura No.	No. of Verses	The Initials	Gematrical Value of the Initials	Number of Q's
42	53	H, M, 'A, S, Q	278	57
43	89	H, M	48	81
44	59	H, M	48	35
45	37	H, M	48	36
46	35	H, M	48	73
47	38	---	-	38
48	29	---	-	47
49	18	---	-	32
50	45	Q	100	57
414	+403	=817	570	456
		(19×43)	(19×30)	(19×24)

Lisa Spray further looked into the occurrence of the word "Quran" in these suras. There are 6 occurrences: 42:7; 43:3, 31; 46:29; 47:24; and 50:1. She then discovered that the total of the sura numbers is 228 ($42 + 43 + 46 + 47 + 50 = 228$), which is a multiple of 19 (19×12). Furthermore, if you add the verse numbers where the word "Quran" occurs, the total is also a multiple of 19: $7 + 3 + 31 + 29 + 24 + 1 = 95$ (19×5).

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New mathematical discoveries further prove that the count of the "initial" letters are correct

TRUTH ENGULFS THE REJECTORS

One of the great miracles

The 19-based mathematical composition in Quran is so comprehensive, and is so overwhelming that it is impossible for any human being with any common sense to deny its existence. One does not have to be an Arabic expert, or a mathematician to understand or to appreciate the system that God designed into His final book to humanity. Indeed, all one needs is to have an open mind and a heart that is seeking for the Creator, to realize that this mathematical system is beyond coincidence and beyond any human manufacture. The majority of the mathematical facts in Quran are simple to understand for most people. But, the comprehensive and intricate coding that covers the entire Quranic text makes it impossible for anyone or any group of people to imitate, even in this age of science and computers. This fact is mentioned in Quran:

Say, "If all the humans and all the jinns banded together in order to produce a Quran like this, they would surely fail, no matter how much assistance they lent one another" (17:88).

This verse clearly refers to the mathematical miracle of Quran, and not so much to the literary composition of it, since some people in the past claimed to have written books with the same or better literary excellence. The mathematical miracle of Quran is referred to by God in Verse 74:35 as "one of the great miracles," and the divine reasons for its existence are mentioned in Verse 74:31, immediately after the reference to the number 19.

Who can deny the miracle of Quran?

Nobody, nobody can deny the mathematical miracle of Quran. It is an irrefutable and incontrovertible fact that a 19-based mathematical system exists in Quran. However, the people may reject this miraculous feature of Quran simply because they do not like it or they do not want to hear about it. But most of the time, they reject it because they are afraid of the truth that comes with it: There is a Creator to be worshiped alone. There is a Hereafter. The people will be held accountable for their worldly deeds in the Hereafter. They need to worship the Creator alone and never associate any partners with Him.

For most people, this truth is unbearable. It shatters their wishful thoughts. This means they must be righteous and responsible for themselves, and must abandon their wicked and idol worshiping ways. They do not have an intercessor, or someone to die for their sins to let them enter Paradise. This is too much to give up; too much to ask. Even the idea irritates them, and makes their hearts cringe with aversion.

When the people reject the miracle of Quran, they are actually rejecting the truth that comes with it. They could not care less about the miracle, or who discovered it. They only care if whatever comes along with the miracle coincides with what they have, so that they can continue to blunder in their old ways. However, God never advocates wickedness. He sends His miracles and messengers to expose the wicked people and the hypocrites, and to advocate righteousness

and the truth.

"...Is it not a fact that whenever a messenger went to you with anything you did not like, you turned arrogant, and either rejected him, or killed him?" (2:87).

Miracles galore

The miracle of Quran is not limited to the frequency of the "initial" letters in the 29 suras that these letters prefix. Indeed, the miracle of Quran is so intricate and so comprehensive, the earlier discovery of the "initial" letters occurring in multiples of 19 is now only the tip of the iceberg. Therefore, anybody who argues with the validity or correctness of the count of these letters to discredit or refute the miracle of Quran, is only displaying his or her ignorance of the innumerable mathematical facts in Quran. The majority of these facts are based on the sura (chapter) numbers, the number of verses in these suras, and the occurrence of the key words, such as the word "God" (Allah). It is pure and simple mathematics. For example, both the total number of suras in Quran, and the total number of verses (including the un-numbered ones) are multiples of 19. There are a total of 114 (19×6) suras, and a total of 6346 (19×334) verses. The total number of the word "God" occurring in these 114 suras is 2698 (19×142). Furthermore, when the verse numbers in which the word "God" occurs are added together, their total is 118123, also a multiple of 19 (19×6217).

There are many other mathematical facts in Quran based on the number 19. All these facts produce a mathematical

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system which is perfectly intertwined and interlocked beyond coincidence and human manufacture.

The vastness of the mathematical miracle of Quran surpasses our imagination. There is no room or any possibility for anybody to play with the numbers, letters, or the text of Quran in order to generate this intricate system. Because of this comprehensive mathematical coding,

the slightest distortion of the Quran's text or physical arrangement is immediately exposed.

New Miracles

The miracle of Quran is perpetual. There is virtually no end to it. However, nobody can discover any of the miracles in Quran unless it is the will of God, the Almighty. He blesses whomever He wills to discover whatever He wills, whenever He wills. He is in full control of everything,

and He will continue His miracles until the truth is established:

"We will show them our signs in the horizons, and within themselves, until they realize that this is the truth" (41:53).

The new discoveries are examples of the above verse. These discoveries further verify that the number of the "initial" letters in Quran as counted by Dr. Rashad Khalifa is indeed correct. These are explained in detail below.

Quranic Initials: Verified to the letter

The Quran is characterized by a unique phenomenon never found in any other book: There are some suras that are prefixed by various letters. The significance of these letters, known as the "Quranic Initials," remained a divinely guarded secret for 14 centuries. As it turned out, these initials constitute a major portion of the Quran's 19-based mathematical miracle.

The Quranic initials consist of 14 different sets. Each set consists of one to five letters. There are a total of 29 suras that are prefixed with these initials. These suras are known as the initialed suras.

Please refer to Appendix 1 of the English Translation of Quran by Dr. Rashad Khalifa, QURAN, THE FINAL TESTAMENT, for complete details of these Quranic Initials.

Now, let us take all 114 suras in Quran, and write down the following in the order of:

- 1) Sura number,
- 2) The number of initials in that sura,
- 3) The gematrical value of each initial in that sura.

If a sura does not have any Quranic Initials, we put a zero for the number of initials for that sura and go to the next

sura. For example, Sura 1 is written as 1 0, because it does not have any initials. Sura 2, on the other hand, is written as 2 3 1 30 40, where 2 is the sura number, 3 is the number of initial letters, 1 30 40 are the gematrical values of the letters A, L, M (In Arabic Aleef, Laam, Meem).

We continue this process until we write the information for each one of the 114 suras in Quran, all in one line, to make up a long number. The last two numbers of this long number are 114 0, representing Sura 114 with no initial letters. This long number is abbreviated below to show you the process.

<u>A L M</u>	<u>A L M</u>	<u>H M 'A S Q</u>	<u>N N</u>
1 0	2 3 1 30 40	3 3 1 30 40	4 0 ... 42 5 8 40 70 60 100 ... 68 2 50 50 ... 114 0
Sura 1	Sura 2	Sura 3	Sura 4 ... Sura 42 ... Sura 68 ... Sura 114

The above number consists of 488 digits, and is a multiple of 19. However, this is not all; there is more to it. If you look at Sura 42, you see it has 5 initials. This sura is unique in that it is the only sura where the initials occur in two verses. The first two initials (H, M) in this sura occur in Verse 1, the remaining three ('A, S, Q) occur in Verse 2 of the sura. Now, to represent this unique arrangement of the initials, let us re-write Sura 42 as follows:

42 2 8 40 3 70 60 100

where:
 42 is the sura number,
 2 is the first set of initials,
 8 and 40 are the gematrical values of these initials,
 3 is the second set of initials,
 70, 60 and 100 are the gematrical values of these initials.

The number for all 114 suras will look like this:

<u>A L M</u>	<u>A L M</u>	<u>H M 'A S Q</u>	<u>N N</u>
1 0	2 3 1 30 40	3 3 1 30 40	4 0 ... 42 2 8 40 3 70 60 100 ... 68 2 50 50 ... 114 0
Sura 1	Sura 2	Sura 3	Sura 4 ... Sura 42 ... Sura 68 ... Sura 114

The above number consists of 489 digits, and is also a multiple of 19. The significance of the above mathematical system is that it not only verifies the number of initials in each sura, but also it pins down the letter or the letters which make up the set of initials in these suras. Thus, Sura 68 contains two N's, not one, as the

rejectors of the miracle insist. Sura 42 has two sets of initials, H, M and 'A, S, Q, each occurring in a separate verse. Even this seemingly little detail is included in the mathematical system of Quran, as exemplified above. Who designed this intricate system? Which one of these findings, or numerous other findings can be at-

tributed to coincidence, or fabrication?

If they say, "He fabricated it," say, "Then produce one sura like these, and invite whomever you wish, other than God, if you are truthful." (10:38).

Next month: More mathematical facts about the frequency of initials, God willing.

by Chester White

Signs of Impending Retribution in the Middle East

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

19th Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference reveals God's awesome signs of impending retribution!!!

Nations, as well as individuals, that do not uphold what God has enjoined are destined to fail, if their stance is maintained. A case in point: The front page of August 6, 1990 issue of MUSLIM WORLD NEWS, a weekly newspaper published in Makkah, Saudi Arabia, had a big headline that read "19th Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference opens in Cairo." The article reported various emergency political concerns of "Islamic" countries.

At the conference, Islamic countries were called upon to "solve their disputes through peaceful means in accordance with the common interests and goals of the Islamic nation." The Saudi foreign minister spoke on issues of the Palestinian dilemma, the situation in Kashmir, the deadlock of Afghanistan, the complications between Iran and Iraq. There was discussion on Lebanon, and the condition of Muslims in the Philippines. This meeting was called into session for addressing disputes among Islamic countries. It was held under the auspices of the O.I.C. (Organization of Islamic Conference). There were many telling characteristics in this

conference to the extent that they now find themselves trying to discuss how to dis-entangle themselves from mutual (Arab), and exterior political problems. It is very interesting. There were many speakers and a variety of countries presenting their circumstances of desperation. The OIC Secretary-General criticized Israel's "suicidal refusal to enter into serious peace negotiations" and accused her of "trying to change the demography of Arab lands by allowing the settlement of thousands of Soviet Jews in the occupied territories."

Why are they having these problems? God guarantees His adherents freedom, success, and happiness even here and now. It is just so apparently ironic and contradictory. When we are in God's system, we are in His protection, and He, alone, is in control. Any system, other than the pronouncements of the Holy Quran, represent the antithesis to God's prescription for true success, now, and in the hereafter. It is impossible for any nation or individual to be oppressed by any other while dutifully serving God alone. We are not interested in systems of belief and fallible human beings not in accord with God's word. Maliki, Shaf'i, Hanbali, Abu-Muslim, Bukhari, and all the others have no place with us. Any intermedium supposedly structured to translate God's law beside, or even in the absence of, the Quran without its

avowed sanction, is destined to the company of satan. The unfortunate souls following such innovations are doomed immediately to failure. It's just a matter of time until we see the more manifest signs of their justifiable end.

It is noteworthy that during the same week the 19th Islamic Foreign Ministers' conference was taking place, Iraq was in the process of invading Kuwait. The conference was held on July 31st. The invasion occurred two days later. Now, most of the Middle Eastern countries are involved, as well as many powerful nations including the United States, Britain, Japan, Russia, Germany, France, Canada, etc. God is bringing all these tremendous international forces to this centralized location near the beginning of the "New Era." God is surely in control of all affairs. Why have nearly all communist/socialist countries in Europe turned toward democracy and America? Yes, some idolatrous walls have been knocked down in Europe. God is strategically setting the stage for a miraculous manifestation of His wisdom and justice:

"We do not send the messengers except as deliverers of good news, as well as warners. Those who believe and reform have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve. As for those who reject our revelations, they incur the retribution for their wickedness" (6:48-49).

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