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Is Jesus divine?

Robert Bujarski

The first commandment in the Old Testament is essentially that we are required to worship God alone, that we should not defy God by having other gods beside Him. The two greatest commandments as preached by Jesus were first to "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." This is the greatest commandment. The second is like unto it, that "thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus explains that from these two commandments, all the laws are derived. In Isaiah 45:5, we read, "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me." The major emphasis of Isaiah 45 is to know that God is One, worship Him alone, and have no gods beside Him. There are numerous verses which follow along the same lines as that of Isaiah 45. This brings us to the question of how is it possible for the Councils in the fourth and fifth century to conclude that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are to be worshipped as one and the same?

The argument presented to support the trinity seems to be that the three beings equal to one does not violate the law. And, three are also to be thought of as separate. The next question follows: if God is to be worshipped as three in the same or thought of as vice versa, why was this quality not "clearly" revealed by one of God's prophets, messengers, or even Jesus, since it is such a vital component of the practice of Christianity today?

When Jesus states that "I and the father am one," is it not possible to interpret this as Jesus doing the will of God, and therefore his will and God's will coincide to be one? A similar scenario would be a man completely devoted to his work, living through his work thus becoming like one-with it.

Common Christian thought is that the only way to heaven is through Jesus, whether through intercession in prayer or devotion in worship as part of the trinity. It only causes one to wonder if this requirement would exclude God's prophets and messengers who came prior to Jesus. The Old Testament clearly states that they worshipped and prayed to God alone. Or, is this a new requirement which was placed on humanity only after Jesus?

The practice of Christianity today is focused around Jesus. The Sunday service in a Catholic mass comes to a climax around the communal services. The practices of the religion are obviously very different from the practices prior to, during, and directly following the life of Jesus. Nowhere in the Bible, either the New or the Old Testament, is the word trinity mentioned; yet it is vital to Christian beliefs today. At no point does Jesus say "I am God" or "I am divine." The issue of Jesus' divinity was extremely controversial within the church in the third and fourth century, and has remained a controversial issue until today. These issues which are so important to the practice and beliefs of Christianity today were concluded upon some 400 years after the death of Jesus by Councils of the Church. Why would something so important as an issue which would question the unity of God not have been "clearly" stated by Jesus himself, or other prophets of God?

"O people of the scripture, do not transgress the limits of your religion, and do not say about God except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was a messenger of God... You shall not say, 'Trinity.' You shall refrain from this for your own good. God is only one God. Be He Glorified; He is much too glorious to have a son..." (4:171)

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Mandatory Insurance Is A Problem, Not A Solution

Recently, I had to renew my car registration, something that we do every year. Unlike past practices, however, this time I have to include a written proof of insurance. It is a fact that automobile insurance became mandatory in this state some ten years ago. Even then, circumstance did not compel me to purchase it. All I need was to sign a statement indicating I have insurance. And I did not lie, because I always feel I have God's insurance. That does not mean that I do not take precautions. I always do. I have to drive carefully. I maintain my car. Not only do we not drink and drive, we do not drink, period. It is common sense. It is also God's commandment to take precautions, even during contact prayer (4:102). I just do not think buying insurance is part of it. After all, if God wills any hardship for me, no force in the universe can stop it (no matter how much insurance I have from Prudential or Allstate). On the other hand, if He wills something good, there is nothing anyone can do to prevent it from coming (13:11, 39:38). Some people think I am crazy, and I do not blame them. After all, this is a state law. However, each person has to apply his or her own judgment when faced with any circumstance. What I consider as an emergency situation may be trivial to others. Two days without food is life threatening for some. For others, it may be part of their regular dietary practices. There are various reasons why people choose not to have insurance. I did not buy insurance based on principle. But, not unlike many of them, I could not afford it at the time, even if I wanted to. Thank God, we survived those years without a scratch.

We learn from the Quran that when we are forced by circumstance, without being malicious and intentionally breaking God's law, then God is Forgiver, Merciful. This time I really feel that I am forced. There is no way around it. As I started looking, I was startled at how expensive car insurance is these days. One would think that since it is mandatory for drivers to have insurance on their cars, then the rate would go down because of the larger number of insured motorists. Instead, the rate has gone up. It may have doubled or even tripled in the past ten years. This is a rip-off! Sure enough, the insurance companies seem to take advantage of this law. No wonder thousands of people were forced to drive without insurance—they cannot afford it. Others may get the insurance at the expense of other important things. Maybe waiting longer to replace the balding tires, or to install a new windshield wiper. A delay in replacing the faulty brake or the worn tires means people are cutting corners on the well being of their vehicle—and their own safety. In yet some other people, insurance creates a false sense of security that borders on a sense of invincibility (e.g. "I am covered"). You probably have seen the bumper sticker that says, "Go ahead and hit me, I need the money." This attitude, albeit meant as a humor, can actually

encourage some people to become reckless drivers. In the long run, their driving habits will drive insurance rates up.

Even more important, insurance is a "business" that feeds on people's fear and insecurity. Their strategy is always the same: "Come to us, we'll give you peace of mind." This clearly contradicts an important principle in the scripture that security and peace of mind come only from God. Moreover, people who really need help are usually those most often turned down by insurance companies. Many insurance companies refuse to cover you, if you are seriously ill. Most doctors are now forced to spend more time on insurance paperwork instead of treating their patients. Often times they cannot prescribe certain medications, or adequately evaluate their patients, because some insurance clerks determine limits on them. Hospitals often inflate their bills because they know most patients do not bother to read the fine print. After all, their insurance pays for it. But in the end, it is the general public who will suffer, not the insurance companies. Insurance also creates a new field of crime—insurance crime. From making false claim to committing murder, these crimes raise insurance premiums for everyone.

In many forms, insurance is a major reason for the high cost economy in this country. It is unproductive. Yet, it is one of the largest business enterprises in America, accounting for tens of billions of dollars annually. Is it small wonder, then, that many now concede the United States cannot compete effectively with other economic powers anymore? One reason is clear: the cost of doing business here is simply too high because of mandatory insurance coverage on the people and their businesses. Nonetheless, insurance, just like frivolous lawsuits (a related problem that also have a big negative impact on the economy), alcohol consumption and gambling, has always been part of this society. It is not easy to change people's mind on things that have become part of them, not unlike tradition and religion.

When it becomes a mandatory law, automobile insurance contradicts an important principle of the law, namely the presumption of innocence. Under this wonderful principle, a person is innocent until proven guilty. On the other hand, mandatory automobile insurance is essentially based on the suspicion (another sin!) that people will not live up to their responsibility in case of an accident. The result is that people will have to pay for a crime they most likely will not commit. In the eyes of these lawmakers and the insurance lobby, you are guilty before you commit the crime. In essence, mandatory auto insurance amounts to punishing the majority of save drivers for the actions of a minority of bad drivers. And this is unfair!

G. Adisoma

74:35 This is one of the great miracles

God's mathematical miracle of the Quran is indeed one of the great miracles. For the past few months, I have been sharing with you my findings regarding the mathematical aspects of the Quran related to primes and their indices. In this article, again based on this abstract mathematical approach, we will see by God's grace that the number of H.M.'s in the seven suras (chapters) 40-46 all initialed with H.M. must be 2147 and nothing but 2147 (19 x 113). But before that, I want you to appreciate the awesomeness of the Quran's mathematical code by appreciating the fact that little is known about primes by themselves, let alone their relations to their indices.

Prime numbers have always fascinated mathematicians because it is simply impossible to tell if a number is prime or not. Therefore, the question of the index of a prime number is a far more sophisticated and advanced question. This is totally beyond human understanding of mathematics. This also puts an end to the notion that the 19-based Quranic miracle could be or is probably a statistical fluke. Now, due to God's infinite mercy, we have solid mathematical proof that these multiples of 19 are not just any multiples of 19, but a specific multiple of 19 that God in His infinite wisdom rendered it impossible to imitate or tamper with.

Let me go back to Suras 40-46. As we know, all these seven suras start with the

initials H.M. Sura 42 is the only sura in the Quran that has two sets of initials. Furthermore, we know that the number of H.M.'s in each sura is not by itself divisible by 19. We must add up the total number of H.M.'s in all seven suras which gives us $2147 = 19 \times 113$. It is this coefficient that must be the prime number 113 and nothing but 113! In the following table, we tabulate the number of H.M.'s in suras 40-46.

Sura No.	No. of H.M.'s
40	444
41	324
42	353 **
43	368
44	166
45	231
46	261

Note that only 353, the number of H.M.'s in Sura 42, is a prime number. The index of 353 is 71. In other words, this prime number is the 71st prime number. Then

$$42 + 71 = 113$$

Furthermore, Sura 42 is the 23rd initialed sura. Guess what? Sura 113 has 23 words and 71 letters. So where is the prime number relation between Suras 42 and 113? The 42nd prime number is 181 and 113th prime number is 617 and

$$181 + 617 = 798$$

and

$$798 = 19 \times 42$$

This number 798 is also the total number of initials K.H.Y.A'.S. in Sura 19. Glory be to God.

Now, let us look at the permutation properties of the numbers which make up 2147. These numbers are 1, 2, 4, and 7. We can make a total of 24 four-digit numbers out of these combinations. Only seven of these numbers are primes corresponding to the seven H.M. initialed suras, and only two are divisible by 19. These two numbers are 2147 and 4712. If we add these two numbers, we get

$$2147 + 4712 = 6859$$

and

$$6859 = 19 \times 19 \times 19.$$

Therefore, as we are witnessing here through this divine mathematical code, every single letter is by divine design, every single digit is by divine design, and the 2147 counts of H.M. initials in Suras 40-46 reported by Dr. Khalifa is the true count of the initials. All praises are due to God, the Creator of all things.

This Quran could not possibly be authored by other than God. It confirms all the previous messages, and provides a fully detailed scripture. It is infallible; for it comes from the Lord of the universe.

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." (10:37-38)

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