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A. L. R. THESE LETTERS ARE THE MIRACLES OF THIS BOOK OF WISDOM

Quran (10:1)

God gives us reassurance through the Quran's formidable mathematical code that without a doubt, no one else could compose this book except the Almighty himself. For a long time, I have been asking myself why Chapters 10 and 11, both initialed with A.L.R., have exactly the same number of A, L and R's, namely 2489 = 19 x 131. Here again we witness that these counts are multiples of the prime number 19, the common denominator of the Quran, and another prime number 131.

We approach the problem from the prime numbers and their indicies*. Note that 10 and 11 are the indicies of the twin

primes 29 and 31 respectively. We also know that both suras 29 and 31 are initialed with A.L.M.

Let us look at suras 29 and 31. We observe:

Sura No. (Index)	Sura No. (Prime)	Number of A.L.M.'s
10	29	1672 = 19 x 88
11	31	817 = 19 x 43

If we add the coefficients of 19 for these twin primes, we obtain:

$$88 + 43 = 131$$

We note that 131 is exactly the coefficients of 19 used in the suras 10 and 11 which are the indicies of these twin primes 29 and 31.

All praises are due to God, creator of all things.

Dr. Ali R. Fazely

*Eds. note: A prime number is a number which is only divisible by itself and one.

The index of a prime number indicates the sequence of the number in the prime number list. For example, 8th prime number is 19, therefore, 8 is the index of 19.

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God condemns racism and oppression

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

"Anyone who works righteousness, male or female, while believing, we will surely grant them a happy life in this world, and we will surely pay them their full recompense (on the Day of Judgment) for their righteous works." (Quran 16:97)

"We hold these truths to be self-evident. All men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. Among these are life liberty, and the pursuit of happiness..." (Preamble to Constitution)

Americans love to memorize and repeat the words that begin the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States. However, they know little about the Quran. Both quotes are about man's God-given right to seek happiness in life. Like their counterparts of every color and culture throughout history, non-white minorities in America have not fully experienced God-given rights to pursue happiness and liberty as self-evident in this society.

The riot in Los Angeles on April 29, 1992 exposed this nation's hypocrisy in human rights to the world. The Rodney King beating, and the acquittal of the police who beat him mirror a three-hundred and seventy year legacy of racial injustice against African-Americans. Yet, such injustice is not limited to African-Americans. Native Americans, Latinos, Asians, and other non-European ethnic groups have experienced racism, in America. Not all white Americans condone or practice racism, then or now. Some risk their lives, their social status, and support from relatives in taking a stand against racism and living their lives free of prejudice. Those individuals do not bow to the majority and act against moral conviction. On the other hand, some white Americans like to feel dominant and better than non-whites. To feel superior and dominant, they accept racist beliefs but do not admit them in public. Instead, minorities are quite often identified as the bad and criminal element in society.

There is also a phenomenon known as reverse racism, i.e., blind hatred of another group due to the latter's racism towards one's own group. Naturally, victims of racism feel justified anger and animosity towards those who oppress them. It is foolish to expect an individual to feel kindly towards a person who disrespects and aggresses against him. Yet, victims of racism can be inflicted with the same psychopathology of racism as their victimizers. The beating of the white truckdriver Reginald Denny during the L.A. riots is reverse racism.

Newcomers from the Near East, Asia, and Europe are schooled about African-Americans and other non-white minorities via stereotypes, myths in the media and movies, and distorted versions of U.S. history even before their arrival. Dr. Elaine H. Kim, a Korean-American professor of Asian American studies at the

University of California said (Newsweek, May 18, 1992), "The tensions among people of color are rooted in racial violence woven into U.S. history for the past 500 years and evidenced today in a judicial system that can allow the men who beat Rodney King to escape conviction" She also said, I came to understand how others had also been swept aside by the dominant culture: my schooling offered nothing about Chinese or Latinos, and most of what I was taught about African-Americans was distorted to justify their oppression and vindicate the forces of that oppression."

God's plan cannot be thwarted. All nations must eliminate oppression and hindrances to the message of submission to God alone. The United States is no exception. God has blessed this nation for its ideals and principles. However, this nation cannot assume a leadership position in the new era of submission to God alone until it eliminates institutional racism and discrimination, and boldly declares that such practices will not be tolerated from any group. Individual racists are everpresent in any society because there always are constituents of Satan in this world. Racism should be acknowledged for what it is—a serious mental illness that reflects arrogance, fear, and deep insecurity.

God willing, there can be promise behind the pillage in the L.A. riots—more people may be inspired to seek infallible divine guidance because they are fed up with religious, political, and social institutions that do not provide the right answers to this problem.

In the Quran, God explains the nature of racism and oppression. Every verse and letter of the Quran is verified by a 19-based miraculous mathematical code that is examinable and easy to understand. It is a scientific fact that the Quran is not man-made (Beyond Probability, *Monotheist Productions*, 1992). Directives against racism, the reasons for our differences in color and language, and the importance of personal responsibility are now discussed in the light of the Quran.

1. The Origin of Racism

The source of racism is the need to feel "superior" to others. The first time a creature felt innately superior to another creature was in the presence of God, the Creator of all things. God commanded the angels to prostrate to Adam, in recognition that God has all knowledge and power. All the angels obeyed except Satan.

"He (God) said, 'What prevented you from prostrating when I ordered you?' He (Satan) said, 'I am better than he; You created me from fire, and created him from mud.' He (God) said, 'Therefore, you must go down, for you are not to be arrogant here. Get out; you are debased'" (7:12-13).
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"...God does not love those who are boastful, proud" (57:23).

Satan was cast out of the presence of God due to his arrogance, his racist thoughts, and superiority feelings that led him to disobey a direct command from his Creator. The name "Satan" means "debased," "outcast," or "rejected." Satan sees all humans as his inferiors, whereas racists consider specific humans as outcasts and inferiors. Satan shares the same thoughts that led to his downfall with racists. Like Satan, racists are outcasts from God's kingdom. Besides being a mental illness, racism is satanic, a form of idol worship, and blasphemy against God.

2. Oppression is Gross Sin

"...For oppression is worse than murder..." (2:217).

"Do not cheat the people out of their rights, and stop committing evil" (26:183).

"Pharaoh turned into a tyrant on earth, and discriminated against some people. He persecuted a helpless group among them, slaughtering their sons and sparing their daughters. He was indeed wicked" (28:4).

"Committing errors are those who treat the people unjustly, and resort to aggression without provocation. They have incurred a painful retribution" (42:42).

Murder is a major transgression against God's commands (17:33). The intentional murder of one person without a just cause is akin to murdering all of humanity and the consequence is Hell (5:32). Oppression stifles the lives of multitudes of people who experience the miseries and hardships that accompany such conditions.

3. Oppression: No Excuse to Avoid Responsibilities and Righteousness

"Those whose lives are terminated while they are in a state of wronging their souls, the angels will ask them 'What was the matter with you?' They (angels) will say, 'Was God's earth not spacious enough for you to immigrate therein?' For these, the final abode is Hell, and a miserable destiny. Exempted are the weak men, women, and children who do not possess the means nor can find a way out" (4:97-98).

A person should not constantly use oppression as an excuse for not seeking the truth and making efforts to lead a responsible righteous life. The phrase, state of wronging their souls, includes all thoughts and actions that violate God's guidance. If a person sincerely wants to overcome oppression, they move or escape such conditions when given the opportunity. To say that it is impossible to escape such conditions means that the person is either too weak or unwilling to make the necessary sacrifices. Individuals must stand up for their rights and help themselves to warrant God's help.

"When injustice befalls them, they stand up for their rights.... Certainly, those who stand up for their rights, when injustice befalls them, are not committing an error" (42:39,41).

"...Thus, God does not change the condition of any people unless they themselves make the decision to change. If God wills any hardship for any people, no force can stop it; they have none besides Him as a Lord and Master" (13:11).

4. Differences in Colors and Languages

Satan said he was better than Adam because Adam was created from mud, whereas Satan was created from fire. This attitude is identical to those expressed by people (i.e., racists) who consider themselves "superior" to others based on language, culture, and complexion. People who use their common sense realize that variation in human colors and languages parallels variation throughout the creation. The Quran says:

"He initiated you from one person, then reproduced you generation after generation. We thus clarify the revelations for people who understand" (6:98).

"And (He created) for you on earth things of various colors. This is a sign for people who take heed" (16:13).

"Among His signs are the creation of the heavens and earth, and the variations in your languages and your colors. In these, there are signs for the knowledgeable" (30:22).

Last year, fourteen centuries after the Quran was revealed, scientists discovered a direct link between the evolution of world languages and human ethnic groups (Scientific American, April 1991). Scientists have also obtained very strong evidence that all humans descended from "one mother" (Scientific American, April 1992). These discoveries should have received wide coverage in the media throughout the world. But, they did not. Why not? As previously stated, constituents of Satan are plentiful, especially in regard to keeping people divided, and maintaining the "status quo." Only intelligent, conscientious people accept these truths.

The "race problem" in this country and throughout the world reflects the fact that people do not recognize the indisputable sovereignty of God, their Lord and Creator. Satan did not either. He preferred to be the first racist.

"Anyone seeking dignity should know that to God belongs all dignity..." (35:10).

"O you who believe, no people shall ridicule other people, for they may be better than they. Nor shall any women ridicule other women, for they may be better than they. Nor shall you mock one another, or make fun of your names. Evil indeed is the reversion to wickedness after attaining faith. Anyone who does not repent after this, these are the transgressors" (49:11).

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Brief Answers (17:36; 39:18)

E dip Yuksel

Q. They (disbelievers) challenge us that "while you disapprove Hadith and Sunna, you still make use of them in the miraculous feature of the Quran e.g., the chronological order of the Quran and Rashad's notes on the verses in the Quran The Final Testament." I'll be very grateful if you can answer this question.

Yusuf I. Tunde, Osun-Nigeria.

A. The answer is clear. How many chapters and verses are there in the Quran? 114 (19x6) chapters and 6346 (19x334) verses. That means anything besides these verses cannot be a source of our religion, whether it be from Muhammad, or Rashad, or anyone else. However, we must distinguish between the source and the historical informations or personal evaluations on the verses. They are categorically different from each other.

We learn about Ali or Abu-Bakr from history (which is also a narration). After an analytical criticism we may believe the information. However, we cannot base any notion of our religion on it. We can use it as a history or a confirmation of truth, but not as jurisprudence or a faith of God's religion. In other words, we cannot invent rituals, prohibitions, faith out of history and human narrations.

Indeed, the chronological order of the Quran is a questionable narration. We cannot prove anything by merely using them. However, here are three points to reflect on.

1. The mathematical miracle of the Quran is still an awesome miracle even we disregard the few features related to the chronological order.

2. We also cannot totally dismiss the mutual confirmation of the mathematical code and the chronological order of the first revelations, especially when they are unanimously narrated in the same order. The beginning of any dramatic event in the history leaves deeper trace in the public memory.

3. Behind most of the fabricated hadith there are certain motivations such as sectarian bias, cultural prejudice, the impact of previous religions, personal interests. For instance the magical healing property of 'Ajwa Date' was fabricated by a farm-

er. The prohibition of chess and musical instruments, with the exception of drums, was fabricated by Arab nationalists to reject Persian culture. The punishment of stoning to death for adultery was fabricated by Jewish 'converts'. However, people were not motivated to produce lies on the chronological order of the revelation.

As for the appendices and footnotes in the Final Testament, they are neither Quran, nor Hadith. For the following reasons:

1. We do not accept them because the name of the author. We look at what is said, not who said it.

2. They are evaluations on the verses. The relation, implication and interaction of verses needs to be studied. For instance, in my Turkish translation I wrote several pages on 21:30. Recently, we got a lot of scientific information about this verse. I wrote more than few pages on 4:82, refuting the Sunni's claim that many verses of the Quran abrogate each other. In these cases, the only source is Quran.

3. We do not hesitate to discard wrong interpretations that contradict or add to the Quran.

4. We read history, including Hadith books, we read books on Astronomy, Chemistry, Biology. We can get a lot of information from them. They will help us understand the Quran better. If they are the truth, they will confirm the Quranic truths. For instance, modern biology rejects that our second phase of creation is "a clot." Therefore, we conducted research and discovered that our translation of the word "alaq" as clot was not correct. The word has three meanings in Arabic: 1) Clot, 2) Hanging material, and 3) Leach. Thus, we corrected the translation as "embryo" which reflects the second and third meaning (See 96:2; 22:5; 23:14; 75:38).

Rashad's mission was to open the veil, to remove the fog that hindered us from understanding the Quran. He used to correct his translation after consulting believers. The ultimate teacher of the Quran is God (55:2), not Rashad or anyone else. And God is with us all the time.

Therefore, we should refer the Quran alone. This was Rashad's message for which he was martyred.

Q. Historically, all of the messengers, first announced their messengership and then showed their miracles. Rashad Khalifa is the only exception. He first introduced his miracle and years later claimed his mission. This shows that he was not a messenger of God.

Mumtaz Tarhan, Corum, Turkey

A. At first glance, your comment sounds reasonable. But it is not correct. You are making an excuse based on erroneous use of history to reject a proven messengership. When idol worshippers asked miracles from Muhammad, he recited verses 29:51, 17:59. If you were among those people, it appears that you would oppose him based on the same reasoning. You would reject his messengership by saying, "None of the messengers throughout the history showed their books as miracles. Show us miracles similar to those of previous messengers."

In fact, there were some disbelievers who rejected Muhammad with the same argument. God's answer exposed their real problem:

"When a proof, a miracle comes to them, they say, 'We will not believe, unless we are given what is given to God's messengers!' God knows who is best qualified to deliver His message. Such criminals will suffer debasement at God, and terrible retribution as a consequence of their evil scheming." (6:124)

Most likely, the people who rejected Saleh in the past also used your 'historical' criterion: "Historically, none of the messengers came with a camel as a proof. How can an animal be a proof of messengership!"

It is interesting, that history is repeating itself. It is the real history, not distorted perceptions. For another example please read 11:62-63. This is exactly the same conversation that Arab leaders had with Rashad Khalifa.

Q. Quran mentions only four divine books: Torah to Moses, Zabur to David, Injeel to Jesus and Quran to Muhammad. However, verses 6:83-86 mention many names of the prophets. If all of the prophets (al-Anbiya) received books, what about the books of Abraham, Aaron, Solomon, Job, Zacharias and others? Why doesn't the Quran mention any of them?

Murat Sahin, Ankara, Turkey

A. Quran mentions Abraham's book (87:19). Torah, The Old Testament is not the name of the book given to Moses. It is the collection of all books given to many prophets. As for Aaron, the answer is in 37:117.