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The best time to call us is Friday 7:30-10pm, Saturday and Sunday 6:00-10am. You can also try to call us Monday through Thursday between 5:30-7:00pm (All Mountain Standard Time).

God willing, we will try to increase our office hours as time allows. Please leave us a message if no one is available to answer your call, or try to call us again later at your convenience. God bless.

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Over it is 19 [74:30]

Quran's mathematical miracle based on number 19 is simple to understand, but impossible to imitate. God calls it one of the great miracles (74:35).

If you have not heard about the miracle or are not exactly sure what it is about, now is the time to get the facts. You should examine and verify the miracle for yourself. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call or write to us. God bless.

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DO WE VALUE GOD?

They can never fathom the greatness of God. The whole earth is within His fist on the Day of Resurrection. In fact, the universes are folded within His right hand. Be He glorified; He is much too high above needing any partners. [39:67]

There are numerous signs for people of intelligence and understanding to appreciate some of God's majesty and power, although it is impossible to truly understand the greatness of God.

It was only in the 1800's that scientists began to suspect that our own galaxy, the Milky Way, was not the entire universe. And only in the 1920's did scientists finally recognize that the universe consists of many galaxies. Today we know our universe contains at least 10 billion galaxies, each averaging nearly 100 billion stars. Assuming the sun to be an average star (many are far bigger while some are smaller), it is big enough to contain one million earths within its volume. If we imagine the sun to be the size of a dime the nearest star would be well over a mile away—a typical distance among stars. Thus, for example, if two galaxies of 100 billion stars went through each other, the probability of collisions between the stars

of the two galaxies would be quite small.

The sun is the major source of light energy in the solar system. It illuminates us and the rest of our solar system with bright light. It keeps itself "alive" by burning 600 million tons of hydrogen every second. It is estimated that this has been going on for about 4.5 billion years. Today, after so many years of steady burning, the concentration of (reserve) useable hydrogen at the center of the sun has dropped to about half its initial value. This is only about 4% of its total hydrogen content already converted into helium. A simple calculation based on 1) the total useable hydrogen initially present and 2) the rate at which the sun fuses this hydrogen into helium, reveals that the overall lifetime of the sun is about 10 billion years.

The next time you contemplate the convenience and warmth of the sun's rays it would be good to remember that some reflection into the interaction of light (photons) and matter can certainly add to your experience: although those particular rays (photons) left the surface of the sun about 8 minutes ago, they actually originated at the center of the sun about a million years ago. Each outgoing pho-

ton is absorbed and re-emitted many many times along the way, gradually losing its (initially high) energy. Finally, photons reach the surface "carrying" the right amount of energy that is both nondestructive and nurturing to life on earth. All according to the design of God.

He is the One who rendered the sun radiant, and the moon a light, and He designed its phases that you may learn to count the years and to calculate. God did not create all this, except for a specific purpose. He explains the revelations for people who know. [10:5]

God continues to overwhelm us with signs of His power and glory. In a very recent briefing at UC Santa Cruz, scientists discussed new findings about "gamma ray bursts" which are photons carrying much higher energy than those of the visible light. Gamma rays are absorbed in interstellar space. Such bursts naturally last for only a few seconds although they may carry as much energy as 10 trillion of the "visible-type" photons. Glory be to God.

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

Hussein Kowsari

**9th Annual
International Conference of United Submitters
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Please register for the conference ASAP. God willing, we see you all in Phoenix. See details in the next page.

Abraham's Vision

"My Lord, grant me righteous children." We gave him good news of a good child. When he grew enough to work with him, he said, "My son, I see in a dream that I am sacrificing you. What do you think?" He said, "O my father, do what you are commanded to do. You will find me, God willing, patient."

They both submitted, and he put his forehead down (to sacrifice him). We called him, "O Abraham, you have believed the dream." We thus reward the righteous. That was an exacting test indeed. We ransomed him (Ismail) by substituting an animal sacrifice. [37:100-107]

The above verses from the Quran describe the episode of Abraham sacrificing his clement son Ismail. The traditionally held view is that Abraham was carrying out God's commandments to sacrifice his own son.

However, closer reading of the above verses and other verses in the Quran indicates otherwise. God did not command Abraham to sacrifice his son.

In verse 102 above, Abraham does not say that the vision is from God. In fact, he is unsure and hesitant, hence his question to his son, "What do you think?" And it is Abraham's son who decides the issue by telling his father to proceed as he sees fit.

God then intervenes and ransoms Ismail with a great offering. Why does God say that He ransomed Ismail if it was God Himself who had decreed the sacrifice in the first place?

These are some facts within verses 37:100-107 which invite scrutiny. If we say that Abraham's vision was from God, then we will see that these verses clearly contradict other verses in the Quran.

"... you shall not kill your children from fear of poverty; ... you shall not kill—God has made life sacred—except in the course of justice..." [6:151]

From this verse we learn that human sacrifice is prohibited. Therefore how could God demand that Ismail be sacrificed? Was Ismail's life not sacred, and where is the justice in killing Ismail who was a righteous son?

No believer shall kill another believer, unless it is an accident... [4:92]

Abraham and Ismail were believers. God could not have commanded Abraham the believer to kill Ismail, another believer. Therefore the fact that Abraham wanted to kill Ismail must have been a mistake. And God does not guide believers to make mistakes.

The traditional explanation is that God was never going to let Ismail get killed. It was simply a test for Abraham.

But we must understand that the foresight of events was with God, and with God only. As far as Abraham and Ismail were concerned, at that point in time, they had absolutely no idea at all about God's intervention to save Ismail from being killed. Otherwise it would not have been an "exacting test." (37:106).

Anything good that happens to you is from God, and anything bad that happens to you is from you. [4:79]

Verse 4:79 above is the clearest indication that Abraham's vision was not from God. From verse 6:151 we can see that absolutely no good at all is derived from human sacrifice or from killing without justice. There is no good in a father killing his own righteous son. Also from Ismail's standpoint there is no good at all in him getting killed, especially when they are uncertain about the source of the vision. They also did not have advance information about God's intervention. Ismail was merely being obedient to his father.

To positively reinforce our view, let us quote again: "Whatever good that happens to you is from God." This immediately tells us that all the events prior to God's intervention to ransom Ismail were bad and therefore not from God. The only good in this whole episode was God's intervention to ransom Ismail.

Why do they not study the Quran carefully? If it were from other than God they would have found in it numerous contradictions. [4:82]

Therefore, the Quran is perfect. One part of the Quran cannot contradict any other part. If Abraham's vision was from God, then verses 37:100-107 would be clearly contradicting 6:151, 4:92 and 4:79.

To counter these facts, some have argued that prior to the Quran, God allowed

human sacrifice (or at least He made an exception for Abraham). However, this is negated in no uncertain terms in both the Old and the New Testaments. Besides being an incorrect statement, even the thought that God could institute human sacrifice, a ritual more akin to pagan cults is disgusting and abhorrent.

But God Himself informs us in verse 87:19 of the Quran: "This (Quranic decree) is recorded in the earlier teachings. The teachings of Abraham and Moses."

Therefore the decrees in 6:51 and 4:92 were known to Abraham and Moses and were applicable to them. And the fact remains that in all His previous scriptures (Torah, Gospel, Psalms and the "Suhuf" or teachings revealed to Abraham) there is no decree of human sacrifice anywhere. God never decreed human sacrifice.

Instead, the only sacrifices which God has decreed for Abraham, Moses, and Muhammad are animal sacrifices.

For each congregation we have decreed rites whereby they commemorate the name of God for providing them with the livestock. Your god is one and the same god; you shall all submit to Him. [22:34]

The animal offerings are among the rites decreed by God for your own good. [22:36]

In these verses, God tells us that although there are many congregations, there is only one God, and He has decreed to these congregations the same sacrifice, i.e., livestock sacrifices only.

Therefore, after decreeing thus, it cannot be that God changed His rules and extracted a human sacrifice from Abraham. God does not contradict Himself by changing the rules on animal sacrifice. God's system never changes.

Syed Akbar Ali
Malaysia

The Muslims of today have discarded the Quran in favor of religious laws and practices dictated to them through satanic innovations called *Hadith* and *Sunnah*. Once someone makes the decision to follow the traditions rather than the Quran alone as God decrees (6:114-115), that person is blocked out. Because of this, they are prevented by God from practicing any of the five pillars of Submission (Islam) correctly.

FIRST PILLAR—SHAHAADAH

"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." [3:18]

The Shahaadah decreed by God is: "There is no god except God" (in Arabic "La Elaaha Ella Allah.") The corrupted Muslims are forbidden from uttering God's shahaadah, unless Muhammad's name is added to it. Their attitude is explained by the following verse: "When they were told, 'La Elaaha Ella Allah [There is no other god beside God]', they turned arrogant." [37:35]

SECOND PILLAR—SALAT

Verse 17:110 informs us that a moderate tone should be used in Salat. The corrupted Muslims, however, have their own rules.

Five Pillars of Islam (Submission)

God's Laws vs Common Practices

"You shall not utter your Contact Prayers (Salat) too loudly, nor secretly; use a moderate tone" [17:110]

"The places of worship belong to God; do not call on anyone else beside God." [72:18]

No masjids, except for a few exceptions in the world, follow the above commandment in verse 72:18.

God has decreed four steps for ablution, but the traditional Muslims have their own seven or nine steps.

"O you who believe, when you observe the Contact Prayers (Salat), you shall: (1) wash your faces, (2) wash your arms to the elbows, (3) wipe your heads, and (4) wash your feet to the ankles." [5:6]

THIRD PILLAR—ZAKAT

Zakat must be given "on the day of harvest" or when you get your pay check, but the false Muslims have their own rules.

"He is the One who established gardens, trellised and untrellised, and palm trees, and crops with different tastes, and olives, and pomegranate - fruits that are similar, yet dissimilar. Eat from their fruits, and give the due alms on the day of harvest, and do not waste anything. He does not love the wasters." [6:141]

FOURTH PILLAR—FASTING

God has given us the brains, eyes and hearing and we are required to use them. Scientifically, we know the day the month of Ramadan starts for the next hundred years, but the false Muslims insist on starting the month after seeing the moon with their naked eye, thus they are forbidden by God to start fasting at the right time.

FIFTH PILLAR—PILGRIMAGE

"Hajj shall be observed in the specified months..." [2:197]

The four months of Hajj are Zul-Hijjah, Muharram, Safar, and Rabi I). But "Muslims" observe Hajj only a few days in Zul-Hijjah, and they consider Rajab, Zul-Qi'dah, Zul-Hijjah, and Muharrem to be the sacred months. This distortion is strongly condemned by God (9:37).

After completing Hajj, the pilgrims go to their "second sacred mosque" in Medina, thus nullifying their Hajj. The Quran consistently talks of only one sacred mosque.

Azhar Khan

9th Annual International Conference of United Submitters August 20-22, 1993, Phoenix, Arizona

God willing, make your plans to attend this important event and to meet submitters from all over the world. Attendance by invitation and prior registration only. Registrations must be received by July 31.

The conference registration fee is \$38 per person, exclusive of the hotel charges.

Notes: The registration fee is \$19 each for children under 9 years of age. For example, the fee for two adults with a small child will be \$95 (38 + 38 + 19). If the child is 9 years or older, the fee will be \$114 (3x38). Registration fees must be sent to our PO Box address.

The registration fee covers 2 lunches and 2 dinners, including the conference expenses. The fee does NOT include the hotel charges.

Participants will pay the room charges to the hotel directly after the conference. We made special arrangements with a first class hotel and reserved rooms for the United Submitters. The special rate for the hotel is \$40 per room per night including tax and breakfast. This special rate will also be honored for those who might stay longer at the hotel.

Single persons will be sharing rooms and therefore pay half the room rate. If they prefer to stay by themselves, then they will have to pay the full room rate.

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