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## WARNING!

Warning! Attention! Look out! Alert! Alarm! Danger!

If we see or hear any of these words, we understand that there's something we need to pay attention to, use caution, explore carefully. A warning sign might tell us that the road ahead is flooded, the bridge is out, or the cliff might crumble beneath our feet.

Many of us spend a lot of time listening to weather reports. If we live in cold country, we want to be warned of a coming snowstorm—how bad will it be? How much wind? How much snow accumulation? What will the wind chill temperature be?

Florida and the Gulf Coast pay special attention to hurricane reports in the fall. Their paths can be erratic and difficult to predict, but with proper warnings, people can evacuate an area before the brunt of the storm hits.

Living in "tornado alley" here in the U.S. can be especially dangerous. And tornados are notoriously unpredictable. Still, with advanced weather equipment and warning sirens, many lives are saved each year by people heeding the alert signals and finding shelter.

God says in [67:17] *Have you guaranteed that the One in heaven will not send*

*upon you a violent storm? Will you then appreciate the value of My warning?*

Can we appreciate the incredible mercy of God's warnings? We have to. A tornado warning gives people a few precious minutes to get to the storm shelter and thus possibly save their lives. The danger comes and goes, and then life goes on. God's warning is for our soul, and it's for our eternal life. If you fail to heed a tornado warning, you may still be fine. The storm may pass by without touching down; it may hit close but spare you; and either way, it will soon be gone. Even a massive and powerful hurricane will blow through in a few hours, and if people took heed of the warnings, they either evacuated or battened down the hatches and survived.

If we fail to heed God's warnings, there is absolutely no escape.

[42:31] *You can never escape, and you have none beside GOD as a Lord and Master.*

[9:3] *...But if you turn away, then know that you can never escape from GOD. Promise those who disbelieve a painful retribution.*

[75:10-12] *The human being will say on that day, "Where is the escape?" Abso-*

*lutely, there is no escape. To your Lord, on that day, is the final destiny.*

Even the jinns know there is no escape. [72:12] *"We knew full well that we can never run away from GOD on earth; we can never run away and escape."*

So what are God's warnings? Is it a single alert, one solitary "Look out!?" No. God, in His incredible mercy, keeps warning and reminding and advising us. He does it on an individual level. Solomon received a warning about his preoccupation with his horses (38:31-35). He recognized the danger and repented and reformed. The "three who stayed behind" were warned about their behavior and they valued the warning.

[9:118-9] *Also (redeemed were) the three who stayed behind. The spacious earth became so straitened for them, that they almost gave up all hope for themselves. Finally, they realized that there was no escape from GOD, except to Him. He then redeemed them that they may repent. GOD is the Redeemer, Most Merciful. O you who believe, you shall reverence GOD, and be among the truthful.*

God also issues warnings on a larger scale. The communities of 'Ad (11:57), Thamud (7:79), Midyan (26:177-184), and many others received messengers who delivered God's warnings. But most

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people are unable to listen, or refuse to listen, or simply are too caught up in this worldly life to pay any attention.

[10:101] Say, "Look at all the signs in the heavens and the earth." All the proofs and all the warnings can never help people who decided to disbelieve.

[18:56] We only send the messengers as simply deliverers of good news, as well as warners. Those who disbelieve argue with falsehood to defeat the truth, and they take My proofs and warnings in vain.

[46:3] We did not create the heavens and the earth, and everything between them except for a specific purpose, and for a finite interim. Those who disbelieve are totally oblivious to the warnings given to them.

[54:1-5] The Hour has come closer, and the moon has split. Then they saw a miracle; but they turned away and said, "Old magic." They disbelieved, followed their opinions, and adhered to their old traditions. Sufficient warnings have been delivered to alert them. Great wisdom; but all the warnings have been in vain.

We are striving to be submitters, truly devoting our worship to God alone. We understand the consequences of ignoring the warnings. It's not the danger of falling off a cliff or being sucked up into a tornado or getting caught in a blizzard. This is a warning for our soul, our eternal life in the Hereafter. If a person fails to take heed and do the things they have to do to grow their soul, then they are choosing to turn away from God. And the magnitude of that decision is staggering.

[54:21] How terrible was My retribution after the warnings!

God has given us so many proofs and so many warnings. We need to pray that He will make us take heed. [54:4-5] Sufficient warnings have been delivered to alert them. Great wisdom; but all the warnings have been in vain.

[54:15-7] We have set it up as a lesson. Does any of you wish to learn? How terrible was My retribution after the warnings! We made the Quran easy to learn. Does any of you wish to learn?

Lydia

## Mathematical View of Adam's Redemption and Sura Al-Fatehah

The religious practices instituted by God are blessings from God. They constitute the essential nourishment required for the growth and development of our souls. They are for our own good. Failure to feed the soul through the prescribed religious rites leads to spiritual starvation and eventual loss of the soul (7:9). The Contact Prayers (*Salat*) are the primary source of nourishment. The word, *Salat* is derived from the root word "Sila" which means to contact or connect. The Contact Prayers that we practice today to wipe out our sins as well as to nourish our souls (2:3, 11:114) have been handed down to us from the past.

Why are specific words used in the Contact Prayers? There are many good reasons including universal comprehension. Let us discuss a few other reasons. For example, what happens in our everyday family life? When a child asks for something, the parent teaches the child to say "Please." Thus, the parent teaches the child what he must say to correctly ask for what he wants. And when the child repeats those words, he is rewarded by the parent. A similar thing happened in Paradise when Adam and Eve were duped by Satan and they transgressed God's order. Afterwards, Adam and Eve deeply repented to God and earnestly asked His forgiveness for their sins:

[7:23] They said, "Our Lord, we have wronged our souls, and unless You forgive us and have mercy on us, we will be losers."

Then God gave to Adam and Eve specific "words," and sent them down to the earth to give them a chance to be redeemed for their sins. They used those words and God redeemed them.

[2:37] Then, Adam received from his Lord words whereby He redeemed him. He is the Redeemer, Most Merciful.

According to the above verses Adam's redemption process in plain English involves the following steps:

**Step 1:** Adam and Eve repented to God and asked His forgiveness for their sins.

**Step 2:** God accepted their repentance and gave them specific words.

**Step 3:** They recited those words given to them to be redeemed by God.

**Step 4:** As a consequence, God redeemed them.

Adam and Eve would not have been redeemed unless they used those words that were given to them by God nor if they changed the words given to them by their Lord. Here are some mathematical relationships of the steps of their redemption process described above based on the verses (7:23) and (2:37) along with Sura Al-Fatehah:

Numeric properties and relationships between the verses (2:37) and (7:23):

**1.** Both verses are made up of the same digits: 2,3 and 7.

**2.** Therefore, if the Sura (Chapter) number and verse number of these two verses are added, the sum is the same (12).

$$(2:37) \Rightarrow 2 + 3 + 7 = 12$$

$$(7:23) \Rightarrow 7 + 2 + 3 = 12$$

**3.** These two verses (2:37) and (7:23) can also be represented by the following digits.

$$(2:37) \Rightarrow 237$$

$$(7:23) \Rightarrow 723$$

**Note:** The mathematical relationships above indicate that although these verses are revealed in different times and included in separate suras, they are interrelated with Adam as well as our redemption process.

Today, the words we use in the Contact Prayer are in Chapter 1 of the Quran. The chapter titled The Key, or *sura Al-Fatehah*, consists of specific words given to us by God to redeem ourselves. This chapter contains 7 verses. The verses of The Key are divinely coded and play a crucial role in the mathematical evidence telling us that the words are specifically designed by God for our nourishment and redemption. The following are some relevant properties of the verses of The Key.

**4.** Both the number of words in Al-Fatehah and the sum of digits of its 7 verses is 28

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Sum of words in 7 verses  $\Rightarrow 4 + 4 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 3 + 8 = 28$

Sum of digits of the 7 verse numbers  $\Rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 = 28$

Let us represent the Al-Fatehah with 28, the specific number of words of God gave us in this chapter. The next proof shows a mathematical relationship between the Al-Fatehah and verses 7:23 and 2:37 which may indicate that our redemption process is the same as the redemption process of Adam. We use 723 to represent (7:23) and 237 to represent (2:37).

5.  $723\ 237\ 28 = 19 \times 3806512$

6.  $723 + 237 + 28 = 988 = 19 \times 52$

Here is the mathematical interpretation of the first and second steps of Adam’s redemption process as described above. In 5. 723 is used before 237 in the relation as the Sura 7 was the 39<sup>th</sup> revelation to indicate that Adam and Eve first repented to God and asked His forgiveness for their transgression per (7:23). Chapter 2 (Sura 2) was the 87<sup>th</sup> revelation to indicate that God gave them the specific words to recite to redeem themselves per (2:37).

The number “19” is the common denominator of Quran’s mathematical code. From Quran (74:30-35) we learn that the 19-based miracle of the Quran is a great miracle from God. [74:35] *This is one of the great miracles.* If the digits of (74:35) are added, the sum is  $7+4+3+5=19$ .

A few mathematical properties and facts about The Key (Al-Fatehah) are below. A comprehensive list is beyond the scope of this article.

Its first verse, the *Basmala*, is also the first verse of the Quran. The Basmala is composed of 19 Arabic letters and it occurs 114 times in the Quran (in two numbered verses and in 112 unnumbered verses). 114 is equal to the total number of suras in the Quran, and is multiple of 19 (19 x 6).

Our lips touch 19 times when we recite Al-Fatehah.

When the sura number (which is 1) and the number of verses in it (which is 7) are placed side by side, the number is 17, which confirms 17 units (Rak’ahs) of the Contact Prayers (Salat) 5 times a day.

When the Sura number which is 1 and the digits of its seven verses are placed next to each other, the number is 1 1234567, which is multiple of 19 (19x591293).

The number of words in its 7 verses is equal to the sum of the 7 verse numbers, both of which are 28 (see item 4. ). The numbers 28 and 1234567 (a list of verse numbers of this chapter) both participate in the mathematical interpretation to confirm Adam’s redemption process as well as ours (as children of Adam).

Returning to the discussion of verses 2:37 and 7:23, we observe that the Sura Al-Fatehah and its verse numbers also has a strong relationship with these two verses. Let us use the sequence of verse numbers in Sura 1 to represent Al-Fatehah (1234567).

7.  $723\ 1234567 = 19 \times 380591293$

8.  $1234567\ 237 = 19 \times 64977223$

In the first mathematical relation (7.) the number is divisible by 19. This can represent the fact that Adam and Eve repented and asked God’s forgiveness (7:23). God accepted their repentance and gave them the specific words (Chapter 1, represented by 1234567). Adam and Eve recited those specific words asking God for their forgiveness to be redeemed by Him.

In the second mathematical relation, the number also is divisible by 19. Here we place the representation of The Key (1234567) first, to indicate that they recited these specific words given by God, whereby God redeemed them (2:37).

Both the physical arrangement and the chronological order of revelation of the Quran are meaningful and equally important to us, as the literary mathematical composition and the chronological order of revelation of the Quran play a crucial role in the mathematical expression. We cannot but appreciate God’s preservation of His final revelations (15:9) and His giving us knowledge of the mathematical proof He has embedded within the scripture.

Participation of Sura 1, Al-Fatehah (The Key) with the verses (2:37) and (7:23) in the above mathematical arrangement confirms the importance of these words. God gave Adam and Eve specific words for their redemption, and similarly has given us mathematically coded words to establish contact

with Him for redeeming our souls. God’s system is unchangeable:

*[2:138] Such is God’s system, and whose system is better than God’s? “Him alone we worship”.*

*[48:23] Such is God’s system throughout history, and you will find that God’s system is unchangeable.*

The above analysis is a mathematical proof which confirms that Sura Al-Fatehah is a gift of God for us to redeem our sins and develop our souls as children of Adam. Sura 1 is recited by us in our Contact Prayers. The remaining chapters in the Quran are also given to us for our guidance, but are not recited in the Contact Prayers. The mathematical evidence together with the logical conclusion has undoubtedly proved that we must recite Al-Fatehah without any change or even the slightest modification to these specific words given to us as children of Adam. We must submit to God totally and perform the Salat using the precise words (Al-Fatehah) God gave us. The correct practices of worship will make our souls stronger and protect from Satan, so that he does not get any chance to dupe us again, and allow us to grow sufficiently to stand in the physical presence of God on the Day of Judgment.

It is a wonder for us how precisely God Almighty has encoded our redemption process in the Quran and how blessed our generation is to decode it to eliminate any doubts from the hearts of the believers. Now if we believe and practice it accordingly, and lead a righteous life, we can reserve our room in the Garden of bliss (10:9) as promised by God.

*Tafazzal*

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## THOUGHTS

When God created us, designed and perfected us with a running life system and blew into us with His spirit, He knew we would need also some bodily abilities/facilities as we went from birth to death. So He blessed us with a beautiful mind. The mind houses our thoughts, and hosts and controls them.

It is an important and responsible function for the mind to guide our thoughts correctly and so not miss the chance to be redeemed back into God's kingdom, joyfully and happily, after repenting and reforming and passing the test for which we were placed here in a different habitat—on earth—for our original sin.

*[89:27-30] As for you, O content soul. Return to your Lord, pleased and pleasing. Welcome into My servants. Welcome into My Paradise.*

*[16:32] The angels terminate their lives in a state of righteousness, saying, "Peace be upon you. Enter Paradise (now) as a reward for your works."*

*[2:156] When an affliction befalls them, they say, "We belong to GOD, and to Him we are returning."*

We belong to God, our minds belong to God, so every thought we think belongs to God. Interestingly, "thought" can be a noun or the past tense of to think. Sometimes provoked by a personal dislike, we might say, "I thought so and so," which leads us to hurt people by passing on them our own judgment and

condemning them falsely. This situation arises when something has upset you and deflated your ego. The mind is now confused, crowded, and we speak wrong utterances; we make mistakes and create problems; act smart and pompous and refuse to accept anyone's correct advice.

Bad thoughts lead to harboring doubts towards people, aggression and finally oppression. The Quran tells us of messengers of past generations who were mocked, ridiculed, suffered misery and killed because they brought proofs, showed miracles under God's authorization, preached His commandments, offered guidance, laws, and recommendations. Why did this happen? Because of the bad thoughts which led people to harbor doubts.

*[48:6] And He will requite the hypocrite men and women and the idol worshipping men and women, for they have harbored evil thoughts about GOD. Their evil will backfire against them. For GOD is angry with them, condemns them, and has prepared for them Gehenna. What a miserable destiny!*

So how can we use our minds to keep ourselves happy and contented? Our thoughts should be colorful, like the glorious colors in nature. God has given us a mind with the will and ability to use it, and so we should make every effort to acknowledge that our thoughts belong to Him and to Him alone.

How can we go about this? We should try to manipulate our thoughts towards goodness; learn to finalize our

decisions, correct choices and direct our minds and thoughts in the right and correct direction. While sitting, waiting for a doctor or dentist to see me, unfortunately, there are times when the devil creeps in. I should make a bold effort to shoo him away, not allow black, evil thoughts to enter my mind by remembering God and using His given prayers for protection from evil and vice.

*[23:97-8] Say, "My Lord, I seek refuge in You from the whispers of the devils. And I seek refuge in You, my Lord, lest they come near me."*

I must paint my thoughts with the brightest of colors, and think only of God, His blessings, immense mercy, grace on me; tell Him of my appreciation; ask Him for forgiveness, redemption and much more.

*[35:10] Anyone seeking dignity should know that to GOD belongs all dignity. To Him ascends the good words, and He exalts the righteous works. As for those who scheme evil works, they incur severe retribution; the scheming of such people is destined to fail.*

Finally, remember, there is much more to life than what you think, but to make life more beautiful, we must make our thoughts positive and centered on God. Sift away impurities and evil thoughts.

*[84:23] GOD is fully aware of their innermost thoughts.*

*Hena R.*