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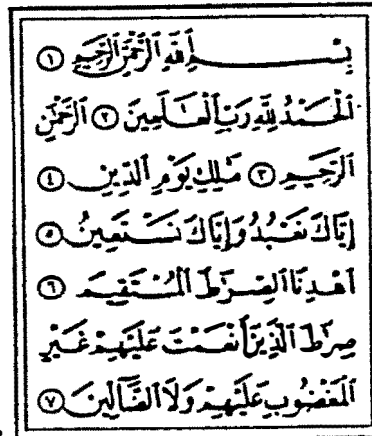
The Opener (Al-Fatihah) 1:1-7

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Chapter 1: The Opener.

Sura 1: Al-Fatihah.

1. In the name of God,
the most gracious,
the most merciful.*
2. Praise be to God,
the Lord of all beings.
3. The most gracious,
the most merciful.
4. Master of the Day of
Judgment.
5. You alone we worship;
You alone we ask for help.
6. Guide us in the straight path;
7. the path of those whom You
blessed;
not of those who incur wrath,
nor the strayers.



*1:1 This opening statement is the foundation upon which a miraculous numerical code is built. It was decreed by the Almighty author of the Qur'an that this code, which pervades the whole book, should remain a divinely guarded secret for 14 centuries (see 25:4-6, 10:20 & 15:87). The unveiling of the Qur'an's secret code constitutes the most significant development in the history of religions since the revelation of this Final Scripture. For it not only provides the first tangible proof of divine authorship, but also the first physical evidence for the existence of God. There is no greater testimony than God's own assertion that the Qur'an's mathematical composition is "one of the greatest portents" (see 74:35). Because this monumental development has occurred in the course of preparing this translation, it represents divine approval and authorization of this translation. It is God's law, as stated in 56:79 for example, that no one can attain anything from the Qur'an, let alone the Qur'an's secret code, without authorization.

This verse consists of 19 Arabic letters, and 19 is the common denominator throughout the Qur'an, as well as previous scriptures (see Introduction). Every word in the opening statement (1:1) is mentioned in the Qur'an a number of times which is consistently a multiple of 19. Thus, the first Arabic

THEIR FAVORITE QUESTION

MUSLIM HADITHISTS CHALLENGE GOD

They ask: "If the Qur'an is complete, perfect and fully detailed [as the Qur'an claims in 6:19, 38, 114-115; 7:52; 41:3; & 50:45], where in the Qur'an can we find the number of Rak'aas (units) in each contact prayer; where in the Qur'an can we find that the noon prayer, for example, consists of four units?"

The strange thing is that the people who ask this challenging question invariably state first that the Qur'an is complete and fully detailed. But then, they add the conjunction "but" and proceed to ask their famous question shown above.

When they say: "Show me in the Qur'an that the noon prayer consists of four Rak'aas," the response that stumps them is: "Show me in Hadith or Sunna that the noon prayer consists of four Rak'aas." Their fanatic opposition to the fact that the Qur'an is all we need blinds them and causes them to forget that Hadith & Sunna do not provide any details of the contact prayers (Salat). In their desperate attempt to challenge God

and reject the perfection of the Qur'an, they say, "There is a Hadith that says: "Pray as you saw me pray." After acknowledging that they never saw the Prophet pray, they proceed to claim that this Hadith covers all five daily prayers. Because they refuse to believe God's repeated assertions that the Qur'an is complete, perfect and fully detailed, and because God has forbidden them from understanding the Qur'an (see 17:45-46 and 18:57), they fail to realize that the Qur'an says: Pray, give Zakat charity, fast during Ramadan, and observe Hajj pilgrimage as you saw Abraham do. This Qur'anic fact is found in 22:78, 21:72-73, 2:187, and 22:26-27. In fact, the Prophet Muhammad is commanded in the Qur'an to follow the practices of Abraham (please see 16:123).

Thus, the Hadithist Muslims believe the fabrication "Pray as you saw me pray" which is falsely attributed to Muhammad, and reject God's words that came out of Muhammad's mouth commanding us to worship as Abraham worshipped (please see 2:135).

FIRST DAY OF RAMADAN IS APRIL 29

May 27 will be the last day of Ramadan.

Some Muslims see the moon with their eyes; some see it with binoculars, and we at Masjid Tucson, in this day and age, see it with the computer. We can find out exactly when Ramadan will begin 50 or 100 years from now.

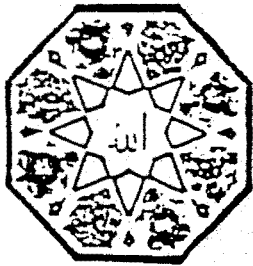
A new moon declares the advent of a new lunar month. This is the basis for the Islamic lunar calendar. We learn from the Qur'an, and from science, that the Almighty Creator has designed the sun and the moon to run in their orbits according to predictable precision. During the last 10 years, we have had a perfect record as far as the beginnings and ends of Islamic months are concerned, while other "Islamic" groups in Tucson and around the world have an almost perfect record for getting them wrong. They have a perfect record of fighting amongst themselves about the beginnings and endings of Ramadan EVERY YEAR.

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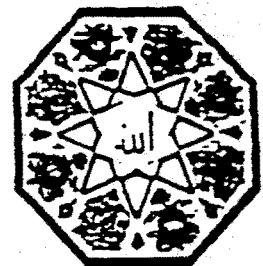
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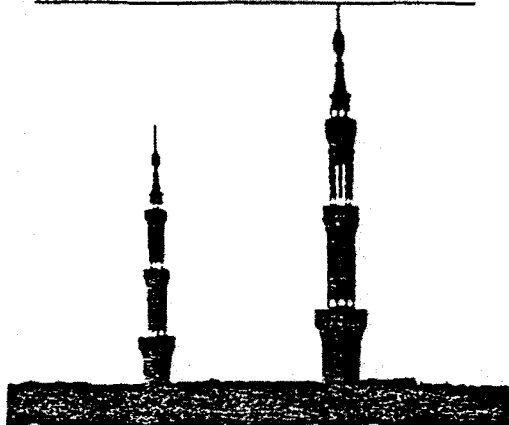


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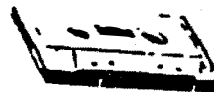


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The Heifer (Al-Baqarah) 2:34-38

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Satan Exposed

34. Then we said to the angels,
"Fall prostrate before Adam."
They fell prostrate, except Satan;
he refused, and became arrogant;
he turned unappreciative.
35. Then we said, "O Adam,
live with your wife in Paradise
and eat therefrom generously
as you please.
But do not approach
this one tree,
lest you become transgressors."
36. However, the devil duped them
and caused their eviction
therefrom.
Consequently, we said, "Go down*
as enemies of one another.
On Earth
shall be your habitation
and provision for awhile."
37. Then Adam received from his Lord
words,*
whereby He redeemed him.
He is the redeemer, the merciful.
38. We said, "Go down therefrom,
all of you.*
When guidance comes to you
from Me,
those who follow My guidance
will have nothing to fear,
nor will they grieve.

وَاذْقُنَا لِلنَّارِ كَيْدًا سَجْدًا وَالْأَدَمَ
فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ ابْنِ
وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ
الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

وَقُلْنَا يَا آدَمُ اسْكُنْ أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ
الْجَنَّةَ وَكُلَا مِنْهَا رَغَدًا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا
وَلَا تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ
فَتَكُونَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾

فَأَزَلَّهُمَا الشَّيْطَانُ عَنْهَا
فَأَخْرَجَهُمَا مِمَّا كَانَا فِيهِ
وَقُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ
وَلَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُسْتَقَرٌّ
وَمَتَاعٌ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٣٦﴾

فَتَلَقَىٰ آدَمُ مِنْ رَبِّهِ كَلِمَاتٍ
فَتَابَ عَلَيْهِ

إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٣٧﴾
فَلَمَّا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ
فَلَا تَخَفْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا حُمْرٌ بِعُرْوَةٍ ﴿٣٨﴾

*2:36 & 2:38 The use of the Arabic plural form here, rather than the two-persons form, indicates that the order is issued to all humans (Adam and Eve and their descendants) and all Jinns (Satan and his descendants).

*2:37 Adam had to utter specific words, given to him by God, in order to be redeemed. Similarly, we can make daily contact with our Creator only by uttering the specific words given to us by God, namely, Sura Al-Fatihah (1:1-7).