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26. The letters K (Kaf), H (Ha), Y (Ya), 'A ('Ayn), and S (Saad) occur in the "K.H.Y.'A.S."-initialed sura (#19) 798 times, or 19×42 .

27. The total occurrence of "H.M." (Ha Mim) in their 7 suras (40-46) is 2147, or 19×113 .

28. The total of "'A.S.Q." ('Ayn Seen Qaf), in their sura (42) is 209, or 19×11 .

29. The initials "A.L.M." (Alef Lam Mim) occur in 6 suras, and the total occurrences of the three letters in 6 suras are as follows:

Sura 2 (9899) or 19×521
Sura 3 (5662) or 19×298
Sura 29 (1672) or 19×88
Sura 30 (1254) or 19×66
Sura 31 (817) or 19×43
Sura 32 (570) or 19×30

30. The total occurrence of the letters "A.L.R." (Alef Lam Ra) in the five A.L.R.-initialed suras are as follows:

Sura 10 (2489) or 19×131
Sura 11 (2485) or 19×131
Sura 12 (2375) or 19×125
Sura 14 (1197) or 19×63
Sura 15 (912), or 19×48

31. The initials of sura 7, "A.L.M.S." (Alef Lam Mim Saad) occur a total of 5320 times, or 19×280 .

32. The initials of Sura 13, "A.L.M.R." (Alef Lam Mim Ra) occur a total of 1482 times, or 19×78 .

33. The initials "H" (Ha), "T.H." (Ta Ha), "T.S." (Ta Seen) and "T.S.M." (Ta Seen Mim) occur in the suras (19, 20, 26, 27 & 28) a total of 1767 times, or 19×93 .

34. When we add the sura number, plus

the number of its verses, plus the sum of verse numbers in each sura, we find the grand total for the 29 initialed suras is 190133, or 19×10007 .

35. The same calculations for the 85 un-initialed suras produces 156066, or 19×8214 .

36. The numbers mentioned in the Quran are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 99, 100, 200, 300, 1000, 2000, 3000, 5000, and 100,000. The sum of these numbers is 162146, or 19×8534 .

37. Why 19? 19 is the gematrical value of the Arabic word "WAHD" which means ONE. W has a gematrical value of (6) + A (1) + H (8) + D (4) = 19.

38. The word "WAHD" (ONE), referring to God occurs 19 times.

39. The word "Alone" (Wahdahu), when it refers to God, occurs in (7:70, 39:45, 40:12 & 84, and 60:4) the sum of these numbers is 361, or 19×19 .

There are literally hundreds more of these PHYSICAL FACTS. See Quran: Visual presentation of the Miracle, Islamic Productions, 739 E. 6th Street, Tucson, AZ 85719.

Why are people so averse to these facts? What is it about these great miracles that are so hard to accept? Throughout history we know that many prophets and messengers were rejected and killed. Some received physical miracles from God proclaiming the religion of monotheism as the means to salvation. The Quran states in 21:2 "Whenever a miracle comes to them from their Lord, which is new, they listen to it heedlessly."

Some of us were fortunate enough to wit-

ness another messenger of God, Rashad Khalifa, through whom God revealed this great miracle. However, Muslims scholars insisted that the first verse, known as the Basmalah, did not have 19 letters. Even though it is a physical fact, they did everything to deny the truth. Some scholars said Basmalah has 20 letters and others said 23 and so on. Why are they so adamantly opposed to the truth? As the Quran states in 9:32 "They want to put out God's light with their mouths, but God insists upon perfecting His light, in spite of the disbelievers."

Any person who makes an effort to believe in God and the last day would accept and thank God for these miracles because they come from God. They are very easily understood, but impossible to imitate.

It is God's system to expose His real enemies of God through profound miracles as well. No one could kill Rashad, a messenger of God, or any man that says worship God alone, unless he was an ardent enemy whose destiny is hell.

It is either black or white. No in-between. These hard-core enemies are known as objectors or rejectors, while believers in God are appreciative, humble, acceptors or submitters. This is what God says about the Quran's 19-based mathematical miracle:

Absolutely (I swear) by the moon
And the night as it passes
And the morning as it shines
THIS IS ONE OF THE GREAT
MIRACLES. (Sura 74:32-35)

Sam Khalifa

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The Simple Facts of God's Mathematical Miracle

1. There is a whole sura about this secret numerical code entitled the "Hidden Secret," namely Sura 74. In this sura God informs us that if anyone claims that the Quran is man-made (verse 25), God will prove to him otherwise by the number 19 (verse 30). God says that this number serves five functions: a) to disturb the disbelievers, b) to convince the Christians and Jews that this is a divine scripture, c) to strengthen the faith of the faithful, d) to remove all traces of doubts from the hearts of Christians, Jews as well as the believers, e) to expose those who harbor doubt in their hearts and the disbelievers. They will say, "what did God mean by this allegory?"

2. The first verse in the Quran, known as the "Basmalah" consists of 19 letters.

3. Every word in this verse is mentioned in the Quran in multiples of 19.

a) The first word (Ism) is mentioned in the Quran 19 times.

b) The second word (Allah=God) is mentioned in the Quran 2698 times, or 19×142 .

c) The third word (Al-Rahman=Most Gracious) is mentioned in the Quran 57 times, or 19×3 .

d) The fourth word (Al-Raheem=Most Merciful) is mentioned in the Quran 114 times, or 19×6 .

4. The Quran consists of 114 chapters (suras) which is 19×6 .

5. The first verse, which can be considered as the foundation of the miracle, occurs 114 times despite its conspicuous absence from Sura 9 (it occurs twice in sura 27) and 114 is 19×6 .

6. From the missing Basmalah of Sura 9 to the extra Basmalah of Sura 27, there are precisely 19 chapters.

7. It follows that the total of the sura numbers from 19 to 27 is 342, or 19×18 . This total (342) equals to the numbers of words between the two Basmalahs in Chapter 27.

8. The total number of verses in the Quran is 6346, or 19×334 . There are 6234 numbered verses and 112 unnumbered verses of Basmalahs, and $6234 + 112 = 6346$. Note that $6 + 3 + 4 + 6 = 19$.

9. The famous first revelation (96:1-5) consists of 19 words.

10. The famous last revelation (110:1-3) consists of 19 words.

11. The word God (Allah) is mentioned 2698 times as shown above, 19×142 , and when we add the numbers of the verses wherever the word "God" occurs, the total comes to 118123, which equals to 19×6127 .

12. The word, "Quran" is mentioned in the Quran 57 times, or 19×3 .

13. The word, "Quran" is mentioned in 38 suras, 19×2 .

14. Sura 96, first in the chronological order, consists of 19 verses.

15. Sura 96 consists of 304 Arabic letters and 304 equals to 19×16 .

16. When we add the numbers assigned to the verses wherever the word "the Quran" is found, the total comes to 2660 or 19×140 .

17. If we take the above number (2660) and add the number of suras where "the Quran" occurs to it, the total becomes 2698, or 19×142 , which is exactly the frequency of occurrence of the word "God."

18. When we add the sura number, plus the number of verses, plus the sum of verse numbers ($1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$, where $n =$ no. of verses), the grand total of all suras is 346,199 or 19×1822 .

19. The Quran is characterized by a unique phenomenon—twenty nine suras are prefixed with "Quranic initials." There are 14 letters which make up 14 sets of initials and these occur in 29 suras. The total of these numbers is $14 + 14 + 29 = 57$ or 19×3 .

20. Sura 50 is entitled Q (Qaf) and prefixed with the initial "Q". The letter Q occurs in this sura 57 times, or 19×3 .

21. The only other sura prefixed with the Quranic initial "Q" is sura 42. This sura contains the same number of Q's, 57, or 19×3 .

22. "Q" stands for Quran, as the total of all Q's in Sura 42 and Sura 50 is 114, the same as the number of suras in the Quran.

23. Sura 68 is initialed with "N" (Noon), and contains 133 N's, or 19×7 .

24. Three suras are prefixed with the initial "S" (Saad), and the total occurrence of the letter "S" in these suras is 152, or 19×8 .

25. Sura 36 is prefixed with the initials "Y.S." (Ya Seen) and the total occurrence of these two letters in this sura is 285, or 19×15 .

This essay is from the introduction of "19 Questions for Christians," which is in print

going along with the crowd?

EDIP YUKSEL

If you were born in India, most likely you would be a Hindu. In Saudi Arabia, a Muslim. In Israel, a Jew. Since you are in the USA, you're most likely a Christian. The dominant religion of your family and your country has more chance to be adopted by you. Why? What is the relationship between religion and geography?

Psychological relationship

Years ago I did some psychological experiments in order to witness certain common human behavior. The most interesting one was on conformity and compliance. I wanted to find out how we, as an individual, behave under strong group pressure. How was a minority of one reacting against unanimous majority? The results were incredible.

The Arrow Test

I gathered five persons in a room and put them in a line for the experiment. These participants would be my confederates. I told them that we will perform an experiment on the next person who will enter the room. He would be the last in the line. In the beginning, I would ask them two warm-up questions, and they should give me the correct answers. But, when I ask them the third question (the real one), my confederates one by one, must give me the wrong answer loudly.

When the real participant entered the room, I announced that we will have a test--as if I had never talked about it previously. I started with the two warm-up questions. I drew simple figures on the board and asked them one by one the routine question: which one is similar to this one. After all the five participants gave the correct answer, the real participant also gave the correct answer. They were easy questions.

Then, it came to the real question, the easiest one. I asked the following question: which figure on the right side is similar to the figure on the left side?

My confederates, one by one gave the obviously wrong answer. The first person said "C." The second one also said "C." The third followed with "C." All of them, one by one, gave the same answer. The real participant was in shock. He was amazed at the discrepancy between what he saw and what he heard. When his turn came, after hearing straight five "C" answers, he agreed with the majority. The "C" was his answer. He had gone along with the group.

Results of the experiments

Later, I learned that I was not the first one who made this experiment. Between 1951-56, S. E. Asch performed series of studies on compliance and conformity. Let me summarize the results of his experiments:

Asch made his experiments with different length of lines. He asked the participants to match the standard line with the lines on the left. Out of 123 participants, only 29 did not ever conform with the group's decision. 61 participants went along with their groups on occasion. But, 33 conformed to their groups numerous times. They agreed on the obvious wrong answer almost every time.

Some participants claimed to actually have seen the wrong line as a correct match. They privately accepted the belief of the majority opinion. About half of the rest of the conformists claimed that they had seen the lines correctly, but that when they heard the majority choice, they decided that

they must have been wrong. They then went along with the group. The remaining conformists said that they knew that the answer was not correct but that they had gone along with the group anyway (see Small Group Discussion: Charles Pavitt & Ellen Curtis, Gorsuch Scarisbric, Scottsdale, AZ., 1990, p 160-165).

Conformity, whether in form of compliance or private acceptance, occurs in every group. If a gang member steals a car the first time, most likely he will continue to do so. He will probably justify that stealing in order to maintain his internal harmony.

Religion: best nest for conformists

World religions give hundreds of different answers for a single question. Dogmas attract the highest rate of conformists. Conformity, sooner or later, causes the private acceptance or justification of the dogma. Some become fanatics, dedicating themselves to the dogma. The old conformists cause the newcomers to conform. This chain attraction goes on.

Why is the percentage of religious conformists and their private acceptance so high? There are many reasons:

1. We are exposed to dogmas since our childhood. This early exposure to the religion has a great impact on us. For a Hindu, thousands of human gods and taking a shower with the urine of holy cows makes more sense than everything else. For a Christian, a God with three personalities sacrificing his innocent son for criminals provides the only answer for the purpose of life. A Muslim may rationalize his seeking of a cure in the saliva of his leader.

2. Religious answers are not simple, they are mostly complex and vague. We can interpret any dogma and make it acceptable to us. The way is wide open for justification through endless speculations.

3. Many answers do not have objective validity. Since we cannot verify them, we can easily accept them.

4. Professionalized priesthood survive on particular dogmas. So, there will always be some well-trained holy sales people around. They are the most effective sales people ever seen in this world.

5. The common religious norms such as "Have faith without reason," or "Don't question" can close in advance all the circuits for any possible intellectual light.

6. Religions do not introduce their false dogmas and myths nakedly. They exploit the truth and craftily amalgamate it with myths. The truth such as "God's existence," or "good moral values" attract many. For the sake of some truth we may accept the mixture.

7. In religious groups peer pressure is very strong. The social and psychological punishment for not complying with the religion of our family and friends is usually a deterrent factor. So, we may employ an intellectual censorship to avoid a possible confrontation.

8. Our enigmatic brains can reinforce our private acceptance by playing odd games: selective cognition and logical fallacies can create spiritual experiences.

9. The socio-economic benefits of a religion or cult may force us to rationalize and justify their dogma.

For whom did I write this book

The first book of this series was "19 Questions For Muslim Scholars." It has been published in several languages. God willing, "19 Questions For Atheists" will follow this one.

In this one, I try to expose the corrupted face of the clergy. Though I address the clergymen, my real audience are those Christians who do not use the religion as a business. If you

are a paid member of a religious incorporation, you may have many reasons to defend falsehood.

A bouquet of children's letters to God will be a warm-up for my questions. They are from relatively free and innocent minds. They contain serious criticism blended with humor and satire. (from Dear God What Religion Were the Dinosaurs, David Heller, Bantam Books, New York, 1991)

Why is the percentage of religious conformists and their private acceptance so high?

Dear God,
What does the word begat mean in the Bible. They certainly used it a heck of alot. Pardon my grammer, Dom (age 9)

Dear God,
I read how you partered the red ocean. That was cool and unbelevable. How come you don't do things spectacqler like that any more. Hard to get up the en-ergy? Dan B. (age 12)

Dear Lord,
Was the bible the first book? Or did the cavesmen made up stories too. Your friend, Kev (age 9)

Dear God,
I think you and Jesus are the best. I heard that Jesus was your only begotten son. I cannot understand for the life of me (like my dad says) why you did not permit him to live longer than age 33. Other than that I believe in you with no questions asked. Alex (age 11)

God,
What do you think of guys like Moha-mud, Buuda and the others like them? I do not understand their ideas. But maybe you do. Raymond (12)

Dear God,
You should change the rule on priests and nuns. So they can get married and have kids. Otherwise they get off scott

free and can get lonely and get into trouble. I know. My uncle is a priest. Hallelu-jah, Bonnie (age 10)

Dear Saint Augustine,
I am writing to you because I thought it might take too long to reach God. I need some help soon. My teacher Sister Mary has it in for me. I didn't do anything wrong. Honest. Anthony (age 9)

Dear God,
Are preachers like ministers and priests? Are they close to you or do they just talk loud. I say put them in their places and have them stop taking your name in their veings. Francis (age 12)

God,
Like I said in confession. I am sorry. Please forgive me. And make sure Father Ryan keeps quiet about it. Thank you, Patricia (age 11)

Attention: God
Please tell Rev. Johnson to stop calling you a him every single time he talks about you. Tell him youre a girl and se him strait. Best wishes, Melissa Sue (age 10)

Dear God,
There should be a book about you. It would be a best seller. They could have a big burning bush and a cross on the cover. If that would not get the people, that would be on the back and they would put a lady all dolled up on the front. That works every time. J.M. (age 10)

Dear Mr. God,
Do you get drunk on wine like the men in the Bible? My dad drinks too much too. So do not feel bad or sad. You are not alone. Your buddy, Andrew My dad's name is Phil (age 9)

God,
I hate the taste of wine. Why didn't you have them dirnk fruit punch o papaya juice in Israel. Love, Michael (age 11)

Dear God,
If the last supper was in the morning would it be called the last breakfast? I love Jesus very much and I wish that he did not have to suffer for our sins. Love Kenneth (age 12)

God/Jesus.
I have a box where I keep all my valua- bled things and stuff. I want to let you know that I have my cross there. You did not die for nothing. Joe (age 10)