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## THOUGHTS ON SUBMISSION TO GOD

### What does it really mean?

In the English dictionary we see that Submission is defined as “to yield to the power or authority of another for example to submit to a conqueror”. In the Case of the religion of Islam (Submission) it is yielding to the authority of God, the one and only creator.

People from all religions unequivocally claim that they have yielded to the authority of God, so does this mean people from all religions are submitters (Muslims)?

The important aspect of submission is to yield exclusively to the authority of God alone without associating others with Him in the strictest form of monotheism as taught by God Himself in His scriptures. Without doing so we have not submitted.

Thus the religion of Submission is also the religion of absolute and strict monotheism (the worship of the One and Only God without the association of others).

[2:131] *When his Lord said to him, “Submit,” he said, “I submit to the Lord of the universe.”*

[30:30] *Therefore, you shall devote yourself to the religion of strict monotheism. Such is the natural instinct placed into the people by GOD. Such creation of GOD will never change. This is the perfect religion, but most people do not know.*

[10:105] *I was commanded: “Keep yourself devoted to the religion of monotheism; you shall not practice idol worship.*

[30:27] *And He is the One who initiates the creation, then repeats it; this is even easier for Him. To Him belongs the most sublime similitude, in the heavens and the earth, and He is the Almighty, Most Wise.*

[13:16] *Say, “Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth?” Say, “GOD.” Say, “Why then do you set up besides Him masters who do not possess any power to benefit or harm even themselves?” Say, “Is the blind the same as the seer? Is darkness the same as the light?” Have they found idols besides GOD who created creations similar to His creations, to the point of not distinguishing the two creations? Say, “GOD is the Creator of all things, and He is the One, the Supreme.”*

[55:3] *Creator of the human beings.*

[112:4] *“None equals Him.*

[2:112] *Indeed, those who submit themselves absolutely to GOD alone, while leading a righteous life, will receive their recompense from their Lord; they have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve.*

[3:19] *The only religion approved by GOD is “Submission.” Ironically, those who have received the scripture are the ones who dispute this fact, despite the knowledge they have received, due to jealousy. For such rejectors of GOD’s revelations, GOD is most strict in reckoning.*

It has been the religion of all creation for all the time. It is the only acceptable religion in the sight of God. God has rejected and has never authorized the worship of others alongside Himself.

[3:85] *Anyone who accepts other than Submission as his religion, it will not be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter, he will be with the losers.*

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[16:51] GOD has proclaimed: “Do not worship two gods; there is only one god. You shall reverence Me alone.”

[17:42] Say, “If there were any other gods beside Him, as they claim, they would have tried to overthrow the Possessor of the throne.”

Furthermore, it is not a religion in the traditional sense of the word. The traditional definition of religion is that: it is the practice of religious beliefs; ritual observance of faith. For example Christians attending mass on Sunday while generally remaining heedless about God the rest of the week.

Submission is a much deeper and active concept than what we traditionally understand to be religion.

We are spiritual beings in bodily garments, thus our submission to God is the absolute devotion of our souls (ourselves) and bodies (garments) every moment of our lives on this earth and even beyond our earth existence, willingly submitting, without ever tiring, without least arrogance, without the least disobedience, without the least hesitation just like every other creature in the universe.

[16:48] Have they not seen all the things created by GOD? Their shadows surround them right and left, **in total submission to GOD**, and willingly

[16:49] To GOD prostrates everything in the heavens and everything on earth — every creature—and so do the angels; **without the least arrogance**.

[13:15] To GOD prostrates everyone in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and so do their shadows in the mornings and the evenings.

[22:18] Do you not realize that to GOD prostrates everyone in the heavens and the earth, and the sun, and

the moon, and the stars, and the mountains, and the trees, and the animals, and many people? Many others among the people are committed to doom. Whomever GOD shames, none will honor him. Everything is in accordance with GOD’s will.

[3:102] O you who believe, you shall observe GOD as He should be observed, and do not die except as Submitters.

[2:131] When his Lord said to him, “Submit,” he said, “I submit to the Lord of the universe.”

[2:132] Moreover, Abraham exhorted his children to do the same, and so did Jacob: “O my children, GOD has pointed out the religion for you; do not die except as submitters.”

[66:6] O you who believe, protect yourselves and your families from the Hellfire whose fuel is people and rocks. Guarding it are stern and powerful angels **who never disobey GOD; they do whatever they are commanded to do**.

[41:38] If they are too arrogant to do this, then those at your Lord glorify Him night and day, **without ever tiring**.

[91:7-8] The soul and Him who created it. Then showed it what is evil and what is good.

[6:125] Whomever GOD wills to guide, He renders his chest wide open to Submission. And whomever He wills to send astray, He renders his chest intolerant and straitened, like one who climbs towards the sky. GOD thus places a curse upon those who refuse to believe.

[6:162] Say, “My Contact Prayers (Salat), my worship practices, my life and my death, are all **devoted absolutely to GOD alone**, the Lord of the universe.

[2:208] O you who believe, you shall embrace total submission; do not follow the steps of Satan, for he is your most ardent enemy.

## Psalms 62

<sup>1</sup> My soul waits in silence for God only; From Him is my salvation.

<sup>2</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.

<sup>3</sup> How long will you assail a man, That you may murder *him*, all of you, Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?

<sup>4</sup> They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position; They delight in falsehood; They bless with their mouth, But inwardly they curse. Selah.

<sup>5</sup> My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him.

<sup>6</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.

<sup>7</sup> On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God.

<sup>8</sup> Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.

<sup>9</sup> Men of low degree are only vanity and men of rank are a lie; In the balances they go up; They are together lighter than breath.

<sup>10</sup> Do not trust in oppression And do not vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.

<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken; Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God;

<sup>12</sup> And loving kindness is Yours, O Lord, For You recompense a man according to his work.  
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[3:184] If they reject you, messengers before you have been rejected, even though they brought proofs, the PSALMS, and the enlightening scripture.

[4:163] We have inspired you, as we inspired Noah and the prophets after him. And we inspired Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, the Patriarchs, Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron, and Solomon. And we gave David the PSALMS.

## Earth's movement around Sun

Until the 16th century it was thought that the earth was the center of the universe. This view is known as the “geo-centric model,” from the Greek words *geo* (earth) and *centron* (center). This belief was questioned by the famous astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus in 1543 in his book (Of the Revolutions of Heavenly Spheres), in which he suggested that the earth and the other planets revolve around the Sun. As a result of observations using a telescope performed by Galileo in 1610, it was scientifically established that the earth revolves around the sun.

Since it had hitherto been thought that the sun revolved around the earth, most scholars of the time rejected Copernicus' theory. The famous astronomer Johannes Kepler's views setting out the movements of the planets confirmed the helio-centric model in the 16th and 17th centuries. In this model, whose name comes from the words *Helios* (Sun) and *centron* (center), the sun is the center of the universe, rather than the earth.

The fact that Galileo was put on trial and under house arrest, till his death for expressing this counter intuitive truth, is well known. Had the idea of earth moving along an orbit, as other heavenly bodies seemed to do to the people who lived during Prophet Muhammad time, been expressly indicated in the Quran, this might have diminished all believers' faith—of the pre modern time—in the Quran as a divinely inspired scripture. For this reason I think this fact was implicitly referred to in the Quran. Thus the “night & day” plays the role of the secret reference to earth.

“Night & day” in Quran is always related to the earth's night & day or symbolically related to earth per following arguments:

Per 39:5, “*He created the heavens and the earth truthfully. He rolls the night over the day, and rolls the day over the*

*night. He committed the sun and the moon, each running for a finite period. Absolutely, He is the Almighty, the Forgiving.*” The expression of rolling of the night over the day and night over the day infers a round earth. 79:30 is explicit about this.

Per 36:40, “*The sun is never to catch up with the moon—the night and the day never deviate—each of them is floating in its own orbit.*” The expression of the “night & the day” refers to earth. The verb tense “*yasbahoor*” is in plural tense referring to object count of more than two. As a result Sun, Moon (count of two) and one more heavenly object, the earth (cloaked inside the wrapping of night & day), should be floating in their own orbits. Movement of Sun around Earth was the perceived phenomenon and the perceived fact till 16<sup>th</sup> century. From our modern understanding of our universe, the sun moves around a Black Hole located at the center of Milky Way Galaxy once every 225 million years. Since the inception of Solar system 4.5 billion years ago, the sun has completed twenty circles around the center of Milky Way Galaxy. This proves that the sun also has an orbit of movement as 36:40 so indicates.

It is noteworthy that every year for a given location on earth on a given day, sun rise and sun set times are fixed. This matches the expression, “*The night and the day never deviate*” in this verse. This also suggests that earth's orbit should be around the sun in order to have this phenomenon. If the sun and the earth's orbits were totally independent, length of day & night on earth would never repeat themselves for a given location on earth every year.

“Night & day” also appears with the “the sun and moon” in 21:33, “*And He is the One who created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon; each floating in its own orbit.*” Again the verb ‘*Yasbahoor*’ is plural referring to sun, moon & earth all three moving in

their own orbit. This verse shows up as the fourth verse along the four verses starting from 21:30 through which great scientific information of our era is being divulged one after another, humbling the reader.

The same phenomenon also appears in 31:29-30, “*Do you not realize that GOD merges the night into the day and merges the day into the night, and that He has committed the sun and the moon in your service, each running in its orbit for a specific life span, and that GOD is fully Cognizant of everything you do?*” “*This proves that GOD is the truth, while any idol they set up beside Him is falsehood, and that GOD“ is the Most High, Most Great.*”

It is noteworthy that 31:30 refers to a “proof” in the information that the previous verse contains. Sun's commitment to serving life on earth involves a predictable pattern of day & night, which per 36:40 must remain repeatable, “*the night and the day never deviate.*” This must be referring to the modern understanding that earth moves along an orbit around the sun, in addition to its movement around its axis inferred by 27:88.

Farzin

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God willing

## Ramadan 2012

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July 20 – August 18

Middle East, Asia, Australia and etc.

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## GOD GIVES EVERY CREATURE WHAT IT NEEDS



*He created the earth  
for all creatures.  
[55:10]*

*...There is not a creature that  
He does not control. [11:56]*

God created every single creature on earth. *He knows its course and its final destiny. [11:6]* He precisely designed every creature, designed it to fit perfectly into its niche in this world. We think that we have control over the animals, especially those we domesticated and changed over the centuries. But it's still all according to God's plan.

When I was researching tigers for a recent conference talk, I discovered something which I thought was interesting. The more I thought about it, the more remarkable it seemed to me. And I realized it was one more example of God giving to every creature what it needs.

*GOD is fully aware of all His creatures; He provides for whomever He wills. He is the Powerful, the Almighty. [42:19]*

I don't understand the physiology of this because I'm not very versed in

anatomy, but I can tell you that the hyoid bone is present in man and many other mammals. It's in our throat and allows for movements of the tongue, pharynx and larynx. I had never heard of the hyoid until I read this on Sea-world.org:

“The elastic hyoid, combined with the fibro-elastic tissue on top of the big cats' undivided vocal folds, acts like a slide trombone, enabling the big cats to roar.... Because of the elastic hyoid, big cats can purr only when breathing out. The hyoid of smaller cats is solid bone. These cats can purr when breathing both in and out, but they can't roar.”

Tigers don't need to purr; they need to roar. Their survival may depend on it. They range over hundreds of miles and must communicate over these vast distances. They warn invaders that this is their territory; stay away. To hear a big cat roar—well, there's no question of the ferocity, confidence, and majesty of a creature who can roar.

But a roar would be a huge disadvantage to an animal which is meant to live indoors and share life with humans. Some people (foolishly) try to make pets of tigers and cheetahs, but most people who take a cat into their home want a soft, cuddly creature. They don't mind that cats have more independence and mystery than dogs, but they want an animal that doesn't

scare them to death when it opens its mouth!

So God gave each creature what it would need to survive in this world. The lion and tiger can loudly and firmly communicate their presence and their power. The tabby and the calico meow demurely (or insistently) to be fed, and then cuddle on your lap and purr as you stroke them. We find this purring sound soothing and rewarding. We feed the cat so he doesn't have to hunt, and he repays us with his purr. And probably in its own way, the roar and the purr serve the same function—each cat is claiming its territory. What amazing creations of God.

*Among His proofs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the creatures He spreads in them. He is able to summon them, when He wills. [42:29]*

*All the creatures on earth, and all the birds that fly with wings, are communities like you. We did not leave anything out of this book. To their Lord, all these creatures will be summoned. [6:38]*

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