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## The Quran

The world has seen many beliefs and doctrines since the dawn of time. Some of these were of Divine origin being revealed by God to His prophets and messengers through His scriptures. Submission is the religion whereby we recognize God's absolute authority, and reach an unshakable conviction that God alone possesses all power; no other entity possesses any power that is independent of Him.

Submission began with Abraham, then spread far and wide through the prophets of God and others who carried God's message. The Quran was revealed in Arabic and we believe it to be the direct word of God; it is mathematically proven to be. No other religious scripture is currently intact preserving its pristine form and text. Revelation, though piecemeal, has been set down, arranged and compiled accurately, indicating an Almighty intention. No other scripture on hand today conclusively claims direct divine authorship nor can it keep various nationalities and creeds knit together for countless years.

[5:3] ... Today, I have completed your religion, perfected My blessing upon you, and I have decreed Submission as the religion for you. .... [24:54] Say, "Obey GOD, and obey the messenger."

*If they refuse, then he is responsible for his obligations, and you are responsible for your obligations. If you obey him, you will be guided. The sole duty of the messenger is to deliver (the message).*

Adam and Eve were sent down to earth and given knowledge by God. [2:37] Then, Adam received from his Lord words, whereby He redeemed him. He is the Redeemer, Most Merciful. They were not living in darkness and ignorance. They had firm faith and pure unalloyed monotheism and belief in the Hereafter. All prophets and messengers brought one and the same message. Due to the prevailing conditions and lack of modern mass communication, the message could only be given to a particular set of people at a given time.

In contrast the Quran is for all times and all peoples. Even though a Quranic verse may refer to a certain event, its intention and lessons are everlasting.

What is distinctive in Submission is its universality—not just for a particular area or populace. [21:107] We have sent you out of mercy from us towards the whole world. [34:28] We have sent you (O Rashad) to all the

people, a bearer of good news, as well as a warner, but most people do not know.

The Quran refutes atheism and polytheism. It preaches pure monotheism. Current versions of religions have lost that pure focus on God alone. Traditional Muslims take the name of Muhammad in their proclamation of faith and mention him in prayers. Christians, while claiming to be monotheists, believe Jesus to be a Son of God (or as a third of a Trinity). They say they do so in a metaphorical sense in the similar style as liberal Hindus say they do not really worship idols but observe them merely as objects in lieu of godly aspects to facilitate focus and contemplation in their veneration. However, God in the Quran clearly defines Himself as: [40:3] *Forgiver of sins, acceptor of repentance, strict in enforcing retribution, and possessor of all power. There is no other god beside Him. To Him is the ultimate destiny.* So it sets right the false belief that sins will go without punishment because of faith in Christ as the Lord or in Muhammad as an intercessor. It also discards the misplaced certainty of some Jews that as God's chosen people they are immune from eternal punishment in the Hereafter even if they commit

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idol worship or fail to grow their souls through the worship of God alone.

[62:6-7] Say, "O you who are Jewish, if you claim that you are **GOD's** chosen, to the exclusion of all other people, then you should long for death if you are truthful!" They will never long for it, because of what they have committed. **GOD** is fully aware of the wicked.

Names of Chapters in the Quran do not always have an Arab-centric derivation or indication, which further goes to prove the global appeal of Submission. There are chapters named after Noah, Sheba, Luqman, Joseph, Children of Israel, Mary, Abraham, and also the Romans. The Quran evidences the invariable clash between monotheism and polytheism, good and evil. The Quran portrays the days of nations and civilizations, which were thriving, then destroyed and the reasons why it happened. It tells us of the weak and helpless, their oppression and despair. They were at the mercy of tyrannical rulers, unconcerned about their agony.

Skeptics of the Quran label it a recycling of Judeo-Christian Scriptures because it includes many of the stories connected with Biblical prophets and important lessons that are central to all of God's scriptures. But this is addressed in the Quran: [3:3-4] He sent down to you this scripture, truthfully, confirming all previous scriptures, and He sent down the Torah and the Gospel before that, to guide the people, and He sent down the statute book. Those who disbelieve in **GOD's** revelations incur severe retribution. **GOD** is Almighty, Avenger. [16:103] We are fully aware that they say, "A human being is teaching him!" The tongue of the source they hint at is non-Arabic, and this is a perfect Arabic tongue.

Logically speaking, all books from God describe the same essential requirements for salvation. God's system does not change. So it is no surprise that the first commandment (to worship God alone) and the major commandments in the original scriptures are consistent.

Submission to God is an active religion. It is not merely a name or a label attached to a person. We cannot truly call ourselves "Submitters" to God if we are breaking His commandments. Submission maintains its universal character, as its essentials do not get outdated with time and space. We speak of ever-changing situations but God has given us the faculty of logic to devise new rationales to accommodate new conditions. The prerequisite, of course, is that they do not breach the ground rules which are precisely elaborated for us. [11:1] A.L.R. This is a scripture whose verses have been perfected, then elucidated. It comes from a Most Wise, Most Cognizant.

Submission wishes to bring to its faithful all people, regardless of their societal position, geographic distance or ethnic dissimilarity. We are all created of the same genetic material and what sets us apart is only our righteousness and piety. [49:13] O people, we created you from the same male and female, and rendered you distinct peoples and tribes, that you may recognize one another. The best among you in the sight of **GOD** is the most righteous. **GOD** is Omniscient, Cognizant.

Quranic teachings are not complicated to follow and have been designed to create ease for us. [2:185] ... **GOD** wishes for you convenience, not hardship, that you may fulfill your obligations, and to glorify **GOD** for guiding you, and to express your appreciation. [2:286] **GOD** never burdens a soul beyond its means: to its credit is what it earns, and against it is what it commits. "Our Lord, do not condemn us if we forget or make mistakes. Our Lord, and protect us from blaspheming against You, like those before us have done. Our Lord, protect us from sinning until it becomes too late for us to repent. Pardon us and forgive us. You are our Lord and Master. Grant us victory over the disbelieving people."

We can attain true Faith if we follow the Quran. The first step would be our intention—a genuine and sincere desire to achieve that aim. If our intention is true and unwavering, and we come to God with our whole heart, our conscience will sound "an alarm bell"

on every slip-up and we will seek refuge in God (7:200-201). God willing, if we truly believe in God, the right path will start unfolding automatically (i.e., God will guide our heart, 64:11). We must resist every whisper from the jinns. Satan will surely step in too, he loves a good fight. But we must remember God's promise.

[29:69] As for those who strive in our cause, we will surely guide them in our paths. Most assuredly, **GOD** is with the pious. [5:9] **GOD** promises those who believe and lead a righteous life forgiveness and a great recompense.

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## The Quran on the Quran

[56:77] This is an honorable Quran.

[7:204] When the Quran is recited, you shall listen to it and take heed, that you may attain mercy.

[54:17] We made the Quran easy to learn. Does any of you wish to learn?

[16:98] When you read the Quran, you shall seek refuge in **GOD** from Satan the rejected.

Only God Can Author the Quran  
[10:37] This Quran could not possibly be authored by other than **GOD**. It confirms all previous messages, and provides a fully detailed scripture. It is infallible; for it comes from the Lord of the universe.

[12:2] We have revealed it an Arabic Quran, that you may understand.

[12:3] We narrate to you the most accurate history through the revelation of this Quran. Before this, you were totally unaware.

Quran: Our Means to Salvation  
[17:9] This Quran guides to the best path, and brings good news to the believers who lead a righteous life, that they have deserved a great recompense.

[47:24] Why do they not study the Quran carefully? Do they have locks on their minds?

# Appreciating GOD

[Quran 29:43] We cite these examples for the people, and none appreciate them except the knowledgeable.

Like most submitters, I am aware of God, I love God, but do I appreciate God as He should be appreciated?? Reading an article that highlighted some amazing facts about the human body deepened my realization of how awesome God is. The next table will give you an idea of how amazing our bodies are, and if our bodies are so amazing **then how great must the Creator be!**

[Quran 59:24] He is the One **GOD**; the Creator, the Initiator, the Designer...




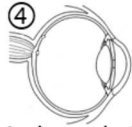




Every part of the human body is capable of herculean tasks, seemingly almost impossible to accomplish (please see image). For example, our digestive acids (#6) are strong enough to dissolve zinc. Or (#1) one cubic inch of bone can support over 8.5 tons of weight. It seems an impossible feat for a body that is so vulnerable to the common cold, yet created to accomplish great things by God's grace. The complexity of each part and its functionality has stumped even the greatest of minds. Perhaps, that is why we are still to discover a cure for the common cold. Nevertheless God says:

[Quran 37:11] Ask them, "Are they more difficult to create, or the other creations?" We created them from wet mud.

As I look at my body I realize how 'not mine' it is. I have no control over it whatsoever. Neither can I will it to change from fat to thin or otherwise. My body is really not mine, but an instrument fulfilling God's commands. (#10) The focusing muscles of the eye move 100,000 times a day and they do so without any intervention on my part. They do what they're designed to do, or my eyes would get dry and cause constant irritation.

[Quran 39:62] **GOD** is the Creator of all things, and He is in full control of all things.

While our body seems fragile and suscep-

 <p>① God made human bones (especially the femur) very strong. A cubic inch of bone is able to bear a load of about <b>19,000 lbs</b> (that's over 8.5 tons)</p>	 <p>② If all the blood vessels in the Human Body were put in a straight line it could <b>circle the globe, over 25000 miles</b> in length</p>
 <p>③ <b>1lb Fat = 7 miles Blood Vessels.</b> When you put on a pound of fat your body creates 7miles of blood vessels. This means your body must work harder to pump blood through all these extra new vessels. Fortunately, if you lose 1lb, your body will break down and re-absorb unnecessary vessels.</p>	 <p>④ Our eyes are very sensitive by God's design. It can detect a few photons. If one looks on a very clear night at the constellation Andromeda (about 2.5million light years away), a small fuzzy patch of light is visible with the naked eye.</p>
<p>Largest Molecule: Chromosome-1. A single chromosome contains about <b>10 billion atoms!</b> A normal human cell has 23 pairs of chromosomes, each a single long molecule of DNA.</p> 	 <p>⑥ <b>The stomach's digestive acid is strong enough to dissolve zinc.</b> By God's grace the stomach lining also has a mucus barrier and can renew so the acids don't dissolve it.</p>
 <p>⑦ It is hard to fathom how small the atoms making up our body are. The average adult is made up of about <b>7 OCTILLION atoms</b> (1 octillion = 1000 trillion trillion)</p>	 <p>⑧ The atoms that make up our body are mostly empty space. While a body has a very large number of atoms, if you removed the empty space in our atoms, our body would fit into a tiny cube less than 1/1000<sup>th</sup> of an inch each side</p>
<p>⑨ The skin is the largest organ in our body. An average adult has about <b>20 sq ft</b> of skin, and will shed about 40lbs of it during their lifetime.</p>	<p>⑩ The focusing muscles of the eyes move about <b>100,000</b> times a day. This would be about the same as walking 50 miles a day for the leg muscles.</p>

tible to hurt, it is able to withstand all the abuse we put it though. God has created a recovery mechanic for every function.

(#3) When you gain 500gm (1lb) of fat, your body makes 11km (7 miles) of blood vessels. Fortunately, if you lose 500gm, your body will break down and re-absorb the unnecessary vessels.

[Quran 26:78-80] "The One who created me, and guided me. The One who feeds me and waters me. **And when I get sick, He heals me**".

While I cannot really fathom God's greatness, each time I think of my body and its capabilities I have a new love and appreciation for God, as I am now more aware of how amazing His creations are. I'm more aware of the Creator, His greatness and power, and mindful of how little is in my control. Knowing that my body is so perfectly and phenomenally designed gives me a sense of joy. And knowing that God is in full control of it is comforting. Thus God gives us an opportunity to continuously appreciate Him. [Quran 3:144] ...Anyone who turns back on his heels, does not hurt GOD in the least. **GOD rewards those who are appreciative.**

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[23:14] Then we developed the drop into a hanging (embryo), then developed the hanging (embryo) into a bite-size (fetus), then created the bite-size (fetus) into bones, then covered the bones with flesh. We thus produce a new creature. Most blessed is **GOD**, the best Creator.

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## Importance of Prayer

### *Formula for Success*

[24:56] You shall observe the Contact Prayers (*Salat*) and give the obligatory charity (*Zakat*), and obey the messenger, that you may attain mercy.

[29:45] You shall recite what is revealed to you of the scripture, and observe the Contact Prayers (*Salat*), for the Contact Prayers prohibit evil and vice. But the remembrance of **GOD** (*through Salat*) is the most important objective. **GOD** knows everything you do.

[2:186] When My servants ask you about Me, I am always near. I answer their prayers when they pray to Me. The people shall respond to Me and believe in Me, in order to be guided.

[2:153] O you who believe, seek help through steadfastness and the Contact Prayers (*Salat*). GOD is with those who steadfastly persevere.

[2:238] You shall consistently observe the Contact Prayers, especially the middle prayer, and devote yourselves totally to GOD.

[2:277] Those who believe and lead a righteous life, and observe the Contact Prayers (*Salat*), and give the obligatory charity (*Zakat*), they receive their recompense from their Lord; they will have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve.

[5:55] Your real allies are GOD and His messenger, and the believers who observe the Contact Prayers (*Salat*), and give the obligatory charity (*Zakat*), and they bow down.

[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.

[11:114] You shall observe the Contact Prayers (*Salat*) at both ends of the day, and during the night. The righteous works wipe out the evil works. This is a reminder for those who would take heed.

[14:40] "My Lord, make me one who consistently observes the Contact Prayers (*Salat*), and also my children. Our Lord, please answer my prayers.

[23:1-2] Successful indeed are the believers; who are reverent during their Contact Prayers (*Salat*).

[20:14] "I am GOD; there is no other god beside Me. You shall worship Me alone, and observe the Contact Prayers (*Salat*) to remember Me."

[62:9-10] O you who believe, when the Congregational Prayer (*Salat Al-Jumu'ah*) is announced on Friday, you shall hasten to the commemoration of GOD, and drop all business. This is better for you, if you only knew. Once the prayer is completed, you may spread through the land to seek GOD's bounties, and continue to remember GOD frequently, that you may succeed.

## Letter from Prisoner

As Salaamu Alaykum

I received the Quran by Rashad Khalifa, which is the most profound translation I have ever read. It has taught me that the worship of Allah alone is the correct way of life. Why would any Muslim need anything else (Hadith), when the Quran teaches us everything. What I now need is how do I recite my prayer now that I do not mention Prophet Muhammad's name in the Contact Prayer? Do you have a book on Salat, and if so, does it consist of a transliteration of the Arabic? Inshallah, can you please send me what I would need to worship Allah the right way.

May Allah continue to bless you and your efforts to reach multitudes of Muslims, and teach them the only true way of life, without worshipping other than Allah.

*James*

*[ed. note: We have sent James the Contact Prayer booklet, which gives step by step instruction on the correct preparation, motions, and words of the Contact Prayers. When we do the prayers the right way, sincerely devoting them to God Alone, then we are making contact with our Creator five times every day. What a blessing.]*