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A Prayer of Thanks to God

[1] God looked down at the planet earth and saw that all His messages have been corrupted beyond recognition. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam no longer resembled the religions preached by Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad.

[2] God looked down at the planet earth and saw that the Jews (the majority of them) do not believe His word, the Torah—they do not believe in the Hereafter, nor do they know God. Lest you think that I am too hard on the Jews, let me quote a prominent Rabbi, Harold Kushner of Boston. In his book entitled “WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE” (Avon Books, New York, 1983), Rabbi Kushner writes on Page 29, “...we would be well advised to take this world as seriously as we can, in case it turns out to be the only one we ever have, and to look for meaning and justice here.”

Are these the words of one who believes in the Hereafter? On Page 148 Kushner says: “Are you capable of forgiving and loving God even when

you have found out that He is not perfect ... Can you learn to love and forgive Him despite His limitations...?” Is this a religious leader who knows God?

[3] The Christians are not in much better shape; a prominent Christian leader agrees fully with Rabbi Kushner’s blasphemies. On the back cover of Rabbi Kushner’s book, we see an endorsement by Norman Vincent Peale, where he describes the blasphemy-ridden book as “A book all humanity needs.”

[4] Due to the Nicene distortions, today’s Christianity is diametrically opposed to the teachings of Jesus. While Jesus ordered his followers to “Worship God; my Lord and your Lord” (John 20:17), the Christians have been tricked into worshipping Jesus instead. If Jesus were to be resurrected today, he would surely disown those who call themselves “Christian”—in fact he is reported in Matthew 7:23 as disowning those who call him “Lord.”

[5] The Muslims of today have also strayed from God’s path. Despite receiving the Final Testament, which is perfectly intact, preserved, fully detailed, and made easy to understand, the Muslims of today have disregarded the Quran, and followed their traditions, superstitions, and the human-made teachings of their “scholars.”

[6] God saw the Muslims testify to a false creed. Although the Quran (3:18) dictates the creed: “There is no god besides God.” The Muslims no longer want God if Muhammad is not with Him. The proof: Just visit any mosque or “Islamic” Center and declare: *ASH-HADU ALLA ELAAHA ELLA ALLAH* (I testify that there is no god except God), and you will be persecuted; they demand Muhammad’s name in addition to God’s.

[7] God looked at the planet earth and saw us associating other names with His name, even as we stood in the Contact Prayers to worship Him.

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[8] And He saw that we practiced *Zakat* charity the wrong way; not in accordance with His word, the Quran (6:141).

[9] God saw that every practice of worship that came to us through Abraham and Muhammad was severely corrupted.

[10] God saw that His final message to the world, the Quran, has been tampered with; two human-made sentences, in praise of the prophet Muhammad (9:128-129), were added to the last sura revealed in Medina.

[11] And God willed that we know that this world will end 2280 AD (1710 AH).

[12] And God decided that the human race is now ready to understand the purpose of our lives—why we are here (MP, Nov88).

[13] And God willed that we know how the Quran was sent down, and how it was recorded; that Muhammad received it in “Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa” located in the highest heaven, that it was released to him by Gabriel over a period of 23 years, and that it was written down by Muhammad’s own hand.

[14] And God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful, wanted us to know that He has given us 40 long years (46:15) to look around us, reflect, study, investigate, then make a decision to re-join His Kingdom, or stay in Satan’s chaotic domain. Anyone who dies before the age of 40 goes to Heaven.

[15] And God willed that the time has come to reveal His great miracle in the Quran—a living, perpetual, ever-growing, ever present, tangible, physical, and utterly overwhelming miracle.

[16] And God knew that most of those who do believe in Him, do not know

Him; they do not believe that He is doing everything; that He is Omnipotent.

[17] And God willed that we know the secret of perfect happiness (perfect health, wealth, joy, and peace of mind), now and forever.

[18] And to fulfill all these divine decrees, God sent His messenger to our generation (3:81).

[19] How fortunate we are to be born at this time and to be the recipients of these awesome blessings from God.

HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE! THANK YOU GOD.

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(Editor R. Khalifa, Ph.D. Note that MP stands for Muslim Perspective, later renamed to Submitters Perspective.)

The First Thanksgiving Proclamation

This historic proclamation was issued by George Washington during his first year as President. It sets aside Thursday, November 26 as “A Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer.”

Signed by Washington on October 3, 1789 and entitled “General Thanksgiving,” the decree appointed the day “to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God.”

While there were Thanksgiving observances in America both before and after Washington’s proclamation, this represents the first to be so designated by the new national government.

THANKSGIVING DAY 1789 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - A PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor - and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee re-

quested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be – That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks – for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation – for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war – for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed – for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions – to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually – to render our national government a blessing to all the People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed – to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord – To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and Us – and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

(signed) G. Washington

IMMUNE SYSTEMS: The way God protects us

He is Supreme over His creatures, and He appoints guards to protect you... (6:61)

God perfected His creation as stated in verse 95:4 “*We created man in the best design*” and in 40:64 “*...and He designed you, and designed you well...*”

When a baby is born, he or she is protected by immune systems that can recognize certain microbes immediately and destroy them. If God did not provide us with immune systems, the population of people and animals in the world would probably be extinct, because we would not have any protection against diseases and infections.

The baby gradually grows and so does the immune system. Then, antibodies play a leading role against antigens. **Antigens** are produced or released by invaders or foreign molecules, such as bacteria, viruses, pollens, fungi, protozoa, worms, cancer cells, foreign tissues, worn out cells, etc. **Antibodies**, also called immunoglobulin (Igs), are proteins produced in response to a particular antigen and their response is very specific. There are five groups of antibodies: IgG, IgM, IgA, IgD and IgE. Each of them has a specific job. God’s design is precise as stated in verse 77:23. “*We measured it precisely. We are the best designers.*”

How can the immune systems recognize viruses (influenza, HIV, hepatitis, measles), bacteria (tuberculosis, syphilis, leprosy), pathogens (malaria, worms, sleeping sickness), or other foreign elements that enter our body and can infect us? When intruders enter our body, the white blood cells fight against them. To respond to various intruders, the leukocytes (white blood cells) have different types of blood cells, such as lymphocytes, monocytes and granulocytes (neutrophils, basophils and eosinophils). These cells

have different roles to protect us. The lymphocytes have two different classes of immune responses:

Humoral immunity (**B lymphocytes**) originates from the bone marrow. B cells have antibodies on their surfaces so they can recognize foreign intruders directly. These antibodies are the most important factor in our defense system against infection, because they can bind antigens, they have the ability to recognize and neutralize bacteria toxin, then destroy them or coat the microbes, which increases their ability to engulf the pathogens. When B cells are activated, they divide and differentiate into plasma cells, and then the plasma cells secrete antibody proteins.

However, antibodies alone are not enough to defend our body from hidden foreign intruders that slip very quickly inside the cells, like malaria, Leishmania, Pneumococci bacillus and viruses. Antibodies get help from cell-mediated immunity (**T-lymphocyte**) which originates from the thymus. Here the T cells play a role. Because T cells cannot see the whole antigens, they get help from their receptors and antigen-presenting cells which recognize and then ingest the antigens and split them into fragments of peptides. These peptides join MHC (major histocompatibility complex) molecules and appear on the surface of the T cells, which release chemical signals, lymphokines, that activate other parts of the immune systems. There are many kinds of T cells: cytotoxic T cell, helper T cell, inflammatory T cell, suppression T cell; each has a special job.

Various cells and molecules in the white blood cells, such as dendritic cells, macrophages, and natural-killer cells, help both B and T cells, so our immune system is perfect. These cells have the responsibility to recognize antigens, and then destroy them. They work with specific reactions. The duet of B and T lymphocytes cooperates to

protect us against diseases. It is really amazing how the immune system works in concert. Who is the conductor? Who is the initiator? Who controls them?

He is the One who initiates and repeats. (85:13)

He creates and shapes. He designs and guides. (87:2-3)

He is the One God; the Creator, the Initiator, the Designer. (59:24)

Such is God your Lord, the Creator of all things. There is no god except He. How could you deviate? (40:62)

From previous experience with the infectious organisms, some T and B cells become **memory cells**, where some information about the invasion imprints and stays in the circulation. When the same foreign cells enter the body, the memory cells replicate T or B cells automatically and are ready to kill the antigens. That is why we rarely suffer for a second time from chicken-pox, measles, or whooping-cough. We never order them to replicate, but God designed our immune systems for protection against the infection, for our good health and survival.

To God prostrates everyone in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and so do their shadows in the mornings and the evenings. (13:15)

Such is God your Lord, there is no god except He, the Creator of all things. You shall worship Him alone. He is ill control of all things. (6:102)

Not only does God protect our immune systems, He also restores damaged immune functions and suppresses them when they go uncontrolled. So, if God protects us through the immune systems, why do we sometimes get sick? We shouldn’t blame God; we should ask ourselves

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whether we have done something wrong because: “*anything good that happens to you is from God, and anything bad that happens to you is a consequence of your own deeds, and He overlooks many (of your sins).*” (4:79, 42:30).

If we can't find the reason why we are sick, maybe God wants to test us:

We will surely test you through some fear, hunger, and loss of money, lives, and crops. Give good news to the steadfast. (2:155)

Do the people think that they will be left to say, 'We believe,' without being put to the test? (29:2)

However, many people do not appreciate what God has given them. They tend to remember God when they get sick; only at that time do they not take God for granted.

The human being is unappreciative of his Lord. (100:6)

Let us be more appreciative of what God has given us before it is too late. Be He glorified. He is the Most High.

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. (30:27) Salam alaikoum,

Is God not the Most Wise, of all the wise ones? (95:8)

Anita H.

Readers' Comments

Greetings from Alberta,

... I invite people to my house each Friday and I teach them about the Quran and science and correlate it with the science and people like it. We read, study, be joyful, eat and talk to each other without extremism and with open mind. Some people see us very moderate and ask my wife why she doesn't cover her head. We tell them God will be the judge not you and as we respect you, we wish to be respected in the same way; otherwise you can stop coming to our place.

If you point one finger to other, there will be 3 fingers pointed backward to you and I told them close your hand and point in your index finger; surely you will see 3 fingers back to you and the thumb pointed upward to God as witness.

Well to start may be we need introduction, some newsletters to pass it around as I know it is hard to change people's mind and it needs step by step guidance until God wishes to deal into the heart of men and women to inspire them by His wisdom.

Saad, Canadian Submitter

Excuse me I don't speak English, but thank you, thank you, very very much and very big hug and God bless you.

You opened my eyes, my heart, and my head. This is very beautiful news in my life; I love you my brothers and sisters.

Hafid, French Submitter

[Ed's note: Some corrections were made to the originals for readability.]

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