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WHO IS IMAM ZAMAN?

Our Almighty Creator, be He glorified, taught us in Qur'an that a great secret is hidden within Qur'an. Verses 4 through 6 of Sura Al-Furqan (No 25) state that the purpose of this great secret is to provide incontrovertible authenticating proof that Qur'an is God's unaltered message to the world. In Verses 4 and 5 of Sura 25, the unbelievers claim that Qur'an is man-made; that it was fabricated by Muhammad with the help of others. Verse 6 then informs us that perfect refutation of such blasphemous claim shall be provided by **THE SECRET**.

From Verse 20 of Sura Yunus (No 10), we learn that the only miracle of the final Prophet Muhammad, which turned out to be **THE HIDDEN SECRET**, will be unveiled in the future; not during Muhammad's lifetime (see also 29:50-51).

THE SECRET has been perfectly concealed within Qur'an for 1400 years. In 1969 (1389 AH), I wrote the Qur'an into a computer, using an English symbol for each Arabic character, then I asked the computer to count every letter in every Sura. I was looking for any mathematical pattern involving the Qur'an's famous **mysterious letters** which prefix 29 suras [A.L.M. (Alef Laam Meem), Y.S. (Ya Seen), Q. (Qaaf), etc.]. I had no idea what to expect. After four years of computerized study, a miraculous mathematical system emerged throughout Qur'an that fulfilled the prophecies of 25:4-6 and 10:20. **THE SECRET WAS UNVEILED**.

Thus, after 1400 years of standing on its own without any physical proof of divine authorship, the Qur'an has become authenticated beyond doubt. Numerous pamphlets and three books have been published by this Masjid detailing this great Qur'anic development.

What needs to be mentioned here is that the Qur'an's miraculous mathematical system is based in the number **19**. The significance of this number is that it is the numerical value of the Arabic word **WAAHED** (واحد) which means **ONE**, reflecting the Qur'an's main theme: **GOD IS ONE**.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{W} &= 6, \text{A} = 1, \text{H} = 8, \text{D} = 4 \\ &6 + 1 + 8 + 4 = 19 \end{aligned}$$

The number **19** appears in Qur'an once, namely, in sura 74. The title of the sura is "Al-Muddath-thir" which means **THE HIDDEN ONE**.

Meanwhile, millions of Muslims, regardless of their sectarian affiliation, have been waiting for **THE HIDDEN ONE** to come out and deliver them from humiliation, defeats, misery, and wars.

Millions of Shi'a Muslims are waiting for **THE HIDDEN ONE**, who is known to them as **IMAM ZAMAN** or **SSAHEB ZAMAN** or **AL MAHDY** or **The Twelfth Imam** to appear and deliver them.

Similarly, millions of Sunni Muslims are waiting for **THE HIDDEN ONE** who is known to them as **AL MAHDY** to come and deliver them.

The discovery of the Qur'an's mathematical code has made it possible to calculate the time of **ZUHOOR** or appearance of **THE HIDDEN ONE**, as well as the identity of the expected Savior.

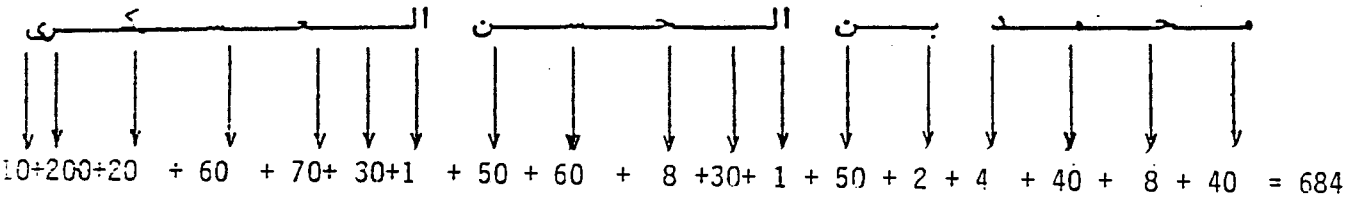
For example, the fact that the number **19** appears in Qur'an in sura **74** has pointed out the year **1406 AH** as the year of **ZUHOOR**, since $19 \times 74 = 1406$. The date on this issue of **MUSLIM PERSPECTIVE** is Rabi' Awwal **1406 AH**.

In Verses 16 & 17 of Sura 7, Satan pledges to continuously and ruthlessly skulk on the Muslims' straight path: that he will come to them from their front, their back, their right, and from their left, in order to mislead them. The subject of THE HIDDEN ONE (Al-Muddath-thir) provided Satan with a golden opportunity, since a great deal of speculation can be introduced, taking advantage of the immense human curiosity with regard to prophecy.

The great power and cleverness of Satan is manifest in the fact that he did succeed in creating an idol, a god besides God, out of THE HIDDEN ONE after confusing the identity of the expected benefactor for the Sunnis and Shi'as alike.

While most Sunni Muslims do not attach a specific name to THE HIDDEN ONE, millions of Shi'a Muslims know THE HIDDEN ONE by the name Muhammad Ibn Al-Hasan Al-'Askary.

Let us now calculate the numerical value of this most revered name by millions of Muslims:



It is certainly significant that 684 is a multiple of 19 ($684 = 19 \times 36$); it is not a simple coincidence. Since 684 is a multiple of 19, the Qur'an's common denominator, and the numerical value of Muhammad Ibn Al-Hasan Al-'Askary, it would seem that he is confirmed as THE HIDDEN ONE, the expected Savior.

However, this is the extent of Satan's scheme. The mighty Satan undoubtedly knew about the Qur'an's 19-based miraculous code. He then embarked on a devilish scheme aiming at confusing the vital issue of THE HIDDEN ONE and diverting attention of the Muslims from the true identity of their Savior. The devil has succeeded indeed in convincing the Muslims by the millions that THE TWELFTH IMAM (Muhammad Ibn Al-Hasan Al-'Askary), who disappeared as a child almost 1200 years ago, is THE HIDDEN ONE. He then schemed to create an idol, another god besides God, out of THE HIDDEN ONE.

ذٰلِكَ مَوْلٰهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَآ اِلٰهَ اِلَّا هُوَ وَالَّذِينَ تَدْعُوْنَ مِنْ دُوْنِ هٖ
 مَا يَخْلُقُوْنَ مِنْ طَيِّبٍ ۗ اِنْ تَدْعُوْهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُوْا لَكُمْ دَعْوٰكُمْ وَلَا يَسْتَجِيبُوْنَ
 لَكُمْ ۗ اِن تَدْعُوْهُمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوْنَ لَكُمْ وَلَٰ يَسْمَعُوْنَ لَكُمْ ۗ اِن تَدْعُوْهُمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوْنَ

The devil used truthful descriptions to introduce THE HIDDEN ONE, the expected Savior, to millions of Muslims across numerous generations. For example, he pointed out the following truthful facts:

- ** THE HIDDEN ONE will save the Muslim Ummah;
- ** THE HIDDEN ONE will unite all Muslims of the world.
- ** THE HIDDEN ONE will lead the Muslims to dignity, prosperity, peace, and guaranteed immediate victory.
- ** THE HIDDEN ONE is greater than any prophet.
- ** THE HIDDEN ONE is greater than Muhammad, Jesus, Moses, Abraham, Noah, and all the prophets and messengers, combined.

Satan needed only to emphasize one falsehood; the true identity of THE HIDDEN ONE. The devil's scheme was so formidable that he thoroughly succeeded in confusing the identity of IMAM ZAMAN for millions of Muslims.

But God the most high, be He glorified, has schemed His own infallible scheme:

وَيَمْكُرُوْنَ وَيَمْكُرُ اللّٰهُ ۗ وَاللّٰهُ خَيْرُ الْمَكْرِيْنَ ۗ

They plot and scheme, but so does God. Surely, God is the best schemer. (8:30)

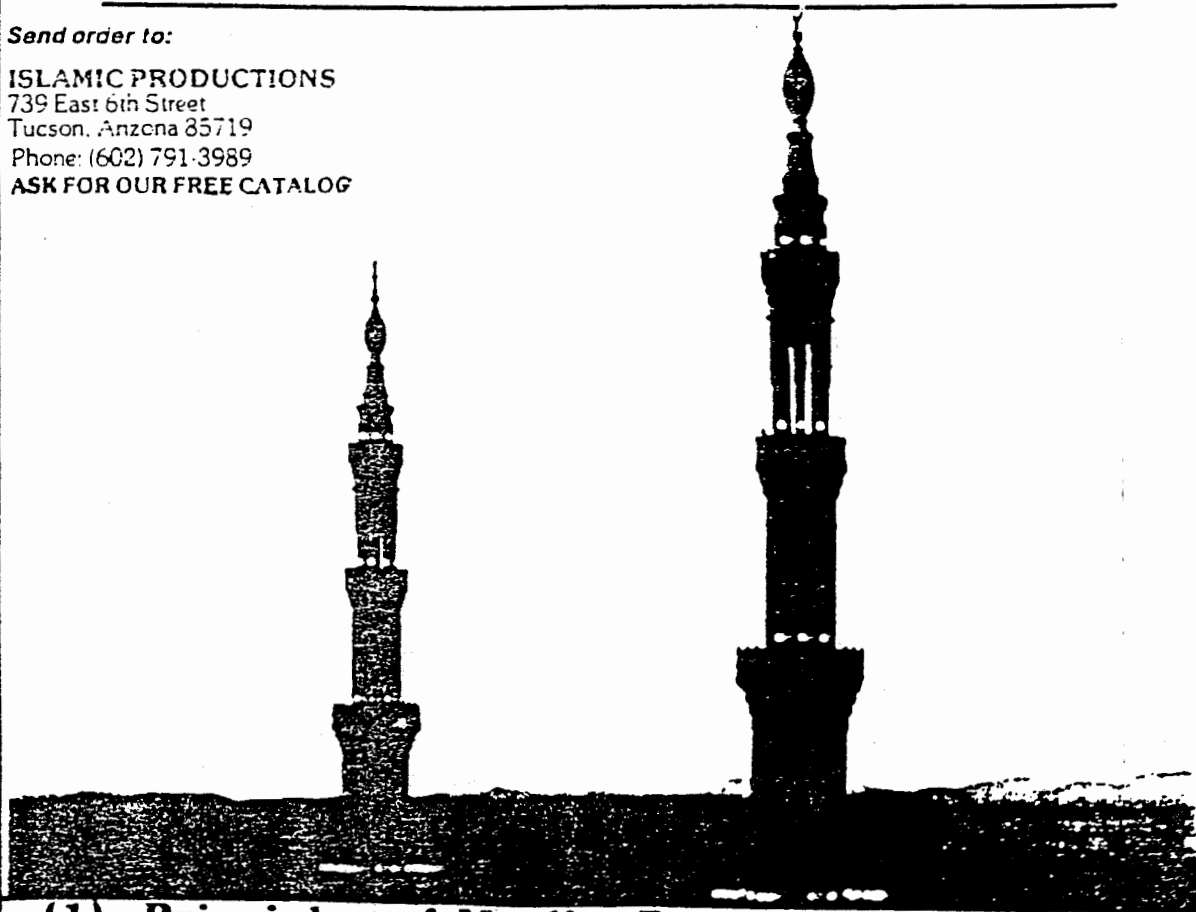
God's scheme was designed around Satan's plot in such a way that the devil's scheme backfires and exposes his wicked plan.

To view God's flawless scheme, and at the same time reveal the identity of the true Savior, let us now calculate the numerical value of God's final message to the world; AL-QUR'AN AL-KAREEM:

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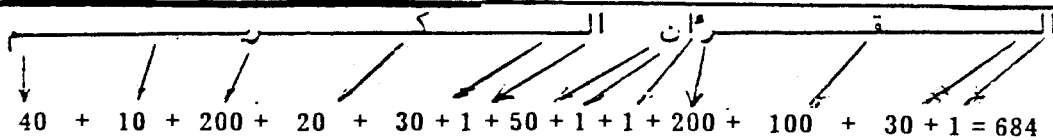
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Thus, the numerical value of AL-QUR'AN AL-KAREEM, the universally acknowledged name of Qur'an, is exactly the same as that of THE HIDDEN ONE perpetrated by Satan as a human savior and benefactor.

While millions among the younger Muslims will readily see the light and discover the true identity of THE HIDDEN ONE, some of the older traditionalists will cling to their inherited myths; they will actually express great disappointment that IMAM ZAMAN, THE HIDDEN ONE, THE GREAT SAVIOR AND BENEFACITOR has turned out to be none other than AL-QUR'AN AL-KAREEM, the word of Almighty God. Some are destined to be downright upset.

Now let us repeat those truthful statements:

- ** Qur'an will save the Muslim Ummah ... if the Muslims truly follow Qur'an, the whole Qur'an, and nothing but Qur'an.
- ** Qur'an will unite all Muslims of the world. Since there is only ONE QUR'AN, there will be no Sunnis, no Shi'as, no Hanafis, no Shafe'is, no Malikis, no Hanbalis, etc, etc.
- ** Qur'an is greater than all the prophets combined, as evidenced in Qur'an 2:177, 2:285, & 4:136, where God's scripture is consistently mentioned ahead of the prophets.
- ** Qur'an, being the word of God, enjoys the exclusive descriptions as 'AZEEM = Great (15:87), KAREEM = Honorable (56:77), 'AZEZ = Almighty (41:41), and MAJEED = Glorious (50:1). These are names of God Himself, and the word of God represents Him to us. No prophet has ever been described in these terms.
- ** We find that Qur'an "speaks" in 11:1-4, saying, "I come to you from God as a preacher and a warner."

** We find that Qur'an is called RASOOL = Messenger of God in 3:101 and 65:11.

** We see that the scripture is actually called IMAM in 11:17, 15:79, 17:71, 36:12, and 46:12.

** Qur'an possesses the power to guide, while the prophets do not (28:56).

** Qur'an lives for ever, preserved and protected by God, while the prophets die (39:30).

** Finally, if Qur'an is manifested to a mountain, the mountain will cringe and crumble, out of reverence for God:

لَا تَرَىٰ كَمَا هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ عَلَىٰ جَبَلٍ يَرْتَدُّ خَشْيَةً مِّنْ حَشِيَّةِ اللَّهِ

Unfortunately, it is a forgone conclusion that millions of Muslims will say: "But we already follow the Qur'an!!!" However, the painful fact is that they have been duped by Satan, who duped the Prophet Adam, into thinking that they are following the Qur'an.

Only a little bit of reflecting leads to the following realization:

The Muslims throughout the world have rejected Qur'an for 12 centuries now. They do not believe their Creator when He states that Qur'an is COMPLETE, PERFECT, AND FULLY DETAILED (6:19, 38, & 114).

The Islam being practiced around the world today is a distorted Islam; it has nothing to do with the Islam preached by God's final Prophet Muhammad. Innovations, superstitions, stories, customs, and traditions have crept into Islam during the past 1200 years, and changed it to something else.

The Muslims, therefore, can never succeed until they go back to Qur'an; to the original Islam as preached by Muhammad.