RAMADAN AND FASTING

I seek refuge in Allah, from satan the rejected. In the name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

The month of Ramadan started by the grace of God on October 4, 2005. The last fast will be on November 2, 2005. I would like to remind those who are blessed to fast, not to impose on those who cannot. There is no command to shut down the restaurants, or your kitchens, in order to impose harsh conditions on those who could not fast. You cannot avoid work or business, or slow down in work under the excuse of fasting. False pretenses of any kind are contrary to your worship of God through fasting. You are supposed to perform in a normal way as much as possible, under the fast. Analyze your condition and state of mind, whether you have "great difficulty" in fasting or not. Only you can assess and analyze your condition, and do not need to consult anyone, as God has left it up to you. The commands of God are meant to follow and not for showing off or to ridicule others; otherwise, your righteous works can be nullified.

If you are unable to fast because of illness, travel, or have great difficulty in doing so, then you should fulfill the command to feed the poor people, as per verse 2:184. Wherever you live, you can always find poor people. They should be fed by you at their homes, or you can invite them to your house. You can feed them with cooked food or deliver rations to their homes for them to cook, if they are capable of doing so. If they are weak, ill, or handicapped, then you should give away only cooked and ready to eat food.

Islam offers us various opportunities to feed the poor. Be sure, to recite God's name and declare your intention that "you are doing it in the cause of God, as a substitute for fasting". Asking for forgiveness and repenting is always appropriate at all times. God knows that fasting is not easy, and may be difficult for some people, to maintain normal behavior and activity. That is why He has specially marked this portion of the verse with His name:

2:184 Part: "Those who can fast but with great difficulty."

Revealed: The GV of Allah letters is exactly 66, bearing His Glorified Name.

2:184 Part: Those who can fast but with great difficulty, may substitute feeding one poor person for each day of breaking the fast.

2:184 Part: If one volunteers, it is better, but fasting is the best for you.

Revealed: The **Allah letters** for each part are **6** and **7**, **revealing the diff. of 1**.

Revealed: The GV of **Allah letters** are **72** and **73**, <u>revealing the diff. of 1</u>. Glory be to the Almighty.

2:184 Last Part: If you only knew.

Revealed: The GV of messenger's letters is $266 = 14 \times 19$, revealing both the Sacred Codes.

2:185 Part: GOD wishes for you convenience.

2:185 Part: Not hardship.

Revealed: The **Arabic letters** are **16** and **15**, <u>revealing the diff. of 1</u> – (Mercy of the Most Merciful.)

Revealed: The messenger's letters are 9 and 8, revealing the diff. of 1 also.

Revealed: The GV of "convenience" – "Al Yusr" is $301 = 7 \times 43$.

The digits of the GVs (3+0+1) and (3+6+1) = 14, revealing the Seven Pairs.

Through the revelation of the Sacred Codes in the above parts of the verse, it is clear that God has designed all the laws to be convenient for us and in no way should cause us hardship. The special emphasis on "hardship" through the revelation of double 19, is a special stamp on the word and assures us of God's mercy in designing the laws for us. Hardship is from satan, as you heard through the khutbah a couple of weeks ago also. God's laws are easy to follow, and always have exceptions for the weak, the ill, the traveling alien, and the handicapped. It is the disbelieving humans and the hypocrites inspired by the allies of the devils, who twist, distort, and complicate God's laws. Compare God's laws preached, practiced and explained through His messengers and those advocated by unauthorized humans – you will note and see the difference right away; between the "EASE" in practicing God's Laws as compared to the "UNEASE AND DIFFICULTY" in practicing adulterated, absurd, and corrupted human laws.

For example, the hardship caused by satan in the so-called Muslim countries during Ramadan is apparent to all of us. The offices shut down early, people slow down in their work, their attitudes and behavior get nasty, unnecessary celebrations at dawn and dusk take place, the restaurants and cafes are closed down, and the ones who could not or did not fast are harassed and ridiculed – even penalized or punished.

Did God ever advocate like this? Certainly not! But the beauty of God's laws can only be appreciated when compared with satan's distortions and corruptions. Here is something for you to ponder: the disbelieving people complete their month of fasting followed by a celebration of Eid and an extra salat performed on Eid. In 2:184-185, God tells us that if you are ill or traveling, you may substitute the same number of other days. It means that some people can and will be fasting other than the month of Ramadan. The big question for such disbelieving people is: How can the people have Eid when some of them fasted in other months? God's marvelous laws and logic always exposes the distorted logic of the disbelievers. Moreover, you hardly ever see anyone taking advantage of God's mercy by fasting later or even to feed the poor as a substitute. People love to cause themselves hardship and then blame God for it. This is how wrong they are. I would like to add a special note for the fasting believers to maintain extra oral and bodily hygiene during this month. The bacteria within the dry mouth release a bad odor; therefore, you should rinse your mouth and brush more frequently. Similarly, use should use cologne and perfume, if you want to, as there is no prohibition against them. You can continue to smell the beautiful flowers and plants to appreciate God's wonderful creations, in order to glorify Him in this manner. Fasting involves refraining from food and drinks – anything going in your body through your mouth.

2:185 Part: **GOD** wishes for you convenience, not hardship.

2:185 Part: That you may fulfill your obligations, and to glorify **GOD** for guiding you.

Revealed: The **Aleefs** are **4** and **5**, <u>revealing the diff. of 1</u> – the purpose of God's laws is given here.

Revealed: The messenger's letters are 17 and 16, revealing the diff. of 1, the guidance comes through His messengers.

Question: Why do we fulfill our obligations and glorify God for guiding us?

Answer: 2:185 Last Part: "And to express your appreciation."

Revealed: The GV of **messenger's letters** is <u>162</u>, representing the value of "<u>The Submission or Al-Islam</u>". The believers carry out God's laws to express their appreciation for guiding them to Submission.

Revealed: The GV of **messenger's letters** is <u>162</u> + GV of **Allah letters 60**, the sum is <u>222</u> – the believers express their appreciation to their <u>LORD</u> (Rabbayka).

Revealed: All 3 parts of the verse above are coded to have <u>27</u> **Allah letters**, highlighting the day of Ramadan when the Quran was revealed to Muhammad. The GV of these **27 Allah letters** is **449**. This number brings out 2 different

revelations to reveal the Sacred Codes associated with the Quran, the Miracles of **19** and **14**. Let me write **449** as verse **4:49** and **44:9**.

4:49 Have you noted (telling the messenger) those who exalt themselves? Instead, **GOD** is the One who exalts whomever He wills, without the least injustice.

Revealed: Allah letters are 19.

44:9 Indeed, they are doubtful, heedless.

Revealed: Arabic letters are 14.

The message in these verses is: the unauthorized humans come up with their own versions of religion, and exalt themselves in the eyes of the people, but God exalts His messengers above them in this world and in the Hereafter. When God reveals a message through His messenger, the disbelieving people are always doubtful and heedless, as they do not like to subdue their ego, worldly status, and image. Even though they can see the "CREATION OF A REVELATION BY GOD WITH PROVEN MARKINGS OF SACRED CODES", they still would not seek forgiveness and offer repentance, to believe.

Part of verse 2:185, asking the believers to glorify God for guiding them appears in the Hajj verses also - when the livestock is sacrificed as a rite of Hajj in verse 22:37. Let me now write and show you the comparable portions from 2:185 and 22:37, which are the same word for word, in Arabic.

22:37 "By glorifying **GOD** for guiding you." **2:185** "And to glorify **GOD** for guiding you."

Revealed: The **messenger's letters** are **precisely 9** and **10**, the pattern of "**Tis'ha Ashar**" or "**Nine-Ten**", <u>revealing the diff. of 1</u>, and <u>the sum is 19</u>. Join me in glorifying the **ONE GOD** to express our appreciation to Him for having guided us. Subhan Allah. Let me recite some more verses now about the religion designed for our convenience, rather than hardship.

3:108 Part: GOD does not wish any hardship for the people.

Proven: Messenger's letters are precisely ------ 14.

5:6 Part: **GOD** does not wish to make the religion difficult for you.

Proven: Messenger's letters are precisely ------ 14.

There is another verse that tells us God could have made harsher rules if He so willed. But He did not. This verse brings out the messenger's name through Allah's letters and Allah's Glorified Name through the messenger's letters.

2:220 Had GOD willed, He could have imposed harsher rules upon you.

Revealed: The GV of Allah letters is <u>128</u>, revealing the messenger's last name, Husain.

Revealed: The GV of messenger's letters is 222, revealing the name of the Lord, (Rabbayka -222).

The Absoluteness of God is also revealed by putting these verses in comparison.

2:185 Part: **GOD** wishes for you convenience, not hardship.

Revealed: Aleefs are 4.

3:108 Part: GOD does not wish any hardship for the people.

Revealed: Aleefs are 3.

<u>5:6</u> Part: **GOD** does not wish to make the religion difficult for you.

Revealed: Aleefs are 2.

Revealed: Praise be to the Omnipotent Lord, for precisely inscribing the Aleefs revealing a diff. of 1, to send a very strong message, as the verses read and reveal.

20:2-3 We did not reveal the Quran to you, to cause any hardship. Only to remind the reverent.

Miracle: The **Aleefs** are measured to be <u>7</u>, while the **Allah letters** are measured to be <u>14</u>, thus the "<u>Revelation of the Seven Pairs</u>" is delivered to the people.

When our Lord has made the religion so convenient for us, without any hardship, reflect and note how satan and his allies have made it so difficult and complicated. There are an unlimited number of traditions in human religions, and they are full of

hearsay, conjecture, fabrications, distortions and lies. They are condemned by God through one of these verses:

6:93 Part: Who is more evil than one who fabricates lies and attributes them to **ALLAH**?

Revealed: The **messenger's letters** are inscribed to be <u>14</u> – <u>revealing the Seven Pairs</u>, to defeat the lies with the TRUTH FROM GOD.

THE QURAN was revealed in the **NIGHT OF DESTINY**, as **Chapter 97** tells us. This word, "DESTINY" has a precise meaning and chosen by God for a definite reason. Briefly, here is some of the background knowledge from the Quran.

God chose to remain invisible to us during our Test Period on Earth. Being invisible, the people would not have known about God, and could not submit and carry out His laws on earth. People like Pharaoh and many others have questioned about God in the past and now, as is evident through 26:23 and 37:87. In one of the verses, Abraham is quoted as drawing the attention of the people to the Lord of the Universe, and in another, Pharaoh is quoted as expressing ignorance and disdain to the word, "Lord of the Universe".

37:87 WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE? **26:23** Pharaoh said, "WHAT IS THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE?"

Ultimate Miracle: The verse numbers 87 + 23 = 110, (Shahadah) revealing that ALLAH IS ONE.

Ultimate Miracle: The **Aleefs** are **2** and **3**, <u>revealing the diff. of 1</u> - <u>revealing the ABSOLUTENESS OF GOD</u>.

Ultimate Miracle: The **messenger's initials** are **8** and **9**, **revealing the diff. of 1** – inspiring the messenger to know the **TRUTH**.

Nor would the messengers and the other human beings have known about God's laws, the Scriptures, or the faith. Therefore, He revealed the scriptures through the prophets and messengers, **to introduce Himself**, and to let the humans know what is required of them by **GOD**. These scriptures introduce His name – **ALLAH**, identify Him as the only Lord of the Universe, outline and define His laws, mention the Day of Judgment and the reward of Heaven for belief and the punishment of Hell for disbelief, and much more.

42:52 Part: Thus, we inspired to you a revelation proclaiming our commandments.

Miracle: The GV of **Allah letters** is **66**, **revealing His name**, **ALLAH**, proclaiming the commandments.

42:52 Part: Thus, we inspired to you a revelation proclaiming our commandments. You had no idea about the scripture, or faith.

Miracle: The GV of **Allah letters** is <u>162</u>, revealing His commands and laws, in order for us to submit to the Almighty, Most Wise (162 is the GV of <u>Al-Islam</u> or <u>The Submission</u>).

Consider this: (example of humans)

Question: If you want the other person to know about you, what do you do?

Answer: You introduce yourself.

Question: How do you introduce yourself?

Answer: By telling the other person your name that identifies you, and where you come from.

God did the same thing to introduce Himself to the human race by speaking to Moses to set a precedent, in addition to revealing His name and message through the scriptures. Those who believe in all of God's Scriptures and in all the messengers, including Moses as a messenger of God in the past, will know and believe in the fact that God spoke to him. The simple statements used in this introduction were: "That HE IS ALLAH AND IS THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE".

27:9 O MOSES, THIS IS ME, ALLAH, THE ALMIGHTY, THE MOST WISE. 28:30 Part: O MOSES, THIS IS ME. ALLAH; LORD OF THE UNIVERSE. 20:11 Part – 20:12 Part: O MOSES, "I AM YOUR LORD."

Note that one time, God mentions Himself as the LORD, and twice, He mentions His name as, ALLAH, with the attributes of Almighty, Most Wise, and also as the Lord of the Universe. These words were spoken to Moses in His voice. Glory be to Him. Is He conveying His name and message again, this time to myself, through inspiration? The precision of God's writing proves so, by taking only the parts of the verses, without the former messenger's name.

20:12 Part: "I AM YOUR LORD." (Inney Ana Rabboka).

Revealed: The **Allah letters** are **3** and **messenger's letters** are **4**, **revealing the diff. of 1** – **GOD** is speaking to me through **inspiration**.

27:9 Part: THIS IS ME, ALLAH, THE ALMIGHTY, THE MOST WISE.

28:30 Part: THIS IS ME, ALLAH; LORD OF THE UNIVERSE.

Revealed: The ALEEFS are 6 and 5, revealing the diff. of 1, revealing the ABSOLUTENESS of ALLAH.

Revealed: The **messenger's letters** are **10** and **11**, <u>revealing the diff. of 1</u> – the clear Proof of "inspiration" telling the people that the Lord of the Universe has appointed and authorized me to deliver a "profound message to mankind".

Revealed: The combined GVs of **Allah letters** for both verses is $266 = 14 \times 19$, revealing the Sacred Codes, that introduce, and identify the true Lord of the Universe, while conveying His message through the messenger.

THE MESSAGE REVEALED TO THE MESSENGER THROUGH VERSES 20:13-14

20:13 "I have chosen you, so listen to what is being revealed."

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

Revealed: The **Allah letters** for both verses are **30** and **messenger's letters** are **31**, **revealing the diff. of ONE** - a profound message and proof from **ALLAH, LORD OF THE UNIVERSE**.

Revealed: Placing **Allah and messenger's letters** side by side, we get: $3031 = 7 \times 433$ ----- the quotient 433 is GV of **Lord of the Universe**.

The message of **Submission** for the messenger and for all the other people is also revealed through these verses.

20:13 I have chosen you, so listen to what is being revealed.

20:14 Part: I am **ALLAH**, there is no other god beside Me. You shall worship **Me** alone.

Revealed: The GV of **messenger's letters** are **260** and **422**, <u>revealing the diff. of 162</u> – the Message of Islam is revealed. (Al-Islam, G.V is <u>162</u>).

20:13 I have chosen you, so listen to what is being revealed.

20:14 Part: I am ALLAH.

Revealed: The **Allah letters** are **6** and **7**, **revealing the diff. of ONE**– this is inspiration from **ALLAH** to the messenger who has been revealed a vast and

profound message by making him aware of the **Allah – the Absolute**, Glory be to Him.

20:13 I have chosen you, so listen to what is being revealed.

20:14 Part: I am ALLAH, there is no other god beside Me.

Revealed: The messenger's letters are 10 and 10 – <u>Perfectly Matched to reveal the Truth</u>.

20:14 Part 1: I am ALLAH.

Revealed: The Allah letters are 7 and messenger's letters are 6, revealing the diff. of ONE. The Most Praiseworthy Allah has introduced His Glorified Name to the messenger through inspiration and by the profound "Revelation of ONE".

20:14 Part 1: I am **ALLAH**.

20:14 Part 2: There is no other god beside Me, you shall worship Me alone.

Revealed: The **messenger's letters** are **6** and **7**, **revealing the diff. of ONE**. This revelation provides the inspiration from Allah to the messenger to worship Him alone, according to His revealed inspiration and commands through the Quran, Subhan Allah.

<u>20:14</u> Part: There is no other god beside Me.

20:14 Part: You shall worship Me alone.

Revealed: The **messenger's letters** are **4** and **3**, <u>revealing the diff. of 1</u> – I am asked to worship **Allah alone** by following the revelations given to me, and not to follow any human being.

Revealed: The total **messenger's letters** in both parts are <u>7</u> and the GV of the letters is precisely <u>202</u> spelling out the name of "<u>LORD</u>"–<u>"Rabb</u>", Alhumdo Lillah.

20:14 Part 1: I am **ALLAH**.

20:14 Part 2: There is no other god beside Me. You shall worship Me alone.

20:14 Part 3: And observe the Salat to remember Me.

Revealed: The **messenger's letters** are 6-7-8, <u>revealing the diff. of ONE</u> – Glory be to the **Almighty** who has proven the inspiration given to the messenger along with the Proofs.

20:14 Part 1: I am **ALLAH.** There is no other god beside Me. You shall worship Me alone.

20:14 Part 2: And observe the Salat to remember Me.

Revealed: The Arabic Letters are 29 and 15, revealing the diff. of 14 – this is the ultimate Proof of Seven Pairs upon which is based the entire worship for Allah including the Salat for Allah has been revealed, Subhan Allah.

20:15 "The **Hour** (end of the world) is surely coming; I will keep it almost hidden, for each soul must be paid for its works.

Revealed: The verse is pre-marked with <u>14</u> messenger's letters as the ultimate miracle which reveals that the Hour is surely coming and the Day of Judgment is predetermined to be the year of <u>2280</u>, Alhumdo Lillah.

Revealed: The promise of **Allah** is further confirmed as the GV of **Allah letters** is precisely **114**. The **Honorable Quran with its 114 chapters** proves the **Day of Judgment**, Glory be to **the Reckoner**, **the Master of the Day of Judgment**.

ALLAH has again revealed His name and informed the people on earth, that He is only ONE, with the Absolute Authority and Supremacy over everything that He has created. **The chapter 97**, **Al-Qadr**, is rightfully named as "**DESTINY**". By transgressing on God's Authority and being ignorant about it, during our first life in Heaven, our DESTINY resulted in EVICTION from Heaven. Instead of offering a firm repentance, we chose to ask for another chance with complete freedom of choice to decide during our earthly life. **The Quran (383)** is the final scripture to mankind, and the important verse that points to our bad choice made confirms this fact.

<u>33:72</u> We have offered the responsibility (freedom of choice) to the heavens and the earth, and the mountains, but they refused to bear it, and were afraid of it. But the human being accepted it; he was transgressing, ignorant.

Revealed: The GV of **Allah letters** is designed to be exactly <u>383</u> (GV of <u>Al-Quran</u>), proving the truth presented in this verse. Now the QURAN, being the criteria of belief or disbelief, will decide the DESTINY of billions of people who were born during and after this Book was revealed.

Revealed: Chapter 33 + Verse 72 + Aleefs 23 = <u>128</u>, <u>revealing the messenger's last name, Husain</u> – the DESTINY of humans now rests on this crucial and important message from ALLAH.

33:72 Part: But the human being accepted it; he was transgressing, ignorant.

Confirmed by Allah: The **Allah letters** are <u>14</u> and **messenger's letters** are **15**, <u>revealing the diff. of 1</u> – revealing the TRUTH of the profound history of human race, whereby they transgressed against Gods' Absolute Authority, and failed to repent.

As mentioned in earlier sermons, the messenger's name appears in the verses on Creation of the Universe, the Heavenly Feud, and up to the Day of Judgment, consistently. This makes the message revealed to me very heavy, being the Messenger of the Covenant to remind the people of their original Covenants made to Allah. This life being the 2nd chance is a serious matter, which most people take very lightly and stay in denial. Even the "jinns" are conscious of our transgression and theirs, and wonder if our Lord will punish us or redeem us eventually, or some of us.

<u>72:10</u> We have no idea if something bad is intended for the inhabitants of the Earth, or if their LORD wills to redeem them.

Revealed: The **Allah letters** are **15** and **messenger's letters** are **16**, **revealing the diff. of 1** – our transgression against God's Authority confirmed again through this verse. May Allah forgive me and all the believers.

Revealed: Chapter 72 + Verse 10 + Allah letters 15 + GV of Allah letters 81 = 178, revealing and confirming the truthful history again through this messenger, Makbool. Glory be to God.

Our DESTINY is in our hands, through the gift of "FREEDOM OF CHOICE". But ALLAH already knows in advance the decision that will be made by each individual human being, as to full belief, partial belief, or disbelief. In this worldly life, the humans worry about each other's belief, and try to influence others towards their belief. It remains a matter of ego and self-satisfying trait for them to do this. But on the Day of Judgment, this phenomenon will not exist, and each will worry about their FATE AND DESTINY, as the verse tells us.

80:37 Each one of them, on that day, worries about his own DESTINY.

Proven Fact: The verse has <u>19</u> **Quranic Initials**, balanced with <u>14</u> **messenger's letters**, to <u>reveal the Sacred Codes of 19-14</u>, Alhumdo Lillah.

The notion of most people that God is not around or is not in control, is totally wrong and sinful. The majority of people are not conscious of God's Omniscience

and Presence and remain unaware of this fact. To worship God in the true sense requires that the believers remain aware that God watches over everything, is always present, He knows everything, and you cannot hide anything from God. The righteous works should be carried out with a conscious feeling and faith to please God, knowing He is hearing, seeing, and watching you. The ones who think otherwise nullify their works and become losers.

41:22 Part: In fact, you thought that **GOD** was unaware of much of what you do. **41:23** This kind of thinking about your LORD will cause you to fall, and then you become losers.

Revealed: The **Aleefs** are **5** and **4**, <u>revealing the diff. of 1</u> – **GOD**, proving His Absoluteness and Awareness at all times.

Revealed: The **Allah letters** are 12 + 7 = 19, proving He is the **ONE**, who is Omniscient, All-Aware.

What should be the believer's thoughts and prayer about their DESTINY? The Quran offers guidance for everything, even to recite a verse regarding this subject. But it should be done out of conviction and faith, after shunning all kinds of doubts.

60:4 Part: "Our LORD, we trust in You, and submit to You; to You is the final DESTINY."

Revealed: **Messenger's initials** are <u>14</u> and **messenger's letters** are <u>19</u> – GOD <u>reveals the Sacred Codes</u> again to remove all your doubts, and then recite this for your salvation.

Next week, I will continue further, as we are out of time for this khutbah. May God bless you with continued guidance and awareness of the Hereafter.

Peace be upon the messengers. Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Universe.