<u>WHY WAS THE QURAN REVEALED?</u> (PART 2): REACTION OF THE ARABS TO THE QURAN AND THE MESSENGER

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

Last week, I presented some of the reasons why the Quran was revealed to the Arabs. This week, I shall recite verses on the reaction and the response of the Arabs to GOD, His scripture – the Quran, and towards the prophet that was appointed to deliver this message.

GOD'S SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION WITH HUMANS

<u>13:30</u> We have sent you to this community, just as we did for other communities in the past. You shall recite to them what we revealed to you, for they have disbelieved in the Most Gracious. Say, "He is my Lord. There is no god except He. I put my trust in Him alone; to Him is my ultimate destiny."

<u>6:92</u> This too is a blessed scripture that we have revealed, confirming the previous scriptures, that you may warn the most important community and all those around it. Those who believe in the Hereafter will believe in this, and will observe the Contact Prayers.

REASON FOR THE REVELATION OF THE QURAN

11:109 Do you have any doubt regarding what these people worship; they worship exactly as they found their parents worshipping. We will requite them their due share, without reduction.

<u>11:110</u> We have given Moses the scripture, but it was disputed, and if it were not for a predetermined word decreed by your Lord, they would have been judged immediately. They are full of doubt about this, suspicious.

- **43:22** The fact is: they said, "We found our parents carrying on certain practices, and we are following in their footsteps."
- <u>43:23</u> Invariably, when we sent a Warner to any community, the leaders of that community would say, "We found our parents following certain practices, and we will continue in their footsteps."
- <u>43:24</u> (The messenger) would say, "What if I brought to you better guidance than what you inherited from your parents?" They would say, "We are disbelievers in the message you brought."

<u>CRITICISM AND REACTION OF THE ARABS AND OTHERS TO QURAN</u>

- <u>10:15</u> When our revelations are recited to them, those who do not expect to meet us say, "Bring a Quran other than this or change it!" Say, "I cannot possibly change it on my own. I simply follow what is revealed to me. I fear, if I disobey my Lord, the retribution of an awesome day."
- <u>10:16</u> Say, "Had **GOD** willed, I would not have recited it to you, nor would you have known anything about it. I have lived among you a whole life before this. Do you not understand?"
- **41:26** Those who disbelieved said, "Do not listen to this Quran and distort it, that you may win."
- **41:27** We will certainly afflict these disbelievers with severe retribution. We will certainly requite them for their evil works.
- <u>34:31</u> Those who disbelieve have said, "We will not believe in this Quran, nor in the previous scripture." If you could only envision these transgressors when they stand before their Lord! They will argue with one another back and forth. The followers will tell their leaders, "If it were not for you, we would have been believers."
- <u>34:32</u> The leaders will say to those who followed them, "Are we the ones who diverted you from the guidance after it came to you? No; it is you who were wicked." <u>34:33</u> The followers will say to the leaders, "It was you who schemed night and day, then commanded us to be unappreciative of **GOD**, and to set up idols to rank with them." They will be ridden with remorse, when they see the retribution, for we will place shackles around the necks of those who disbelieve. Are they not just requited
- **25:4** Those who disbelieved said, "This is a fabrication that he produced, with the help of some other people." They have uttered a blasphemy and a falsehood.

for what they did?

- **25:5** They also said, "Tales from the past that he wrote down; they were dictated to him day and night."
- **43:31** They said, "If only this Quran was sent down through another man from the two communities who is prominent!"
- **25:7** And they said, "How come this messenger eats the food and walks in the markets? If only an angel would come down with him, to serve with him as a preacher!"

- <u>25:8</u> Or, "If only a treasure could be given to him!" Or, "If only he could possess an orchard from which he eats!" The transgressors also said, "You are following a bewitched man."
- **25:9** Note how they called you all kinds of names, and how this lead them astray, never to find their way back.
- **25:32** Those who disbelieved said, "Why did not the Quran come through him all at once?" We have released it to you gradually, in order to fix it in your memory. We have recited it in a specific sequence.
- **25:41** When they saw you, they always ridiculed you: "Is this the one chosen by **GOD** to be a messenger?"
- **25:42** "He almost diverted us from our gods, if it were not that we steadfastly persevered with them." They will certainly find out, when they see the retribution, who are the real strayers from the path.
- **17:45** When you read the Quran, we place between you and those who do not believe in the Hereafter an invisible barrier.
- <u>17:46</u> We place shields around their minds, to prevent them from understanding it, and deafness in their ears. And when you preach your Lord, using the Quran alone, they run away in aversion.
- **17:47** We are fully aware of what they hear, when they listen to you, and when they conspire secretly the disbelievers say, "You are following a crazy man."
- **17:48 Part**: Note how they describe you, and how this causes them to stray off the path.
- **17:49** They said, "After we turn into bones and fragments, we get resurrected anew?"
- 17:50 Say, "Even if you turn into rocks or iron."
- <u>17:51</u> "Even if you turn into any kind of creation that you deem impossible." They will then say, "Who will bring us back?" Say, "The One who created you in the first place." They will then shake their heads and say, "When will that be?" Say, "It may be closer than you think."

GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE CRITICISM OF THE DISBELIEVERS

- **25:6** Say, "This was revealed by the One who knows the Secret in the heavens and the earth. He is Forgiving, Most Merciful.
- <u>46:8</u> When they say, "He fabricated this," say, "If I fabricated this, then you cannot protect me from **GOD**, He is fully aware of everything you scheme. He suffices as a witness between me and you. He is the Forgiver, Most Merciful."

GOD ADDRESSED THE PEOPLE OF THE SCRIPTURE

- **2:89** When this scripture came to them from **GOD**, and even though it agrees with, and confirms what they have, and even though they used to prophesy its advent when they talked with the disbelievers, when their own prophecy came to pass, they disbelieved therein. **GOD's** condemnation thus afflicts the disbelievers.
- **2:90** Miserable indeed is what they sold their souls for rejecting these revelations of **GOD** out of sheer resentment that **GOD** should bestow His grace upon whomever He chooses from among His servants. Consequently, they incurred wrath upon wrath. The disbelievers have incurred a humiliating retribution.
- <u>2:91</u> When they are told, "You shall believe in these revelations of **GOD**," they say, "We believe only in what was sent down to us." Thus, they disbelieve in subsequent revelations, even if it is the truth from their Lord, and even it confirms what they have! Say, "Why then did you kill **GOD's** prophets, if you were believers?"
- **2:101** Now that a messenger from **GOD** has come to them, and even though he proves and confirms their own scripture, some followers of the scripture disregard **GOD's** scripture behind their backs, as if they never had any scripture.

RESPONSE OF ARABS TO GOD'S CALL

- <u>2:170</u> When they are told, "Follow what **GOD** has revealed herein," they say, "We follow only what we found our parents doing." What if their parents did not understand, and were not guided?
- <u>5:104</u> When they are told, "Come to what **GOD** has revealed, and to the messenger," they say, "What we found our parents doing is sufficient for us." What if their parents knew nothing, and were not guided?
- <u>2:13</u> When they are told, "Believe like the people who believed," they say, "Shall we believe like the fools who believed?" In fact, it is they who are fools, but they do not know.
- **2:14** When they meet the believers, they say, "We believe," but when alone with their devils, they say, "We are with you; we were only mocking."
- **58:8** Have you noted those who were enjoined from conspiring, then insist on conspiring? They conspire to commit sin, transgression, and disobedience of the messenger. When they come to you, they greet you with a greeting other than that decreed by **GOD**. They say inside themselves, "**GOD** will not punish us for our utterances." Their only requital is Hell, wherein they burn; what a miserable destiny.

MUHAMMAD'S HUMBLE ADMISSIONS

- <u>6:50</u> Say, "I do not say to you that I possess the treasures of **GOD**. Nor do I know the future. Nor do I say to you that I am an angel. I simply follow what is revealed to me." Say, "Is the blind the same as the seer? Do you not reflect?"
- <u>11:31</u> "I do not claim that I possess the treasures of **GOD**, nor do I know the future, nor do I claim to be an angel. Nor do I say to those despised by your eyes that **GOD** will not bestow any blessings upon them. **GOD** knows best what is in their innermost thoughts. (If I did this) I would be a transgressor."
- <u>7:188</u> Say, "I have no power to benefit myself, or harm myself. Only what **GOD** wills happens to me. If I knew the future, I would have increased my wealth, and no harm would have afflicted me. I am no more than a Warner, and a bearer of good news for those who believe."
- **46:9** Say, "I am not different from other messengers. I have no idea what will happen to me or to you. I only follow what is revealed to me. I am no more than a profound Warner."
- **25:30** The messenger said, "My Lord, my people have deserted this Quran."

ONLY FEW WERE DESTINED TO BELIEVE AND STILL ARE

- **9:97** The Arabs are the worst in disbelief and hypocrisy, and the most likely to ignore the Laws that **GOD** has revealed to His messenger. **GOD** is Omniscient, Most Wise.
- **29:47** We have revealed to you this scripture, and those whom we blessed with the previous scripture will believe in it. **Also, some of your people will believe in it.** Indeed, those who disregard our revelations are the real disbelievers.
- <u>10:40</u> Some of them believe (in this scripture), while others disbelieve in it. Your Lord is fully aware of the evildoers.
- **2:253** These messengers; we blessed some of them more than others. For example, **GOD** spoke to one, and we raised some of them to higher ranks. And we gave Jesus, son of Mary, profound miracles and supported him with the Holy Spirit. Had **GOD** willed, their followers would not have fought with each other, after the clear proofs had come to them. Instead, they disputed among themselves; **some of them**

believed, and some disbelieved. Had **GOD** willed, they would not have fought. Everything is in accordance with **GOD's** will.

<u>7:87</u> "Now that some of you have believed in what I was sent with, and some have disbelieved, wait until **GOD** issues His judgment between us; He is the best judge."

<u>11:112</u> Therefore, continue on the path you have been enjoined to follow, **together with those who repented with you,** and do not transgress. He is Seer of everything you do.

GOD ADDRESSED PROPHET MUHAMMAD NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED

5:80 You would see many of them allying themselves with those who disbelieve. Miserable indeed is what their hands have sent forth on behalf of their souls. **GOD** is angry with them and, consequently, they will abide forever in retribution.

5:81 Had they believed in **GOD**, and in the prophet, and in what was revealed to him herein, they would not have befriended them. But many of them are evil.

<u>6:33</u> We know that you may be saddened by what they say. You should know that it is not you that they reject; it is **GOD's** revelations that the wicked disregard.

5:41 O you messenger, do not be saddened by those who hasten to disbelieve among those who say, "We believe," with their mouths, while their hearts do not believe. Among the Jews, some listened to lies. They listened to people who never met you, and who distorted the words out of context, then said, "If you are given this, accept it, but if you are given anything different, beware." Whomever **GOD** wills to divert, you can do nothing to help him against **GOD**. **GOD** does not wish to cleanse their hearts. They have incurred humiliation in this world, and in the Hereafter, they will suffer a terrible retribution.

<u>3:119</u> Here you are loving them, while they do not love you, **and you believe in all the scripture.** When they meet you, they say, "We believe," but as soon as they leave, they bite their fingers out of rage towards you. Say, "Die in your rage." **GOD** is fully aware of the innermost thoughts.

<u>3:120</u> When anything good comes your way they hurt, and when something bad happens to you they rejoice. If you steadfastly persevere, and maintain righteousness, their schemes will never hurt you. **GOD** is fully aware of everything they do.

- <u>2:75</u> **Do you expect them to believe as you do,** when some of them used to hear the word of **GOD**, then distort it, with full understanding thereof, and deliberately?
- <u>2:76</u> And when they meet the believers, they say, "We believe," but when they get together with each other, they say, "Do not inform (the believers) of the information given to you by **GOD**, lest you provide them with support for their argument concerning your Lord. Do you not understand?"
- **2:77** Do they not know that **GOD** knows everything they conceal, and everything they declare?
- **2:78** Among them are gentiles who do not know the scripture, except through hearsay, then assume that they know it.
- **2:79** Therefore, woe to those who distort the scripture with their own hands, then say, "This is what **GOD** has revealed," seeking a cheap material gain. Woe to them for such distortion, and woe to them for their illicit gains.
- <u>3:111</u> They can never harm you, beyond insulting you. If they fight you, they will turn around and flee. They can never win.
- **4:60** Have you noted those who claim that they believe in what was revealed to you, and what was revealed before you, then uphold the unjust laws of their idols? They were commanded to reject such laws. Indeed, it is the devil's wish to lead them far astray.
- <u>5:67</u> O you messenger, deliver what is revealed to you from your Lord until you do, you have not delivered His message and **GOD** will protect you from the people. **GOD** does not guide the disbelieving people.

A REMINDER FROM GOD AND HIS MERCY

- **23:68** Why do they not reflect upon this scripture? Do they not realize that they have received something never attained by their ancestors?
- **23:69** Have they failed to recognize their messenger? Is this why they are disregarding him?
- **23:70** Have they decided that he is crazy? Indeed, he has brought the Truth to them, but most of them hate the Truth.
- **23:71** Indeed, if the Truth conformed to their wishes, there would be chaos in the heavens and the earth; everything in them would be corrupted. We have given them their Proof, but they are disregarding their Proof.

END RESULT OF QURAN AND ITS TEACHINGS

<u>6:66</u> <u>Part 1</u>: (GOD): Your people have rejected this, even though it is the TRUTH.

6:66 Part 2: Say, "I am not a guardian over you."

Revealed: The **Allah letters** are **4** & **4**, and **messenger's letters** are **11** & **11**- "Perfectly Matched". This shows the Quran is intricately matched and balanced. Any addition or removal of any letter will upset the balance, and the disbelievers will be exposed. This special pattern of Allah letters and messenger's letters will serve to alert the hypocrites and the disbelievers as,

Revealed: Pattern of $4,4 + 11,11 = 1155 = 7 \times 165$ "revealing God's Absolute Authority".

Revealed: It also reveals the pattern for each part as **11,4** and **11,4**, reminding all the followers of Quran about the profound **114 chapters** which are marked by the LORD.

25:30 (Messenger): The messenger said, "My Lord, my people have deserted this <u>OURAN.</u>"

Revealed: **Both Verses**: The **Aleefs** are **1** in **(6:66)** and **9** in **(25:30)** to **reveal the Pattern of 19** – Praise be to GOD; He has revealed His Signature that was encoded and hidden in the verses.

Revealed: **Both Verses**: The **Allah letters** are **23** and **messenger's letters** are **42**, **revealing the diff. of 19** – Praise be to GOD, He has revealed His Signature again by encoding His letters and this messenger's. The disbelievers will never know how many miracles and codes run through God's Words.

Revealed: **Al-Quran** <u>383</u> + **the Truth** <u>139</u>, as per above verses, = <u>522</u>. The GV of **HADITH** (**God's Words**) = <u>522</u>. Alhumdo Lillah.

God has revealed all this with His Knowledge – Let the people decide their Ultimate Destinies – is guidance better or straying?

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