

“Significant Features in History of Holy Qur’an”

Introduction:

The exactness of that common Faith, which existed earliest and then throughout the regime of 124,000 past prophets¹ must constitute fundamental belief and acceptance of One God only, as the Almighty God. Obviously all prophets ordained by Divine revelations, were contracted servants of Almighty God, and therefore their prophetic messages must have certain identifiable commonality. This commonality resides in conceptually spreading the Word of Almighty God and with exact correctness, in how to worship Him only². The common denominator with all past 124,000 prophets has been their propagation of worshipping of One God only³: This basic fact has been emphatically embedded in the Holy Qur’an throughout its structure.

Discussion on Significant Features in History of Holy Qur’an:

- 1) **609AD at Mecca, Arabia:** The Holy Qur’an commenced with the very first revelation to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*), as the Divine Order to read the

¹ From names of Prophet Adam to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*), a total of 124,000 Prophets (*Nabi*) were ordained by Divine revelations, but directly delivered to them by Archangel Gabriel, as spiritually contracted. Out of 124,000 Prophets, only 313 are ordained Messengers (*Rasul*). Out of 313 Messengers, only 25 have been mentioned by name as case studies in the Holy Qur’an. Note: that every Messenger (*Rasul*) is also a Prophet, but every Prophet (*Nabi*) is not a Messenger. All of these 124,000 prophets were regular human beings who must eat food, drink water, breath air and need atmospheric pressure to stay alive. The figure of 124,000 prophets is quoted in Hadith No 21257 of *Musnad ibn Hanbal*. Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was the Last and Final Prophet and after his death in 632AD, that sealed off all prophets of any description whatsoever being ordained by Divine revelations, to serve humanity on Earth. This is stated in the Holy Qur’an at **HQ33:40** “*Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the prophets. And Allah is ever Knower of all things.*” Seal means total shutting off arrival of any prophet of whatsoever description: No new prophet and no re-entry of any of the past 124,000 prophets will eventuate.

² Those people whose mind-sets waver between worshipping One God as the Almighty God and then add other associates to Him as gods (e.g. idolatry and polytheism), are committing serious sin, which is not forgivable. This is emphatically stated in the Holy Qur’an at **HQ4:48** “*Surely Allah does not forgive that a partner should be set up with Him, and forgives all besides that to whom He pleases. And whoever sets up a partner with Allah, he devises indeed a great sin.*”

³ One God as the Almighty God is not the same as Trinity. This concept of Trinity has not been stated in any of the past revealed scriptures such as the Torah, the Zabur, the Injeel and (now) the Holy Qur’an. The theory of Trinity, as put forward by Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullian (b.155AD-d.240AD), the Vatican accepted the inclusion of Trinity into Christianity in 382AD. This bridged over acceptability of Christianity by the Roman Government, within the jurisdiction of the Roman Empire. Tertullian was a practising lawyer. There were few lawyers. Before becoming a Christian he was a Mithra. Trinity is not mentioned in Old Testament and not mentioned in New Testament. Jesus never preached on Trinity.

Message from Almighty God. The Order came as the first 5 verses out of 19 verses to Chapter 96⁴. This episode happened in the year 609AD at Mecca, in Arabia. The very first revelation was directly delivered to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) by the stewardship of Archangel Gabriel, who appeared in a distinct vision as a well-made man. This event happened on the 27th night in the Arabic lunar month of Ramadan as “*Lailat-ul-Qadr*” or the Grand Night of Majesty. Archangel Gabriel made three attempts to get Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) to read those 5 verses, which were temporarily projected on the walls of the cave⁵. Each time Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) honestly responded that he did not have the ability to read⁶. This excitement happened inside the rock cave called Hira, located in the outskirts of Mecca⁷. It is imperative to analyse and evaluate the truthful exactness of the meaning of words, in the very first revelation, in direct relationship to the most modern scientific findings in human physiology: Humanity first developed ultrasound imaging of the human foetus (in black and white), as recently as in 1956. Later, through the scientific use of ultrasound imaging, the earliest accuracy of such scanning established that human life begins with a micro blood clot⁸. Whereas the Holy Qur’an had that scientific fact

⁴ On the contrary, Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) rearranged with Chapter 1 as *Al-Fatihah*.

⁵ The name of this cave is Hira. The cave of Hira still exists in the outskirts of Mecca.

⁶ These were Mastermind arrangements by Almighty God, to establish the fundamental base, that Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was totally illiterate. This very important evidence therefore removes any doubt whatsoever that Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) had copied the Holy Qur’an from some other scriptures. Some people, who are not-Muslims are actually making such insinuations against Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) and Islam. The whole of Holy Qur’an is miraculously locked with multiples of 19.

⁷ The term “*Lailat-ul-Qadr*” or the Grand Night of Majesty has been mentioned in many articles and discussions. The remaining five odd-date nights of last ten days in the month of Ramadan are of special significance, and one of these nights is the Grand Night and aptly called as “*Lailat-ul-Qadr*.” It is also referred to as the Night of Majesty. In consideration of the name, it is important to fully comprehend the “majestic” aspect of this special night. The midpoint of these odd-dates (25th, 27th and 29th) days of month is the 27th night. Further, this midpoint date has been universally accepted and practised, regardless of country, language and ethnicity. It was on one of these odd-number nights when Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was first visited by Archangel Gabriel (*Jibreel*) in the rock cave, called Hira, where he was in deep meditation of prayer.

⁸ It is important to appreciate the scientific magnificence, which became the first set of words as opening to the first revelation to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*). Human embryogenesis is the process of cell division and cellular differentiation of the embryo that occurs during the early stages of development. In biological terms, human development entails growth from a one-celled zygote to an adult human being. Fertilization occurs when the sperm cell successfully enters and fuses with an egg cell (ovum). The genetic material of the sperm and egg then combine to form a single cell called a zygote and the germinal stage of prenatal development commences. There are 12 distinct steps which take 23 days. This scientific explanation proves that the Holy Qur’an is so exactly correct, right from the very first revelation, more than 1,400 years previously.

already established in 609AD. The Holy Qur'an reminds humanity to be mindful at all times, of the humbleness of their early beginnings, from a vulnerable embryo in a woman's womb. In addition, humanity is also informed of the need to be educated and to develop skills in reading and writing. Progress in this world can come about, only if people are able to read and write and achieve their objectives. Being educated, takes the basic animal instincts behaviour⁹ out of people, to higher elevation of sensible and rational thinking persons. These points have been stated in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ96:1-5** *"Read in the name of your Lord Who creates — creates man from a clot (of blood) — read and your Lord is most Generous, Who taught by the pen, taught man what he did not know."* It has been commonly seen that when some people are really better placed with all resources and wealth, they often give lesser attention towards relevance of Almighty God. This often happens because some people get inordinate and become rebellious. Sometimes certain people feel proud and self-sufficient. People are reminded by the Holy Qur'an in rest of 14 verses at **HQ96:6-19**, that they will turn a full circle, commencing with their humble beginnings from a clot of blood with fusion of soul, to birth into this world. After birth then comes compliance in this world, followed by material death of their human body. Finally, the return of that same soul before Almighty God, to be judged and made accountable for their deeds and misdeeds in this world. This will be on the Great Day of Judgement. The second part of Chapter 96 was revealed 6 years later in 615AD. This part describes the common rollout of the life of grown up humans and it is stated at **HQ96:6-19** *"No! Man is surely inordinate, because he looks upon himself as self-sufficient. Surely to your Lord is the return. Have you seen him who forbids a servant when he prays? Do you see if he is on the right way, or enjoins observance of duty? Do you see if he denies and turns away? Does he not know that Allah sees?"* Hence, the very first revelation has given mankind a compact of humbleness of commencement as an embryo nestled in the mother's womb and then the subtle warning of the feeling of being inordinate later in life, death and back to Almighty God for accountability of one's compliance performances.

2) 621AD at Mecca, the Miraj-un-Nabi: Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was asleep when he got awoken by the visit of Archangel Gabriel. This situation is called *Kashf*¹⁰. In the main: it was symbolic of many events yet to unfold. Prophet

⁹ Basic animal instincts behaviours are finding food for survival and mating for procreation.

¹⁰ This visionary journey was not a regular dream, which almost all people experience whilst soundly asleep. There is an Arabic expression "*Kashf*" which describes the peculiarity of this visionary journey. In the *Kashf*, a person who experiences this is in a state of wakefulness and is recording in the mind the details of whatever transpired throughout the *Kashf*. This experience is recorded in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ17:60** *"And when We*

Muhammad (*pbuh*) saw himself during this *Kashf*, in which Archangel Gabriel had brought over a pitcher of water from the Zamzam, cut open his chest and purified all his vital organs in his chest. This was symbolic only of absolute purification, before his taking a spiritual journey throughout the entire sets of episodes¹¹, and getting involved into several sessions of spiritual strengthening. He observed in his *Kashf*, after leading a prayer session for a congregation of spirits of previous 124,000 Prophets, and he saw himself still in the *Kashf*; and that he came back to Earth, but using the reverse routing to his Ascension, whilst he was still in the *Kashf*. The unique event of Miraj-un-Nabi bridged the gap between the past 124,000 communal Prophets to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) as Final Prophet to the world. All past communal 124,000 Prophets have now been retrospectively brought under the common canopy of Islam and the constitutional regime of the Holy Qur'an in 621AD.

- 3) 622AD at Mecca as the Hijri:** Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) had migrated (*Hijri*) to Medina¹² from Mecca. This migration was on point of compulsion and he had already received that prophecy during his Miraj-un-Nabi in his *Kashf*. Between the periods 610AD-622AD, the people of Mecca were in the main composed of enemies to Islam. They were totally repulsive to the idea of worshipping only One God, the Almighty God, as preached by Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*). Therefore they formed an alliance to kill him overnight¹³.

said to you: Surely your Lord encompasses people. And We made the vision which We showed you only a trial for people, as also the tree cursed in the Quran. And We warn them, but it only adds to their great inordinacy." According to Hadith Sahih Bukhari 59:6, Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) described his experience of the Ascension as "a state between sleep and wakefulness."

¹¹ There are several events making the episodes: In a nutshell, these include spiritual journey to Medina, spiritual journey to Jerusalem, and spiritual journey to seven stages of Heaven, spiritually meeting the spirits of past dead Prophets, getting a prophetic vision of the future and then spiritually returning back to Earth, using same routing in reverse order. This completed the *Kashf*.

¹² The migration from Mecca to Medina was in 622AD. Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) remained there for a decade and returned to Mecca in 632AD as his farewell pilgrimage (*Hajj*). He died in 632AD.

¹³ This became the commencement of Islamic *Hijri*. After 12 years of preaching and correcting the people of Mecca, the situation became very dangerous for Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*). There became an alliance of conspiracy comprising of idolaters, polytheists, Jews and Mithras from all over Mecca, who planned to kill Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*). Almighty God was aware of their evil plans. The House where Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was residing at, was surrounded by this alliance of heavily armed conspirators. Almighty God then intervened and caused a miracle, which brought about slumber to all those surrounding the house. At the precise moment Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) and his close associate Abu Bakar, slipped out of the house and headed towards Medina. This incident is also called "the flight." From that moment onwards Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*), was relocated to Medina, where he received several revelations comprising of 27 other Chapters of the Holy Qur'an.

- 4) **625AD at Medina, Arabia:** Islam is defined basically as “submission to the will of Almighty God.” After Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) had migrated from Mecca to Medina in 622AD, the mixed communities of people on the Arabian Peninsula were still obsessed with practising variations of idolatry and polytheism. Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) continued to receive Divine revelations, even while living at Medina. It was during his stay at Medina that he received the official name for the Faith to be Islam. Almighty God initiated the name Islam in year 625AD¹⁴ at Medina, Arabia, as a matter of essential identity for Muslims and as part of continuing revelations of the Holy Qur’an. Peace had been the common denominator of preaching by all the past 124,000 prophets although their geographical locations and their languages differed. This has been established in the Holy Qur’an at **HQ3:19** *“Surely the (true) religion with Allah is Islam. And those who were given the Book differed only after knowledge had come to them, out of envy among themselves. And whoever disbelieves in the messages of Allah — Allah indeed is Quick at reckoning.”*
- 5) **627AD, revealed at Medina, Arabia:** Chapter 5 of the Holy Qur’an is the fundamental reference, on all matters of food and drink for basic survival. The title of this Chapter is *Al-Ma’idah* meaning food. As described in the above paragraphs, the mixed communities at Medina were not only involved in practising idolatry and polytheism, but they were most rebellious against those others, who were not part of their idolatry and polytheism following. Muslims fell victims as such and had great difficulties to source their basic survival supplies. The revelation, which consequently followed, stipulates both forbidden foods and drinks and the circumstances in the common categories¹⁵. These are such as meats of animals, hunting of animals for food, forbidding food as offerings to idolatry and polytheism, and the exceptional circumstances in

¹⁴ Almighty God being the Best Knower, knows very well the human capacity and the human ability to receive Divine revelations and to be committed to memory, especially for Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*). Almighty God facilitated sufficient space between revelations, so that Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) would be able to narrate the revelations he received to his scribes and in turn sufficient time for the scribes to prepare the parchments as parts of the Holy Qur’an: This took 23 years (609AD-632AD) in all.

¹⁵ It is common knowledge that not-slaughtered dead animals manifest bacteria and various types of diseases, which reside in the dead animals’ bloodstream. Similarly residual remains of animals already eaten by other animals are all forbidden. Prescribed slaughter of permitted animals by Jews and Muslims (*Kosher* and *Halal* respectively), facilitates drainage of animal’s blood and greatly reduces potential threat of bacteria and diseases. The flesh structure of pork has similar properties to human tissue and, which facilitates interchangeability of zoonotic diseases between pigs and humans. Pigs by nature of their purposeful creation, are rapid processors of dirt and garbage. Pigs were created purposefully (in the absence of motorised garbage collection services by municipal authorities); pigs were not created for food. To this day, in remote rural regions, where there is no garbage collection facilities, pigs eat garbage. Gambling over food is also forbidden.

that prescription. Almighty God reminded humanity, of the originality of Islam as His chosen religion in year 627AD, which was revealed at Medina, Arabia. This is stated in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ5:3** *“Forbidden to you is what dies of itself, and blood, and flesh of swine, and that on which any other name than that of Allah has been invoked, and the strangled (animal), and that beaten to death, and that killed by a fall, and that killed by goring with the horn, and what wild beasts have eaten — except what you slaughter; and what is sacrificed on stones set up (for idols), and (it is forbidden) that you seek to divide by arrows; that is a transgression. This day have those who disbelieve despaired of your religion, so do not fear them, and fear Me. This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favour to you and chosen for you Islam as a religion. But whoever is compelled by hunger, not inclining wilfully to sin, then surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.”*

6) 632AD: History of Names of Revealed Prophets in the Holy Qur'an: As already deliberated in Footnote 1, there were over 124,000 prophets since the creation of humanity on Earth, in the current universe. All major landmasses and continents were blessed with ordained¹⁶ Prophets, who spoke the languages of their communities. During the early periods of history after creation of mankind, there were no printed books¹⁷ as in the present generation of people. Revelations to Prophets had to be committed to their memory and those messages were similarly relayed to their congregations. The congregations in turn also had to commit to their memories and then relay them to their descendants. Over periods of time downstream, there developed distortions in those messages. Almighty God had to keep sending over replacement Prophets to refresh those messages and remove distortions. The same pattern continued in many parts of the world, until such time that writing scriptural messages on permanent material took effect. The Holy Qur'an incorporates the names of 25 Prophets in total, all of whom are as case studies for humanity. They are, some as Hebrew Prophets, some as Israelite Prophets and Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) as the only Ishmaelite Prophet. Here is the sequential history of Names of all Revealed Prophets narrated in the Holy Qur'an, multiple times, by the final year 632AD: Adam [25], Enoch [2], Noah [43], Hud [2], Salih [9], Abraham [44], Ishmael [12], Isaac [9], Lot [9], Jacob [4], Joseph [27], Shu'ab [11], Job [2], Moses [140], Aaron [20], Ezekiel [2], David [16], Solomon [7], Elias

¹⁶ Ordained Prophets were receiving revelations from Almighty God but delivered by the stewardship of Archangel Gabriel.

¹⁷ The first commercial scale printing of books were in 1455, when Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press. Prior to that books were manually printed using a wooden frame as a box. Books were produced by hand. They were written on surfaces of clay, papyrus, wax, and parchment.

[2], Elisha [2], Jonah [3], Zechariah [7], John (the Baptist) [5], Jesus [25] and the Last and Final Prophet as Prophet Muhammad [4] (*peace on all of them*). Number of times each revealed Prophet's name is mentioned in verses is indicated by [total numbers 437]. Empherical Test: $23 \times 19 = 437$.

- 7) **632AD, at Mecca, Arabia: The final Chapter of the Holy Qur'an revealed was Chapter 110:** The total numbers of Chapters in the Holy Qur'an are 114. They were not revealed in numerical sequence 1-114, but according to need and the environmental circumstances surrounding the Muslims. There were 87 Chapters revealed at Mecca and 27 Chapters revealed at Medina. However, the final Chapter of the Holy Qur'an to be revealed was Chapter 110 in the year 632AD at Mecca, Arabia. This revelation came after the completion of pilgrimage (*Hajj*) by Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) at Mecca: **HQ110:1-3** "*When Allah's help and victory comes, and you see people entering the religion of Allah in companies, celebrate the praise of your Lord and ask His protection. Surely He is ever Returning (to mercy).*" Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) died 80 days after that event, exactly on his 63rd birthday.
- 8) **610AD at Mecca, Arabia:** The master-key to Holy Qur'an and Islam principles is numeral 19, which links all its 114 Chapters, Sections, other mentions and Chapters' salutations as multiples of 19. This seals the Holy Qur'an and retains its originality and seals Islam as a Faith. This was introduced by revelation in the year 609AD¹⁸. This seal however is the proud quote at **HQ74:30** "*Over it are nineteen.*" The direct quote as used in this context refers to 19 angels as sentinels, guarding the seven gates¹⁹ to Hell. It must be noted that the Holy Qur'an was supremely authored by Almighty God and delivered directly to humanity, through His agency of Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*), but serviced by the stewardship of Archangel Gabriel. Although the Holy Qur'an was completed perfectly, within the spontaneity of 23 years (609AD-632AD), no person of any description whatsoever has the liberty to alter or modify the Holy Qur'an in any way. As soon as Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) received the revelations, he had them committed to his memory immediately: because he could not read and write. He then relayed the revelations to his scribes, who in turn had those verses correctly written in Arabic language, collated, read back to Prophet

¹⁸ The first 5 verses to Chapter 96 (HQ96:1-5) were revealed in the cave Hira in 609AD. The next set of revelations came many months later, but they were revelations to Chapter 74, and coming in portions.

¹⁹ According to Holy Qur'an, Almighty God rebukes and informs the devil: that the devil and the devil's associates will have their place in Hell, which has seven gates. This is in the Holy Qur'an, as stated at **HQ15:42-44** "*As regards My servants, you have no authority over them except such of the deviators as follow you. And surely hell is the promised place for them all — it has seven gates. For each gate is an appointed portion of them.*"

Muhammad (*pbuh*)²⁰ and subsequently the hand-written scripts were bound together as the Holy Qur'an. This has been stated in the scripture at **HQ18:27** as *“And recite what has been revealed to you of the Book of your Lord. There is none who can alter His words. And you will find no refuge beside Him.”* Because the Holy Qur'an was authored by Almighty God, the entire scripture has been most ingeniously and mathematically locked, using multiples of 19. This secures the Holy Qur'an as free from tempering and at same time retention of its originality²¹. Not only is the literary composition based on multiples of 19, but the entire Holy Qur'an is mathematically structured. The value of 19 as a prime number is composed of the combination of the lowest and highest digits of 1 and 9. The number 19 is most difficult and divisible only by 1 and 19. All 114 Chapters of the Holy Qur'an (except Chapter 9) have the salutation “In the Name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful” as *Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Raheem* which is 19 Arabic alphabetic arrangements. Chapter 9 has the continuity from Chapter 8 but the same salutation has been allocated later in the Holy Qur'an text at HQ27:30, whilst still retaining 114 times as total of Qur'anic salutations. There were no computer technologies around more than 100 years ago. However, with computerisation in this age, lots of discoveries have been made, regarding the relevance of 19, throughout the Holy Qur'an. There are a few examples quoted, which demonstrate the magnificence of the Holy Qur'an. The word Allah is repeated 2,698 times (2,698 divide by 19= 142). The combinations of Allah, Rahman and Raheem are repeated 2,888 times (2,888 divide by 19= 152). The first revelation was Chapter 96, which has 19 verses. Counting backwards from the last Chapter 114, reaches back to the first revelation, which is Chapter 96. The Holy Qur'an has been divided into 6 portions (19 x 6 = 114). The list of how and where the prime number 19 appears and plays vital role is indeed substantial; however, the examples already discussed should amply suffice in maintaining brevity of this article.

- 9) It is for all correct thinking Muslims to guide and assist other Muslims; the Holy Qur'an has sanctioned that correct advice shall be given to those who need to be guided. This is given in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ3:103**, as *“And from among you*

²⁰ Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) never went to school and could not read and write even his own name. He was however, given a silver ring, engraved with the words “Muhammad Prophet of Allah” in Arabic (*“Muhammad-ur Rasul-Allah”*). After having verified with his memory against the written scripts read back to him, Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) sealed off those manuscripts and they were then bound together as the Holy Qur'an. This was completed in 632AD.

²¹ The Holy Qur'an today is still the same as first collated and completed in 632AD. There is no such thing as “new versions, or updated versions or revised versions” of the Holy Qur'an.

there should be a party who invite to good and enjoin the right and forbid the wrong. And these are they who are successful.”

Conclusions on Significant Features in History of Holy Qur’an:

- a) The Holy Qur’an commenced with the first 5 verses of its Chapter 96 to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) in the year 609AD, in a cave at Mecca, Arabia. There are 19 verses in Chapter 96.
- b) The Holy Qur’an states that the common denominator with all past 124,000 Prophets of Almighty God has been their propagation of worshipping One God only, as the Almighty God, and Who has no beginning, is always present, has no ending, is formless, has no spouse and has no line of succession.
- c) The name Islam was initiated in 625AD at Medina, Arabia.
- d) Almighty God informed humanity in 627AD that He has perfected the religion of Islam, as His religion of choice.
- e) The Holy Qur’an lists only 25 names of the 124,000 past Prophets’ names, as case studies for mankind. Prophets have been mentioned several times throughout the main structure of the Holy Qur’an.
- f) Chapter 110 of the Holy Qur’an was the final Chapter revealed at Mecca in year 632AD in Divine completion of the Holy Qur’an.
- g) The Holy Qur’an has been most ingeniously structured around multiples of 19 in so many ways; some of this are still being discovered using computer technology.

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