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## Is Jesus divine?

Robert Bujarski

Common Christian thought is that the only way to heaven is through Jesus, whether through intercession in prayer or devotion in worship as part of the trinity. It only causes one to wonder if this requirement would exclude God's prophets and messengers who came prior to Jesus. The Old Testament clearly states that they worshipped and prayed to God alone. Or, is this a new requirement which was placed on humanity only after Jesus? Jesus explains that from these two commandments, all the laws are derived. In Isaiah 45:5, we read, "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me." The major emphasis of Isaiah 45 is to know that God is One, worship Him alone, and have no gods beside Him. There are numerous verses which follow along the same lines as that of Isaiah 45. This brings us to the question of how is it possible for the Councils in the fourth and fifth century to conclude that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are to be worshipped as one and the same?

The argument presented to support the trinity seems to be that the three beings equal to one does not violate the law. And, three are also to be thought of as separate. The next question follows: if God is to be worshipped as three in the same or thought of as vice versa, why was this quality not "clearly" revealed by one of God's prophets, messengers, or even Jesus, since it is such a vital component of the practice of Christianity today?

When Jesus states that "I and the father am one," is it not possible to interpret this as Jesus doing the will of God, and therefore his will and God's will coincide to be one? A similar scenario would be a man completely devoted to his work, living through his work thus becoming like one-with it.

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# Submitters Perspective

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## Mandatory Insurance Is A Problem, Not A Solution

Recently, I had to renew my car registration, something that we do every year. Unlike past practices, however, this time I have to include a written proof of insurance. It is a fact that automobile insurance became mandatory in this state some ten years ago. Even then, circumstance did not compel me to purchase it. All I need was to sign a statement indicating I have insurance. And I did not lie, because I always feel I have God's insurance. That does not mean that I do not take precautions. I always do. I have to drive carefully. I maintain my car. Not only do we not drink and drive, we do not drink, period. It is common sense. It is also God's commandment to take precautions, even during contact prayer (4:102). I just do not think buying insurance is part of it. After all, if God wills any hardship for me, no force in the universe can stop it (no matter how much insurance I have from Prudential or Allstate). On the other hand, if He wills something good, there is nothing anyone can do to prevent it from coming (13:11, 39:38). Some people think I am crazy, and I do not blame them. After all, this is a state law. However, each person has to apply his or her own judgment when faced with any circumstance. What I consider as an emergency situation may be trivial to others. Two days without food is life threatening for some. For others, it may be part of their regular dietary practices. There are various reasons why people choose not to have insurance. I did not buy insurance based on principle. But, not unlike many of them, I could not afford it at the time, even if I wanted to. Thank God, we survived those years without a scratch.

We learn from the Quran that when we are forced by circumstance, without being malicious and intentionally breaking God's law, then God is Forgiver, Merciful. This time I really feel that I am forced. There is no way around it. As I started looking, I was startled at how expensive car insurance is these days. One would think that since it is mandatory for drivers to have insurance on their cars, then the rate would go down because of the larger number of insured motorists. Instead, the rate has gone up. It may have doubled or even tripled in the past ten years. This is a rip-off! Sure enough, the insurance companies seem to take advantage of this law. No wonder thousands of people were forced to drive without insurance—they cannot afford it. Others may get the insurance at the expense of other important things. Maybe waiting longer to replace the balding tires, or to install a new windshield wiper. A delay in replacing the faulty brake or the worn tires means people are cutting corners on the well being of their vehicle—and their own safety. In yet some other people, insurance creates a false sense of security that borders on a sense of invincibility (e.g. "I am covered"). You probably have seen the bumper sticker that says, "Go ahead and hit me, I need the money." This attitude, albeit meant as a humor, can actually

encourage some people to become reckless drivers. In the long run, their driving habits will drive insurance rates up.

Even more important, insurance is a "business" that feeds on people's fear and insecurity. Their strategy is always the same: "Come to us, we'll give you peace of mind." This clearly contradicts an important principle in the scripture that security and peace of mind come only from God. Moreover, people who really need help are usually those most often turned down by insurance companies. Many insurance companies refuse to cover you, if you are seriously ill. Most doctors are now forced to spend more time on insurance paperwork instead of treating their patients. Often times they cannot prescribe certain medications, or adequately evaluate their patients, because some insurance clerks determine limits on them. Hospitals often inflate their bills because they know most patients do not bother to read the fine print. After all, their insurance pays for it. But in the end, it is the general public who will suffer, not the insurance companies. Insurance also creates a new field of crime—insurance crime. From making false claim to committing murder, these crimes raise insurance premiums for everyone.

In many forms, insurance is a major reason for the high cost economy in this country. It is unproductive. Yet, it is one of the largest business enterprises in America, accounting for tens of billions of dollars annually. Is it small wonder, then, that many now concede the United States cannot compete effectively with other economic powers anymore? One reason is clear: the cost of doing business here is simply too high because of mandatory insurance coverage on the people and their businesses. Nonetheless, insurance, just like frivolous lawsuits (a related problem that also have a big negative impact on the economy), alcohol consumption and gambling, has always been part of this society. It is not easy to change people's mind on things that have become part of them, not unlike tradition and religion.

When it becomes a mandatory law, automobile insurance contradicts an important principle of the law, namely the presumption of innocence. Under this wonderful principle, a person is innocent until proven guilty. On the other hand, mandatory automobile insurance is essentially based on the suspicion (another sin!) that people will not live up to their responsibility in case of an accident. The result is that people will have to pay for a crime they most likely will not commit. In the eyes of these lawmakers and the insurance lobby, you are guilty before you commit the crime. In essence, mandatory auto insurance amounts to punishing the majority of save drivers for the actions of a minority of bad drivers. And this is unfair!

G. Adisoma

## 74:35 This is one of the great miracles

God's mathematical miracle of the Quran is indeed one of the great miracles. For the past few months, I have been sharing with you my findings regarding the mathematical aspects of the Quran related to primes and their indices. In this article, again based on this abstract mathematical approach, we will see by God's grace that the number of H.M.'s in the seven suras (chapters) 40-46 all initialed with H.M. must be 2147 and nothing but 2147 ( $19 \times 113$ ). But before that, I want you to appreciate the awesomeness of the Quran's mathematical code by appreciating the fact that little is known about primes by themselves, let alone their relations to their indices.

Prime numbers have always fascinated mathematicians because it is simply impossible to tell if a number is prime or not. Therefore, the question of the index of a prime number is a far more sophisticated and advanced question. This is totally beyond human understanding of mathematics. This also puts an end to the notion that the 19-based Quranic miracle could be or is probably a statistical fluke. Now, due to God's infinite mercy, we have solid mathematical proof that these multiples of 19 are not just any multiples of 19, but a specific multiple of 19 that God in His infinite wisdom rendered it impossible to imitate or tamper with.

Let me go back to Suras 40-46. As we know, all these seven suras start with the

initials H.M. Sura 42 is the only sura in the Quran that has two sets of initials. Furthermore, we know that the number of H.M.'s in each sura is not by itself divisible by 19. We must add up the total number of H.M.'s in all seven suras which gives us  $2147 = 19 \times 113$ . It is this coefficient that must be the prime number 113 and nothing but 113! In the following table, we tabulate the number of H.M.'s in suras 40-46.

| Sura No. | No. of H.M.'s |
|----------|---------------|
| 40       | 444           |
| 41       | 324           |
| 42       | 353 **        |
| 43       | 368           |
| 44       | 166           |
| 45       | 231           |
| 46       | 261           |

Note that only 353, the number of H.M.'s in Sura 42, is a prime number. The index of 353 is 71. In other words, this prime number is the 71st prime number. Then

$$42 + 71 = 113$$

Furthermore, Sura 42 is the 23rd initialed sura. Guess what? Sura 113 has 23 words and 71 letters. So where is the prime number relation between Suras 42 and 113? The 42nd prime number is 181 and 113th prime number is 617 and

$$181 + 617 = 798$$

and

$$798 = 19 \times 42$$

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