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Is Allah God of Muslims only?

According to the Quran, the most beautiful names belong to God Almighty. God creates all the languages and we can derive His beautiful names from any of these languages. There is no restriction in the Quran whatsoever in this matter. However, God only condemns the distortion of His name by associating idols besides Him. These are the important teachings of the Quran.

God Almighty created all languages, not just Arabic:

[30:22] Among His proofs are the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the variation in your languages and your colors. In these, there are signs for the knowledgeable.

We can derive His Most beautiful names from any language, Arabic or non-Arabic, as we understand from the verse:

[7:180] To God belongs the most beautiful names; call upon Him therewith, and disregard those who distort His name. They will be requited for their sins.

Some of God's beautiful English names can be derived from this English translation of the Quran:

[59:23] He is the One God; there is no other god besides Him. The King, the Most Sacred, the Peace, the Most Faithful, the Supreme, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the Most Dignified. God be glorified; far above having partners.

[59:24] He is the One God; the Creator, the Initiator, the Designer. To Him belong the most beautiful names. Glorifying Him is everything in the heavens and the earth. He is the Almighty, Most Wise.

The "Islamic" scholars invent all sorts of ridiculous issues (hadith, tafsir, fatwas, etc.) and successfully divert millions of Muslims from the very important Quranic issues to unimportant unQuranic issues!!! One of such issue is their ridiculous invention of not saying the name of "God" for the Supreme Being in the English translation. According to them, "Allah" is genderless but "God" has gender!!!

The most important Quranic issue is not to distort God's beautiful name by associating idol/idols beside God. Sadly, the Islamic scholars completely overlook this important point!!!

For example, the Quranic testimony for Declaration of Faith (in Arabic *Shahadah*) is simply "La elaha ella Allah" (There is no god beside God). This testimony is taught by God Almighty in the Quran. All prophets and messengers, including Prophet Muhammad preached and followed this testimony (7:172-173; 3:18; 47:19; 20:14; 10:90; 37:35-36).

[37:35] When they are told, "La Elaha Ella Allah," they turned arrogant.

[37:36] They said, "Shall we leave our gods for the sake of a crazy poet?"

Sadly, millions of Muslims reverted to idolatry after the death of the prophet, added Muhammad's name in the Quranic Testimony and practice this corrupt *shahadah* on a daily basis! (39:45; 3:18; 37:35).

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The Arabic speaking Christians use the Arabic word “Allah” and not “God” — and they believe in Jesus as the “son of God” or in Arabic “Ibn’ Allah.” According to the Quran (7:180), they obviously distort the name Allah by associating Prophet Jesus with Allah.

Can we then reject the Arabic name “Allah” simply because they associate Jesus as “son of Allah” (in Arabic: *Isa Ibn’ Allah*)? Absolutely not!

In the Quran (59:23-24, 114:2-3), God Almighty suggests to us that one of His beautiful names is “The King” (in Arabic *Malek*). Can we deny God’s suggestion for “The King” for one of His beautiful names simply because the female gender for the King is the Queen? Absolutely not!

Even before the advent of Muhammad, the idol worshipers attributed sons and daughters to Allah (6:100, 16:57, 17:40, 37:149,153;43: 16; 52:39; 53:21). One such verse states:

[6:100] Yet, they set up besides Allah idols from among the jinns, though He is the One who created them. They even attribute to Him (Allah) sons and daughters, without any knowledge. Be He glorified. He is the Most High, far above their claims.

So, can we reject the Arabic word “Allah” simply because the Meccan idol worshipers associated sons and daughters with Allah and distort or pollute His name? Not at all!

We can find the use of “Allah” not “God” in the Arabic Bible. We can find the use of “Ishwar” not “God” in the Hindi Bible. An Arab Christian uses the word “Allah” not “God” when he or she calls on God. An English speaking Christian uses the word “God” for Allah. Sadly, the traditional English translators of the Quran are influenced by hadith or fatwas and used the Arabic word “Allah” instead

of English word “God” in their English translations. This only gives the false impression to the English speaking people that “Allah” is an Arabic God or a Muslim God!

Using the word “Allah,” “Khoda,” “God” or “Dios” and so on, all depends on the circumstances. For example, it is logical to use “Khoda” in Farsi or the Bangla translation of the Quran for Bangla speaking people (of Bangladesh). It is logical to use “Bhagavan” in the Hindi translation of the Quran for the Hindi speaking people, “Dios” for the Spanish speakers and “God” in the English translation of the Quran for the English speaking people.

In most non-Arabic speaking Muslim countries, some Muslims force their children to read the Quran in Arabic. The adults also read the Quran in Arabic, but they do not understand a single word of what they read. What good is it to read the Quran in Arabic like a parrot without understanding its meaning or like a donkey carrying valuable books?

[62:5] The example of those who were given the Torah, then failed to uphold it, is like the donkey carrying great works of literature. Miserable indeed is the example of people who rejected God’s revelations. God does not guide the wicked people.

The important thing is not what name we call God, as God knows our innermost intentions; but not to associate any idols with Him and recognize Him in our hearts as He should be recognized. Last but not least, this is one of the many reminders of the Quran.

[30:40] God is the One who created you. He is the One who provides for you. He is the One who puts you to death. He is the One who resurrects you. Can any of your idols do any of these things? Be He glorified. He is much too exalted to have any partners.

Comments from Submitters

Allah or God

I make the argument also that God had sent many Prophets before Muhammad over the past ages, some are named in the Quran and others are not. They must have been from different regions and places, and must have propagated their message in different languages—not in Arabic, so the word for the Creator/God must have been other than ‘Allah.’ To me it is the height of insularity to insist on the use of Allah in any other language except when talking Arabic.

No wonder that the non-Muslims quite rightly, think that this Allah is only a Muslim’s deity.

Rashid

[17:110] Say, “Call Him GOD, or call Him the Most Gracious; whichever name you use, to Him belongs the best names.” You shall not utter your Contact Prayers (Salat) too loudly, nor secretly; use a moderate tone.

[2:225] GOD does not hold you responsible for the mere utterance of oaths; He holds you responsible for your innermost intentions. GOD is Forgiver, Clement.

Peace,

I happened upon your translation and work...*masha Allah* (It is God’s gift)! What brilliant work, the language has been made accessible and practical, and above all, you have removed the hateful rhetoric that others have forced into the Quran.

Please keep it up.

M. I.

Rehan

Truly Happy

If you had a different job,
One that better suited you,
Would you finally find the joy
That has long eluded you?

If you had a newer car,
Just like the neighbors do,
Would that finally bring contentment
And peace of mind to you?

If you had a bigger house
In the perfect neighborhood,
Would your heart feel at home then,
Like you've always wished it would?

If your children were angels,
And your spouse were a dream,
Would your heart start to dance
And your eyes start to gleam?

If you had EVERYTHING you wanted,
And fortune for a friend,
Tell me, if your life were "perfect,"
Would you be truly happy then?

See, the sad thing is,
I don't think you would be,
Truly happy, that is,
At least not like you could be

If you gave your heart to God
And quit trying to find a way
To find happiness in THINGS
That will eventually decay.

All the fortunes in the world
Won't take your sins away;
They can't save your spot in heaven
Or help prepare for Judgment Day.

Only when you know for sure
That all's well between God and you
Will your life be complete
And your happiness be true!

Author unknown

*(submitted by sister Nora
before she returned to God)*

EAT LIKE THE ANIMALS EAT

[47:12] GOD admits those who believe and lead a righteous life into gardens with flowing streams. As for those who disbelieve, they live and eat like the animals eat, then end up in the hellfire.

I've seen an elephant pull up a bush and eat it—roots, dirt, and all. I've seen a polar bear tear apart a seal and eat it—skin, bones, and all. I've seen a bird grab a beetle and eat it—hard shell and all.

We don't eat like that. We're more discriminating. We take the skin off the chicken; we clean the dirt off the spinach; we remove the shell from the peanuts. So, of course, we don't eat like the animals eat. That would be gross.

But I've also watched my dogs scarf down every morsel in their bowls in about ten seconds flat. Animals are eating by instinct, an instinct for survival. In the wild, they don't always know where their next meal is coming from (although my dogs certainly don't have that excuse!), so they eat quickly and completely so they don't starve. But what's our excuse?

I sometimes finish a meal so fast, I have no recollection of what was on my plate. I'm working to change that habit. All good weight loss programs try to teach you to eat more slowly and savor each bite. You're encouraged to use all your senses with every mouthful. This is good for losing weight, but it's something for submitters to consider as well.

*Let the human consider his food!
(80:24)*

We should be grateful for every morsel we receive. We know it all comes from God. We have supermarkets full of groceries—aisle after aisle of choices. We don't have to go out and hunt game, or grow crops, or haul water for miles. We know where our next meal is coming

from. It's coming from God's generous provisions. So every single bite is a gift from God and should be acknowledged.

We begin by saying "Bismillah" before we eat. We don't have to know how the animal was slaughtered, and whether some stranger said magic words at that time. It's up to each one of us to remember God as we begin to eat. We're not going to be able to say "Bismillah" with every bite, but we should occasionally, during the meal, appreciate the blessing with "masha Allah" (God's gift) or "alhamdulillah" or "thank You, God." It reminds us where the food came from and how thankful we are to have it.

If we eat more slowly, we have more time to recognize the gift, and therefore, more opportunities to remember God. If we bring all our senses into it, it makes the food taste even better. It has a wonderful smell—each food has its unique odor—a roast in the oven or a pie freshly baked. The juicy beef and the fresh broccoli look good on the plate; the banana looks fresh and delicious as you peel it. You hear the sizzle of steak on the grill or the sound of biting into a crisp apple.

The feel of food is wonderful—holding an ice cream cone or picking up a chicken leg. And finally, of course, you come to taste. The culmination is having the piece of food in your mouth and rolling it around with your tongue and teeth as you savor it. We can also appreciate the packaging. From the amazing way God protects His fruits, like the banana and orange in their colorful peels, to the ingenious methods man has developed, such as frozen foods preserved and ready to heat at a moment's notice.

Animals eat without thought or caring. They live their lives in total submission to God, and they glorify Him in ways we'll never understand.

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[17:44] *Glorifying Him are the seven universes, the earth, and everyone in them. There is nothing that does not glorify Him, but you do not understand their glorification. He is Clement, Forgive.*

So animals are wonderful submitting creatures. But we don't want to be like them. If we had been smart enough to reject free will and come to earth as a tree or a rock or a dog, we could be guaranteed Paradise. But we weren't that smart. So now we have to live our lives in conscious awareness of God at all times and in all situations. Then, God willing, we can be as good in submission as the animals are.

[7:179] *We have committed to Hell multitudes of jinns and humans. They have minds with which they do not understand, eyes with which they do not see, and ears with which they do not hear. They are like animals; no, they are far worse—they are totally unaware.*

[25:44] *Do you think that most of them hear, or understand? They are just like animals; no, they are far worse.*

Lydia

19 Code in the Quran: Some Simple, but Extraordinary Facts

The Quran is God's everlasting message to the world—the Final Testament. It is mathematically structured to prove that it is in fact unaltered word of God. There is a whole sura (chapter) regarding the numerical code in the Quran. It is Sura 74 and is entitled the "Hidden Secret." As we know now, the mathematical structure of the Quran based on the number 19 had remained hidden for 14 centuries before it was unveiled 1406 (19x74) years after the revelation of the Quran, in 1974 A.D. None of these are coincidences, nor is it a coincidence that Sura 74 is the only sura in which the number 19 is mentioned. It is part of God's awesome arrangement for us to appreciate His wisdom. God is the one who controls everything.

In Sura 74 God informs us that if anyone claims that the Quran is man-made (verse 25), He will prove to him otherwise by the number 19 (verse 30). God says that this number serves five functions in verse 31: a) to disturb the disbelievers, b) to convince the Christians and Jews that this is a divine scripture, c) to strengthen the faith of the faithful, d) to remove all traces of doubts from the hearts of Christians, Jews as well as the believers, e) to expose those who harbor doubt in their hearts and the disbelievers. They will say, "what did God mean by this allegory?"

God mentions in Sura 74, verse 35 that this is one of the great miracles.

The first verse in the Quran, known as the "Basmalah" consists of 19 letters.

Every word in this verse is mentioned in the Quran in multiples of 19.

a) The first word (IsM) is mentioned in the Quran 19 times.

b) The second word (Allah=God) is mentioned in the Quran 2698 times, or 19x142.

c) The third word (Al-Rahman=Most Gracious) is mentioned in the Quran 57 times, or 19x3.

d) The fourth word (Al-Raheem=Most Merciful) is mentioned in the Quran 114 times, or 19x6.

The Quran consists of 114 chapters (suras) or 19x6.

The famous first revelation (96:1-5) consists of 19 words.

Sura 96, first in the chronological order, consists of 19 verses.

Sura 96 consists of 304 Arabic letters and 304 equals to 19x16.

The famous last revelation (110:1-3) consists of 19 words

The total number of verses in the Quran is 6346, or 19x334. There are 6234 numbered verses and 112 unnumbered verses of Basmalahs, and 6234 + 112 = 6346. Note that 6+3+4+6= 19.

For more details on this subject, see <http://www.masjiduntucson.org/quran/miracle/index.html>