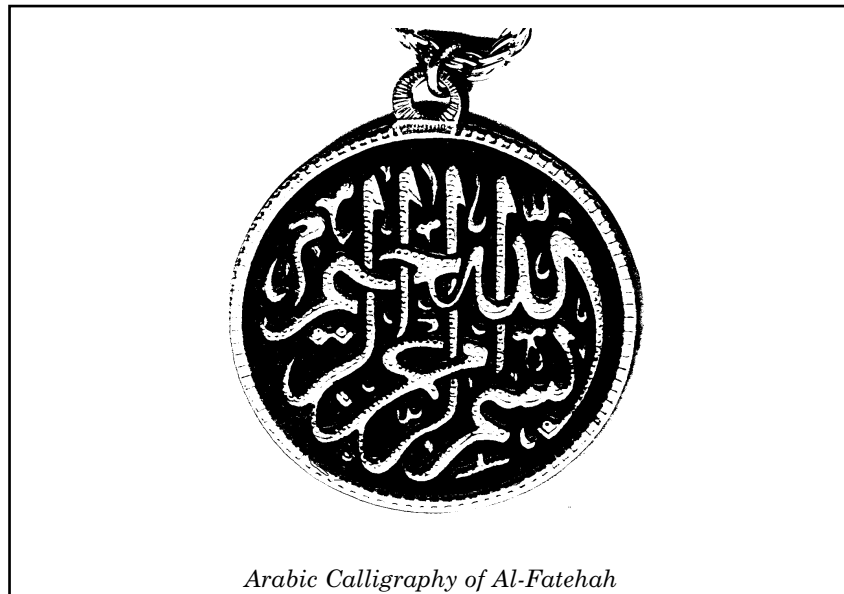


The Basmalah

The first verse of *Al-Fatehah* is known as the *Basmalah* (the Arabic for 'In the name of God'). The Basmalah translates into English as:

**In the name of God,
Most Gracious, Most Merciful.**

The illustration of a pendant below shows the Arabic verse in beautifully designed calligraphy. You can find the English transliteration (the Arabic let-



Arabic Calligraphy of Al-Fatehah

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ters replaced by their English equivalents) in the next chapter.

The *Basmalah* is used by Muslims universally. It is used in the prayers, in daily activities and is pronounced over anything we eat.

There are many, many aspects of the *Basmalah* which are numerically coded. Since this book is about the Contact Prayers, we will share with you only those things that relate to the Contact Prayers, but we recommend that you consult the Appendix for more information on the comprehensive and miraculous coding of this single phrase.

In fact, the man who first discovered the code of 19 in the Quran, Dr. Rashad Khalifa, believed that the code is based on the *Basmalah*. Since Dr. Khalifa opened the door to these discoveries, others have found many additional aspects of the code, but the *Basmalah* remains the cornerstone.

The *Basmalah* is made up of **19** Arabic letters.

Those 19 letters form 4 Arabic words:

Bism (In the name of)

Allah (God)

Al-Rahman (Most Gracious)

Al-Raheem (Most Merciful)

Each of these words plays an important part in the Quran's mathematical coding.

'*Bism*' is the first word in the *Basmalah*. However, the way in which it is encoded is a bit more complex than the other letters. Because of this, we will take the liberty of discussing the other words first.

It is more appropriate to examine the next word, *Allah*, first anyway. God is always first and foremost!

'*Allah*' occurs in the Quran 2698 times, or **19** times 142. If you add the verse numbers for all 2698 occurrences you get 118123, or **19** times 6217. There are many other more complex ways in which '*Allah*' participates in the coding of the Quran, but these illustrate the obvious fact that God's own name is an important aspect in the code.

'*Al-Rahman*' occurs in the Quran 57 times, or **19** times 3.

'*Al-Raheem*' occurs 114 times, or **19** times 6. This is also the number of chapters in the Quran. Truly God was Most Merciful in blessing us with those 114 chapters!

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Now we come back to '*Bism*,' as we promised.

'*Bism*' is a grammatical form of the Arabic word '*Ism*,' which means 'name.' '*Ism*' occurs in the Quran exactly **19** times.

The form '*Bism*' occurs in the Quran 3 times, in verses 1:1, 11:41 and 27:30. If you add the chapter and verse numbers for these occurrences you get $1 + 1 + 11 + 41 + 27 + 30 = 111$. If you then add 3 for the number of occurrences you get $1 + 1 + 11 + 41 + 27 + 30 + 3 = 114$, or **19** times 6. Recall that this number 114 is also the number of chapters in the Quran.

Perhaps even more significant is the fact that if you put the above verses in their order of revelation, 1:1, 27:30 then 11:41 and create one number, with each chapter number followed by its verse number all next to each other (1 1 27 30 11 41), this number is a multiple of **19**:

$$1127301141 = \mathbf{19} \times 59331639.$$

As submitting monotheists, we use the *Basmalah* many times in our day. It begins each recitation of *Al-Fatehah* (The Key) during our Contact Prayers, or any other time we recite the Key. The *Basmalah* also must be pronounced over any food we eat.

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In fact, it is a good way to begin anything we do,
for shouldn't all of our works be dedicated to God?

