

Quick Notes for Quran Study 10 - Study Information

- **Study Leaders:**
 - Apamea Bashar (Reads the verses)
 - Dr. Rashad Khalifa (Provides extensive commentary, theological explanations, and answers questions).
- **Date of Recording:** 05/19/1989

Quran Verses Discussed

- Sura 71 (Noah): Verses 1–28
- Sura 72 (The Jinn): Verses 1–18
- Reference Verses:
 - Sura 20:132 (Exhorting family to pray)
 - Sura 19:16, 41 (Mentioning Mary and Abraham in the book)
 - Sura 46:10 (Rabbi Judah the Pious)
 - Sura 50 (Companion/Jinn witness)

Detailed Summary of Discussion

1. Sura 71:1–28 (Noah) – Persistence & Human Nature

- Noah's Struggle: Noah preached for 950 years, yet his people persistently rejected him, putting fingers in their ears and covering themselves.
- Human Nature: Dr. Khalifa notes that humans haven't changed since Noah's time; people still reject the message with the same excuses.
- Scientific Miracle (Sun vs. Moon):
 - Verse 16 describes the moon as a "light" (Noor) and the sun as a "lamp" (Siraj).
 - Explanation: A lamp is a source of light, while the moon is a reflector. This distinction is scientifically accurate and confirmed by astronauts noting the moon's reflective surface.
- The Flood: Noah asked God not to leave a single disbeliever on earth because they would only breed more disbelievers. The flood wiped them out, creating the Dead Sea.

2. Sura 72:1–18 (The Jinn) – Conversion & The Mosque

- The Jinns:
 - Verse 1 mentions a group of jinns who listened to the Quran and believed.
 - Dr. Khalifa's Interpretation: These jinns are the freed companions of humans (e.g., Christians who believed in the Trinity) who wandered

into Masjid Tucson, heard the Quran and the mathematical miracle, and converted to Islam (Submission).

- Mathematical Proof: The root word Rashada appears 4 times in this Sura. The gematrical value of "Rashad Khalifa" (1230) + Sura number (72) + Verse count (28) = 1330, a multiple of 19 (19 x 70).
- Nature of Jinns:
 - Companions: Every human has a jinn companion (representative of Satan) assigned at birth. This companion tries to mislead the human.
 - Death: When a human dies, both the soul and the jinn companion are freed. The jinn stays on earth for a few hundred years before dying.
 - Witness: The jinn companion serves as the primary witness for or against the human on Judgment Day (Sura 50).
- Spying on Heaven: Verse 8 mentions jinns trying to spy on heaven but being chased by projectiles. Dr. Khalifa links this to a period where rockets/shuttles (like the Challenger) failed to launch or exploded (74 seconds), suggesting celestial interference visible to jinns.

3. Chastity & Youth (Discussion with Amir)

- "Keep Your Chastity":
 - Dr. Khalifa quizzes Amir on the meaning of chastity.
 - Definition: Keeping oneself pure for one's future spouse.
 - Warning to Youth: He warns the youth against the boyfriend/girlfriend culture, stating it violates God's law and leads to misery. He promises a happy life to those who resist temptation and wait for marriage.
 - Appendix: He announces he is writing an appendix on "Chastity and Virginity" to help parents teach their children.

4. Parenting & Prayer (Discussion with Hamid)

- Exhorting Children:
 - Hamid asks how far parents should go to make children pray.
 - Quranic Answer: Sura 20:132 says to "exhort your family to observe the Salat and persist."
 - Experience: Dr. Khalifa shares that by consistently reminding his children (Sam and Beth) from a young age, they never refused. Beth clarifies that while they prayed out of guilt initially, they eventually chose it for themselves. The key is persistence without driving them to hate religion.

5. Sanctity of the Mosque (Verse 18)

- "The Places of Worship Belong to God":
 - Verse 18 commands not to mention any other name beside God in the mosques.
 - Discussion: A debate arises about mentioning names like "Rashad" or "Abraham" during Khutbas or discussions versus during the Contact Prayer (Salat).
 - Conclusion: In the act of worship (Salat), only God's name must be mentioned. In discussions/sermons, names can be mentioned for historical lessons (as the Quran does). ideally, Dr. Khalifa wishes for a mosque with a separate prayer hall where only God's name is ever spoken, distinct from the study hall.

Administrative & Personal Notes

- Next Week: Apamea will continue teaching from Sura 73 onwards.
- Prayer for the Youth: Dr. Khalifa emphasizes the importance of guiding the youth (Amir, Poopak, etc.) to ensure their future happiness.