Quick Notes for Quran Study 1 - Study Information

- **Study Leaders:** Catherine (lead teacher for the session) and Dr. Rashad Khalifa (provides extensive commentary, answers questions, and leads the second half).
- **Date of Recording:** 05/26/1989

Quran Verses Discussed

- Sura 72 (The Jinn): Verses 19–28
- Sura 73 (The Cloaked): Verses 1–20
- Reference Verses:
    - Sura 74:30-31 (Regarding the number 19 and angels)
    - Sura 67:8 (Guards of Hell)
    - Sura 43:77 (Maalik, the angel of Hell)
    - Sura 53:43-48 (God controls happiness and wealth)
    - Sura 1 (Al-Fatihah - recited at the end)

Detailed Summary of Discussion

1. Sura 72:19–28 (The Jinn)

- The Message of "God Alone":
    - Theme: The core message of all messengers is "Worship God Alone."
    - Reaction to the Message: When God alone is advocated, the hearts of disbelievers "shrink in aversion." This is described as a literal shrinking of the soul (ego gets in the way).
    - Messengers are Human: Messengers (Noah, Moses, Jesus, Rashad) are human beings with no power to harm or guide. They possess no "superhuman" claims or magic. Their humanity is a test for the people, who often reject them asking, "Who are you? You are just a man."
- Protection of Messengers: While messengers are vulnerable due to their high visibility and the specific proofs they carry, they are protected by God as long as they deliver the message.
- The Unforgivable Sin: Idol worship is the only unforgivable sin (if maintained until death).
- Majority vs. Minority (Spiritual Physics):
    - The "Shrinking" Concept: Dr. Khalifa explains that while a human body looks the same, the soul varies wildly in size based on belief.
    - Statistics: In a city like Tucson (approx. 500,000 people), there might be only 50-100 true believers.

    - Size comparison: A believer's soul is described as being as large as a city (e.g., Phoenix), while a disbeliever's soul shrinks to the size of an ant or cat.
    - Conclusion: Therefore, 100 believers are physically/spiritually the "majority" in power compared to 500,000 "ants."
- Knowledge of the Future:
    - Only God knows the future. He reveals specific news to chosen messengers to authenticate them.
    - Examples given: Joseph knowing his family would bow to him; Moses' mother being told he would be saved.
- The Number 19 & Hell:
    - A debate arises regarding the number of angels guarding Hell.
    - Dr. Khalifa's Clarification: The Quran says "Over it is nineteen." It does not explicitly say "19 angels." It is a mathematical code/structure. The function of the number is a test for the disbelievers and certainty for believers.

2. Sura 73:1–20 (The Cloaked)

- Night Meditation:
    - The night is designed for rest and lack of distraction, making it the ideal time for meditation and reading the Quran.
    - Definition of Night: Quranic night begins at sunset and ends at dawn.
    - Routine: Reading Quran and meditating is for the human's benefit, not God's need.
- 24-Hour God Consciousness:
    - The goal of the believer is to mention and remember God constantly (writing Bismillah on checks, saying it before tasks).
    - God is the only Doer: Belief that God hires, fires, and provides. If one believes their boss provides for them, it is a form of idol worship.
- Anger and Aggression:
    - Core Teaching: Do not get angry. If someone upsets you or cuts you off in traffic, it is God testing you or you are paying for a past sin.
    - Self-Defense: Discussion on whether to fight back. The consensus is that self-defense is a right (Sura 42), but patience and restraint are superior qualities. Dr. Khalifa notes, "It takes more strength to restrain yourself."
    - Sadness vs. Anger: Being sad/depressed is viewed as "objecting" to God's will.
- The End of the World:

    - Date: Dr. Khalifa states the world will end in 2280 AD.
    - Human History: Humanity is currently in its "infancy." Less than 7% of all humans destined to exist have come so far; 93% are yet to come. The message of the Quran and the mathematical code are being consolidated now for the vast majority of future humanity.
- Geology and The Day of Judgment:
    - Verse 14 mentions mountains turning to a "weightless pile."
    - Dr. Khalifa references the molten core of the Earth, suggesting the solid ground is an illusion that will be shattered.
    - Progeria Reference: Verse 17 mentions a day that makes "infants gray-haired." This is linked to the disease Progeria (rapid aging) as a metaphor for the brevity of life on Judgment Day.

3. Administrative & Closing Notes

- Missing Prayers: God is merciful regarding missed night prayers due to illness, travel, or business (seeking provisions). However, Dr. Khalifa emphasizes never missing the Dawn (Fajr) prayer.
- Virginity Appendix: Dr. Khalifa announces a new appendix for the translation titled "Virginity," urging parents to teach children to save themselves for their spouses.
- Next Session: Dr. Sabahi will take over the next week to discuss the Farsi translation (Suras 74, 75, 76).
- Al-Fatihah: The group recites Al-Fatihah for the birthdays of Lydia, Hany, Douglas, and Amir, and for Mahvash's upcoming trip to Iran.
- Final Reminder: God controls happiness and wealth (referencing Sura 53). Following God's law guarantees a happy life.