# Quick Notes for Quran Study 3 - Study Information

- **Study Leaders:**
  - Dr. Rashad Khalifa: Leads the first half (Suras 10 and 23) and presents the mathematical presentation on the word "God."
  - Dr. Mahmood Sabahi: Leads the second half (Sura 3).
- **Date of Recording:** 01/19/1990 & 01/26/1990

**Quran Verses Discussed**

- Sura 10 (Jonah): Verses 79–92
- Sura 23 (The Believers): Verses 1–14
- Sura 3 (The Family of Imran): Verses 110–117
- Reference Verses:
  - Sura 72:13 (No fear for believers)
  - Sura 28:7 (Moses' mother)
  - Sura 3:81 & 33:7 (The Covenant of the Prophets)
  - Sura 2:60-61 (Moses and the water/food)

**Detailed Summary of Discussion**

**1. Sura 10:79–92 (Jonah) – History & Preservation**

- God's Timing: Dr. Khalifa discusses the parting of the Red Sea. While scientists may explain it via geological phenomena, the miracle lies in the timing—it happened exactly when Moses needed it.
- Trust in God: The discussion highlights the immense trust required of Moses' mother to throw her baby into the river, knowing God controls all outcomes.
- Pharaoh's Belief & Death:
  - The "Too Late" Principle: Pharaoh declared belief in God while drowning (10:90), but it was rejected (10:91). Dr. Khalifa explains that belief alone is insufficient without the development of the soul (via contact prayers, charity, etc.) accumulated over time.
  - Preservation of the Body: Verse 10:92 states Pharaoh's body would be preserved as a sign for future generations.
  - Mummies: The group discusses visiting the Cairo Museum. Dr. Khalifa notes the irony that the Arabs had no knowledge of mummification when the Quran was revealed, yet the Quran accurately predicted the body's preservation.
  - There is a debate on the identity of the Pharaoh; Dr. Khalifa suggests it is likely Merneptah, though popularly identified as Ramses II.

**2. Sura 23:1–14 (The Believers) – Traits & Embryology**

- Traits of Success: Successful believers are defined as those who are humble in their Contact Prayers (Salat), avoid vain talk, give charity (Zakat), maintain chastity, and are trustworthy.
- Mathematical Structure of Prayer: Dr. Khalifa mentions the number of units (Rak'ahs) in daily prayers totals 17 (2+4+4+3+4). He notes that this total (17) is part of a mathematical code, and missing a prayer disrupts the pattern (e.g., missing Fajr drops the total to 15).
- Embryology:
    - Verse 14 describes the development from a drop to a "hanging embryo" to a "bite-size fetus" (Mudghah).
    - Translation Note: Dr. Khalifa prefers "bite-size" or "chewed lump" to describe the fetus at this stage, noting it looks like a piece of meat with teeth marks.
    - Memory & Soul: A discussion ensues about why humans don't remember their birth. Dr. Khalifa explains that the physical brain has limited storage and pushes early memories to the subconscious, but the Soul (the "black box") records everything.

**3. The Mathematical Miracle: The Word "God" (Allah)**

Dr. Rashad Khalifa presents a specific set of mathematical discoveries regarding the word "God" (Allah) in the Quran to demonstrate its divine authorship and the specific rejection of the two "false verses" in Sura 9.

Key Statistics Presented:

- Total Count: The word "God" occurs 2,698 times in the Quran (19 x 142).
- Sum of Verse Numbers: The sum of all verse numbers containing the word "God" is 118,123 (19 x 6,127).
- Multiples of 19: The count of the word "God" in verses that are multiples of 19 is 133 (19 x 7).
- Initialed Section: From the first initialed Sura (2) to the last (68), the count of the word "God" is 2,641 (19 x 139).
- Un-initialed Section: The count in the rest of the book is 57 (19 x 3).

Proof Regarding Sura 9 (127 vs. 129 Verses):

- Suras ending in digit 9: Taking all Suras where the number of verses ends in 9 (e.g., Sura 10 has 109, Sura 15 has 99), the total count of the word "God" in them is 190 (19 x 10). This only works if Sura 9 is counted as 127 verses.
- Suras ending in digit 7: Taking all Suras where the number of verses ends in 7 (e.g., Sura 1 has 7), the total count of the word "God" in them is 209 (19 x 11). This only works if Sura 9 is counted as 127 verses.

- Cumulative Count: The count of the word "God" from the beginning of the Quran to the end of Sura 9 (verse 127) is 1,273 (19 x 67).
- Sura 9 Checksum: Sura Number (9) + Number of Verses (127) + Count of word "God" in Sura 9 (168) = 304 (19 x 16).

**4. Sura 3:110–117 (The Family of Imran) – Community & Society**

- The Best Community: Dr. Sabahi teaches that the "Best Community" is defined by advocating righteousness, forbidding evil, and belief in God—regardless of race or nationality.
- Unity: Emphasizes holding fast to the "rope of God" (3:103) and avoiding division.
- Social Commentary (Switzerland):
    - Dr. Sabahi references a 60 Minutes documentary about Needle Park in Zurich.
    - He contrasts the external cleanliness and wealth of Switzerland with the moral decay of youth addiction and hopelessness.
    - He notes that wealth without morality leads to spiritual emptiness, where the only goal becomes the "next injection."
- Righteous People of Scripture: Verse 113 acknowledges that not all followers of previous scriptures are wicked; some recite God's revelations at night and fall prostrate.
    - Rashad's Clarification: While these good deeds are rewarded (3:115), Dr. Khalifa clarifies that without the specific rites of the Contact Prayers (Salat) and Fasting (which many Christians/Jews have lost or altered), the soul does not grow sufficiently for the highest ranks.

**Administrative & Personal Notes**

- The "Pill" Mistake: Dr. Khalifa apologizes to Muhtesem for a theological slip-up the previous day. He had handed Muhtesem medicine saying, "These pills will heal you." He corrects himself to say that only God heals, and the pills are merely a mechanism/tool.
- Cats: The session opens with lighthearted talk about the cats (Behrouz, Ismail) and their interactions.