Quick Notes for Quran Study 6 - Study Information

- **Study Leader:** Donna (Reads the verses).
- **Date of Recording:** 03/10/1989

Quran Verses Discussed

- Sura 59 (Exodus): Verses 5–24 (The end of the Sura).
- Reference Verses:
  - Sura 33 (Battle of the Parties/Confederates)
  - Sura 6:159 (Sects in Islam)
  - Sura 3:103 (Holding fast to the rope of God)
  - Sura 4 (Hypocrites in the lowest pit of Hell)
  - Sura 12:103 (Most people will not believe)
  - Sura 2:186 (God is near/Ramadan)

Detailed Summary of Discussion

1. Sura 59:5–8 (War, Spoils, and Divine Protection)

- God's Control: God controls the actions of disbelievers and sends angels to protect believers.
- The Exodus (Banishment):
  - Historical context: The tribes of Arabia united to wipe out Islam, overwhelming the small minority of believers.
  - Terror in Hearts: God cast terror into the hearts of the enemies, causing them to flee and leave their homes/lands without a fight.
- The "Invisible Giant":
  - Dr. Khalifa uses the metaphor of an "Invisible Giant" (angels) standing by every believer to protect them.
  - Scientific Analogy: He compares the invisible angels to the Electromagnetic Spectrum. Humans only see a tiny fraction (visible light). Just because we cannot see UV rays, X-rays, or Infrared, doesn't mean they don't exist.
- Spoils of War:
  - Wealth shouldn't be monopolized by the rich; it must be distributed to the poor, needy, and relatives.
  - Sectarian Abuse: Dr. Khalifa notes how the Shia sect abuses the "one-fifth" rule (Khums) to give money to turbanned religious leaders, and how both Sunnis and Shias abuse the verse "take what the messenger gives you" to justify following Hadith instead of the Quran.

2. Sura 59:9–10 (The Believers & Immigrants)

- Community Support: The verses praise those who welcome immigrants and share their wealth without hesitation.
- Real-Life Examples in Tucson:
  - Emily: Dr. Khalifa mentions Emily, who moved to the community with nothing. The community anonymously filled a drawer with envelopes of money to support her until she found work.
  - Lori's Accident: Lori was thrown from a car during an accident but was completely unharmed, while her sister (the driver) was hospitalized. This is cited as proof of the "Invisible Giant" protecting a believer.
- Removing Hatred: The prayer in verse 10 asks God to remove hatred. This was historically relevant for enemies who had killed each other's families before converting to Islam, now living as brothers.

3. Sura 59:11–17 (Hypocrites & False Promises)

- Hypocrites vs. Disbelievers:
  - Definition: A disbeliever admits they don't believe. A hypocrite claims to believe but does not.
  - Ranking: Hypocrites are worse than disbelievers (lowest pit of Hell) because they are deceptive and damaging from within.
  - Behavior: They promise to support disbelievers but flee when trouble starts. They fear people more than God.
- Political Commentary (Iran):
  - Khomeini: Cited as a prime example of a hypocrite—sincerely believing he is right while acting contrary to the Quran.
  - Drug Executions: A discussion ensues regarding the execution of 400 people (drug dealers/addicts) in Iran over 4 weeks. Dr. Khalifa condemns this killing in the name of Islam.
  - Social Issues: Mentions of extreme poverty in Iran leading to parents selling children, and high addiction rates.

4. Sura 59:18–20 (The PRA - Post Retirement Account)

- Self-Examination: Believers must examine what they have prepared for the "Coming Day" (Judgment).
- The "PRA" Concept:
  - Dr. Khalifa compares life to school/work. Humans work hard for 40 years to save about $800,000 for retirement.
  - The Eternal Future: The Hereafter lasts forever (millions of years).

    - Deposits: Contact Prayers (Salat) and remembering God are "deposits" into the PRA (Post Retirement Account).
    - Interest Rate: God gives a minimum of 7000% interest on these deposits.
    - Warning: One cannot return to Earth to make deposits once the account is closed (death).

5. Sura 59:21–24 (The Mountain & God's Names)

- The Quran's Power: If revealed to a mountain, it would crumble out of reverence. Humans should strive to have the submission of a mountain.
- Design Argument:
    - Dr. Khalifa asks the group to reflect on the design of the human body: the articulation of the arm to scratch an ear, the perfect fitting of upper and lower teeth, and fingernails.
    - "One Mouth, Two Ears": A design feature suggesting humans should listen twice as much as they speak.
- Attributes of God:
    - God is the King, Sacred, Peace, Faithful, Supreme, Almighty.
    - Everything in the heavens and earth glorifies Him.
    - Disbelievers Glorify God: Donna notes that even disbelievers glorify God by fulfilling His words/prophecies regarding their behavior.

Administrative & Closing Notes

- Next Week: Donna's daughter (referred to as "my daughter" by Rashad) will teach Suras 60, 61, and 62 because she is on Spring Break.
- Historical Correction: Farhad asks about a footnote claiming Muhammad was unconscious during revelation. Dr. Khalifa corrects this, stating Muhammad was conscious and wrote the Quran with his own hand.
- The "King and the Bird": Dr. Khalifa tells a Middle Eastern folk tale about a King trying to find a thief. The King claims the thief has a feather on his head, causing the guilty man to touch his head. This analogy explains why fabricators created Hadiths defending the "two false verses"—their guilt made them expose themselves.
- Al-Fatihah: The group recites Al-Fatihah for Matt's birthday, wishing him happiness and the fulfillment of his wishes. Dr. Khalifa jokes, "You just deposited 10 billion dollars in your PRA account."