

Quick Notes for Quran Study 7 - Study Information

- **Study Leaders:**
 - Catherine: Leads the commentary on Sura 62.
 - Dr. Rashad Khalifa: Provides historical context, commentary on Sura 63, and general theological answers.
- **Date of Recording:** 03/24/1989

Quran Verses Discussed

- Sura 62 (Friday): Verses 1–11
- Sura 63 (The Hypocrites): Verses 1–11
- Reference Verses:
 - Sura 9:128-129 (Referenced as the "two false verses" added 19 years after the Prophet)
 - Sura 81:29 (Will of God)
 - Sura 5:48 (Different rules for different congregations)
 - Sura 2:62 (Believers of all faiths go to Heaven)
 - Sura 46:15 (Age of 40)

Detailed Summary of Discussion

1. Historical Announcement: The Pure Quran

- Corruption of the Text: Dr. Khalifa explains that the original Quran written by Muhammad was chronological. 19 years after his death, under Uthman, a committee standardized the text but added two false verses to Sura 9 to "honor the prophet."
- New Translation: This session marks the last use of the old translation. Next week, the group will use the New Translation (Pure Quran), which removes these additions. It will be published as a hardcover blue book with gold stamping.

2. Sura 62:1–11 (Friday) – Worship & Community

- Nature Glorifies God: Everything (rocks, trees) submits to God. Catherine notes humans should strive to be as steadfast as rocks.
- Donkey Metaphor: Verse 5 compares those who carry scripture but don't understand it to a "donkey carrying great works of literature."
- "Chosen People": Verse 6 challenges Jews (or any group) who claim exclusivity to God's mercy. If they were truly chosen and righteous, they would long for death (to meet God), but they fear it due to their sins.
- Friday Prayer (Salat Al-Jumu'ah):

- Commandment: Believers must drop all business and hasten to the mosque when the prayer is announced on Friday (Verse 9).
- Women's Attendance: The group refutes traditional Hadith that discourage women from attending Jumu'ah. The Quran says "O you who believe," which includes men and women.
- Importance: It is a weekly commandment to commemorate God as a community. Missing it without a valid excuse is disastrous for the soul.

3. Sura 63:1–11 (The Hypocrites) – Deception

- The Hypocrite's Definition: Someone who claims to believe but does not truly believe in their heart.
- The Shahada: Verse 1 states that hypocrites say "We bear witness that you are the Messenger of God." God calls them liars because although Muhammad is the messenger, they are using this statement to deceive.
- Wooden Logs: Hypocrites are described as "wooden logs" (Verse 4)—impressive in appearance but spiritually hollow and uncomprehending.
- Charity & Death: Verse 10 urges believers to give charity before death comes, at which point the soul begs for a short delay to be righteous, but God never postpones the end (Verse 11).

4. Theological Discussions

- Christianity & Judaism:
 - Dr. Khalifa asserts that Christians and Jews who believe in God alone, the Hereafter, and lead a righteous life will go to Heaven (citing 2:62).
 - Conflict: A debate arises about whether there is conflict between the scriptures. Dr. Khalifa insists there is no conflict in the original messages (Torah, Psalms, Gospel, Quran) regarding monotheism.
 - Dominance of Islam: Dr. Khalifa predicts that within 20–50 years, the Quran's mathematical miracle will prove its divine authorship to the world, making Islam the dominant religion even in America.
- Hypocrisy vs. Disbelief: Hypocrites are worse than disbelievers (lowest pit of Hell) because they are deceptive from within the community.
- Iran & Khomeini: The group discusses the situation in Iran, labeling Khomeini a "hypocrite" for acting against Quranic principles while claiming Islam. They discuss the execution of drug addicts and social decay in Iran.

Administrative & Personal Notes

- Birthdays & Prayers:
 - Laila's Birthday: Celebrated (March 19th).

- Al-Fatihah Recitations:
 - For Soad (upcoming test).
 - For Ahmad Rayan (PhD exam).
 - For Jahan (to keep him in Tucson longer).
- Next Week: Jahan will teach the next session.