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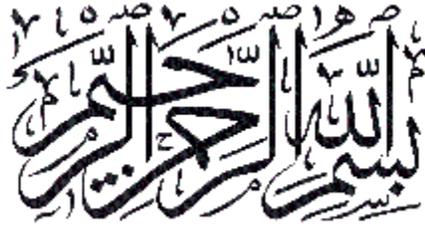
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Abjad Ilm Huroof Secrets of Alif



ALIF - THE ARABIC LETTER

INTRODUCTION

The Arabic letter Alif (ا) is equivalent to the letter 'A' in the English alphabet. It is the first letter in the Arabic character set. Alif (ا) in Arabic numerology which is known as Abjad, it is also the first letter and has the value of 1. This article is about the spiritual meaning of the letter Alif (ا).

THE LETTER ALIF

Alif (ا) is the first letter in the Name Allah ^{الله} . Everything is Created by Allah, and so everything begins in the **Name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful**. Because Allah is **Ahad** - One, His Name, which is **Ism**

Zaat - Personal Name, Starts with the Letter Alif (ا) which has a numerical value of 1.

When Allah Creates, there is no change in Him. He is as He was. Because of Allah's Existence, everything else exists. Nothing can exist without Allah's Existence.

To show a crude example:

0 - 0 = 0 = Nothing = No existence without '1'

0 + 0 = 0 = Nothing = No existence without '1'

1 - 0 = 1 = No change in '1'



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1 + 0 = 1 = No change in '1'

Allah Named Himself Allah. He is Allah the One. Allah's **Ism Zaat** is Allah and not **ilaha** god. Why is that ?
Why did Allah Name Himself Allah ?

THE NAME ALLAH

The name Allah is Special. Allah is the one Name that has been openly shown in the Quran with all the Glory.
If we start with the Name Allah as follows:

Allah  and take away the first letter which is Alif (ا) we arrive at:

Lillah  If we now take away the first Laam (ل) from Lillah we arrive at:

Lahu  If we now take away the next Laam (ل) from Lahu we arrive at:

Hu  which is essentially 

In each of the above instances we are referring to Allah and no one else. Then how can we say that **god** is the translation of the NAME **ALLAH** ?

No one can justify substituting the word god wherever the Name Allah is used in the Quran. The Name Allah must be left alone as the Name **ALLAH** in all translations regardless of language. As stated in the article on

the Letter Ha (ح) in the section **Asma ul Husna** the sound of the Letters is very important. If we say "God", we make a different sound to the one when we say "Allah". Which sound would Allah Himself Like to Hear ? After all Allah is the One who is **Samee ud Dua** the Hearer of prayer.

IMAN - BELIEF IN ALLAH

Iman  is belief. Muslims are required to believe. Believe what ?

285 The Rasool (Messenger) believes in what has been revealed to him from his Rabb (Lord) as do the men of faith. Each one (of them) believes in Allah His angels His books and His Rasools (Messengers) "We make no distinction (they say) between one and another of His Rasools (Messengers)." And they say: "We hear and we obey; (We seek) Your forgiveness Our Rabb (Lord) and to You is the end of all journeys."

[Quran: Al Baqara Chapter 2]

We have to believe in Allah because we have already agreed with Him that He is our Rabb ! That was in our spirit state. So how can we now deny that Allah exists now that we have hidden ourselves behind a physical body ?

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ
عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ شَهِدْنَا أَن تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ
الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ ﴿١٧٢﴾

172 When your Rabb (Lord) drew forth from the children of Adam from their loins their descendants and made them testify concerning themselves (saying): "Am I not your Rabb (Lord)?" They said: "Yea! we do testify!" (This) in case you should say on the Day of Judgment: "of this we were unaware."

[Quran: Al Aaraf Chapter 7]

- When Allah created our spirits He said **Alastu Bi Rabbi Kum** **الست برّبكم** - Am I not your Rabb ?
- We all answered **Balaa** **بلى** Yes.
- Notice the first question that Allah asked us starts with the Letter Alif (ا). The first words we spoke start with the Letter Ba (ب).

Those who believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His Rasools are Muslims. The religion chosen by Allah for a believer is Islam **اسلام**.

3 Forbidden to you (for food) are: dead meat blood the flesh of swine and that on which has been invoked the name of other than Allah that which has been killed by strangling or by a violent blow or by a headlong fall or by being gored to death; that which has been (partly) eaten by a wild animal; unless you are able to slaughter it (in due form); that which is sacrificed on stone (altars); (forbidden) also is the division (of meat) by raffling with arrows: that is impiety. This day have those who reject faith given up all hope of your religion: yet fear them not but fear Me. This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed my favour upon you and have chosen for you ISLAM as your religion. But if any one is forced by hunger with no inclination to transgression Allah is indeed Forgiving Most Merciful.

[Quran: Al Maida Chapter 5]

The beauty of the above verse is that it occurs in the first chapter with the name starting with the Letter

Meem (م) - Maida. The word **Islam** **اسلام** starts with an Alif (ا) and finishes on Meem (م). The **Deen** religion of **Islam** is perfected for Allah's Beloved Muhammad **ﷺ** and his community - Muslims. And speaking of our Master Muhammad **ﷺ**, he is the direct the descendant of Ibraheem (ع).

IBRAHEEM (ع)

Ibraheem (ع) is the only Messenger of Allah whose name has been spelt in two different ways in the Quran.

Initially the name is spelt **ابراهيم** Ibrahim (ع) then the spellings change to **ابراهيم** Ibraheem (ع). Why ?

Initially Ibraheem (ع) was seeking the Truth. He was seeking knowledge. He found the Truth. Then he

asked Allah to show him how Allah gives life. Allah showed him how. Allah bestowed knowledge (ي) on Ibraheem (ع).

Rasool Allah said, "We are more liable to be in doubt than Ibraheem when he said, 'My Lord! Show me how You give life to the dead.'"

[Sahih Bukhari]

65 People of the Scripture! Why do you argue about Ibraheem, when the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed till after him? Have you no sense?

66 You are those who argue about that which you have some knowledge: Why then do you argue concerning that which you have no knowledge? Allah knows. You do not know.

67 Ibraheem was not a Jew, nor yet a Christian; but he was an upright man who had surrendered (to Allah), and he was not of the idolaters.

68 Those of mankind who have the best claim to Ibraheem are those who followed him, and this Nabee (Prophet) and those who believe (with him); and Allah is the Protecting Friend of the believers.

[Quran: Al Imran Chapter 3]

Islam is the religion of Ibraheem (ع) that has been perfected by the arrival of Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) in this world. How was Islam perfected ?

THE BEGINNING OF REVELATION

Jibreel (ع) appeared in the cave Hira and said **Iqraa** - Read. The first Letter uttered by Jibreel was Alif (ا) in the word **اقرا** **Iqraa** - Read.

Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) replied: **Ma ana bi qaree** "I do not know how to read." The first Letter uttered by Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was Meem (م). And **Islam** (اسلم) is somewhere between Alif (ا) and Meem (م). That is **Islam** begins from Alif (ا) and completes on Meem (م).

Another way of looking at this is that Ibraheem (ع) was on the religion of Islam. Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is the direct descendant of Ibraheem (ع). With Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) being the Seal of Messengers, the religion of Islam had to start with Alif (ا) and finish on Meem (م). Ibraheem (ع) built the Kaaba in Makkah as the first house and Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) restored it by removing all the idols from it.

THE PERFECTION OF ISLAM

The perfection of Islam has been recorded in the Quran. The Quran is the perfection. The Quran is packed with Verses or Signs or **Ayats** (آياتها). Why are the verses referred to as **Ayats** (آياتها) ?

- The entire Quran is from Allah (ا)
- full of Knowledge (ي). The Letter Ya (ي) leads us back to the Letter Alif (ا) as it was stated in

the Book on the Letter Ya (ي).

- We must do Tawba (ت) repent or turn back and find Hu (هـ) and Hu is Allah (أ)!

Every **Ayat** in the Quran is perfect. Since Islam has been perfected by Allah there is no room for another Messenger after Muhammad ﷺ.

THE FIRST AND LAST EXISTENCE

Allah is the **Awwal** First **اول** and He is the **Akhir** Last **اخر**. The First existence was that of Allah and there was nothing with Him. In the end there will be Allah and there will be nothing with Him. And as Hadrat Ali Karam Ullah said: "This moment is that very moment".

May Allah have Mercy on us all. **Ameen**.

Only Allah Knows Best.

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Darood and Salaam on Muhammad, His Family, and His Companions

ALLAHUMMA SALLI ALA MUHAMMADIN WA ALA ALI MUHAMMADIN KAMA SALLAITA ALA IBRAHEEMA WA ALA ALI IBRAHEEMA INNAKA HAMEEDUM MAJEED

NAMES OF ALLAH

STARTING WITH THE LETTER ALIF

Allah, Al Ahad, Al Awwal, Al Akhir

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