

## RAMADAN 2008 - THE 16th DAY

# Ramadan



### **SOME SECRETS OF THE QUR'AN - 1**

#### **A Small Group of Believers Can Overcome a Vast Majority of Disbelievers**

One of the miracles of God is that believers, despite being in the minority, always vanquish their opponents by the Will of God. This is an important secret that God reveals in many verses and leads disbelievers to be mistaken. As seen in the story of Saul, God has made believers victorious because of their obedience, despite the fact they are small in numbers. God concludes the story of Saul with the

following words:

**"How many a small force has triumphed over a much greater one by God's permission! God is with the steadfast." (Surat al-Baqara, 249)**

## **STEADFASTNESS BRINGS GREAT STRENGTH TO BELIEVERS**

As frequently emphasised in this book, there are many secrets hidden in numerous verses of the Qur'an. One of these secrets is about steadfastness. God gives the glad tidings that those who are steadfast will become stronger. Remember that all power belongs to God. Even the strength of a person who is against God, in fact, belongs to God. God grants some faculties to people so as to put them and those around them through a test. Likewise He takes away as easily as He gives whenever He wills. God informs us that those who are steadfast will be strong, that is, He will reinforce them. Of this, God states the following:

**Yes indeed! But if you are steadfast and have fear of God and they come upon you suddenly, your Lord will reinforce you with five thousand angels, clearly identified. (Surah Ali 'Imran, 125)**

As stated in the verse above, if God wills, He can make people victorious in imperceptible ways. In one's endeavour to uphold God's religion, for instance, God can provide subtle support to enable the person to make the most inspiring and influential speech and turn the hearts of people who listen toward the religion. Consequently, no one can win a victory or exert an influence on others unless God wills it. The owner of all accomplishments, victories and inspiration is God. What falls to mankind is to follow the commands of God and to observe His limits. In another verse, God informs believers how to achieve great strength:

O Prophet! Spur on the believers to fight. If there are twenty of you who are steadfast, they will overcome two hundred; and if there are a hundred of you, they will overcome a thousand of those who are disbelievers, because they are people who do not understand.

**Now God has made it lighter on you, knowing there is weakness in you. If there are a hundred of you who are steadfast, they will overcome two hundred; and if there are a thousand of you, they will overcome two thousand with God's permission. God is with the steadfast. (Surat al-Anfal, 65-66)**



As God states in these verses, if believers do not have any weakness in themselves, and are firm in steadfastness and faith, the strength of a single believer can be equivalent to that of 10 men. In this context, the word "strength" holds other connotations other than physical strength. For example, the efforts of a believer to convey the message of religion and to call people to God's way can be equivalent to the efforts of a total of 10 people. Alternatively, the knowledge of a believer can be equivalent to the knowledge of ten people. A good deed a believer performs solely to earn God's pleasure may be equivalent to a deed that 10 people perform together. A single believer can invite as many people as ten disbelievers lead astray to the right path of God and can be a means to the improvement of their faith. A single believer can demolish the disbelief ten disbelievers communicate and replace it with the truth.

This secret that God reveals in the Qur'an is of great importance. This is because, if all Muslims race each other toward the right path, no matter how a small a group it may be, God will make them victorious in every affair they undertake. For example, if there is a whole world of disbelieving people, faithless professors from universities all around the world who lead all the people in every country to disbelief, God renders a small group of Muslims strong, competent and wise enough to show all these people the true path. God gives believers ease in their affairs while making things hard for disbelievers. For this reason, believers who know this secret should never belittle their efforts and say, "Would my efforts be of any help to change the situation?", but rather be assured that any sincere deed done with the sole purpose of pleasing God will be very effective. A piece of sincere writing on the existence of God, a word that calls people to God or an act in compliance with the moral values of the Qur'an may well lead many people to salvation and kindle in them love and fear of God. We need to keep in mind that the laws and cause-effect phenomena that apply to this world are solely what is revealed in the Qur'an by God. Anyone who thinks in accordance with the Qur'an can grasp these secrets in God's creation and, by the Will of God, attain a superior strength and wisdom above and over that any man can attain. God gives true believers the good news that they will overcome disbelievers as long as they are firm in their faith:

**Do not give up and do not be downhearted. You shall be uppermost if you are believers. (Surah Ali 'Imran, 139)**

As seen in verses, the requisite condition for being victorious and superior both in this life and beyond, is sincere faith. Another secret revealed on this issue in the Qur'an is having faith without ascribing partners to God.



## The Design of Snowflakes



Anyone who takes a close look at snowflakes can see that they come in a variety of shapes. It is estimated that a single cubic meter of snow holds about 350 million snowflakes! These flakes are all hexagonal and have crystal-like structures. However, each one of them possesses a unique shape. For years, scientists have been searching for answers to such questions as how these shapes ever came about, how it is that each one of them has a different shape and what provides their symmetry. Every bit of information that is gained reveals another magnificent mastery present in the snowflakes. The variety and perfection of the hexagonal structure of snowflakes is a manifestation of God's status as the Originator. God is the One Who made good everything that He has created. The formation of snowflakes constitutes yet another aspect of God's endless artistry.

These thin, small flakes look like multi-pointed stars or tiny needle heads. The formation of the snowflakes in the pictures is truly amazing. For years, the orderly structure of snowflakes has caught people's attention. Since 1945, research has been carried out in a quest to discover which factors give the final shape to the crystals. A single snowflake is a pile of crystals consisting of more than 200 ice crystals. Snowflakes are made up of water molecules that are shaped in a perfect order. Snowflakes, one of nature's true architectural wonders, are shaped when water vapor gets cold while passing through clouds. This takes place like so:

Passing through the clouds, water molecules scattered everywhere in a disorganized way throughout water vapor begin to lose their random movement due to the fall in temperature. After a while, the water molecules, moving more slowly, begin to form groups and consequently become solid. Yet, there is no disorder whatsoever in their groupings. On the contrary, they always unite as microscopic hexagonal forms that look similar to each other. Each snowflake at first consists of a single hexagonal water molecule, then other hexagonal water molecules come and attach to this first piece. According to experts on the subject, the basic factor that determines the shape of a snowflake is that these hexagonal water molecules are joined together just like links in a chain. In addition, the pieces of crystals, which normally should look alike, take on very different shapes according to the temperature and level of moisture.

Why is it that there is a hexagonal symmetry in all snowflakes and why is each of them different from the others? Why are their edges angled rather than straight? Scientists are still trying to find answers to these questions. Yet, this much is evident: God is the One Who has no partners in creation, is the Possessor of an endless power and the Originator of everything.

# The Collapse of Darwinism

## WHY IS IT DECEPTIVE TO PORTRAY CLONING AS "EVIDENCE FOR EVOLUTION"?

THE fact that such a question as whether such a scientific advance as cloning "supports evolution" is asked or even comes to mind actually reveals a very important truth. This is the cheapness of the propaganda that evolutionists resort to to get people to accept their theory. Since the subject of cloning has nothing to do with the theory of evolution, it cannot be a matter of concern for any professional evolutionist. However, some of those who blindly support evolution at whatever cost, and particularly certain circles within media organizations, have even tried to turn such a totally unconnected matter as cloning into propaganda for evolution.



**Cloning is the using of one life form's DNA code to make a copy of that life form in the laboratory. It is a biological process, and has nothing to do with evolution. There is no question of the emergence of a new species or organ, nor indeed of any development or change.**

### What does cloning a living thing mean?

The DNA of the living thing that is proposed to be copied is used in the cloning process. The DNA is extracted from any cell belonging to the organism in question, and then placed into an egg cell belonging to another organism of the same species. A shock is then given immediately afterwards, which prompts the egg cell to start dividing. The embryo is then placed into a living thing's womb, where it continues to divide. Scientists then await its development and birth.

### Why has cloning nothing to do with evolution?



Copying consists of adding already existing genetic information to the already existing reproductive mechanism of a living thing. No new mechanism or genetic information is created by the process.

The concepts of cloning and evolution are completely different. The theory of evolution is built on the claim that inanimate matter turned into living matter by chance. (There is not the slightest scientific proof that this could actually happen.) Cloning, on the other hand, is the copying of a living thing by using genetic material from that creature's cells. The new organism starts from a single cell, and a biological process is transferred to the laboratory and repeated there. In other words, there is no question of such a process happening by "chance"-the basic claim of the theory of evolution- nor of "lifeless matter coming to life."

The cloning process is no evidence for evolution whatsoever. It is, however, clear evidence of a biological

law that totally undermines evolution. That is the famous principle that "Life can only come from life," put forward by the famous scientist Louis Pasteur towards the end of the nineteenth century. The fact that cloning is presented as evidence for evolution, despite that open truth, is a deception being carried out by the media.

Advances in many branches of science over the last 30 years have demonstrated that the emergence of life cannot be explained in terms of chance. Evolutionists' scientific errors and one-sided comments have been well-documented, and the theory of evolution has become indefensible within the realm of science. This fact has propelled some evolutionists to look in other areas. That is why scientific advances such as "cloning," or "test-tube babies," have been so fanatically used as evidence for evolution in the recent past.

Evolutionists have nothing more to say to society in the name of science, and so take refuge in the gaps in people's scientific knowledge and try to prolong the theory's life in that way, even though that merely brings the theory to a pitiable state. Just like all other scientific advances, cloning is a very important and revealing scientific advance that also sheds light on the fact that life was created.

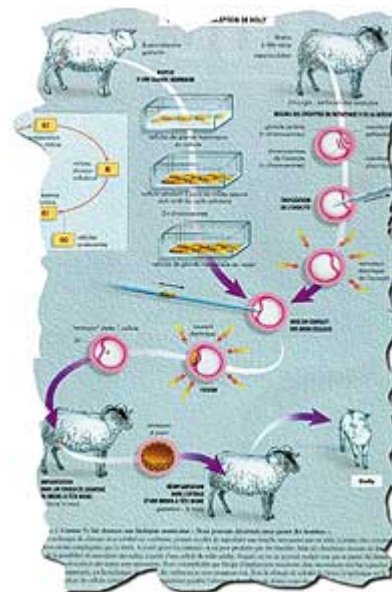
### Other misinterpretations of cloning

Another misunderstanding that people have fallen into as regards cloning is the idea that cloning can "create human beings." However, cloning bears no such interpretation. Cloning consists of adding genetic information which already exists to a living reproduction mechanism that also already exists. No new mechanism or genetic information is created in the process. Genetic information is taken from someone who already exists and is placed inside a female womb. This enables the child that is eventually born to be the "identical twin" of the person from whom the genetic information was taken.

Many people who do not fully understand what cloning is have all kinds of fantastic ideas about it. For instance, they imagine that a cell can be taken from a 30-year-old man and another 30-year-old can be created that same day. Such an example of cloning is only to be found in science fiction, and is not and never will be possible. Cloning basically consists of bringing a person's "identical twin" to life by natural methods (in other words in a mother's womb). This has nothing to do with the theory of evolution, nor with the concept of "creating man."

Creating a human being or any other living thing-in other words bringing something into existence out of nothing-is a power peculiar to God. Scientific advances confirm the same thing by showing that this creation cannot be done by man. This is expressed in a verse:

**The Originator of the heavens and Earth. When He decides on something, He just says to it, "Be!" and it is. (Surat al-Baqara, 117)**

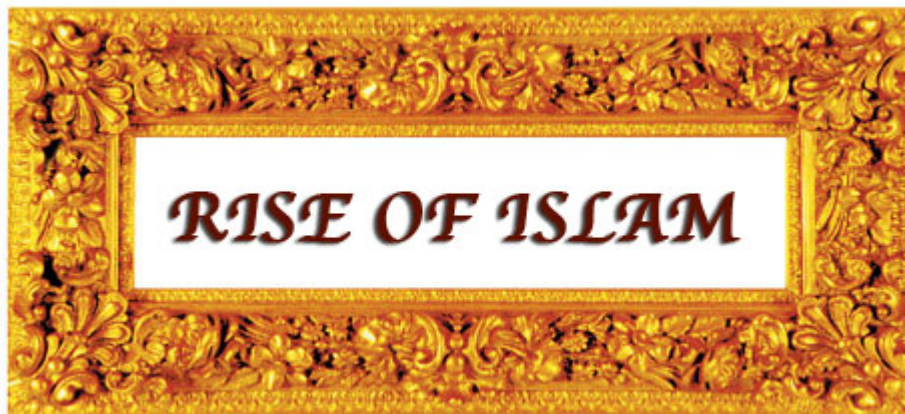


**Cloning has recently become a matter of major concern to scientists.**

**Although it is a biological process carried out within the framework of known laws, evolutionists have tried to take it over in the excited hope that it might support their theory, as happens with every new scientific discovery. The media that gives ideological backing to evolution made headlines out of it, accompanied by slogans supporting evolution. Although it has absolutely no scientific foundation, Darwinists attempted to use cloning as evidence for evolution in various debates. Yet it was clear that cloning had nothing to do with evolution. The scientific community did not even take these ridiculous efforts seriously. Right: A diagram of how cloning works, taken from a scientific publication.**



**Throughout its 770 pages Atlas of Creation seeks to systematically demonstrate "the imposture of evolutionists" in both its text and illustrations...**



### **ISLAM IN THE AMERICAN MEDIA**

Today, the media is one of the most influential factors in forming public opinion, for it instills in people either a sympathy for or an aversion to a particular issue and gets them to accept or oppose it. How the

media has influenced the American people's view of Islam is a case in point.

**They are not all the same. There is a community among the People of the Book who are upright. They recite Allah's Signs throughout the night, and they prostrate. (Surah Al 'Imran, 113)**

### Islam and the American Army



(Above) Norfolk Naval Base is the first base to open a prayer center for Muslim soldiers. A Virginian Pilot report tells about this center. (Middle) The first Muslim chaplain in the American Navy, Mangi Noel, receives the requisite certification before assuming his duties.



Above, The call to prayer in the camp, (Middle) US soldiers at prayer, Lieutenant Abdullah Al-Mubarak is seen giving an address at the second iftar meal held at the Pentagon.

Until recently, Islam generally had a bad press in certain sectors of the American media, which tried to convince people that Islam was an Arab religion and that negative stereotypes of Arabs were generally true. But this false information and prejudiced view had exactly the opposite effect: Contrary to the expected alienation of public opinion from Islam, it became the fastest growing religion in America. These reports brought in this way, many who knew nothing about Islam were informed and began to take an interest in it. This is also a realization of the Qur'anic verse: **"It may be that you hate something when it is good for you, and it may be that you love something when it is bad for you. God knows and you do not know"** (Surat al-Baqara, 216)

First of all, media reports that provided false information about Islam were prevented, and the public was able to obtain accurate information. Earlier, we mentioned that the American administration, during the time of Secretary of State Albright, used methods of mass communication to educate the people about Islam in order to remove the social tension that could result from spreading false information about Islam. The media also focused upon Muslims because of the rapid growth of the Muslim population. Under the influence of these two factors, during the 1990s Islam and Muslims became one of the most important topics in the American media.





(Above) The US issued a postage stamp commemorating Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, The U.S. postage stamp highlighting Muslim holidays has been in use since September 2001. The Eid stamp features the Arabic phrase "Eid Mubarak" written in the tuluth calligraphic style .(Below) A view of American Muslim leaders with a special stamp being printed by the U.S. postal service.

Nearly all of these reports highlighted accurately the way Muslims think and what they believe, and informed non-Muslims about Islam. They explained the daily lives and worldviews of Muslims, and gave prominence to the views of recent converts. At the same time, these reports often contained special sections on Islamic history, the fundamentals of Islam, and the Qur'an. Internet pages belonging to radio and television stations also presented the addresses of Islamic sites so that people could obtain information more easily.

This process of information accelerated as a result of the public interest after 9/11. Nearly all major newspapers began to ask whether or not terrorism was inherent to Islam and to offer comprehensive reports containing the views of academics, clergy, historians, and social scientists. As a result, the American people once again saw that Islam is a peaceful religion, and learned that their religious beliefs had many things in common with those of the Muslims.

This situation certainly played an important role in the growing interest in Islam. During this time, many people who were largely ignorant of Islam and did not have easy access to accurate information could now educate themselves with relative ease.

**We desired to show kindness to those who were oppressed in the land and to make them leaders and make them inheritors. (Surat al-Qasas, 5)**



**TIGER SKULL**

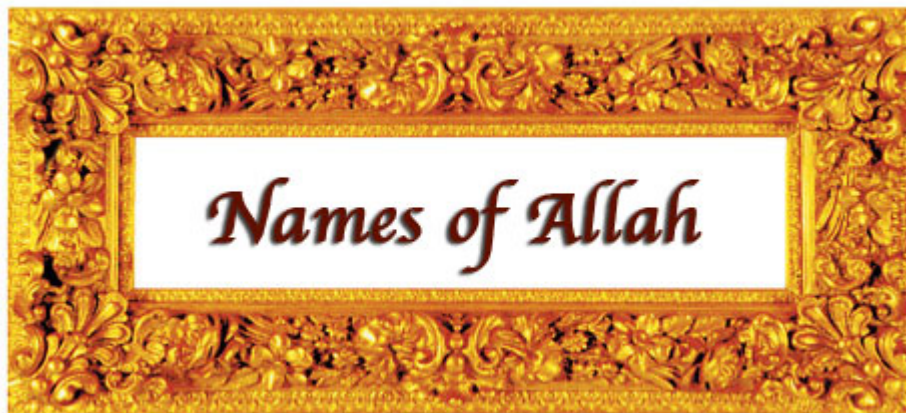
**Age: 80 million years**

**Period: Cretaceous**

**Location: Gui Zhou Area, China**



Evolutionist efforts to portray the supposed evolutionary ancestor of the tiger are pointless. Fossils have proven that tigers are not descended from any other life form, but have always existed as tigers. The fossil pictured shows that tigers living 80 million years ago were identical to those alive today, effectively silencing all evolutionist claims to the contrary. Living things did not emerge as the result of mutation and chance. Almighty God, Lord of sublime creative power, has created all life forms.



**AL-JAMI', (The Gatherer)**

**"Our Lord, You are the Gatherer of mankind to a Day of which there is no doubt. Allah will not break His promise." (Surah Al 'Imran,9)**

This attribute of Allah expresses His control over all systems in the universe. As the Creator of all that exists, He has the power to make all the living and non-living beings obey Him and so can gather them wherever He wishes. In the Qur'an, Allah promises that He will gather believers together in this world:

**Each person faces a particular direction, so race each other to the good. Wherever you are, Allah will bring you all together. Truly, Allah has power over all things. ( Surat al-Baqara, 148)**

However, the actual gathering will take place on the Day of Judgment, when all believers will enter His presence. Allah, Who knows the unbelievers who reject Him and His messengers, as well as their actions, will collect everyone who has ever lived by causing the Trumpet to be blown. Allah will gather all unbelievers to account for their deeds, and then will order them to be cast headlong into Hell, where they will be repaid in full for what they did.

In Paradise , Allah will reward His followers also in crowds. On that Day, He will gather His servants and their leaders to His presence. With their light streaming out in front of them and to their right, they will attain Paradise due to His grace and mercy. Meanwhile, just as in this world, He will keep the unbelievers in Hell together and let them argue with one another. Their impious spouses and idols will remain together and be repaid in a narrow corner of Hell. The unbelievers will be consumed with the pain of being driven to Hell along with their irreligious spouses and friends, upon whom they had relied so much. In the verse below, Allah informs us that He will gather Satan's followers together and herd them into Hell.

**It has been sent down to you in the Book that when you hear Allah's Signs being rejected and mocked at by people, you must not sit with them until they start talking of other things. If you do [remain seated], you are just the same as them. Allah will gather all the hypocrites and unbelievers into Hell. ( Surat an-Nisa', 140)**



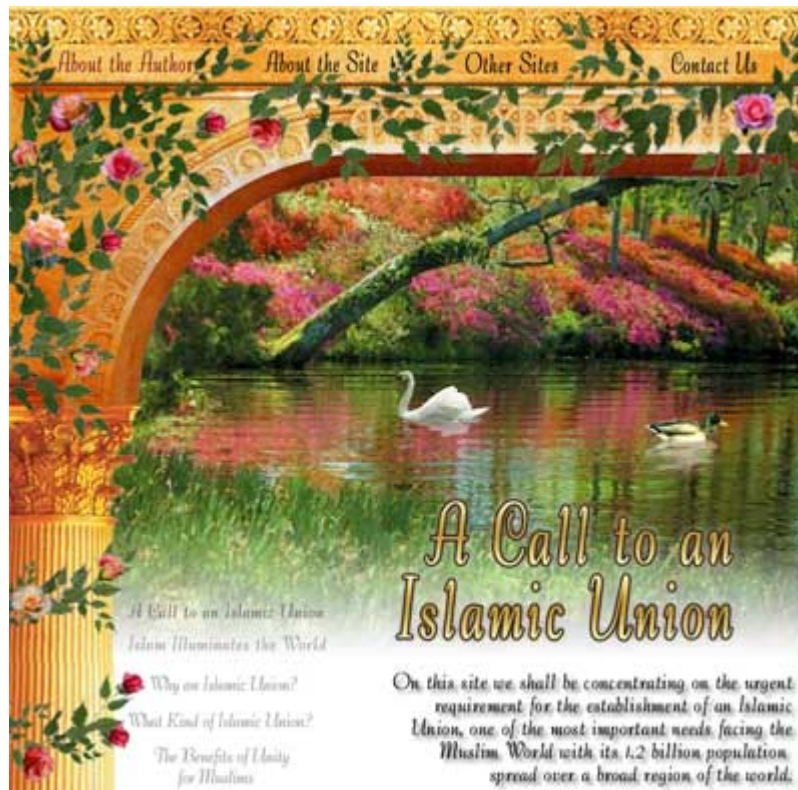
**[AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. ADNAN OKTAR BY AL JAZEERA TV  
\(Istanbul - August 6, 2007\)](#)**

You can watch the whole of the interview given by Adnan Oktar to al-Jazeera TV on 6 August, 2007, from here. You can listen to his replies to questions regarding his life, family and books, and to significant statements by him such as the importance of the intellectual struggle against the communist, separatist organisation in Turkey.



## **The Islamic Union**

On this site we shall be concentrating on the urgent requirement for the establishment of an Islamic Union, one of the most important needs facing the Muslim World with its 1.2 billion population spread over a broad region of the world.



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## **WHAT DARWINISTS NEVER REALIZE**

1-Darwinists, who claim that only the strongest survive, never realize how it is that lions, which can be so savage towards their prey, can also treat their cubs with enormous affection.

2-Darwinists never realize that the way that the rainfall on Earth every year comes in a specific amount, form and rate ideal for supporting life cannot be explained by the theory of evolution.

3-Darwinists never realize that neither Internet technology nor even the simplest telephone exchange can form by chance, and that it is impossible to account for the far more complex system inside the brain, which they know requires engineering, information, consciousness, intelligence and technology, in terms of coincidence.

4-Darwinists, who claim that a succession of coincidences can give rise to an organism, never realize the flawless functioning of the human body, which can only work when all its organs are present simultaneously.

5-Darwinists never realize that it is irrational to claim that the protein thrombin, which brings about clotting in only one vein in the event of bleeding, despite constantly traveling in the blood, could have come into existence through random changes.



6-Darwinists never realize how it is that stomach acids, which are powerful enough to dissolve a razor blade, do not harm the stomach itself.

7-Darwinists never realize the impossibility of a butterfly thinking for itself of assuming the form of a dry leaf to better camouflage itself in order to survive, and of converting that thought into a change in its own body.

8-Darwinists never realize how claiming that mutations improve living things and endow them with new organs and characteristics is as irrational as claiming that an earthquake can improve a modern city, and that no useful mutations increasing genetic information will ever take place.

9-Darwinists never realize that even a 10% reduction in the amount of solar energy reaching the Earth would result in the planet being covered in a layer of ice several meters thick.

10-Darwinists never realize that were it not for the  $23^{\circ}27'$  tilt in the Earth's axis, there would be such high temperatures as to prevent the formation of the atmosphere between the Poles and the Equator, and that life would become impossible.

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