

Al-Fatehah—The Key

As we have seen, all of the words of the first verse of the *Al-Fatehah* are integral parts of the miraculous numerical code of the Quran. But what about the rest of the *Al-Fatehah*, the first chapter of the Quran? What about the rest of the words given to Adam and Eve and to us to redeem ourselves?

We will see that all parts of this critical chapter (called *sura* in Arabic) are numerically coded!

Before we begin to look at all the other verses, phrases and individual words, let us look at *Al-Fatehah* as a whole. Here is the entire chapter, with the Arabic transliteration (the Arabic letters converted into their English equivalents) and the English translation from Dr. Rashad Khalifa's *Quran: The Final Testament*, 1992:

BISMIL LAAHIR RAHMAANIR RAHEEM

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. (1:1)

AL HAMDU LILLAHI RABBIL 'AALAMEEN

Praise be to God, Lord of the universe. (1:2)

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AR RAHMAANIR RAHEEM

Most Gracious, Most Merciful. (1:3)

MAALIKI YAWMID DEEN

Master of the Day of Judgment. (1:4)

EYYAAKA NA'BUDU, WA EYYAAKA NAS-TA'EEN

You alone we worship. You alone we ask for help. (1:5)

EHDENAS SIRAATAL MUSTAQEEM

Guide us in the right path; (1:6)

SIRRAATAL LAZINA AN'AMTA 'ALAYHIM

The path of those whom You blessed.

GHAYRIL MAGHDOOBI 'ALAYHIM WALAD-DAALLEEN

Not of those who have deserved wrath, nor of the strayers. (1:7)

If you do not know the Arabic, try sounding it out from the transliteration. You will find that even though it looks complicated, God has arranged the sounds of this critical prayer in a way that makes it easy to say and learn.

Like anything of value, it may require a little bit of work to learn these few lines in Arabic. But once you have learned them, you have learned all the Arabic you will ever need to know to make direct contact with your Creator.

You will have learned the exact words which God taught us to use to contact Him directly. These words are like the phone number for the direct line to the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. When you recite them, you are establishing a direct link with God, much like dialing a private phone number.

Congratulations, what an honor it is to have been given God's private phone number!

But it is not an honor unless you use it. If the president of the United States gave you his private phone number and asked you to call him at a specific time, wouldn't you do it? If the President sat by the phone waiting for your call, but you never called, what kind of honor would that be?

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As you recite the Arabic words of *Al-Fatehah*, count the number of times that your lips touch. You will find that they touch exactly **19** times.

Do you see how God is reassuring us that we should be saying this important prayer, and we should be saying it in Arabic? As we continue exploring the verses, phrases and individual words of *Al-Fatehah*, you will see more proof for this point.