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لَوْحٌ مَّحْفُوظٌ

**The Preserved Tablet
(Lauh Mahfooz)**

is the

قُدْسُ الْأَقْدَاسِ

**sanctum sanctorum
(Original Source)**

of all divine messages

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Greetings

Thanks



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Thanks



**His Eminence Sheikh ul-Islam
Haji Allahshükür Hummat Pashazade
and all Members of
Caucasus Muslim Board**





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فِي لَوْحٍ مَّحْفُوظٍ

In a Preserved Tablet
(guarded from every accursed devil,
and secure from any falsehood)!



Lailat-al-Qadr

The Night of Power

**One of the last few nights
during the month of Ramadan**



(Holy Quran 85.22)

**Therein is decreed
every matter of
ordainment**

Before the world came into being,

**It is usually believed that
during one such night**



**God had sent down
His comprehensive message**

in nascent form,

**from His Preserved Tablet
the *Lauh-al-Mahfooz***

to the worldly sky



The divine announcement says (97.3)

**This night is
better than one thousand months**

**Which makes up
a normal human life span**

**That is to say,
the prayers made during this night
have greater value than
an entire life of supplication**



On this night
angels descend to earth
carrying God's bounties
and instructions



**MOHAMMAD AND
OTHER PROPHETS**

**Talking about the glory of
this night
Qur'an clarifies that**

**It is God who revealed
thence**

**The message
through
Mohammad and other prophets**

(peace be upon all of them).

Some commentators are of the view that

The process of sending down
the scriptural amalgam
from the Preserved Tablet
to the worldly sky

began during mid Sha'baan,
the month preceding Ramadan and
the process concluded
during the Night of Power.

Well-researched scholarly opinion
simultaneously converges around the belief that
the revelation of predecessor scriptures by God
to the earlier messengers
also occurred during Ramadan nights

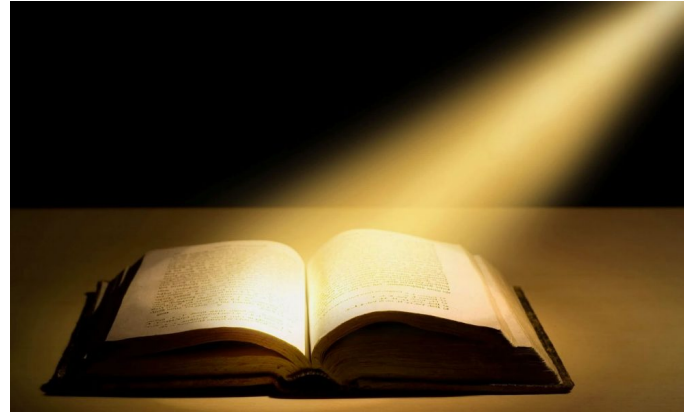


**This is indeed
a strong directive
for maintaining
interfaith affection**

**In different parts of the world
great spiritual names occur in
multiple theologies**

**Many Muslims find it difficult to
deny that these spiritual persons
were among those
revered messengers
whose names
are not mentioned in Qur'an**

**Nonetheless, all the believers are
duty bound to equally respect all
of them**



Similar is the case with

The spiritual books
not mentioned by name in the
Quran

Though
in these books
as they are known today
some man-made changes
are not beyond possibility

**Yet the fact remains that
what was sent down earlier
from the
Preserved Tablet
to the worldly sky
was a
**Compendium of
God's perspective planning**
for the universe
including the
spiritual life on earth.**



~~One
Faith~~

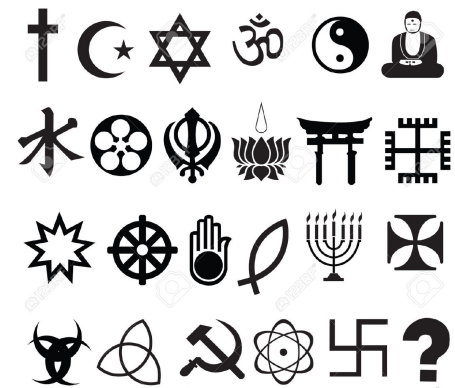
If God would have so willed

**He could have made
all of us world citizens**

owe allegiance to

~~one faith~~

But God chose not to do so



**He rather shaped us into
races, nations and faiths**

**That way
He has put us to
test
during our stay on earth**

God evaluates as to

**despite being
apparently unlike
each other**

in more than one ways

**how do we respond to
His message**

and

to what extent we

accommodate

love and help

each other



**God is testing as to
how much are
we able to**

**Appreciate
God's design**

of

**intrinsic human unity
interspersed into
outwardly group diversity**



God has



**networked
the humanity**

in the form of communities

led by different prophets

many of whom were given

scriptures

in their respective languages

WORD OF GOD



**The prophets spread
to the mankind
God's word
revealed through them**



**This is equally reflected in the
philosophy of
many other spiritual books**

Like *Holy Vedas* say

ekam sat vipra bahudha

meaning thereby,

**There is only one Truth
wise men tell it differently**

**Many other
spiritually enlightened
personalities
of the world have also been
similarly spreading high virtue**

سُورَةُ النَّاسِ

سُورَةُ الْفَاتِحَةِ

Quran begins with describing God as

Rabbil Aalameen

(Creator and Sustainer of the worlds)

and ends with

God's description as

Rabbin Naas

(Creator and Sustainer of all the human beings)

**that way addressing all the humanity
and indeed the entire creation**



**That is islam's
powerful mandate
for maintaining
interfaith love
and affection**



**Also this squarely translates into the
Constitution of India**
which enshrines in article 51A(e) that
**Every citizen is bound by the
fundamental duty**
to promote harmony
and the
spirit of common brotherhood
amongst all the people of India
transcending religious diversities



**In the same spirit
during his visit to Azerbaijan in 2016**

Pope Francis

had said that

**One's self-enrichment lies
in opening one's doors
to others
with the goal of human good**



Pope emphasized that
In both Arabic and Hebrew languages,
the word
RAHM
or compassion or mercy
is derived from the 3-letter root
R-H-M
that also means the
mother's womb
where the infant develops
and from there it enters the world



So, peace in the world begins from
Rahm
meaning both womb and kindness

Thus,
mercy and compassion
are among the
foremost attributes of
God
and He expects these to be
imbibed by human beings



The Preamble to the UN Charter says

**We the Peoples of the United Nations
determined to reaffirm faith in
fundamental human rights**

**and in the dignity and
worth of the human person**

and it calls upon the World community to

**Practice tolerance and
Live together in peace**

and for achieving that purpose to

‘Unite our strength’



**Let us thus
rededicate ourselves
to the spirit of
mutual accommodation**



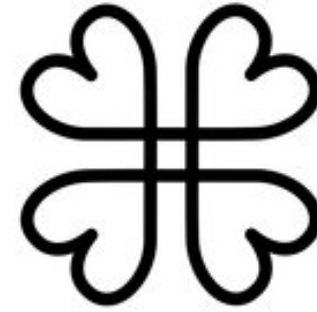
**Let us seek
mutual help and friendship
and
stand firm in constancy and
patient perseverance**

Let the believers of all faiths emphasize

Peace



Harmony



Justice



Reconciliation



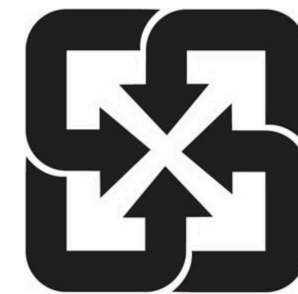


**Let the followers of all beliefs
appreciate that
there is a
common destiny
based on love and
peaceful coexistence**

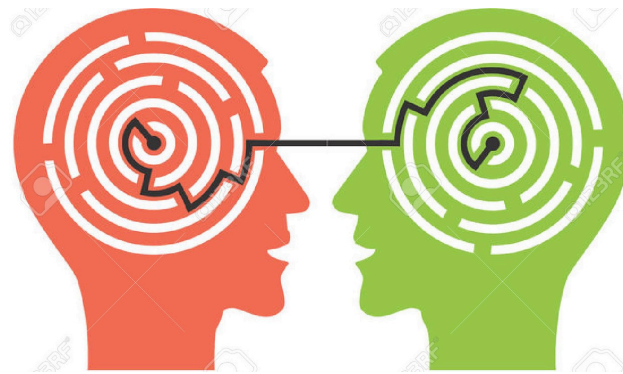
Let us jointly appeal
to the followers of
all religions and faiths

to work together for
strengthening
tolerance and
mutual respect

thus enhancing
human dignity
and joining the chorus
in praise of God



**Let us also urge all the
governments,
political formations and organisations to
Join hands and contribute
in creating and nurturing**



**an atmosphere of
trust and understanding**

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Thank You So Much

و آخر دعوانا

