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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*



**His Excellency  
Ilham Heydar oghu Aliyev**

*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

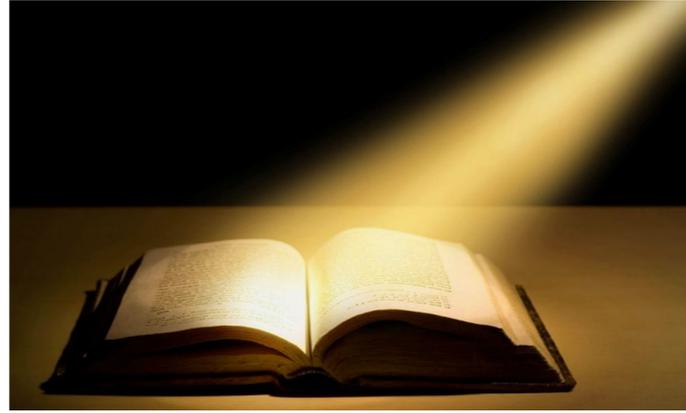


**This is indeed  
a strong directive  
for maintaining  
interfaith affection**

**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**

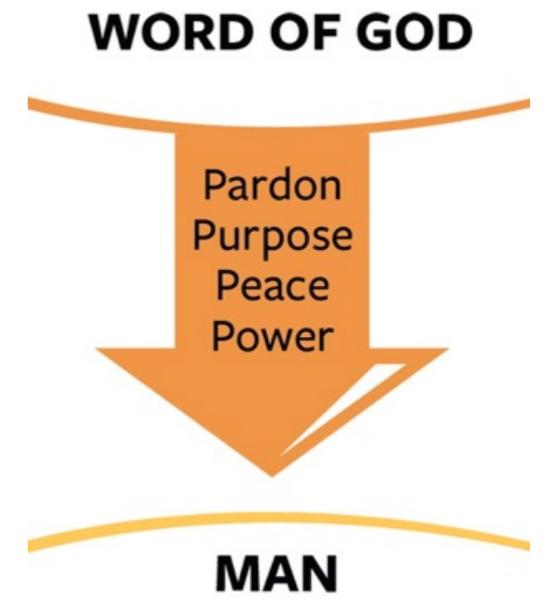


**Similar is the case with**

**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~~

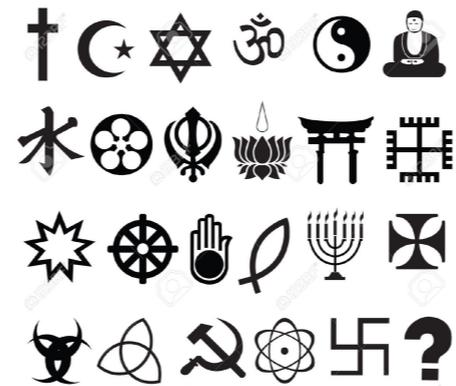
**If God would have so willed**

**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**

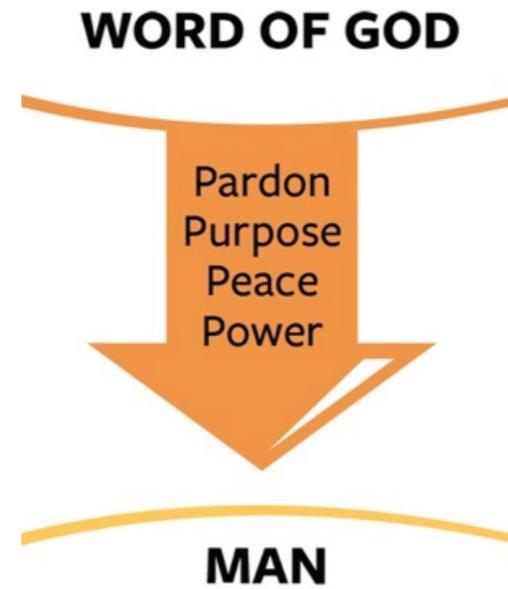
**in the form of communities**

**led by different prophets**

**many of whom were given**

**scriptures**

**in their respective languages**



**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**



**Constitution**

**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**



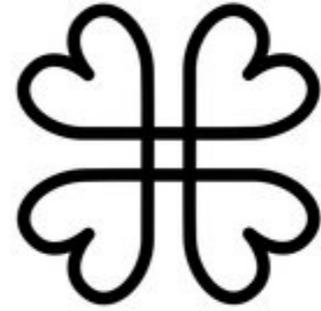
**Let us seek  
mutual help and friendship  
and  
stand firm in constancy and  
patient perseverance**

**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**

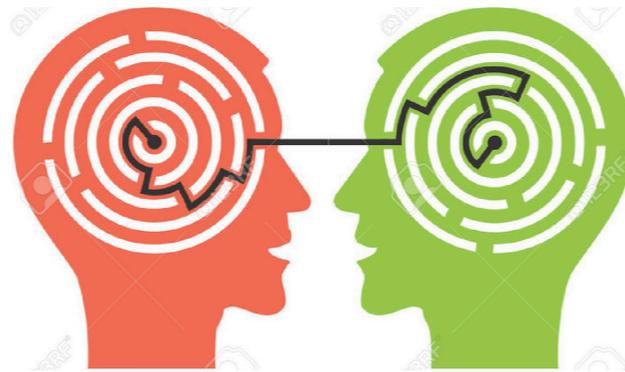
Let us jointly appeal  
to the followers of  
all religions and faiths

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

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