

"My Lord, My People Have Deserted The Quran" - BUT HOW?

Since the advent of the 'return to the Quran' (*Submission*) movement and the demise of Dr. Rashad Khalifa the definition of the Arabic words 'Quran' and 'hadith' have evolved for Submitters. These words no longer reflect the original meaning God has defined in the miracle-containing Arabic Quran. The definition of 'Quran' has been EXPANDED to include material outside the 114 suras - namely Dr. Khalifa's teachings. Whereas, the definition of 'hadith' has been REDUCED, limited exclusively to the sayings falsely attributed to Prophet Muhammad. In other words, 'hadith' has the exclusive meaning of 'lies against GOD'.¹ These two definition changes have set the stage for an exacting trial at the very heart of Submission - the Quran, the whole Quran, and nothing but the Quran. A trial that can fulfill the Quranic prophecy of 25:30 whereby Submitters desert the Quran as the only source of law.

A very large percentage of Submitters are unaware they uphold this new definition of 'hadith' and/or 'Quran' which has caused great confusion concerning the Messenger's teachings; a gray area with a wide range of views. Some go to one extreme claiming you cannot read the footnotes, subheadings, etc., of Dr. Khalifa's translation 'because we follow the Quran alone'.² Whereas some go to the other extreme claiming you must uphold all footnotes, subheadings, audios, videos, etc., whether verifiable in the Quran or not, as a source of law believing Dr. Khalifa was incapable of error (a.k.a. infallible) concerning religious topics. Both extremes are the direct result of applying the incorrect definition of 'Quran' and 'Hadith.' Consequently, both extremes are incorrect. When the Quranic definitions are recognized, acknowledged, and applied the solution, by GOD's grace, becomes remarkably clear.

THE NEW, INCORRECT DEFINITIONS

These two definition changes serve a very specific function. By redefining 'hadith' to mean specifically and exclusively the sayings falsely attributed to Prophet Muhammad (lies against GOD), then Dr. Khalifa's words cannot be classified as 'hadith' [because they are not lies against GOD]. However, this change was not enough to set the satanic trap, more was needed. Why? Because GOD refers to the Quran alone as "the BEST hadith" and 'best' means nothing can be equal or better. So, if the Messenger's non-prophet words were to be classified as 'hadith', instantly they would be demoted from being equivalent to the Quran in authority. So, it was essential for Satan to expand the definition of the 'Quran' beyond the 114 suras to include the Messenger's non-prophet words. This allows his religious teachings to be upgraded as a source of law, yet under the guise of following the 'Quran, the whole Quran, and nothing but the Quran.' This binds Dr. Khalifa's words and GOD's words together whereby they are perceived as the same; equivalent and inseparable. They have made the Messenger infallible which, unbeknownst to them, has transformed him into a prophet by their application of his teachings. Hence, their common justifications to equate them [in some cases supersede the Quran], are below:

Authorized Explanations
Correct Understanding
Quran was his source
God was his source

¹ Submitters consider everything 'hadith', everything 'lies against God' except for Dr. Khalifa's content, his translation, and the Arabic Quran. However, if a person looks at the Arabic Quran and comes to a different interpretation than Dr. Khalifa that too, is considered 'hadith', lies against God.

² Quran alone groups other than 'Submitters' (Quranists, Reformists, etc.) have the correct definition of 'Quran' - the Arabic Quran given to Prophet Muhammad. However, many have the same incorrect definition of 'hadith' as Submitters but they include content from Dr. Khalifa [translation & media] into that classification creating an, almost, allergic-like response to his works compared to others.

*Al his teachings are in the Quran
Point one mistake by the messenger
Right of interpretation
Obey & Trust the messenger whether we see it in the Quran or not.
He did not speak on his own
You cannot access the Quran except through his teachings*

This is why whenever someone says '*the messenger's words cannot be used as another source of law*', many Submitters have the knee-jerk reaction *thinking* his teachings are being called 'hadith', but the new, CHANGED, exclusive definition of '*satanic lies attributed to GOD*'. They *think* they are being prohibited from listening/reading/accepting the Messenger's teachings; an *all-or-nothing* situation. They *think* you are implying he was wrong about everything and anything religious. **Yet, this could not be further from the truth.** Personally, the vast majority of what the messenger has said I can see it in the Quran. **This entire article is not about whether errors occurred or not. This article is about a mindset to ensure the Quran is safeguarded as a Submitters' only source of law.** The key to properly applying the messenger's teachings **AND** maintaining the Quran alone as the only source of law is by accepting GOD's definition of the Arabic words 'Quran' and 'hadith'.

CORRECT DEFINITION OF '*QURAN*'

Submitters have 4 different applied definitions of the 'Quran' which Azhar Khan had addressed exceptionally well in his 2019 ICS Conference speech.³ However, GOD's definition of the 'Quran' is the 114 miracle-containing Arabic revelations revealed through Prophet Muhammad in 610 A.D., which can be translated into other languages.

[41:3] A SCRIPTURE whose VERSES provide the complete details, in an ARABIC QURAN, for people who know.

[76:23] We have revealed to you THIS QURAN; a special revelation from us.

GOD'S DEFINITION OF '*HADITH*'

The Arabic word 'Hadith' as a noun is used 28 times in the miracle-protected Arabic Quran but was left untranslated 9 times in the AEVQ whenever the context was about upholding other sources of law [to alert Traditional Muslims]. The Messenger did not do this to change the definition of 'hadith', but rather to point out how traditional Muslims went astray.

635. ḤADĪTH —masculine noun (plural <i>aḥādīth</i>)—discourse, conversation, events, tale	Dr. Khalifa's Translation - AEVQ
4:42 but they will not keep back God's discourse	
4:78 folk that they understand almost no discourse	
4:87 is one who is more sincere in discourse than	
4:140 with them until they discuss in conversation	
6:68 from them until they discuss in conversation	
7:185 in which discourse after this will they believe	[7:185] Does it ever occur to them that the end of their life may be near? Which <i>Hadith</i> , beside this, do they believe in?
12:6 the interpretation of events and He will fulfill	
12:21 that We teach him the interpretation of events	
12:101 hadst taught me of the interpretation of events	
12:111 discourse that is devised except established	[12:111] In their history, there is a lesson for those who possess intelligence. This is not fabricated <i>Hadith</i> , this (Quran) confirms all previous scriptures, provides the details of everything, and is a beacon and mercy for those who believe.
18:6 sake if they believe not in this discourse out of	
20:9 Hast the conversation of Moses approached	
23:44 We made them tales. So away with the folk	
31:6 exchanges to diversionary conversation	[31:6] Among the people, there are those who uphold baseless <i>Hadith</i> , and thus divert others from the path of GOD without knowledge, and take it in vain. These have incurred a shameful retribution.
33:53 And be not one who lingers for conversation	
34:19 So We made them as tales and We tore them to	
39:23 God sent down the fairer discourse, a Book,	[39:23] GOD has revealed herein the best <i>Hadith</i> , a book that is consistent, and points out both ways (to Heaven and Hell)
45:6 in which discourse, after God and His signs,	[45:6] These are GOD's revelations that we recite to you truthfully. In which <i>Hadith</i> other than GOD and His revelations do they believe?
51:24 Has the discourse to thee of the guests of	
52:34 Then let them bring a discourse like it if they	[52:34] Let them produce a <i>Hadith</i> like this, if they are truthful.
53:59 Then at this discourse you marvel	
56:81 Then is it this discourse that you are ones who	
66:3 confided to one of his spouses a discourse	
68:44 Me and whoever denies this discourse. We will	[68:44] Therefore, let Me deal with those who reject this <i>Hadith</i> , we will lead them on whence they never perceive.
77:50 in which discourse after this will they believe	[77:50] Which <i>Hadith</i> , other than this, do they uphold?
79:15 Approached thee the discourse of the Moses	
85:17 Approached thee the discourse of the armies	
88:1 Approached thee the discourse of the	

³ Azhar Khan's speech (written form): <http://www.islamunraveled.org/wp/2019/08/my-lord-my-people-have-deserted-this-quran/>

As you can see from above, 'Hadith' simply means '*narration, statement, conversation, story, an event*'. **It is a neutral and expansive word without any positive or negative connotations.** There are good hadith, bad hadith, factual hadith, fabricated hadith, kind hadith, rude hadith, comedy hadith, your hadith, my hadith, CNN's hadith, scientific hadith, historical hadith and, of course, "the best hadith", the Quran (39:23, 52:34). All narrations, statements are 'hadith' and therefore, Dr. Khalifa's works, are a 'hadith', **if we believe God**. This is crucial to understand because it means that not all hadith are automatically 'satanic', not all hadith are automatically 'lies against GOD' such as, the hadith & Sunnah collections falsely attributed to Prophet Muhammad]. We can listen, read and study anyone's hadith. The only time other narrations, other hadith, become prohibited is when they are adopted as a **source of law** besides the Quran (6:114, 7:185, 52:34, 77:50). This is why Dr. Khalifa himself used the Hadith & Sunnah books falsely attributed to Prophet Muhammad for historical research (i.e., the two false verses) but **NEVER** as a source of law.

[6:114] Shall I seek other than GOD as a *****SOURCE OF LAW**, *** when He has revealed to you *** **THIS BOOK** *** fully detailed? * Those who received the scripture recognize that it has been revealed from your Lord, truthfully. You shall not harbor any doubt.

[77:50] WHICH HADITH, OTHER THAN **THIS**, do they uphold?

In fact, in 9:122, GOD has commanded some Believers to study the scripture and pass on the knowledge they learn to others. That acquired knowledge will be passed on using the words of the person who learned it, using their hadith, but it cannot be used as a source of law.

[9:122] When the believers mobilize, NOT ALL OF THEM shall do so. A few from each group shall mobilize by devoting their time to *****STUDYING THE RELIGION. THUS, THEY CAN PASS THE KNOWLEDGE ON TO THEIR PEOPLE**, *** THAT THEY MAY REMAIN **RELIGIOUSLY INFORMED**

A great example of this '*passage of knowledge*' would be the Friday sermon or a speech at the ICS Conference whereby a Submitter studies the scripture and shares what he/she has learned using his own words, his hadith. However, the listener is commanded to verify all information with the Quran (17:36) because that is the criterion of truth, that is our statute book, our source of law. Since Dr. Khalifa was a Messenger, we must NOT disregard his teachings as we might for another fellow Submitter doing a sermon. He was a proven Messenger of GOD so we take what he says very, very seriously. We don't get up and leave or throw the baby out with the bathwater, so to speak. Nevertheless, he was not a prophet and did not bring anything new making the Quran the determiner of what was from GOD and what was from him. He even stated there were errors in his works and therefore, the same Quranic commandment to verify all information applies to his narrations, his hadith too. However, unlike most Quranists/Reformists who are allergic to anything Rashad said or wrote, Submitters eagerly listen attentively, yet verify with the Quran under the assumption he is likely correct [to ensure a thorough, deep study] and then accept or not accept the information. This is the simple, fundamental rule that he lived and died for, yet this can only be applied if we acknowledge the truth that he was **not** infallible, **not** incapable of human errors as indicated by the messenger himself on numerous occasions. See for yourself.

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kinsmen, and will put My words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. If any man will not listen to My words which he speaks in My name, I Myself will make him answer for it. (Deuteronomy 18:18-19)

Even here is Deuteronomy, we see the **accuracy of the language**. We are not following Muhammad, we are not following Rashad Khalifa, we are not following any human being. And don't let anybody tell you that. I don't follow Rashad Khalifa. **And you don't follow Rashad Khalifa. We follow the words of God.** We follow God. **When people make those statements, they make out of idolatry.** They idolize Ali and Muhammad and Hussain and Jesus and Mary and so on. They idolize human beings. **We follow the words of God and if Rashad Khalifa says anything on his own, we don't listen to him. You can listen and use your own discretion.** But we cannot follow what Rashad says, we follow what God says, you and I. So, you can see here that God is saying, "If any man will not listen to My word, the words of God, which he speaks in My name, the name of God, I Myself will make him answer for it". So, the idea of a messenger is not the messenger at all, if the messenger we know never existed, God will find other people to deliver the message. **It is the message that is important, the word of God that we follow. You can see the accuracy even in the translation of the older scripture.**

The next verse is John 14:16-17, Jesus says:

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Paraclete – to be with you always: THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

Quran is the last message from God. Remember it is the message, not the messenger. **The message came** and will be with us till the end of the world, **THIS, THE QURAN. And the Prophet Muhammad was the one who received and delivered it.** – Rashad Khalifa —
Introducing the Blue Translation in Quran Study, Tucson, 1989

"The criterion of obeying the messenger is that whatever he says must be in the Quran and be backed up by what God is saying. **If it is not in the Quran, it is your obligation to disobey him.** Actually, in the same Sura, it says that. So, the reason when God says 'Obey God and His messenger is because the messenger conveys the word of God.'" - Rashad Khalifa, Dec 28, 1989, Q-study #39 <https://youtu.be/5qA4JdfvzRs?t=4139>

"You know that if I tell you tell you anything that is not Quranic, **you can tell me to get out of here and I will be the first to denounce that.** This is the final message. Everything is here. **And we do not do ANYTHING that is NOT HERE.**" - [Rashad Khalifa, Friday Sermon, 1989 Conference.](#)

"We follow God. We follow the word of God alone. The principle is very easy – if it is not in the Quran, we have no consideration for it.

...**your criteria is the Quran.** If it is not in the Quran don't believe it, **no matter who is talking to you.** It is a very simple principle. This is what we follow.

But you must be aware of this principle. It is our principle – if it is not in the Quran, I don't believe it. It may or may not be correct, **but if it is not in the Quran, I am not following it.**"-
[Rashad Khalifa, Friday Sermon, 1989 Conference.](#)

"Principle is – if not in the Quran **we do not follow it.**" – [Rashad Khalifa, 1989 conference speech video.](#)

“In this conference, you’re going to hear lots of views, personal views from many people. Anybody can say anything they want. But your criterion is the Quran. If it is not in the Quran, don’t believe it. **No matter who is talking to you.** Very simple PRINCIPLE because this is what we follow.” – [Rashad Khalifa, 1989 conference](#).

“God thus teaches us that even contemporary Sahaabah can misunderstand God’s messenger. **We must uphold ONLY the Quran**” – [Rashad Khalifa, SP – July 1989](#).

"Quran is the final scripture. It is completion of the message.

The Quran is all you need. In fact, God said the Quran is complete, perfect and fully detailed. If you go to any other source you will be disobeying God. You devote yourself completely to God alone and devote yourself to the word of God alone, the Quran alone." – [Rashad Khalifa, Essentials of Submission Video](#).

"I believe That the Quran is complete, perfect and fully detailed because God said so in the Quran. Because God says in the Quran that the Quran is complete, perfect and fully detailed. Question is do you believe God or not? If you believe God, you believe that the Quran is complete, perfect and fully detailed.

...therefore, **if you go to anything else, you are a rejector of the Quran.** You have rejected disbelieved God.

Quran is fully detailed. God says Quran is fully detailed. Therefore, you don't need anything else. The important point is that God says the Quran is complete, perfect and fully detailed. This is the important point." – [Rashad Khalifa, The Great Debate](#)

“This (Quran) is the textbook. **This is the manual**” – [Rashad Khalifa, 1988 Conference](#)

“As stated in 3:81 and 46:9, **God’s Messenger of the Covenant does not bring anything new; everything I receive and pass on to you is already in the Quran.**” – [Rashad Khalifa, Feb 1990 SP](#).

“Our only source must be His Word – The Quran” – [Rashad Khalifa, 1988 Conference](#)

“We are people who follow the Quran, the whole Quran and nothing but the Quran. Therefore, anybody and this means anybody who brings any information must conform to the Quran, the whole Quran and nothing but the Quran. **And if anyone, I will underline anyone, who comes up with information that is not confirmed by the Quran, we tell him forget it, we don’t accept it. The criterion is preaching, confirming existing scripture, the Quran and nothing else.**” – [Rashad Khalifa, Khutba announcing his messengership, April 1988](#).

“We follow only God. We follow only the word of God. As you know, I will be the first to tell you, **if it is my opinion, if it is Rashad Khalifa, don’t follow him, because you will probably do the wrong thing. You must be sure** you are following God and following the word of God and we will go to any extent to make sure we are following God and the word of God. We are not following the words of any human being.” – [Rashad Khalifa, Friday Sermon, 1989 Conference](#).

“If you follow Dr. Khalifa, you are not right. Anybody here, and we all know this, we do not follow any person and we emphasize here we are worshippers of God alone. We follow the word of God alone **and if I say anything that is not in the Quran, contradicting the Quran, I am the first one to appreciate alerting me to this because then I am wrong. Nobody follows me.**” – [Rashad Khalifa – Great Debate](#)

"Why are you disobeying the messenger when he tells you that the Quran is complete and fully detailed, and you should uphold the Quran alone. Why do you disobey him and go to something else? You see in the Quran (... Arabic), so why don't you listen and obey Allah and the Rasool? "...So therefore, you are reciting these verses, **if you obey the Rasool you will uphold the Quran, the whole Quran and nothing but the Quran. If you go to anything other than the Quran, you are not obeying the messenger.**" – [Rashad Khalifa, The Great Debate](#)

“Our leader is the Quran. Our imam is the Quran. Our guide is the Quran, the word of God. We are worshippers of God alone.” – [Rashad Khalifa, The Great Debate](#).

Some Muslims compromise: “If a Hadith agrees with the Quran we will accept it, and if it contradicts the Quran, we will reject it!” **Such premise proves that these people do not believe God’s assertions that the Quran is “complete, perfect and fully detailed.”** **The moment they seek guidance from anything besides the Quran, no matter how “right” it seems, they fall into Satan’s trap** (see [63:1](#)). For they have rejected God’s word and set up another god besides God ([18:57](#)). – [Rashad Khalifa, Appendix 19](#)

"The Quran proclaims that the Quran is complete, perfect, and fully detailed ([6:19](#), [38](#), [114](#), [115](#); [50:45](#)), and that religious regulations not specifically instituted in the Quran constitute a religion other than Islam, i.e., Submission ([42:21](#), [17:46](#)). The true believers uphold the Quran, the whole Quran, and nothing but the Quran. This principle is confirmed by the Quran’s mathematical code. Verse 46 of Sura 17 proclaims that we shall uphold the Quran ALONE. The word “ALONE” occurs in the Quran 6 times: [7:70](#), [17:46](#), [39:45](#), [40: 12](#) & [84](#), and [60:4](#). All these occurrences refer to God, except 17:46. When we add the numbers of suras and verses which refer to “GOD ALONE,” we get 361, 19×19. This proves that [17:46](#) refers to “the Quran ALONE.” - [Rashad Khalifa, Appendix 18](#)

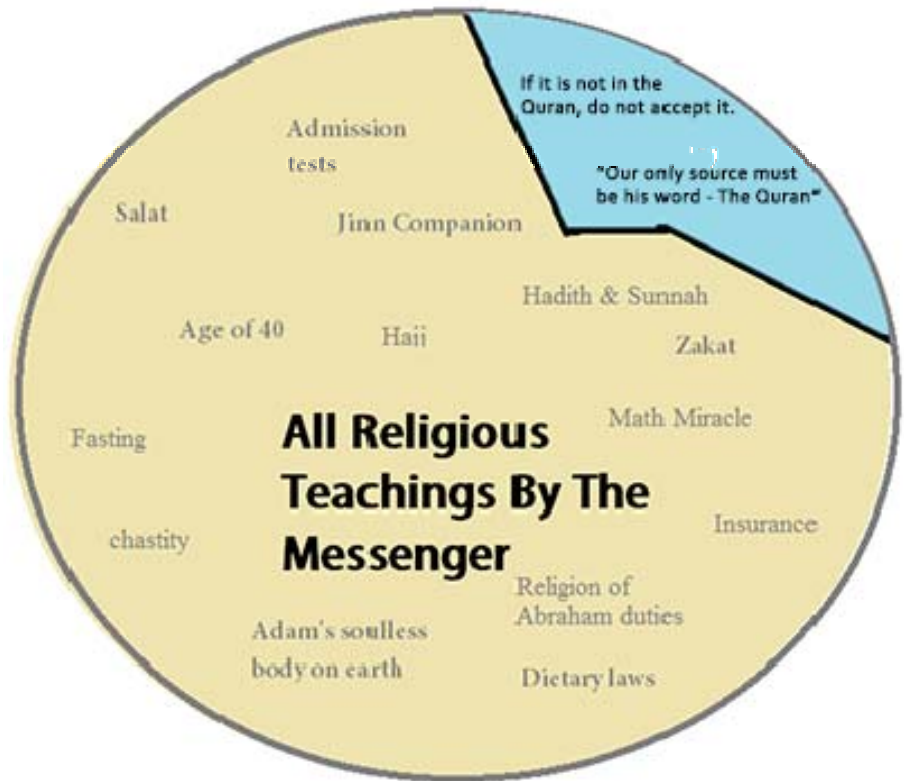
[6:114] Shall I seek other than GOD as a source of law, when He has revealed to you this book fully detailed? Those who received the scripture recognize that it has been revealed from your Lord, truthfully. You shall not harbor any doubt.

[6:115] The word of your Lord is complete, in truth and justice. Nothing shall abrogate His words. He is the Hearer, the Omniscient.

*6:113-115 Upholding any source beside the Quran reflects disbelief in the Quran ([Appendix 18](#))

*** for a complete list of over 19 direct quotes from Dr. Khalifa emphasizing the above points go to <https://www.islamunraveled.org/wp/rashad-khalifa-on-quran-alone/>

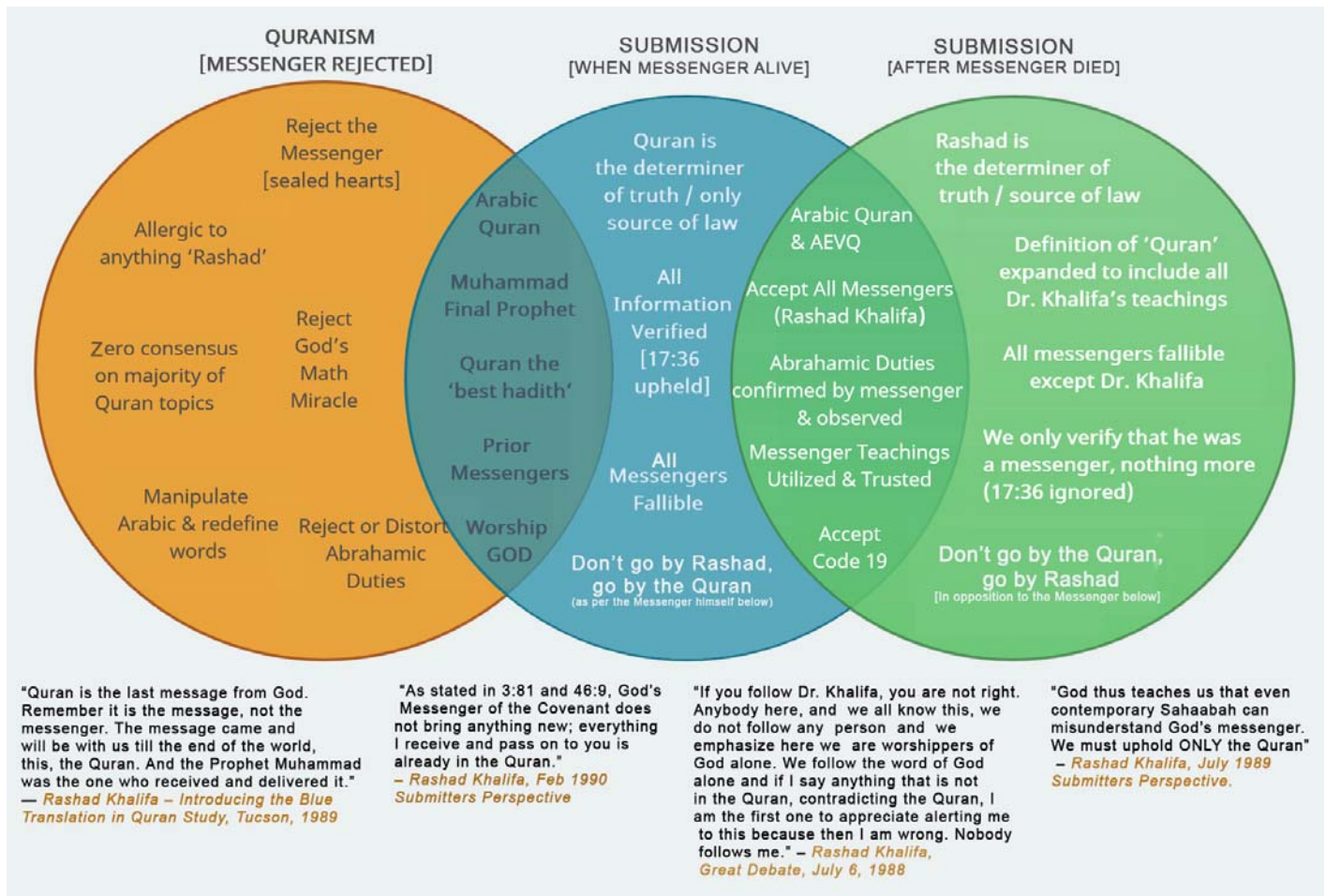
For Submitters, we must incorporate ALL his religious teachings which include the above 19-plus religious teachings. We cannot claim to 'hear, trust and obey' the messenger while simultaneously rejecting his teachings that safeguard the very foundation of our faith - the Quran alone as the only source of law. Teachings that function as a 'notwithstanding clause', a religious 'checks and balances' whereby the Quran takes precedence if Rashad's words and GOD's words were to ever come into conflict. If we accept ALL his teachings we will verify IF he is correct, not THAT he is correct. To verify THAT he was correct assumes he was infallible; incapable of human error on all religious matters [contrary to his aforementioned religious teachings in the link above]. Those exercising this paradigm will **always** find him 'correct' because it is a foregone conclusion - they have already decided he will be.⁴ An excellent and unique example of this is the 'Leave of Paradise' issue. Although, **not** because he was wrong, but because he was right. Yet few would accept his revised understanding due to the tremendous implications on the AEVQ introduction and Appendix 7. Many perceive the AEVQ as a divine equivalent of the math-miracle-protected Arabic Quran and his revised understanding of this topic would directly undermine this belief. It is quite an irony that a Submitter [in the audio Quran study] presented verses to a messenger of God who verified IF he was correct only to discover that he was not. He submitted to the authority of GOD's words accordingly, as the Quran alone was his source of law. I will touch more on this particular incident shortly.



SOURCE OF LAW

So, what is a source of law? **Your source of law is the authority to which one defers for definitive answers on any given topic.** There can be multiple sources that say the same thing in slightly different words but the source you defer to and preach from is your source of law.

⁴ [Click here](#) for a visual depiction of the 3 approaches after accepting/verifying Rashad Khalifa as a messenger



If a person does not verify the information they have been given with the Quran, blindly follow it, and preach that person's words/hadith to others, then the Quran is not their only source of law. Even worse, if the person DOES verify it and discovers the information contradicts the Quran but still chooses to uphold it anyway. "*They have set up their religious leaders and scholars as lords, instead of GOD [9:31]*" by deserting the Quran for another source of law. The following examples will help make things clear.

EXAMPLE 1: THE JINN COMPANION

There are 3 different sources for the interpretation of a Jinn companion: Dr. Khalifa's teachings, Hadith & Sunnah falsely attributed to Prophet Muhammad and various verses from the Qur'an. Yes. The identical concept of a Jinn companion is found in Sahih Muslim hadiths.

[Sahih Muslim 2814] - Abdullah ibn Mas'ud reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Each one of you has over himself a companion from the jinn." They said, "Even you, O Messenger of Allah?" The Prophet said, "Even me, but Allah has helped me against him until he embraced Islam. He does not order me to do anything but goodness."

Again, a source of law is the authority you defer to and/or preach from. The 'thing' you use to judge. Whatever your source says is what is accepted as 'the truth'.

The Sunni says, "**We have a Jinn companion with us from birth to death because the Prophet said so in Sahih Muslim #2814**", but is unable to reference the Quran. His source of law is NOT the Quran.

One Submitter says, "**We have a Jinn companion with us from birth to death because Dr. Khalifa said so in Appendix 7 and the King of Chaos video**", but is unable to reference the Quran. His source of law is NOT the Quran.

Another Submitter says, "**In light of 15:26-27, 7:27, 18:50, 50:23 an argument could be made for Jinn companion concept.**" His source of law IS the Quran, whether correct or not.

All three people are saying the same thing, but only one upheld the Quran alone as their source of law. Only one of the three is submitting to GOD alone. Even if he had come to an incorrect conclusion, that one submitter did not desert the Quran. The others did.

Your '*source of law*' is what you use to determine the absolute truth about something. Some disobey the messenger and use his words to determine the truth. Whereas those who truly follow the messenger will eagerly listen to his teachings [*because he was a messenger*] under the assumption he is correct but will discard anything that does not conform to the Quran [*as preached by the messenger*] after due diligence. This is how the Quran alone is maintained as our only source of religious law. At the end of the day, the numerous verses that say 'obey GOD and his messenger' applied to Prophet Muhammad as well as any subsequent messenger. Thus, we cannot have one distinct meaning for Prophet Muhammad and another exclusively for Dr. Khalifa. Sura 81:19-28 is a good example of this dichotomy being applied. For Prophet Muhammad, 'THIS' utterance means the verses of the Quran, for the messenger of the covenant, '**THIS**' utterance means all his teachings *about* the verses of the Qur'an.

[81:19] *****THIS***** is the utterance of an honorable messenger. *
 [81:20] Authorized by the Possessor of the Throne, fully supported.
 [81:21] He shall be obeyed and trusted.
 [81:22] Your friend (Rashad) is not crazy.
 [81:23] He saw him at the high horizon. *
 [81:24] He is not holding back any news.
 [81:25] *****IT***** is not the talk of a rejected devil.
 [81:26] Now then, where will you go?
 [81:27] *****THIS*** IS A MESSAGE** to all the people.
 [81:28] For those who wish to go straight.

Sura 5:18-19 is another example of this dichotomy. 5:18 addresses Jews and Christians only and therefore, 5:19 applied to Prophet Muhammad just as much as Dr. Khalifa. Again, for Muhammad, it is the words of the Quran that 'explain thing to you', whereas for Dr. Khalifa it is his teachings *about* the Quran that 'explains things to you'.

God's Messenger to the **Jews**, **Christians**, and **Muslims**

[5:18] The **Jews** (*l-yahūdu*) and the **Christians** (*wal-naṣārā*) said, "We are **GOD's** children and His beloved." Say, "Why then does He punish you for your sins? You are just humans like the other humans He created." He forgives whomever He wills and punishes whomever He wills. To **GOD** belongs the sovereignty of the heavens and the earth, and everything between them, and to Him is the final destiny.

God's Messenger of the Covenant

[5:19] O people of the scripture, our messenger has come to you, to explain things to you, after a period of time without messengers, lest you say, "We did not receive any preacher or warner." A preacher and warner has now come to you. **GOD** is Omnipotent.*

I don't want to segue too far from the original topic so I'll continue with the next example regarding a religious source of law.

EXAMPLE 2: PREACHING FROM A PREACHING OF THE QURAN

Two Submitters watch a video sermon of Dr. Khalifa explaining various prohibitions. Both Submitters enjoyed it and decided to do a sermon on the same topic for their respective communities. One Submitter's sermon is essentially quoting all of Dr. Khalifa's explanations from various sermons, videos, footnotes, subheadings, the Submitter's perspective, and some AEVQ appendices. When asked questions after the sermon, he could not provide a single verse to support his position. The other Submitter's sermon is quoting the verses from the Quran with some insights they gleaned in the process. Both Submitters came to the same conclusions, but they used different sources of law. One used the Quran, and the other deserted it.

The Messenger preached from the Quran. The Believers who were with him preached from the Quran. The Believers today preach from the Quran. Due to the wrong definitions of 'hadith' and 'Quran', some Submitters **THINK** they are upholding the Quran alone by proxy of upholding the Messenger's words as a source of law. However, if they applied GOD's definitions of 'Quran' and 'Hadith' it becomes very clear that they cannot uphold the Quran alone as a source of law by proxy of any other words. You need to be able to explain your beliefs using the Quran.

EXAMPLE 3: VERIFYING *THAT* HE IS CORRECT, NOT *IF* HE IS CORRECT.

In Quran study #13 (Dec 24, 1989) <https://youtu.be/s8viw4RJIM4?t=1673> a few weeks before the Messenger was assassinated, it was discovered that 7:22-24 directly contradicted his interpretation of Adam's 'soulless body' being on Earth while his soul was in Heaven. Below are relevant excerpts from the AEVQ and 7:22-24.

"...while the empty (soulless) bodies of Adam and Eve remained here on earth, their souls, the real persons, resided in Heaven. Adam and Eve remained in Heaven for as long as they upheld God's commandments." - Rashad Khalifa, AEVQ Introduction

"While Adam's body remained on earth, the real person, the soul, was admitted into Heaven in the outermost universe." - Rashad Khalifa, AEVQ Appendix 7

[7:22] He thus duped them with lies. As soon as they tasted the tree, **THEIR BODIES BECAME VISIBLE TO THEM, AND THEY TRIED TO COVER THEMSELVES WITH THE LEAVES OF PARADISE.** Their Lord called upon them: "Did I not enjoin you from that tree, and warn you that the devil is your most ardent enemy?"

[7:23] They said, "Our Lord, we have wronged our souls, and unless You forgive us and have mercy on us, we will be losers."

[7:24] He said, "**GO DOWN** as enemies of one another. **On earth shall be your habitation** and

provision for awhile."

How did the Messenger respond to this person? Did he say, "You are fighting GOD and His messenger!"...No. He looked at verses, recognized and acknowledged the contradiction. A 20-to-30-minute discussion ensued to determine how to correctly interpret the Great Feud story in light of 7:22-24 indicating their bodies were not soulless on earth but rather in paradise where they tried to 'cover themselves with the leaves of paradise' before the fall to earth. However, the AEVQ does not reflect this final interpretation as he died a few weeks later. The issue today is that many Submitters are unwilling to accept the truth of 7:22-24 as the Messenger did. The verses caused the Messenger to shift his understanding in that Quran study and yet, many Submitters have chosen to uphold the already-proven-wrong-by-the-messenger-himself interpretation as true. Some disregard the change because he said 'It doesn't change anything' even though he acknowledged what the Quran is truly saying. Others have claimed GOD did not permit the Messenger to change the AEVQ Introduction and Appendix 7 and therefore, the Great Feud story is correct, Adam did NOT have his body in Paradise. Ironically, this position presupposes his most recent clarification was wrong, something they vehemently deny could ever happen. A glaring double standard, indeed. Whenever 7:22-24 or his change of stance is presented, some will say '*You are taking the verses out of context*', then proceed to conjecture strange interpretations of the verses to impose the outdated, interpretation onto the verses. The messenger adhered to the Quran alone as the determiner of truth while some of his followers have not. This is what deserting the Quran looks like.

CONCLUSION:

Hadith is an expansive word. All narrations are hadith. There are good hadith, bad hadith, factual hadith, fabricated hadith, kind hadith, unkind hadith, scientific hadith, historical hadith, satanic hadith, and "the best hadith" (the Quran). We can listen, read, study, and accept hadith if factual, but when it comes to sources of religious law the Quran is the only hadith permitted because it is GOD's hadith, the best hadith. The hadith to which all other hadith must conform. We run from satanic hadith but are permitted to listen and accept information from a Friday sermon hadith, ICS speech hadith, and religious hadith by the Messenger as long as we verify the information with the Quran. If it is not in the Quran, we don't accept it no matter who it is. Well 'tell them to get out of here!' If you do this, you are following the messenger. Nevertheless, the satanic trap has been set by expanding the definition of 'Quran' and shrinking the definition of 'hadith' people have merged Dr. Khalifa's non-prophet words with GOD's miracle-protected words to the point of no distinction. The trap is that they THINK they are following the Quran alone as their only source of law. As one Submitter put it, "*the Quran Alone and the messenger of Covenant confirm each other*" and "*we unhesitatingly hear and obey the messenger whether we can verify it in the Quran or not.*"

It is crucial to uphold the true definition, GOD's definition, of 'hadith' and 'Quran'. Otherwise, we risk adopting another source of law and thereby fulfilling the prophecy of 25:30, "My Lord, my people have deserted this Quran." Remember, just like Prophet Muhammad, Dr. Khalifa will make this same statement on the day of judgment about his people, Submitters. Thus, it **will** happen so it is important to understand how a 'Quran alone' faith could abandon the Quran if one is to avoid it.

At the end of the day, the numerous verses that say 'obey GOD and his messenger' applied to both, Prophet Muhammad as well as any subsequent messenger. So, we cannot have one distinct, polar opposite meaning for Prophet Muhammad and another meaning exclusively for Dr. Khalifa, using the same verses. If Dr. Khalifa did not bring anything new, which he didn't [as per his own words], then the

Quran is the determiner of truth. The Quran is the determiner of which clarification is from 'Rashad the messenger' and which is from 'Rashad the man.' If Prophet Muhammad can make a religious mistake that is corrected by the Quran, then so can Dr. Khalifa. If Prophet Muhammad was STILL a messenger for making a mistake, then so is Dr. Khalifa. If Prophet Muhammad was not 'attributing lies to GOD', then neither was Dr. Khalifa. The messenger himself said there were errors in his translation meant to expose the hypocrites. The question is what do Submitters do when such errors are discovered? Do we accept his repeated religious teaching and acknowledge the error, correct it, and move on, or do we defend the errors [he said exist] as God's truth and, consequently, twist our tongues to imitate the scripture, that others may think it is from the scripture when it is not from the scripture, and claim that it is from **GOD** when it is not from **GOD**. Thereby uttering lies and attributing them to **GOD**, knowingly? The answer is obvious. Especially, when this very messenger will say on the Day of Judgment "My lord, my people have deserted this Quran."

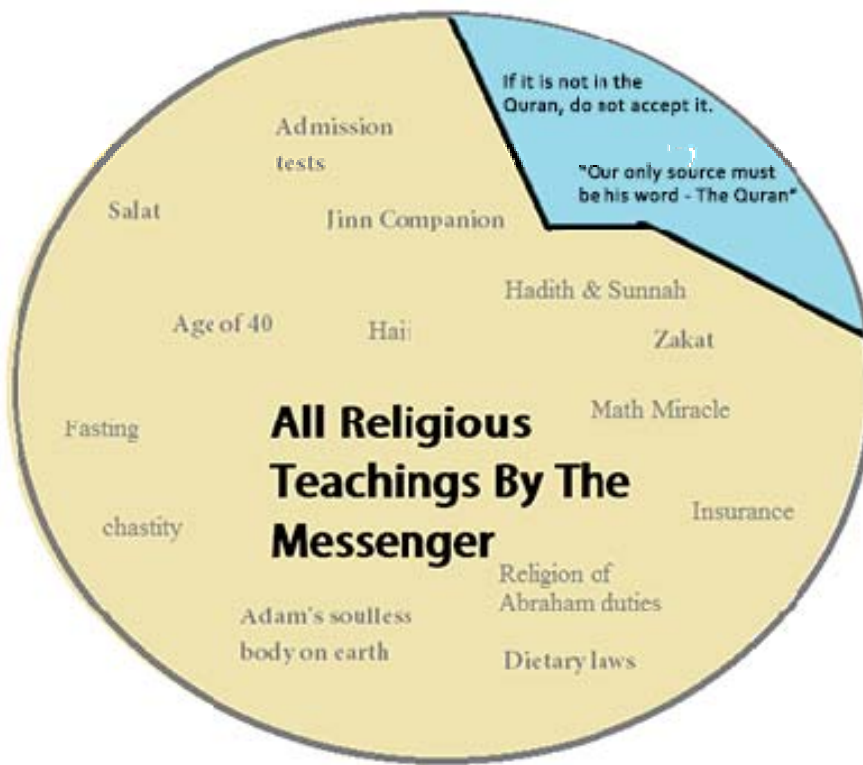
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*****Please Note:** For a real-life confirmation and verification that what I've stated above is correct please watch this unedited 15-minute speech from another 2019 Submitter's Conference at the following link below. If you pay attention, you will realize the entire speech is based on incorrect definitions of both 'hadith' and 'Quran'. This is possibly the most powerful confirmation that this is what the root problem is. <https://youtu.be/IKB9raWBB5g?t=3766>

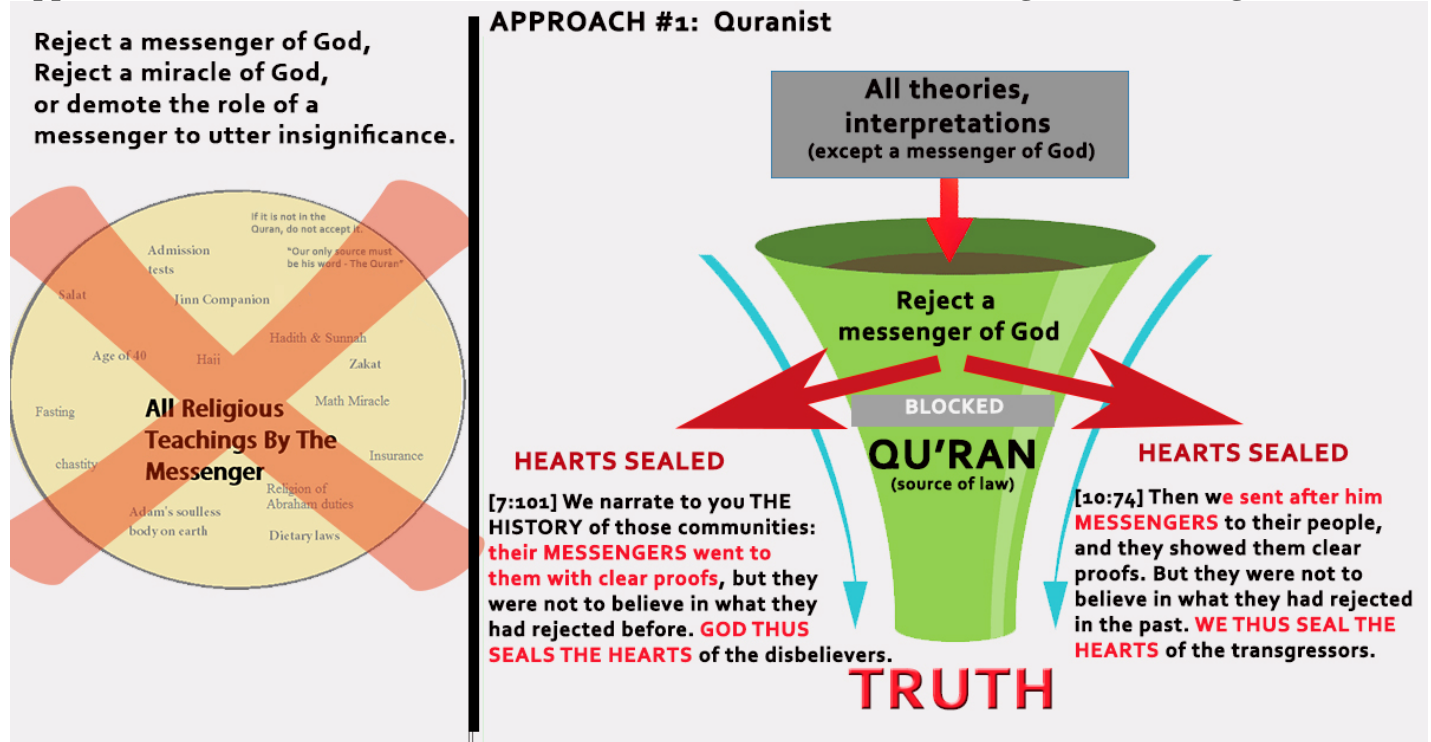
Appendix 1: Images and Diagrams (see next 2 pages)

635. HADĪTH —masculine noun (plural <i>ahādīth</i>)—discourse, conversation, events, tale	Dr. Khalifa's Translation - AEVQ
4:42 but they will not keep back God's discourse	
4:78 folk that they understand almost no discourse	
4:87 is one who is more sincere in discourse than	
4:140 with them until they discuss in conversation	
6:68 from them until they discuss in conversation	
7:185 in which discourse after this will they believe	[7:185] ... Does it ever occur to them that the end of their life may be near? Which Hadith , beside this, do they believe in?
12:6 the interpretation of events and He will fulfill	
12:21 that We teach him the interpretation of events	
12:101 hadst taught me of the interpretation of events	
12:111 discourse that is devised except established	[12:111] In their history, there is a lesson for those who possess intelligence. This is not fabricated Hadith ; this (Quran) confirms all previous scriptures, provides the details of everything, and is a beacon and mercy for those who believe.
18:6 sake if they believe not in this discourse out of	
20:9 Hast the conversation of Moses approached	
23:44 We made them tales. So away with the folk	
31:6 exchanges to diversionary conversation	[31:6] Among the people, there are those who uphold baseless Hadith , and thus divert others from the path of GOD without knowledge, and take it in vain. These have incurred a shameful retribution.
33:53 And be not one who lingers for conversation	
34:19 So We made them as tales and We tore them to	
39:23 God sent down the fairer discourse, a Book,	[39:23] GOD has revealed herein the best Hadith ; a book that is consistent, and points out both ways (to Heaven and Hell).
45:6 in which discourse, after God and His signs,	[45:6] These are GOD's revelations that we recite to you truthfully. In which Hadith other than GOD and His revelations do they believe?
51:24 Has the discourse to thee of the guests of	
52:34 Then let them bring a discourse like it if they	[52:34] Let them produce a Hadith like this, if they are truthful.
53:59 Then at this discourse you marvel	
56:81 Then is it this discourse that you are ones who	
66:3 confided to one of his spouses a discourse	
68:44 Me and whoever denies this discourse. We will	[68:44] Therefore, let Me deal with those who reject this Hadith ; we will lead them on whence they never perceive.
77:50 in which discourse after this will they believe	[77:50] Which Hadith , other than this, do they uphold?
79:15 Approached thee the discourse of Moses	
85:17 Approached thee the discourse of the armies	
88:1 Approached thee the discourse of the	

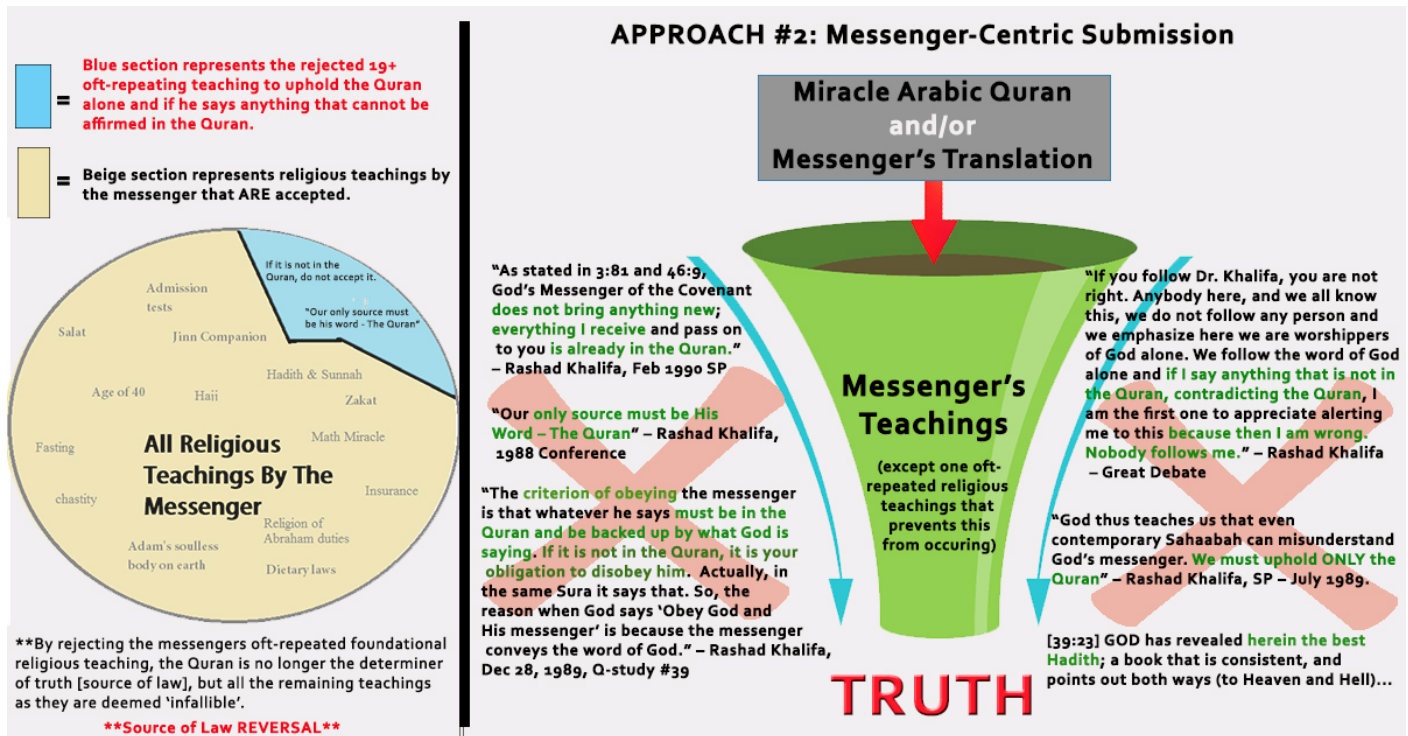


The 3 Approaches to the Messenger of God, Rashad Khalifa's Teachings

Approach 1: Quranist and/or Submitter who demotes the role of a messenger to utter insignificance



Approach 2: Messenger-centric Submission (*Corrupted Submission After Messenger Died*)



Approach 3: Quran-Centric Submission (*Submission the Messenger left it*)

