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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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The 7 conundrum (a question or a problem having only a conjectural answer)

It takes 7 letters to spell the number 7.

Life operates in a cycle of SEVENS. Changes take place in the body every SEVEN years. There are SEVEN bones in the neck, SEVEN bones in the face, SEVEN bones in the ankle, and SEVEN holes in the head. Most births are multiple of SEVENS. The hen sits three weeks (21 days); the pigeon two weeks (14 days); after having laid eggs for two weeks. Of 129 species of mammals the majority have a period from conception to birth of an exact number of weeks, a multiple of SEVEN. The 266 days mentioned in the footnote is also divisible by 7 giving 38 again a multiple of 19.

Why does a week have 7 days, not a day more or less?

The 28 days of a lunar month are but a multiple of 7. In reality, the actual figure is 27.5545 days.

There are 7 wonders of the world: - Great Pyramid of Giza, Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Temple of Artemis, Statue of Zeus at Olympia, Mausoleum of Maussollos, Colossus of Rhodes and the Lighthouse of Alexandria.

The Taj Mahal, The Pyramids of Egypt, The Great Wall of China, The Eiffel Tower, The Leaning Tower of Pisa, The Statue of Liberty, and The Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

7 deadly sins – pride, avarice, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth. Surely sins exceed this number?

There are also 7 virtues – faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.

Why does a rainbow have just 7 colours – violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red?

Why does the Earth have only 7 bodies of water large enough to be classified as 7 Seas namely Artic, Antarctic, North and South Atlantic, North and South Pacific and Indian Oceans?

How about the 7 Continents – Asia, Africa, North and South America, Europe, Australia and Antarctica?

The orbits in the atom are seven.

Why are the 7 arts or sciences (the trivium and the quadrivium taken together) – grammar, rhetoric, logic, music, arithmetic, geometry and astronomy?

If it is all music to the ears how come there are only 7 notes – do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti.

Why do the values of the marks on opposite sides of a dice always total 7?

If in astrology, the house of marriage were the “7th house”, how come it all ends (starts?)?

In Christianity, there are 7 hours of prayer (Psalms 119:164), Christ spoke 7 times whilst on the cross, 7 joys of Mary, 7 sorrows of Mary.

In the Book of Revelation the number SEVEN is used throughout. There are SEVEN churches, SEVEN Spirits, SEVEN stars, SEVEN seals, SEVEN trumpets, SEVEN vials, SEVEN personages, SEVEN dooms, and SEVEN new things. SEVEN is used over 700 times in the Bible. It is used 54 times in the Book of Revelation.

According to the Bible, Samson lost his strength when Delilah cut 7 locks of hair from his head.

Before Aaron and his sons entered their priestly work they were consecrated SEVEN days. (Leviticus 8:31-36) Here is a picture of a life COMPLETELY or WHOLLY consecrated or dedicated to the Lord for service.

Solomon was SEVEN years in building the Temple and kept the Feast for SEVEN days. Job had SEVEN sons. When his friends came to visit him they sat SEVEN days and SEVEN nights in silence, and afterward they were required to offer a Burnt Offering of SEVEN bullocks and SEVEN rams. Naaaman washed SEVEN times in the Jordan. Jesus spoke SEVEN words from the Cross. SEVEN men of honest report were chosen to administer the alms of the church in Acts 6:1-7. There were SEVEN years of plenty and SEVEN years of famine in Egypt during the days of Joseph.

When Israel took the city of Jericho, God told them to march around the city SEVEN times. Thus, on the SEVENTH day, when they marched around the city SEVEN times, they COMPLETED their marching. (Joshua 6:1-16).

There were SEVEN FEAST days of our Lord. (Passover, Unleavened, First-fruits, Pentecost, Atonement, Trumpets and Tabernacle). (Leviticus 23:1-44) There were SEVEN branches on the CANDLESTICK in the Holy Place in the Tabernacle and this pictures the COMPLETE light of God for the souls of man.

Jesus said to “forgive SEVENTY times SEVEN” In other words, He is saying, “Keep on forgiving until you are complete.” Even the duration of Israel’s great punishments was based upon this law of SEVENS. Their captivity in Babylon was for SEVENTY years, ten periods of SEVENS. (Jeremiah 25:11-12; Daniel 19:2)

There are 7 gift of the Holy Ghost (also called the 7 spirits of God)

In some Christian denominations there are 7 corporal works of mercy, as well as 7 spiritual works of mercy, the Holy Sacraments consists of 7 religious acts.

In the Anglican Communion, there are 7 seasons in the Church year.

Why is the sect that expects the second coming of Christ called Seventh-day Adventists?

Why are they only 7 Champions of Christendom – St George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St David, St. Denis, St. James and St. Anthony?

There were 7 Christian youths at Ephesus who slept walled up in a cave circa AD 250 to 447, who were named the Seven Sleepers.

Why is the Sabbath observed on the 7th day of the week (Saturday for Jews and Sunday by Christians)?

In Judaism, there are 7 divine names of God.

There are 7 sacred books – the Bible, the Quran, the Vedas, the Buddhist Tri-Pitakas, the Zoroastrian Zend Avesta and the Scandinavian Eddas.

Why is a state of most exalted happiness termed Seventh Heaven?

7 Churches of Asia : Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Lydia and Phrygia.

Rome is built on 7 hills – Quirinal, Viminal, Esquiline, Caelian, Capitoline, Palatine and Aventine?

Rome had 7 kings – Romulus, Numa Pompilius, Tullus Hostilius, Ancus Martius, Tarquinius Priscus, Servius Tullius and Tarquinius.

Why did the Greek ancients recognize precisely 7 Sages namely Solon of Athens, Thales of Miletus, Pittacus of Mitylene, Bias of Priene in Caria, Chilo of Sparta, Cleobulus tyrant of Lindus in Rhodes and Periander tyrant of Corinthian: an eastern cycle of tales in which 7 wise men contend in story telling against a woman for the life of a belied prince?

Seven against Thebes is about the war of 7 heroes to reinstate Polynices in Thebes against Eteocles. In more modern times, there was the Seven Year's War (1756-1763), the struggle for Silesia, between Frederick the Great and the Empress Maria Theresa.

Why were the planets known to the ancients – the Plough and the Pielades, known as the Seven Stars?

Hindu marriage rites have an integral part – sapta padi or saat phere.

7 days of discourse on Hindu scriptures (Saptah)

7 horses that draw the chariot of the sun god in Hindu mythology.

Horoscopes cast according to ancient Indian practice contain 7 “grahas” which include two hypothetical points in the Moon's orbit around the Earth (Rahu and Ketu).

In the ancient system of yoga, the human body can be divided into 7 portions between the soles of the feet and the pate. The seventh, called “kundalini” is capable of being activated, in very rare cases, to represent the limit of prowess, both mental and physical, a sort of “ne plus ultra” which means “nothing beyond this”.

There is a game called 7 tiles and a speedy form of rugby played by 7 men on each side called seven-a-side, instead of 15.

Now a look at the following wonderful facts and their relation with the number 7 from the Quran:

[2:29] He is the One who created for you everything on earth, then turned to the sky and perfected SEVEN universes therein, and He is fully aware of all things.

[2:196] ...During the normal Hajj, if you break the state of Ihraam (sanctity) between Umrah and Hajj, you shall expiate by offering an animal sacrifice. If you cannot afford it, you shall fast three days during Hajj and SEVEN when you return home - this completes ten -provided you do not live at the Sacred Masjid. You shall observe GOD,

and know that GOD is strict in enforcing retribution.

[2:261] The example of those who spend their monies in the cause of GOD is that of a grain that produces SEVEN spikes, with a hundred grains in each spike. GOD multiplies this manifold for whomever He wills. GOD is Bounteous, Knower.

[12:43] The king said, "I saw SEVEN fat cows being devoured by SEVEN skinny cows, and SEVEN green spikes (of wheat), and others shriveled. O my elders, advise me regarding my dream, if you know how to interpret the dreams."

[12:46] "Joseph my friend, inform us about SEVEN fat cows being devoured by SEVEN skinny cows, and SEVEN green spikes, and others shriveled. I wish to go back with some information for the people."

[12:47] He said, "What you cultivate during the next SEVEN years, when the time of harvest comes, leave the grains in their spikes, except for what you eat.

[12:48] "After that, SEVEN years of drought will come, which will consume most of what you stored for them.

[15:44] "It will have SEVEN gates. Each gate will get a specific share of them."

[15:87] We have given you the SEVEN pairs, and the great Quran.

[17:44] Glorifying Him are the SEVEN universes, the earth, and everyone in them. There is nothing that does not glorify Him, but you do not understand their glorification. He is Clement, Forgiver.

[18:22] Some would say, "They were three; their dog being the fourth," while others would say, "Five; the sixth being their dog," as they guessed. Others said, "SEVEN," and the eighth was their dog. Say, "My Lord is the best knower of their number." Only a few knew the correct number. Therefore, do not argue with them; just go along with them. You need not consult anyone about this.

[23:17] We created above you SEVEN universes in layers, and we are never unaware of a single creature in them.

[23:86] Say, "Who is the Lord of the SEVEN universes; the Lord of the great dominion?"

[31:27] If all the trees on earth were made into pens, and the ocean supplied the ink, augmented by SEVEN more oceans, the words of GOD would not run out. GOD is

Almighty, Most Wise.

[41:12] Thus, He completed the SEVEN universes in two days, and set up the laws for every universe. And we adorned the lowest universe with lamps, and placed guards around it. Such is the design of the Almighty, the Omniscient.

[65:12] GOD created SEVEN universes and the same number of earths. The commands flow among them. This is to let you know that GOD is Omnipotent, and that GOD is fully aware of all things.

[67:3] He created SEVEN universes in layers. You do not see any imperfection in the creation by the Most Gracious. Keep looking; do you see any flaw?

[69:7] He unleashed it upon them for SEVEN nights and eight days, violently. You could see the people tossed around like decayed palm trunks.

[71:15] Do you not realize that GOD created SEVEN universes in layers?

[78:12] We built above you SEVEN universes.

We turn around the Kaaba seven times, we run between Safa and Marwa seven times; we stone the 3 Shaitans each seven times.

Why was the 7th voyage of Sinbad his last?

Even Snow White made friends with the 7 Dwarfs.

Finally, the saying “keep a thing for 7 years and you will find a use for it”.

God be Glorified! Thank you God!