

Revelations From Inside The Cave

Note: This essay is translated from my Arabic book, "[Tafseel Al-Kitab](#)" ["The Detailed Explanation of the Scripture"], and it's written with the assumption that the reader is well familiar with the topics and stories addressed in the 18th chapter of the Qur'an, "The Cave". Furthermore, It would be helpful to read my other book, "[The Straight Path](#)", to better understand some of the claims I make in this essay.

Whoever seeks the truth about this worldly life will not reach it if he stops at its outward appearance and neglects its ulterior. For this truth, a simple equation:

$$\text{Knowledge of the Truth (Reality)} = \\ \text{Apparent (Exoteric) Knowledge} + \text{Hidden (Esoteric) Knowledge}$$

In several places in His Enlightening Scripture, God highlights the importance of esoteric knowledge, because esoteric knowledge holds what is hidden, and often what is hidden contains the greater part of the truth. I find "Surat Al-Kahf" ("The Cave Chapter") to be the chapter of **"The Apparent and the Hidden"**. On the surface, the chapter narrates many stories and topics filled with morals and wisdoms that teach the reader the importance of

trusting God, and that life matters are defined by their conclusions, and that there are many hidden / esoteric / unseen / predestined matters that a person may not perceive, and so forth. Whoever absorbs those morals and wisdoms and acts upon them will be able to face life's trials and tribulations. They will also develop the curiosity and interest to search for the complete truth that allows them to be conscious of the underlying realities of this world, such as God's hidden plans and practices, Satan's hidden evil schemes, and people's true nature and ulterior motives. And with life trials and experiences come wisdom and insight. So, what is wisdom, and what is insight?

Wisdom is reaching a conclusion or passing judgment regarding a matter or a thing after knowing its apparent and ulterior truth—as opposed to naivety, which is to judge based only on outward appearance (or first impressions), as did Satan, the angels, Adam and Eve in ancient times, and subsequently, multitudes of the Children of Adam. Add true divine knowledge along with wisdom and you will have sound insight to form in your mind the true picture of things. The more knowledge you gain, the more complete the picture becomes with all its details.

{They know what is apparent of the worldly life, but they, of the Hereafter, are oblivious.} (30:7)

It is no coincidence that “The Cave” chapter is positioned deep within the Qur'an—exactly in the middle of the Book. If we consider the name of the chapter, we find that the cave (at first) appears to be nothing more than a superficial opening with an inner gap. To discover the truth of its matter, you must delve into its interior. The deeper you delve into it, the darker it gets—hence, the more light you will need. If you are given the light, and you strive forward, you will discover that there is more depth than what you initially imagined, and this is the reality of this worldly life. To see the outward appearance of life (i.e., the visible world) through your eyes, you need visible light, but to see through your Fouad—the third eye—the hidden meaning of this worldly life and what is truly happening beyond what is apparent and obvious, you need the light of God! And the source of this light on Earth today is the Qur'an and the Straight Path.

{Alif, Lam, Ra. A Book which We have sent to you, so you bring mankind out of darkneses into the light by permission of their Lord—to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Most Praiseworthy.}
(14:1)

The more we gain knowledge, the more we realize how much we do not know. We find this wisdom in the creation of the Heavens and the Earth. Whenever humans discover the

smallest/lowest entity of matter, they then find what is even smaller, and whenever they discover the highest/farthest creation of God, they then find what is even further. There are many depths to the truth of existence; each depth needs additional light—light upon light. God guides to His light whomever He wills, and for whom God does not grant light, there is no light (24:35). Whoever reads the words of the Qur'an will reach its surface and pick up its low-hanging fruits, but whoever scrutinizes and contemplates the words of the Qur'an will enter its cave and extract its hidden treasures. As much as one strives and exerts the effort to know of God and the truth—without being biased to one's whims and desires—as much as one acquires the esoteric knowledge in the Qur'an and the insight to perceive what lies beyond the horizon.

{And that Man can have nothing but what he seeks; and that his effort will eventually be seen.} (53:39-40)

Whoever receives insight from his Lord and delves into the cave of the Qur'an will reach the following discoveries:

1. Most of the stories in the Qur'an will be repeated in end times—**"The Second Global Era of Islam"**, as some have called it—but in a modern outfit and with different details to suit its time.

2. The Qur'an is a message (sent from God) to all people at all times, but within the message there is an address, apparently (directly) to the former Muslims (during prophet Muhammad's time), and covertly (indirectly) to the latter Muslims (of end times), and how magnificent is the Lord of the worlds!
3. The religion of God—Islam—has been completed and made known to the people. There is no prophet after Muhammad (peace be upon him), and there is no Book/Scripture to be sent down from Heaven after the Qur'an. However, the complete knowledge of certitude inside the Qur'an has not been made apparent to the people at the time the Qur'an was revealed, so that people may continue to learn and research the Qur'an in effort to understand better the truth about God, His creation, His religion, His practices, and His laws. There are different measures and depths of knowledge in the cave of the Qur'an that God permits its discovery and revelation over the ages (2:255), depending on how many signs the people in each age need to be certain of God's existence. {And so those who were given knowledge may know that it is the truth from your Lord (and) so they believe in it; then their hearts be venerating to Him; and surely Allah indeed guides the ones who have believed to a straight path.} (22:54)

The Cave chapter is an allegorical chapter full of symbols and cryptic indications. If we connect the stories of this chapter with end times prophecies and current events, we will arrive at an **esoteric reading** of this chapter that highlights key events of end times (*I will share with you part of this reading at the end of this essay*). Prophet Muhammad's (peace be upon him) statements regarding the importance of reading The Cave chapter every Friday, and how it protects us from Ad-Dajjal (The Antichrist) tribulation, are two pieces of evidence that signal the importance of understanding hidden knowledge, especially in end times. Why? Because in end times the truth will be masked by falsehood, and there is the Dajjal tribulation, which is the greatest tribulation of all time. In other words, in order to not be deceived by the falsehood that the Dajjal will exhibit, you will need to have complete certainty of what is true and real and what is not. Therefore, you will need the knowledge of certitude, and the largest part of this knowledge is the hidden knowledge. The more you realize what is happening covertly, the more you will realize the true reality of the Dajjal and protect yourself from his deception. And for your information, the deception of the Dajjal began before his public appearance, and we are now in the midst

of it (coinciding with the end of the Dark tribulation), until his deception reaches its climax upon his emergence.

For those who, unfortunately, do not believe in what I am saying, let them revisit the story of prophet Moses with Al-Khidr. Even though Moses (peace be upon him) was a messenger, a prophet, and the one who spoke to God directly, he could not endure what Al-Khidr did. So how, O Son of Adam, will you endure what the Dajjal will do if you do not have a comprehensive awareness (of his deception)?!! This is why you must learn what the Qur'an, the Messenger of God, and the scholars have mentioned to you, especially (if you were born) in a time of misguidance and Satan's Era; in a time when people enjoin evil and forbid good; in a time when jihad in God's cause becomes "radicalism and terrorism", adherence to the straight path becomes "extremism and backwardness", committing lewd acts becomes "progressiveness and open-mindedness", and the month of the Qur'an and forgiveness (i.e., Ramadan) becomes "the month of TV series and idle talk", ignorance becomes "secularism", and lying and committing fraud becomes "social norms and cleverness"; in a time where "the liar is believed and the truthful is disbelieved; the traitor will be regarded as trustworthy, and the trustworthy person will be regarded as a

traitor; and the stupid fool speaks (publicly)” (Hadith). Al-Khidr, in the Cave chapter, is like a tutor of esoteric knowledge, not only to prophet Moses, but to Muhammad’s ummah (nation), until the emergence of the Dajjal. Every Friday, the Muslims should have a study session with him. Whoever studies well will become certain and insightful (or in other words, have higher consciousness), and whoever becomes certain and insightful and follows the best advice will succeed in the exam of end times, in'Sha'Allah (God willing).

There is wisdom in God's decree to have the Dajjal emerge in end times. I will leave it to the people of reason to try to figure it out after what I have written, and all praise be to Allah who taught the Qur'an.

(An esoteric reading of some parts of Surat Al-Kahf)

The People of the Cave and the Digits

In end times, the People of the Cave and the Digits (known in Christianity as “the Seven Sleepers”) are the guided ones who will pledge their allegiance to “imam Al-Mahdi” (“The Guided and Guiding Leader” in English), between the corner (of the Ka'bah) and the station (of Ibrahim in Makkah), and imam Al-Mahdi (peace be upon him) is one of them. The story of the People of the Cave, in its esoteric ulterior form, tells us the characteristics of this group and the events that will concern them:

- Since their youth, these guided ones were keen on searching and investigating the truth. They were also determined to support the poor and defend the oppressed and the weak, but they never found a way to achieve their end goal. So, all they could do was leave their affair to God and rely on Him as a supporting guide. {So they said, "Our Lord, grant us from Yourself mercy and facilitate for us the right course in our affair."}

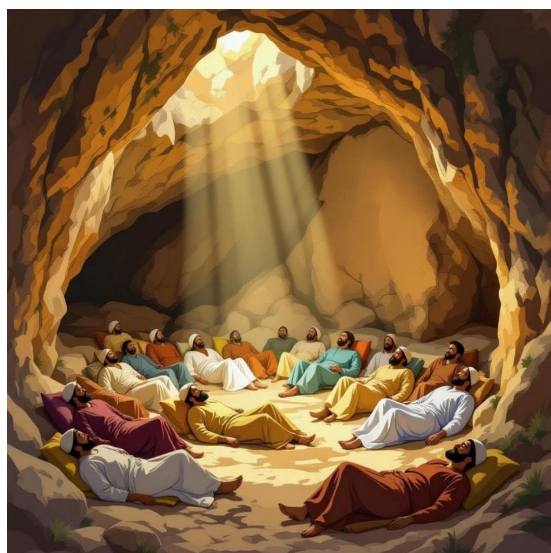
- In the esoteric ulterior picture, the cave symbolizes “**The Hidden State of Transformation**”. After they demonstrated their faith and loyalty to God alone, and their keenness to follow the truth and stay away from (“Islamist”) groups, these young men were led into the cave to reach the highest levels of guidance. {Indeed, they were young men who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance.} {He whom Allah guides is the (rightly) guided, but he whom He leaves astray - never will you find for him a protecting guide.} Thus, God guided them to the right path, and by His mercy, provided them with special nurturing that would prepare them to achieve the dream they always strived for—and a dream is not impossible to achieve as long as all affairs lie in God’s hands, and if the (darkness of the) night is long, (the light of the) morning will surely follow, {"so retreat to the cave. Your Lord will spread out for you of His mercy and will prepare for you from your affair facility."} The cave serves as an exclusive virtual facility (or incubator) setup to prepare the crew members of the “ship/ark of salvation”, and this ship is the true Islamic caliphate (state) that will be established.

- These guided ones remained in the cave for a number of years, during a time known (by some Muslims) as “Qarn Ash-Shaytan” (Era of Satan)¹, in which the Earth gets filled with injustice and tyranny, {and (had you been present), you would see the sun when it rose, inclining away from their cave on the right, and when it set, passing away from them on the left, while they were (laying) within an open space thereof}, until they reached their peak (mental, physical, and spiritual) maturity, becoming like monks standing up at night (in prayer), {and We made firm their hearts when they stood up and said, "Our Lord is the Lord of the Heavens and the Earth. Never will we invoke besides Him any deity. We would have certainly spoken, then, an excessive transgression"}}, and like lions during the day, if you were to face them on the battlefield {you would have turned from them in flight and been filled by them with terror.} These guided ones understood the true purpose of this worldly life and that God made {that which is on the Earth adornment for it so that We may test them (as to) which of them is best in deeds.} So they said, “Our Lord is Allah

¹ This term is taken from a Hadith. The Hadith seems to hint that this era will begin when Al-Saud family, originating in the Najd region of central Arabia, conquers Al-Hijaz, and it may last for a whole century. This era may be the “short time” or “little season” mentioned in the book of Revelation. During this era, Satan will unleash all his evil schemes and deceptions against humanity, and I find an esoteric explanation to why God will allow him to do so right before end times.

(alone)!", then they stayed steadfast on the straight path, patient, and striving to be the best in deeds.

- However, during the preparation phase, these guided men were oblivious to the divine plan of their affair and the hidden state in which they were in; as if they were asleep within the state, unconscious of the truth of their affair, and not even those close to them realized who they truly are, {and you would think them awake, while they were asleep.} Nevertheless, before the pledge of allegiance takes place, they will wake up from their obliviousness and realize the possibility of the truth of their affair, while they are in between doubt and certainty, in confusion and questioning, without absolute certainty, {and thus We awakened them that they might question one another. Said a speaker from among them, "How long have you remained (here)?" They said, "We have remained a day or part of a day." They said, "Your Lord is most knowing of how long you remained."} And during this short period of uncertainty, these guided ones will begin to share with people some traces



of their guidance, with anticipation and caution, knowing the danger of the matter, {so send one of you with this silver coin of yours to the city and let him look to which is the best of food and bring you provision from it and let him be cautious. For they, if they should come to know of you, will stone you or turn you back to their creed; then you will never succeed.}

- These guided ones are also the “People of the Raqem”², because they live in the age of digitization and technology. Their specialization could be either in computer science and digitization, or you could find them on the digital social media platforms, concerned about what is happening to the Islamic nation, which is being conspired against and attacked by all other nations.
- In their time, there will be two parties from Muhammad’s ummah (nation) called “Ash-Shia” and “As-Sunna”, {then We awakened them so that We might show which of the two parties was most precise in calculating what (extent) they had remained in time.} Ash-Shia party calculated—with complete conviction—that “313” is the number of these men, while As-Sunna party calculated “300-309.” The Cave chapter may indicate that their number is 309; nine of them are distinguished from the rest. Indeed, God knows best their

² As per my interpretation of this Arabic word, I find it to mean “digits”.

number; only a few know them, {and they remained in their cave for three hundred years, and to that they increased nine (more). Say, "Allah is most knowing of how long they remained. He has (knowledge of) the unseen (aspects) of the Heavens and the Earth. How well He sees, and how well He hears! They have no protecting ally besides Him, and He does not associate in His judgment anyone."} After the pledge of allegiance in Makkah, the true identity and number of the guided ones will become known, and people will then know that the promise of God is true and that we have entered the era of the major signs of the Hour! {And thus We caused them to be found that they (who found them) would know that the promise of Allah is true and that the Hour, there is no doubt about it.}

- Coinciding with their emergence, there will be a dispute at the Dome of the Rock masjid (mosque), in Jerusalem (*which I suspect is the location of the real cave, known as the "Well of Souls", inside the rock under the dome; God knows best*). There will be those who want to build a temple on it, and those who want to protect the existing masjid, and victory will ultimately be for the owners of the masjid, {when they disputed among themselves about their affair and (then) said, "Construct over them a structure. Their Lord is most knowing about them."

Said those who prevailed in the matter, "We will surely take (for ourselves) over them a masjid."}

- After the emergence of these guided ones to revive the Islamic caliphate (state), in accordance with prophetic practicing methodology, questions and arguments will arise among the people about when the Dajjal (Antichrist), in the view of some, or the Messiah, the Savior, in the view of others, will emerge. The Dajjal is like the dog panting at the entrance of the cave, wanting to prevent the emergence of these guided ones. People will say, by making random guesses of the unseen, that his emergence will take place after three, four, five, six, seven, or eight years, {they will say, "Three, their dog (was) the fourth of them." And (others) will say, "Five, their dog (was) the sixth of them", guessing at the Unseen. (Some others) will say, "Seven, and their dog (was) the eighth of them."} It is best to follow God's command, {"So therefore contend not in the matter of them but with an apparent contention, and do not question concerning them any of them."}

The story of prophet Moses with Al-Khidr

Al-Khidr symbolizes God's hidden plan and destiny. During prophet Moses' journey with Al-Khidr, three (incomprehensible) situations occurred. These situations indicate in a cryptic manner

what will happen to imam Al-Mahdi and his companions in end times, as follows (and God always knows best):

1. Initially, there will be a wave of envy, resentment, and denunciation toward imam Al-Mahdi and the guided men. This wave will seize the chests of some Muslims, similar to what happened with the messengers of God when they brought the truth, and similar to what happened with Saul, the Chosen One, and most of them are haters of the truth. This wave is like {a king who seized every ship by force.} There is a number of Islamic scholars—who work in the sea of God's words—that have some level of ego concealed in their hearts, and which may cause them to rebuff those who disagree with them and do not follow their school of thought and curriculum, or those who are more knowledgeable and guided than them, or to disbelieve in some of the surprises that God has destined for end times to test His servants. Therefore, God, by His mercy and wisdom, intended to bruise the ego of the righteous among them before the wave arrives, so that they humble themselves, and consequently avoid any wrongful reactions that will make them among the losers, {as for the ship, it belonged to poor people working at sea. So I intended

to impair it, as there was after them a king who seized every ship by force.}

2. It is sad today to witness wickedness, ignorance, hypocrisy, and disobedience from many Muslims, and these Muslims are becoming more distinguishable with every day that passes. These so-called “Muslims” may overburden those in charge of the new Islamic caliphate (state) with transgression and disbelief, like the boy who, if God would have kept him alive for an extended time, would have overburdened his parents, {and as for the boy, his parents were believers, and we feared that he would overburden them by transgression and disbelief. So we intended that their Lord should substitute for them one better than him in purity and nearer to mercy.} Therefore, God is going to destroy these people and substitute them with those who will enter God’s religion—Islam—in droves. Shall any be destroyed except the rebellious, disobedient ones?! {I swear not by The Lord of the easts and the wests that indeed We are able to substitute them with better than them; and We are not to be outdone.} (70:40-41)

Among the signs of the Hour are the appearances of subsidence, transformation (of humans into animals), and pelting (of objects from the sky). Aisha (may God be pleased

with her) said, “The Messenger of God (pbuh) said: ‘There will be subsidence and transformation at the end of this nation.’ She said: ‘I said, O Messenger of God! Will we be destroyed while there are righteous people among us?’ He said: ‘Yes, if wickedness appears.’” In another narration, the Messenger of God said, “At end times, there will be subsidence, pelting, and transformation, when concerts and showgirls appear and alcohol is made permissible.” And for your information, God mentioned the stories of the Children of Israel in the Qur'an not to glorify them, or only to reproach them and reveal the truth, but also to warn Muslims (in general) and Arabs (in particular) not to follow in their footsteps, in arrogance, fanaticism, haughtiness, wickedness, and immorality, for if they do so, they will meet the same fate. Unfortunately, a not-so-small group of Arabs are following in their footsteps and the footsteps of Satan, {but there came after them a generation, who neglected prayers and followed lust, so they will meet perdition.} (19:59) Woe to the Arabs from evil that is nigh!

3. Toward the end of Satan's Era (i.e., our present time), the Earth has become a global village and the house of the rebellious disobedient. Its elites are plotting evil therein, and

its people do not even host a poor passerby who needs someone to feed him. Therefore, Allah will make them taste the consequences of their evil doings by demolishing the house. The global economy will soon collapse and the dollar will be devalued, which will necessitate a return to gold as a currency and monetary standard. But the tragedy is that Muslims either do not own a lot of gold, or their gold is not in their possession!! So what is the solution? The solution lies with Allah ﷻ always and forever. I see the (prophecised) appearance of a mount of gold, due to the receding of the Euphrates, like treasure appearing beneath a (demolished) wall, {and as for the wall, it belonged to two orphan boys in the city, and there was beneath it a treasure for them, and their father had been righteous. So your Lord intended that they reach maturity and extract their treasure, as a mercy from your Lord.} This gold is a trap and a curse upon the disbelievers and criminals, in accordance with what prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said: “The Hour will not come until the Euphrates³ recedes and reveals a mount of gold over which people will fight over. Ninety-nine out of every hundred will be killed, and each man will say: ‘Perhaps I will be the one who

³ “Euphrates” means “sweet water”, so it does not have to be the Euphrates river that passes through Syria and Iraq.

will survive’.” As for the Messenger of God saying, “Whoever attends it should not take anything from it”, in addition to other reported narrations, it may indicate that this gold has a guardian and knowledgeable owner, and only its trustworthy owner has the right to extract it. He will divide it correctly and equally among Muslims, out of compassion for them, and God is more knowing and more merciful, and He does not waste the reward of those who do good.

Thul-Qarnayn

Thul-Qarnayn (i.e., the man of the paired centuries, eras, or horns⁴) of our time is imam Al-Mahdi. In his lifetime, the twentieth century conjoined with the twenty-first century, and the Era of Satan conjoined with the era that follows it (I called it “The Era of Insan [Man]”; Jews call it “The Messianic Age”). Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) informed us that imam Al-Mahdi is the vicegerent of God on Earth. I see the word “vicegerent” to mean someone who is entrusted with succeeding God—The Owner of Kingship—in having sovereignty and rule over the Earth. And like Thul-Qarnayn in the Cave chapter, imam Al-Mahdi will undertake

⁴ “Qarnayn” means “two Qarns”, and the Arabic word “Qarn” is often used to mean “century”, “generation”, “era”, or “horn”, but the origin of the word means a thing—like time—that is associated (or paired) with what distinguishes it, unlike the Arabic word “Asr”, which is not associated with anything distinctive. I believe that this is why it is called the “Asr prayer”, because it is not associated with a distinctive position of the sun, and Man is at a loss when his life matters are not associated with faith and righteous deeds (103:1-3).

a reformative inspection tour around the world. The Jews' questioning—through the polytheists—our prophet Muhammad (pbuh) about Thul-Qarnayn, the People of the Cave, and the Spirit was not random; it is likely that their motive was not only to test the prophethood of prophet Muhammad, but it also had something to do with imam Al-Mahdi. Imam Al-Mahdi is the savior of end times (from the Dark tribulation and the criminals and tyrants of his time), who was mentioned in the books of former prophets and on the tongues of the Israelite prophets. The Jews are waiting for him (for he is the prophesied “Mashiach”), but upon his emergence, most of them will rebuff him because he does not follow their creed, just as they previously rebuffed prophet Isa (Jesus) and prophet Muhammad, until Ad-Dajjal (the Antichrist) emerges and deceives them by claiming that he is the true Mashiach (and God knows best).

I do not tell you that I know the unseen (i.e., future) and that everything I have mentioned to you is the absolute truth. This is only an esoteric reading, after interpreting and matching the symbols and the cryptic indications in Surat Al-Kahf with the knowledge that has come to me. I leave my matter to God—that is Allah, my Lord. In Him I trust, and to Him I turn penitent.