

Why does Islam respect the number 786?

57 ANSWERS



Sarosh Mohammad, Muslim

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Originally Answered: Why do Muslims consider the number '786' so special?

The [Abjad numerals](#) are a decimal number system where the 28 letters of the Arabic alphabet are assigned numerical values. The value table looks like this.

Table of Sequential & Gematrical Values of the Arabic Alphabet														
Sequential Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Arabic Letters	ا	ب	ج	د	ه	و	ز	ح	ط	ي	ك	ل	م	ن
English	A	B	G	D	H	W	Z	HH	TT	Y	K	L	M	N
Gematrical Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	30	40	50
Sequential Value	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Arabic Letters	س	ع	ف	ص	ق	ر	ش	ت	ث	خ	ذ	ض	ظ	غ
English	S	'A	F	SS	Q	R	Sh	T	Th	Kh	Dh	DD	ZZ	Gh
Gematrical Value	60	70	80	90	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000

The Arabic letters of the opening phrase of the Quran "Bismillah ir-Rahman ir-Rahim" (In the name of Allah, the most Merciful, the most Beneficent) sum up to the numerical value 786 using this table, thus explaining its significance.

Muslims, especially in South East Asia tend to use the number 786 instead of the phrase "Bismillah ir-Rahman ir-Rahim" when writing on places that are considered to be inappropriate to write down verses from the Quran.

However this tradition was not followed during the Prophet's time or during his [Sahabah](#)'s. Some people say it even amounts to [Bid'ah](#) and this tradition is seldom practiced among Muslims outside the countries belonging to the Indian subcontinent.

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Aziz Gilani, Muslim

Written Nov 29, 2012

Originally Answered: Why is the number 786 considered of importance in Islam (or in general)?

The arabic phrase *b-ismi-llāhi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīmi* which means "*In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*" precedes almost every chapter of the Quran.

Popular during the Abbasid Caliphate, the [Abjad numerals](#)  system adds up the values of the letters in the phrase to 786.

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The usage of 786 is extremely popular in South Asia as a talisman, especially popular with motor vehicles.

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Karan Kumar, Well versed on Islam

Written Dec 23, 2015

Originally Answered: What is the importance of number 786 in Islam?

Well, through the study of numerology, 786 "translates" to Bismillah Ir Rahman Ir Rahim (In the name of God, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful). This number is popular in places such as Pakistan and India.

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Add all of those numbers up, tell me what you get. Some folk see this as bida, while others just see it as another way of saying the phrase mentioned above. To each their own as I always say. Oh, in regards to significance, it's just something affiliated with Islam within the regions of Pakistan and India. Hope this helps, cheers!

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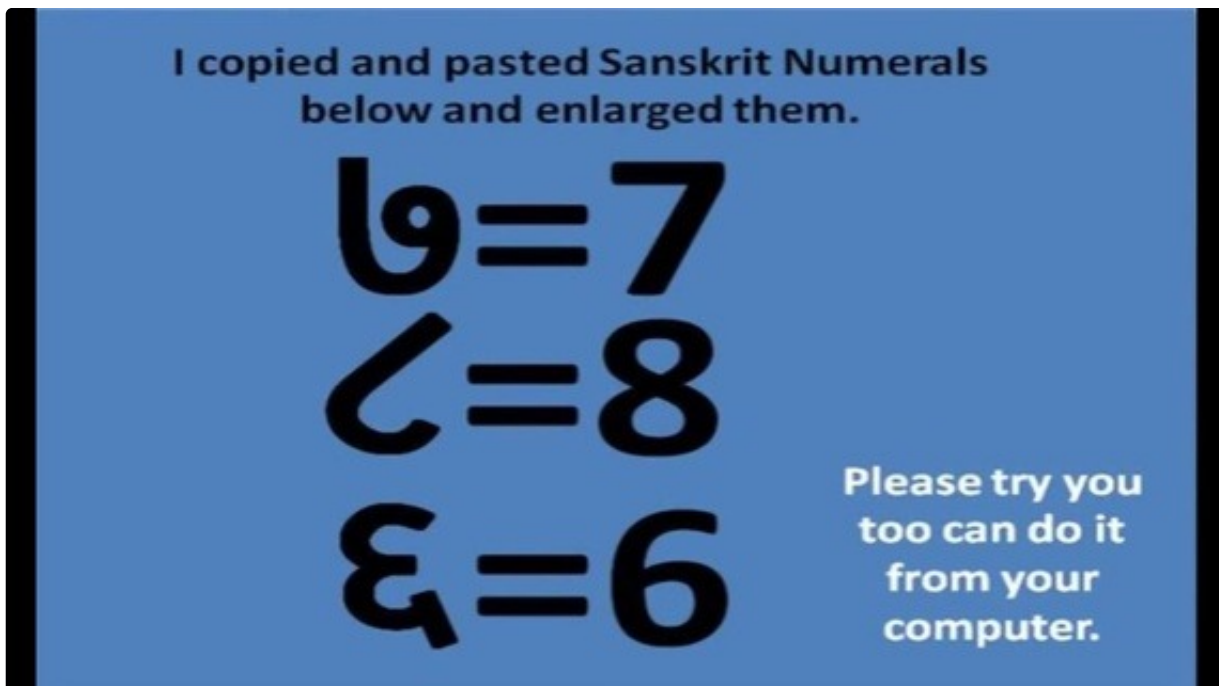
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You might want to shun it as an outright lie, but this looks like an equivalent of "Om" of the Dharmic (India based) religions.

Here's how the author of above thesis claims so:

Step-1

Write 786 in Sanskrit.



Step-2

Write the numbers in Arabic format, i.e. Right to left

Ξ=6 ∟ =8 9 =7

I arranged them in a non traditional style i.e. from right to left.

Step-3

Ξ ∟ 9

I took out Arabic/Western numerals.

Step-4

Take its **Mirror Image**

ε ∟ 9

I flipped above numerals horizontally.
Now they look like below as if we are
seeing in a mirror.

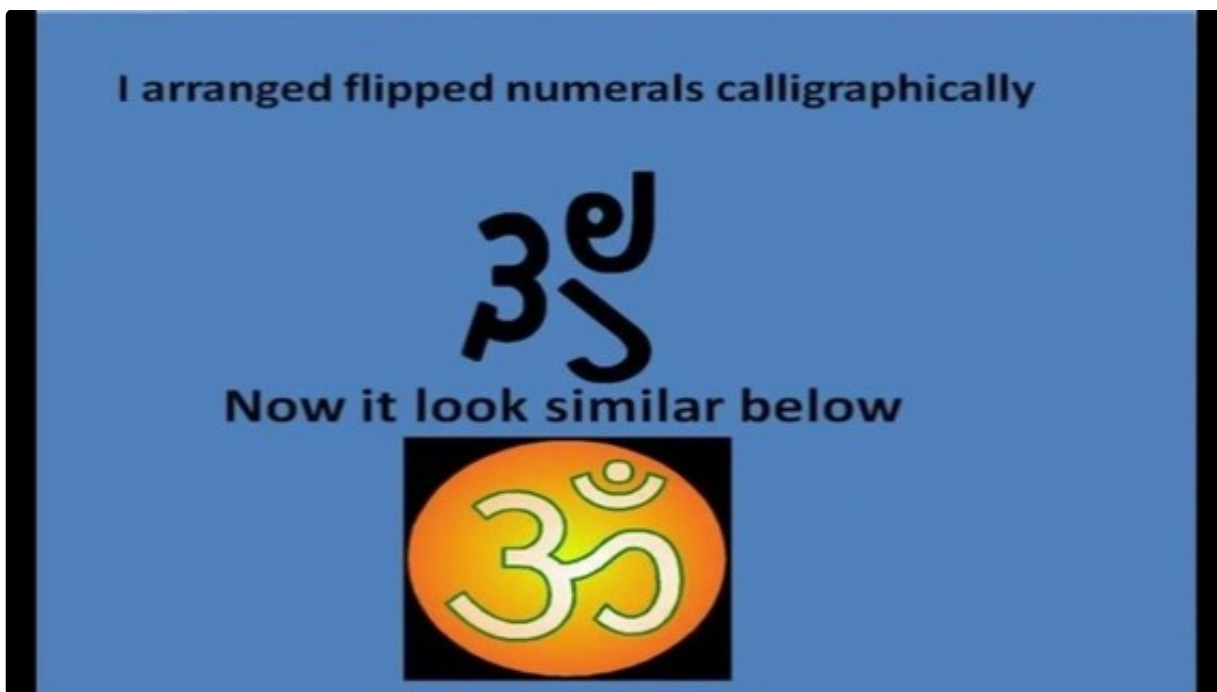
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Original numerals

ε ∟ 9

Flipped numerals

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Isn't that amazing! But is it really true?

In my view, most likely yes because of the following reasons:

1. Reverence of 786 in Islam is something that is exclusive just to Indian subcontinent and has no similar significance in rest of Islamic world. So the reasoning behind is specifically Indian.
2. Prophet Mohammed Himslef had a great reverence for India based religions. He once said:

The best wind on earth is in al-Hind, Adam(a.s) was sent down with it, and its trees caught some of the wind of paradise”

- Shah aliullah Muhaddith Dehlavi (RA) mentioned a Hadith, referenced by Al-ibrani-Al-Aust

These winds that Prophet referred to were the religions of India. "Om" is something that is unique to India and is a common link between all its religions - from theistic Vedic traditions to non-theistic Jainism & Buddhism

3. Dharmic religions has a lot in common with Islam. Such deep is the similarity that if you replace the word Brahman in Upanishads with Allah then the hymns of Upanishad would sound like Sufi poetry and if you read Allah in Sufi poetry as Brahman then the Sufi poetry would look like inspired from Upanishads.

The deeper you get into depths of these two religions, the greater the similarities keep getting. Some of the amazing similar concepts I happened to discover are as under:

- concept of Advaita and Taweed
- concept of Jeev-Ajeev and Fana-Baka
- concept of Gun-Sthana and haal & Makam
- Concept of Moksha and Fana al Fana

Prophet Mohammed was very well aware of Hinduism and its great depth. This precisely was the reason He said:

"I am Arab, but Arab is not in me and I am not in Hind but Hind is in me".

- Shah Waliullah Muhaddith Dehlavi (RA) mentioned a Hadith, referenced by Al-Tibrani-Al-Aust (The above Hadith is referred to as weak, but is still a Hadith)

3. When highly evolved Sufis would have arrived in India, they would have also discovered this depth of Hinduism and the importance of "Om", and thus would have devised a parallel of the same for Islam and introduced it with their disciples. That's precisely should be the reason that this concept of 786 is just India based.

The above thesis might just be a mere speculation, but still worth contemplating. Anything that helps create harmony and regard for each other is worth an effort.

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Neha Kariyaniya, Muslim

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Originally Answered: Why do Muslims consider the number '786' so special?

It's the numeric value for Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Rahim written in Arabic. People mostly in India and Pakistan use it as a substitute for Bismillah.

However, rest assured, it has no real significance- the number 786. It's just a number, some consider it sacred, but most others, like me, don't give it extra importance. It's just a number, nothing else.

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