



SOCIOLOGY OF BIBLICAL NUMERICS

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Abstract

Bible is the holy book of Christian community that has an importance not only from religious perspective but also it is considered to be one of the most intelligent-intellectual books coded with messages that have helped people to shape their society as we can see it today. The main aim of this book is to bring people closer to God at the same time it mediates many moral and value systems that helps people to socialize them in the society. One of the secret patterns in Bible is numbers or geometria with latent messages. This article deals with the first seven numbers of the Bible and its coded messages accompanied by sociological interpretation.

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Introduction

A general definition of Bible is accumulation of sacred or holy ancient scriptures which are believed to be the 'words of God' especially by the followers of Christ. Bible is the whole account of God's action, his objectives for every creation that exist today. However apart from the mythical, majestic and moral principles of Bible it is a very empirically and rationally compiled ancient scripture with various patterns that not only guide people on religious standards but also have a reciprocal relation with sociological theme and phenomenological dimension. One of the interesting patterns in Bible is geometria or biblical numbers. Although there are millions of numbers with hidden codes in Bible but in this article we are going to interpret first seven numbers from Sociological perspective by correlating them with Bible.

Numbers

One: The first digit comes in the Bible is number '1' (one) and stands for or represents unit or unity. It symbolizes the unity of God, the nature of oneness of God in Bible. In John 10:30, the number one has been used to represent the unity between the father and the son i.e. God and Jesus Christ. The Bible although divided into 2 segments Old Testament and New Testament but we can see there is an existence of incredible unity between them. In Bible number one is very important as it symbolizes one God, one Baptism to forgive our sins, one faith, one hope, one way or medium through which people can go to heaven i.e. Jesus Christ. The first person created by God was a man (Adam), the first biological and social unit of human society.

From Sociological perspective also the primary unit of human society is individual. In rational terms it can be said that a unit is the starting point or beginning for major creations. As a creation in society becomes bigger the nature of units becomes more complex. The evolution of society proposed by Herbert Spencer showed the increasing level of complexity of society in 4 categories namely Simple society, Compound society, Doubly Compound society and Trebly Compound society.

Two: Number 2 'Two' in the Bible stands for union, division or verification of facts by witnesses. But generally it represents union i.e. accumulation, assimilation, accommodation, integration or interaction of at least two things. In Genesis 2:23-24, 'A man and a women, though two in number are made one in marriage'. In this line the sociological importance of marriage has been stated. Number two has a reciprocal relation with number one. Number one shows the unity between Jesus Christ and God that is developed through a union (number two). So number one and two are in one way or the other are correlated with each other. In 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 45-49; 'the first man Adam sinned and bought death and destruction into this world. Jesus Christ the- second Adam, brings hope of resurrection and eternal life.'



So in Bible, number 2 (Two) is for union and division. One of the living proofs of number two can be found in capitalist form of society described by Karl Marx. The capitalist society (modern/ industrial) divided into two classes i.e. Bourgeoisie (rich/ owner) and proletariat (labourer). Emile Durkheim divided the society based on nature of complexity- mechanical solidarity and organic solidarity. F. Tonnis made a broad distinction of society in terms of its features and nature of occupations- Gemeinschaft (rural society) and Geshellschaft (urban society). Federation is the form of government in which power is distributed between states and strong centre like India. It is interesting to see that all these social organisations and political structures which exist today were coded down in Bible thousands of years ago by the words of God.

Three: Number three (3) has been used 467 times in Bible. A very latent pattern that has been decoded is when we multiply 467 in the form $4*6*7$ we get 168 which is again divisible by 3 ($168/3= 56$), number 56 when multiplied with each other $5*6$ we get 30 again divisible by 3 giving quotient of 10. If we multiply $1*0$ we get zero (0). In Bible number three stands for **trinity or divinity**. The three parts of God i.e. father, son and the holy spirits. The three righteous patriarchs before the flood in the book of Genesis were Abel, Enoch and Noah. Another fact is there are 27 books in the New Testament which can be configured into $3*3*3$. Some other instances from the Bible are Jesus prayed three times in the Garden of Gethsemane before he got arrested, he was crucified at the 3rd hour of the day i.e. 9 a.m. and died at the 9th hour i.e. 3 p.m., on the third day Jesus got resurrected. Thus number three is also the symbol of resurrection.

In social world the impression of number three can be seen in our day to day interaction like family- the primary social unit of society composed of three parts i.e. husband, wife and children. According to Eliot and Merrill “family is the biological social unit composed of husband, wife and children.” The union of two person in marriage requires three people at the alter- bride, groom and the priest who is performing the marriage.

Four: Number four (4) in Bible drives its mean from **creation**. In Genesis 1:14-19, “on the fourth day of the creation week of God, he completed the material universe, he created the sun, the moon and all stars”. It can be a coincident or a rational pattern engraved in the Bible that Eva the first women in Bible is referred only four times according to Genesis 3:20, 4:1, 2Corinthians 11:3 and 1Timothy 2:13. Psalm 107 is the only section in Bible that contains the exact same phrase four times (Psalm 107:8, 15, 21 and 31). In Genesis 2:10-14, the Garden of Eden had a river which parted into the head waters at four other rivers namely Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel and Euphrates.

Today if we observe a country’s structure it is composed by accumulation of society at four (4) stages village, block, district and state. According to Emmanuel Wallerstein today’s capitalist world is divided into four groups based on an international division of labour that determine the relationship between different region as well as types of labour condition within each region. These are Core world (European countries), Periphery world (India, Pakistan etc.), Semi-periphery (intermediate countries between core and periphery) and External areas/ world (North Korea).

Five: Number Five (5) Symbolizes **God’s grace, goodness and favour towards nature & human race**. In John 1:16, a phrase is used ‘grace upon grace’ that is (5) five is multiplied by itself which is twenty-five (25). In the Ten Commandments it contains two sets of five commandments. The first five commandments are related to people’s treatment and about relationship with God, last five commandments are concerned with human being’s interpersonal relationship with one another. As such these Ten Commandments act as guidelines that makes a man social being or in other words socializing a man and a web of social relationship.

Sociologists have always considered society nothing else but a concrete phenomenon of social relationship. According to Maclver “Society is a web of social relationship.” According to Morris Ginsberg “A society is a collection of individuals united by certain relations or mode of behaviour which mark them off from others who do not enter into these relations or who differ from them in behaviour.”

Six: Number six (6) in Bible symbolizes human **weakness or manifestation of evil**. According to book of Genesis man was created on the sixth day by God. According to Bible man’s system on earth is made up of 3



dimensions economic, religion and political all of which are influenced by Lucifer (the devil). Therefore three 6s for each dimension making triple six (666) the symbol of devil. The Bible mentions six earthquakes in Exodus 19:18, 1King 19:11, Amos 1:1, Matthew 27:54, 28:2 and Acts 16:26. Another instance from Bible is that Jesus was accused six times of being demon possessed in Mark 3:22, John 7:20, 8:48, 8:52, 10:20 and Luke 11:15.

Today every society is suffering from six major social issues all around the globe i.e. unemployment, poverty, crime against women, corruption, communalism and juvenile delinquency. A society has six major dimensions from where a deviance or an issue can occur these are social, political, economic, religious, environmental and demographic. Karl Marx who proposed six stages of the development of society are Primitive Communism, Ancient society, Feudal Society, Capitalist Society, Scientific Communism and Socialist society. Each stage has its own limitations or backdrops and to overcome these, the society eventually got modified. However in Marx's words the Scientific Communism will end all the evils of capitalist society seems to be vain because today countries like China and USSR which are claimed to be communist and socialist in nature still have many social, economic and political problems. The point to note is that unlike God every creation of human being is not perfect by nature and that's the reason deviance and vice get one or the other way to get on the surface of the society.

Seven: In Bible number seven (7) stands for **completeness or perfection**. An interesting pattern in Bible is that this number has been used for 735 times out of which 54 times have been used in the book of Revelation only. If we divide 35 by 7 we get 5 ($35/7=5$) which represents God's grace. So we can see how God's grace and God's perfection are correlated with each other. In Genesis 1:1, 21, 27, 2:3 and 4, the word 'created' is used seven times describing God's creative work (three times in Genesis 1:27). In general number 7 can be related to many creations of the world under phenomenological term like seven continents, seven wonderers etc.

Conclusion

Bible is one of the important sources that give may not be a manifested but definitely a latent view on understanding the material world and social nature of human being. It guides person's day to day life, his daily action and interaction with others. This process and nature of interaction shapes the nature of society in which we live in. thus sociological interpretation of Biblical geometria/ numerics gives us an account on how human behaviour and its creations that exist today in one form or the other were already coded in the ancient scriptures of Bible thousands of years ago.

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