## Numerology Made Simple ${ }^{1}$ (Hisābi a Saukake)

This book explains the values of consonants and vowels in order to facilitate understanding for those seeking knowledge [of numerology], particularly women and children.

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May Allah Protect all Muslims from every tribulation.
May He save us and them from illnesses of the heart, corruption and deadly envy.

May You grant more among Your Muslim servants
every goodness.

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## Table of Contents

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# Section One: Introduction 

(Mss. Pages 1-6)

Many people would like to seek knowledge about the alphanumeric system used in numerology, astrology, and writing dates but are convinced that it is an extremely difficult and esoteric discipline. However, those knowledgeable in numerology are not special people. With hard work and determination and Allah's help, one can excel and be liberated from the darkness of ignorance. Unfortunately, many overlook this blessing.

People should seek knowledge of numerology because it is an important field of inquiry. God has made the sun a luminous object and the moon a luminous light and determined its phases so that they can be used for counting years, among other things. ${ }^{2}$ Scholars have been working to compile the 28 letters of the alphabet with which the Holy Quran was written.

In numerology, each letter has a numerical value ascribed to it. For instance, Alif, Baa, Jiim, and Daal stand for 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively. As will be shown later in more detail, each letter has a name in Hausa so that it can be easily recognized. In this book, we show the numerical value of each letter.

In each chapter, you will see examples. You will see the names of months in Arabic and in Hausa, then you will see their names in Ajami and the number of days in their cycles. Then you'll see the names of each of the seven days. Then the names of the stars/planets governing the hot season (bazara), the rainy season (damina), the harvest season (kaka), and the cold season (dar), as well as their cycles (i.e., the days they are visible). You will also see names of auspicious days and times for particular activities. You will see hatimi ${ }^{3}$ for use in determining these auspicious times and days. I ask that Allah grant us insight; I hope that this book will show how to use this knowledge wisely as Allah has forbidden its use for envious or evil ends.

May Allah guide us in understanding and grant us knowledge useful in this world and the next. So, my friend, I'm showing you the path to learning about numerology. If you work at it, you will know the rules. Knowledge of numerology will be easy for you, God willing, because the route to knowledge is open to those committed to learning.

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## Section Two: Letters and Numbers

(Mss. Pages 7-9)

In this section, the author presents each Arabic letter and the number to which it corresponds. For instance, the letter Alif corresponds to the number 1; Baa corresponds to the number 2; Jiim corresponds to the number 3; Siin corresponds to 300; Ghayn corresponds to 900 ; and Sbiin corresponds to 1,000 . This is called the Abajada, or alphabetical, number system, as illustrated in the table below:


An illustration of letters and their corresponding numbers.

Below is another table illustrating the numerical value of letters. Along with each number presented, the name of the corresponding letter is written in Hausa Ajami. So for example, we see the number 1 in the upper right of the table, with Alif written alongside in Hausa Ajami.


A table on page 6 illustrates the numbers and the names of their corresponding letters.

Using this system, one can write a text using numbers to represent letters. Likewise, letters may be used to represent numbers, as in dates (chronograms). For example, the
year 2022 can be written as follows: ششكب (Sbiin Sbiin Kaaf Baa), since Sbiin corresponds to 1000, a double Sbiin corresponds to 2000; Kaaf corresponds to 20; and Baa to 2.

The author goes on to note the importance of being able to differentiate between letters that are distinguished only by the presence or absence of a dot or dots (digo), as these distinctions are of critical importance, as indicated in the table below.


A list of letters that resemble one another but are distinguished by the dots [digo], appearing above or below; distinctions that signal different numerical values

For instance, letter Taa is written the same as the letter Tbaa, except that there are two dots for Taa, and three dots for Thaa. This distinction is important, as the value for letter Taa (with two dots) is 400, while the value for letter Thaa (with three dots) is only 200.

The author draws the reader's attention to these differences so that they can avoid confusing them.

## Section Three: Computations with the Alphanumeric System

(Mss. Pages 9-27)
This section presents computations/mathematical operations-in this case, multiplication. Pages 9 through 23 lay out these operations on the numbers $2,3,4,5,6$, 7,8 and 9 , always noting the corresponding letters of the factors and the products. For each number, we begin by multiplying it by itself, e.g., $2 \times 2,4 \times 4,5 \times 5$, etc., and then continuing through 10. In presenting the number 2 , for example (corresponding to the letter Baa), we have $2 \times 2=4$ (corresponding to the letter Daal); $2 \times 3$ (Jiim) $=6$ and so on through $2 \times 10=20$.

Take the number 5 ; below is page 17 of the manuscript, which begins to lay out the operations for the number 5. The page begins with a statement of the problem (biyar sau bijar ka ce ...five times five makes ...). Written out below in letters is the problem, with numerals underneath and with the solution presented to the left (biyar sau biyar ka ce ashirin da bijar, five times five makes twenty-five).


This section of the manuscript provides detailed computations for each of the numbers 2 through 9 . These computations are followed by three tables on pages 24,25 , and 26 , summarizing the letters and numbers.


The table on page 24 shows the basic elements of the Abajada counting system. It lists each letter with its corresponding numerical value written out in Hausa Ajami (as linear commentaries below the letter). It begins with $\operatorname{Alif}(1), B a a(2)$ and continues through Sbiin (1000). These form the basis for computation and predictions in numerology.


The table on page 25 lists numbers with names of corresponding letters spelled out in linear fashion beneath.


The table on page 26 provides a summary listing of letters with their corresponding numbers beneath.


On page 27, another table alerts the reader to differences between the alphanumeric system used in the Western part of the Muslim world (including most of West Africa) and that used in the Eastern part of the Muslim world (the Arab world and beyond). Specifically, the six letters in the middle row have different numerical values depending on whether one is in the Western region (corresponding numerical values shown in top row), or Eastern region (corresponding numerical values shown in bottom row).

## Section Four: The Alphanumeric System and Its Applications

(Mss. Pages 28-36)

This section provides examples of the application of the alphanumeric system. It includes complex computations for each of nine letters, outlining the sum total of values that can be derived for each letter. For instance, the letter $A l i f$ that has a value of one (1) can produce 1, 11, 111, 1111, 11111, 111111, and so on. In the table below, from page 29, we see the computations for the letter Baa which has a value of two (2) and can produce 2, $22,222,2222,22222$, and 222222 . These computational results are used in astrology and in determining propitious times for activities.


Computations using the letter Baa, the numerical value of which is two (2).

## Section Five: The Months in Arabic and [Hausa] Ajami

(Pages 37-40)

This section presents the Arabic names of each of the twelve months in the Islamic [lunar] calendar. In the presentation below, there are four rows with three months in each row; the names of the months are written in bold. The commentaries for each of the months are shown in Hausa Ajami below the names of the months. Muharram, for example, is the first month in the Islamic year; the Hausa commentary indicates that it is called Watan Cika-ciki [month of the full belly/harvest], and that shi ne watan daya [this is the first month]. In this way the author presents each of the twelve months in the Islamic calendar.


Page 37 lists the twelve months in the Islamic calendar (Muḥarram, Ṣafar, Rabī` al-awwal, Rabī̄al-thānī, Jumāda al-ūl̄a, Jumāda al-ākhirah, Rajab, Sha abān, Ramaḍān, Shawwāl,

Dhū al-Qa'dah, and Dhū al-Hijjah) with an explanation of each in Hausa. The line at the end of the page is a Quranic verse attesting that there are twelve months in a year. ${ }^{4}$

This section also includes a table showing the Hausa names of each of the months.


Page 39 shows the names of the twelve months of the Gregorian calendar in Hausa Ajami (Note that the names of these months are borrowings from English).

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## Section Six: The Seasons and their Governing Stars

(Mss. Pages 40-43)
In this section, the author presents the seven stars associated with each of the four seasons: bazara, or the hot season; damina, or the rainy season; kaka, or harvest season; and dari, or the cold season. The author also indicates the number of days each star is visible. This section also describes the signs that each star possesses, as well as the functions that each star performs. Below is an example:


Page 40 features a table of the stars governing bazara, or the hot/dry season, with a glossary in Hausa Ajami that reads "this star spends [is visible] for thirteen days." This same explanation appears under each star, which means that each of the seven stars is visible for thirteen days, the season of bazara thus lasting for 91 days.

Similar tables are provided for each of the four seasons, indicating the governing stars and the number of days that each is visible.

## Section Seven: The Moon, Sun, and Hatimi

(Mss. Pages 44-50)
This section presents detailed information about the moon including the names assigned to the moon, as well as planets and their positions.


Page 44 shows the names of the twelve signs of the zodiac.


The hatimi, on page 45 is described as a formula for identifying propitious times and calculating the moon's position. The top-most row contains elements of the Abajada numbering system, while the left-most column is a listing of the twelve months of the Gregorian calendar written in Hausa Ajami. The remaining cells indicate signs of the zodiac.

The top left cell of the hatimi contains the Arabic word al-ayyam (Arabic for 'the days'); this introduces the top row, a listing of letters, each referencing a day of the month. By noting their numerical values, one comes up with all the possible days of the month. For example, the first cell contains $A$ lif, Baa, and Jiim, which would be the $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ or $3^{\text {rd }}$ day of the month.

The author then instructs the reader in the use of this hatimi. By placing the right index finger in the row indicating the days in Arabic, then placing a finger on the Ajamiwritten months in the left-most column, and moving the two fingers until they meet, at the point of their convergence, there will be a star/sign of the zodiac. Whatever the sign, the moon will surely pass through. The author notes that while this is authentic, it would be wise to consult learned scholars for more precise and in-depth details about this.


Page 47 is a poem in Arabic focusing on seven inauspicious planets/stars. These are: Nabisatu, An-nusha, Ad-dabrana, Al-iklili, As-simakul kalbi, Buldatun, and Qamar. These planets/stars are used by numerologists to identify times of ill-fortune and when it is best to avoid undertaking certain activities. The poem ends with a caution that travels on days that a particular planet appears is highly discouraged.


Page 48 is a batimi for calculating propitious days and hours.
The far right-hand column in this hatimi lists hours 1 to 12 . The top-most row lists days and nights (Saturday, night of Wednesday; Sunday, night of Thursday; Monday, night of Friday; Tuesday, night of Saturday; Wednesday, night of Sunday; Thursday, night of Monday; and Friday, night of Tuesday). The body of the hatimi indicates the various stars and planets associated with each day and time of day. Using this hatimi, the numerologist can determine whether embarking on a journey on a particular day and time, for example, is advisable or not.

Pages 49 and 50 are devoted to a discussion of propitious stars/planets. The author reminds us that learned ones (in this field) have mentioned that propitious times of day and night coincide with the appearance of some seven planets. In other words, each one of these propitious periods is associated with one particular planet. ${ }^{5}$ The first begins on Saturday and is aligned with Saturn. The second is aligned with Jupiter. This process continues up to the twelfth propitious time, as shown in the hatimi. He asks us to look at them carefully and attentively from the table as arranged. We will notice, he assures us, that the planet of Sunday is lined up from the first to the twelfth and the same

[^3]for the remaining days for those who want their invocation accepted. For everything one intends to do, there is a suitable planet.

In what follows, the author explains how to get blind love from those in power or excessive control over them; how to choose the best business partner or a fertile farm; and how to reverse a curse or counteract sorcery. The period of the moon is best for these purposes. For unearthing a spell (where an object is buried for the purpose of carrying out a magic spell); or for getting slavish love from a boyfriend/girlfriend or total submission from someone, the period of Mercury is best. If seeking happiness or dating someone, then the propitious time is during the period of Saturn.

The period of the Sun is most propitious for victory, charisma and power, consolidating fame and power. To ruin the relationship between lovers (where the love is not for God's sake) or to make them hate each other; destroying unbelievers' towns or causing enmity among them; causing enemies fall sick or killing them, the propitious time is during the period aligned with Mars.

For improving one's life, achieving fame, or protection from an enemy, the propitious time is during Jupiter. To keep apart those who come together to hatch evil schemes or cause enmity among them, or to control desire and sleep, the time is during Saturn. We are advised to check to determine whether this is during the day or night in order to choose a suitable star.

If God so wishes, the author assures us, we will be successful.
The book ends with thanks to Allah.

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ While the word al-hisäbi in Arabic refers to arithmetic and the science of mathematics, in Hausa it has taken on a broader meaning that includes the use of the alphanumeric system in astronomy and astrology, for determining auspicious times for planting, romance and other human activities, and for reckoning dates and times.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ See Qur'an 5:10.
    ${ }^{3}$ A batimi (from the Arabic khätim) is a table, often with esoteric value, used in divination, calculations, prayers, and amulets.

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ The number of months in the sight of God is twelve (in a year) - so ordained by Him the day He created the heavens and the earth; of them four are sacred: this is the ever-true law [of God] -- (Quran 7:54).

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ Scholars have noted that hours of the day and those of the night are governed by seven planets, each hour being ascribed to a particular planet.

