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Salamun Alaikum (Peace be upon you)

A JEWISH PRAYER IN COMPLETE RESONANCE WITH QURANIC VERSES ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF PRAYER

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"And do not drive away those who call upon their Lord in the morning and the evening, they desire only His favour; neither are you answerable for any reckoning of theirs, nor are they answerable for any reckoning of yours, so that you should drive them away and thus be of the wrongdoers"

A JEWISH PRAYER

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aHWASyMjwg&feature=player_embedded

Prayer to the One God of the Universe (Numerous references) ✓

The need for ablution (4:43; 5:6) ✓

Support for ritual washing (Bathing - Leviticus 15:11; Hand washing Psalms 26:6)

Followers of the previous scripture to observe their Qiblah and the Believers (Mu'mins) their own

Qiblah (2:145) ✓

Appropriate garments (7:31) ✓

Allusion of times: (4:103; 11:114; 17:78; 24:58; 30:18; 2:238; 20:58) ✓

Prayers must be observed on time (4:103) ✓

Prayer involves prostration (Sujood - 4:102; 48:29) ✓ ✓

There is more than one prayer (Prayer in plural used - Salawat) (2:238) ✓ ✓

There is a general form to prayer (2:238-39) ✓ ✓

Standing position (3:39; 4:102) ✓ ✓

Bowing down and prostrating (4:102; 22:26; 38:24; 48:29) ✓ ✓

A warning not to abandon prayer as was done by people before (19:58-59) but to establish prayer
(Numerous references) ✓ ✓

The purpose of prayer - To remember God alone (6:162; 20:14) ✓ ✓

Prayer involves utterance (4:43) ✓ ✓

The purpose to protect from sins (29:45) ✓ ✓

A moderate tone of prayer (17:110) ✓ ✓

If a praying Jewish brother or sister was shown the above verses from the Quran which ratified the prayer in their scriptures and practice, would they vouch for the veracity of those Quranic verses or would they reject them as false?

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"...To each among you have we prescribed a law (**Arabic: Shir-atan**) and an open way (**Arabic: waminhajan**). If God had so willed, He would have made you a single people, but (His plan is) to test you in what He has given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues. **The goal of you all is to God; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute**"

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It is an acceptable argument that the Muslim prayers are in tandem with ancient Jewish prayers (as the Quran confirms previous scriptures and guidance). However, as the audience in mind for the purposes of this article are primarily Muslims, the specific title above has been chosen.

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