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'ALLAH CAME TO ME IN THIS AUBERGINE'

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The aubergine is not famed for its miraculous powers - but two Derby sisters believe theirs contains a message from God.



Rahella Raja (32) and her younger sister Shamila Naz (19) were rustling up a tasty aubergine curry when they made the startling discovery.

Miss Naz, or Becher Street, Normanton, sliced the aubergine in half and was amazed to find a pattern which spelled out the name "Allah" - written in Urdu script - inside the vegetable.

She showed it to her sister, who immediately recognised the word and agreed it was an amazing discovery.

Mrs Raja, of Molineux Street, Normanton, said: "We don't make aubergine curry very often as we're not very fond of aubergines.

"But when Shamila cut this aubergine in half and she could see the name Allah spelled out in the vegetable with the seeds straight away. I looked and I could see it too.

"It was absolutely amazing - neither of us could believe our eyes."

The sisters, who are both Muslims, said the discovery had made a great difference to their lives and their faith.

"This could be some kind of message from Allah and with everything bad that's been happening in the world recently this has made us both feel really good, and

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our beliefs a lot stronger," said Mrs Raja.

"I hope in some way this discovery will help create a more peaceful world."

Miss Naz, who works at Derby call centre Client Logic, in Great Northern Road, said: "We were quite shocked, but as Muslims we believe that Islam is getting stronger and I think this is really amazing.

"My faith is quite strong anyway, but this has increased my feelings even more."

Many other believers across the world have made similar discoveries while preparing vegetables.

Talib Shah, spokesman for Derby Islamic Centre, Sacheverel Street, said although he had heard of similar incidents through newspapers he was not aware of one ever happening in Derby.

Mr Shah, an expert in Urdu scripture, was impressed when shown photographs of the find and confirmed the word was spelled correctly - coincidentally or not.

He said: "This is very accurate and clearly spells out the word Allah.

"All the letters are there and the symbol at the top is very important because it shows the pronunciation of the two letter Ls.

"That is consistent with both Arabic and Urdu, which are similar as they use the same alphabet.

"It is quite impressive and it could be a miracle."

The aubergine is being preserved in Mrs Raja's refrigerator and she is considering what to do with it.

She said she may decide to bury it, or present it to the Islamic Centre for people to see for themselves.

God moves in mysterious ways...

God manifesting himself through fruit and vegetables is an unusual but by no means unique occurrence.

In 1996 a farmer in Senegal discovered the word "Allah" inside a watermelon when he sliced it open - with the name spelled in seeds.

A year later, a girl in Huddersfield had a

similar experience when she sliced a tomato.

Inside, it was claimed that the fruit's veins spelled out two messages in Arabic - on one side was the message "There is only one God", while the other read "Mohammed is the messenger."

This well-documented case led to around 100 people flocking to her home for a sight of the tomato.

Then, in 1998, a woman busy cutting potatoes to make chips, found a mysterious crucifix shape in the centre of her King Edward.

The name Allah has also been discovered on the outside of eggs, beans and fish.

The aubergine has also proved a popular choice in the past, with no less than five variations of the name found in the vegetable in recent years.

In 1996 there was a case in Bolton in which a couple found seeds which formed the Urdu phrase "Ya-Allah", meaning Allah exists.

There have since been similar discoveries in Bradford and Coventry.

Many of these findings have been classified as miracles or blessings by Islamic clerics.