# The Plain Truth About Islam & Other Religions

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Many people believe that Islam, Judaism, and Christianity are connected in some way or another.. Judaism and Christianity are connected, there is no question about that. But what about Islam? It is true that the Koran (the Bible of the Muslims) mentions Jesus, Mary, John the Baptist etc... But did this information come from God? Is the God of Islam, and the God of the Bible, the same God?

#### Who is Allah?

#### (Pre-Islamic Arabia)

The Muslims say that the God of the Bible, and the god of Islam, are one and the same God? But what are the origins of Allah. Did he come from the Bible? Or from ARABIAN PAGANISM?

The word "Allah" is a contraction of "Al-ilah," 'al' meaning "the" and "ilah" meaning 'god.' Early biographers said that "al-ilah" comes from 'El" or 'Elohim," meaning the God of the Bible but, "Early scholars attested the diffusion of this belief SOLELY TO CHRISTIAN AND JUDAIC INFLUENCES. BUT NOW a growing number of authors maintain that this idea [of Allah] had older root IN ARABIA..." (Studies in Islam, Swartz, p.12, emphasis mine).

Ceasare Farah concludes: "There is NO REASON therefore, to accept the idea that Allah passed to the Muslim from the Christians and the Jews" (Islam, p.28, emphasis mine). We must look for the ORIGINS OF ALLAH AMONG THE ARABIAN DEITIES, and NOT from the Judeo-Christian Bible!

The Arabs had tribal gods in which they worshipped. Every tribe had their own God. "The Quraysh tribe into which Muhammad was born was particularly devoted to ALLAH..." (Islamic Invasion, Morey, p.51, emphasis mine). Before Muhammad was EVER BORN, his tribe worshipped Allah, and he was the CHIEF GOD OF MECCA: "Its been pointed out that Mecca was in the control of the Quraysh tribe into which Muhammad was born" (ibid., pp.39-40). Since they were in control of Mecca, it was only right that their God was chief of the Kaaba in Mecca.

Zwemer writes: "But history establishes beyond the SHADOW OF A DOUBT that even the PAGAN ARABS BEFORE MUHAMMAD TIME, knew the CHIEF GOD BY THE NAME OF ALLAH...ilah is used for any god and Al-ilah (contracted to Allah, i.e, the god), was

the name of the SUPREME. Among the Arabs this term denoted the CHIEF GOD of three hundred and sixty idols...As final evidence, we have the fact that centuriesBEFORE Muhammad the Arabian Kaaba, the temple at Mecca, was called Beit Allah, the House of God..." (Muhammad is Mecca, pp.25-26, 31-36, emphasis mine).

Collier's Encyclopedia under "Allah" writes "...there were among the Arabs, long BEFORE THE EMERGENCE OF ISLAM worshippers of a supreme god known as Allah, and the Koran (13:17; 29:61; 31:24 [These show that the Pagan Arab and Muhammad worshipped the same Deity]) LEAVES LITTLE DOUBT that Meccans...recognized the Allah was creator and provider" (p.570, emphasis mine).

The Encyclopedia of Religion of Ethics under "Allah" writes, "The origin of this [Allah] goes back to PRE-ISLAMIC TIMES as Prof. Nokleke has shown...Muhammad found the Meccans believing in a supreme god whom they called Allah...with Allah however they associated minor deities [called] the daughters of Allah. MOHAMMED'S REFORM WAS TO ASSERT THE SOLITARY EXISTENCE OF ALLAH. The first article of the Muslim creed, therefore 'La-ilaha illa-Llahu-means only as addresses by him to the Meccans 'There exist no god except the one whom you ALREADY CALLED ALLAH" (Hastings, p.326, emphasis mine).

"Islam owes the term 'Allah to the HEATHEN ARABS...Muhammad DID NOT find it necessary to introduce an altogether novel deity but CONTEND HIMSELF OF RIDDING THE HEATHEN ALLAH OF HIS COMPANIONS [known as the daughters of Allah...Had he not been accustomed from his YOUTH to the idea of Allah as the supreme god in particular IN MECCA, it may all be doubted whether he would have come forward as a preacher of monotheism" (Ibn Warraq, Why I Am Not A Muslim, p.42, emphasis mine).

And Ceasare Farah concludes: "There were hundreds of such deities in Pagan Arabia, of all those mentioned, four appear to be most popularly revered ON THE EVE OF ISLAM: AL-UZZA, ALLAT, AND MANAT. All three female deities, popularly worshipped by the tribes of Hijaz, they were regarded as the DAUGHTERS OF ALLAH, THE GOD WHO HEADED THE ARABIAN PANTHEON WHEN MUHAMMAD BEGAN TO PREACH ALLAH WAS THE PARAMOUNT DEITY" (Islam, emphasis mine).

So the Allah that the Meccans worshipped was

- 1. Chief god at Mecca in the Kaaba
- 2. The **same god** Muhammad was proclaiming and worshipped by him and the pagan Arabs.
- 3. He was worshipped centuries before Muhammad.
- 4. Allah was the tribal deity of Quraysh, Mohammed's tribe, and was the supreme god of Mohammed's youth.

But now we seem to have a contradiction in history about the chief of God the Kaaba? Even though history shows that Allah was the chief god of the Quraysh, and the Kaaba.

We also see a god called HUBAL WHO WAS THE CHIEF GOD OF THE KAABA, AND OF THE QURAYSH TRIBE! How can this be? Is there a contradiction in history? Let's look at some quotes from historians and scholars about Hubal, and then let's answer this question logically and from the foundations of history.

"Among the gods worshipped by the Quraysh, the GREATEST WAS HUBAL...The Quraysh had several idols in and around the Kaaba. THE GREATEST OF THESE WAS HUBAL" (F.E. Peters, The Hajj, pp.24-25, emphasis mine).

"Hubal was the PRINCIPAL DEITY [in Mecca] THE GOD OF THE MOON..." (Concise Encyclopedia of Islam, p.179, emphasis mine).

"...of the 360 idols set up in the Kaaba, the MOST IMPORTANT WAS HUBAL, THE GOD OF THE MOON...IT WAS SET UP IN THE KAABA, and became the PRINCIPAL IDOL OF THE MECCANS..." (ibid., p.161, emphasis mine).

"HUBAL WAS THE CHIEF GOD OF THE KAABA" (George W. Braswell, JR, Islam, p.44, emphasis mine).

"...THE MAIN GOD OF THE SHRINE [was] HUBAL" (Neighboring Faiths, Winfried, Corduan, p.78, emphasis mine).

#### JUST LIKE ALLAH:

- 1. Hubal was the greatest god of the Kaaba
- 2. Supreme god of the Quraysh tribe.
- 3. Hubal was the chief god of Mecca.

How do we reconcile this obvious contradiction in history? Is this a contradiction? ABSOLUTELY NOT! We have found in our research that HUBAL IS ALLAH, THEY ARE ONE AND THE SAME GOD!

The Funk and Wignall's Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology and Legend says under "Allah," "The pre-Mohammedan Arabic god HUBAL HAD AS HIS TITLE ALLAHU meaning 'THE GOD'...As the PATRON OF THE KAABA AT MECCA, ALREADY SUPREME he was MAINTAINED IN MOHAMMEDAN THEOLOGY AT THE ONE GOD..." (vol.1, p.36, emphasis mine).

Under "Hubal," or "Hobal," the same dictionary says, "Some say that Hubal, was the REAL NAME OF ALLAHU, THE CHIEF GOD OF PRE-ISLAMIC TIMES, WHO BECAME THE ONE GOD OF ISLAM..." (ibid., p.499, emphasis mine).

"In Mecca, a god Hubal was worshipped, who may be IDENTICAL WITH ALLAH" (H. Ringgren and A.V Strom, Religions of Mankind, p.178, emphasis mine).

Muslims don't want to admit what history shows, the Hubal is Allah. Robert Morey writes: "Religious claims often fall before results of hard sciences such as archaeology...the hard evidences demonstrates that the god Allah was a pagan deity. In fact he was the MOON GOD[ Hubal]..." (The Moon God, Allah, p.1, emphasis mine). People of religion can say and believe anything they want, but it's what the facts show, that prove whether you are right or wrong! Hubal IS ALLAH!

In Ibn Warraq's book, Why I Am Not A Muslim, he writes about Hubal, and who he really is: "Hubal was worshipped at Mecca, and his idol...Hubal's position next to the black stone [ Muslims kiss this stone today] suggests there is some CONNECTION between the two..."Wellhausen thinks that HUBAL WAS ORIGINALLY THE BLACK STONE... Wellhausen also points out that God is called 'Lord of the Kaaba,' and 'Lord of the Territory,' of Mecca in the Koran. The prophet railed against the homage rendered at the Kaaba to the goddesses Allat, Manat, and Al- Uzza, when the pagans called them the daughters of God, but MUHAMMAD STOPPED SHORT OF ATTACKING THE CULT OF HUBAL. From this Wellhausen concludes that HUBAL IS NONE OTHER THAN ALLAH 'THE GOD' OF THE MECCANS" (p.39, emphasis mine). Why wouldn't Muhammad preach against the "CHIEF OF THE DEITIES," and say the ALLAH WAS THE GREATEST? Even the Dictionary of Islam had to admit: "ITS REMARKABLE that there is NO DISTINCT ALLUSION TO THE IDOL [Hubal] in the WHOLE QURAN" (Thomas Patrick Hughes B.D., p.181, under "Hubal," emphasis mine). He's RIGHT! It is quite remarkable that the chief of the Kaaba is not even mentioned in the Quran at all. How can MUHAMMAD TOTALLY EXCLUDE HIM?

In addition to the quote above about Allah being 'Lord of the Kaaba," Muhammad evidently said that he "received commandments to worship the 'Lord of the House' i.e. the Kaaba" (Muhammad, Tor Andrea, p.31). So its obvious he was talking about the pre-Islamic deity Hubal!

Well Muhammad did not exclude him for the simple reason: "There are stories in the sira of pagan Meccans praying to Allah while standing besides the IMAGE OF HUBAL" (Watt, Mohammed's Mecca, p.39, emphasis mine). They are one and the same!Remember The Allah of the Meccans is the same Allah that Muhmmad was proclaiming to them!

Robert Morey writes on his cultbusters website:

"Was the title al-ilah (the god) used of the moon god? YES!

"Was the word "Allah" derived from "al-ilah"? YES!

"Was the pagan "Allah" a high god in the pantheon of deities"? YES!

"Was he worshipped at the Kaaba? YES!

"Did they place the statue of Hubal on top of the Kabba? YES!

"At the time was Hubal considered the Moon god?YES!

"...Hubal the moon god, was the central focus of prayer at the KAABA and the people prayed to Hubal USING THE NAME ALLAH" (Morey at www.cultbusters.com, emphasis mine).

This had to be the case that Hubal and Allah are one and the same as this source says: "What deity did the Quraysh represent? The Meccan shrine accommodated Hubal...but Hubal is NOT mentioned in the Quran...a building accommodating Hubal MAKES NO SENSE AROUND A STONE REPRESENTING ALLAH [as Warraq noted originally Hubal was the black stone] if Quraysh REPRESENTED ALLAH. What is Hubal doing in the shrine?...Naturally Quraysh were polytheists, but they [the different gods] were house separately. NO PRE-ISLAMIC SANCTUARY, STONE OR BUILDING IS KNOWN TO HAVE ACCOMMODATED MORE THAN ONE [chief] MALE GOD, as opposed to one male god and a female...if Allah was a pagan god [as we have seen he is] like any other QURAYSH WOULD NOT HAVE ALLOWED HUBAL TO SHARE THE SANCTUARY WITH HIM...One who have to fall back on the view that ALLAH MIGHT SIMPLY BE ANOTHER NAME FOR HUBAL, as Wellhausen suggests; just as the Israelites knew Yahweh as Elohim, so the Arabs KNEW HUBAL AS ALLAH, MEANING GOD" (Muslim Trade and the Rise of Islam, pp.192-193, emphasis mine).

# Origin of the Kaaba

The Kaaba is a cube like structure built for Allah, where Muslims go to kiss the black stone, and pray to Allah. It is the central shrine for all Muslims.

Muslims believe that the shrine was built by Abraham and Ishmael, and the instructions were given to them by God. But history shows a different story.

"It is virtually certain that Abraham NEVER reached Mecca" (Watt, p.136, Muslim and Christian Encounters, emphasis mine).

"According to Muslim Tradition, Abrah, and Ishmael built the Kaaba...But outside these traditions there is absolutely NO EVIDENCE for this claim-whether epigraphic, archaeological, or documentary. Indeed Snouck Hurgronje has shown that Muhammad INVENTED the story to give his religion an Arabian origin...at the same time incorporating into Islam the Kabah with all its historical and religious associations for the Arabs" (Warraq, Why I Am Not A Muslim, p.131, emphasis mine).

What is its real origins?

<sup>&</sup>quot;Was the Kaaba thus the "house of the moon god"? YES!

<sup>&</sup>quot;Did the name "Allah" eventually REPLACE that of Hubal as the name of the Moon God? YES!"

"In pre-Mohammedan times it was believed that the stone had fallen from the moon and was sacred to the OLD MOON GOD HUBAL. The stone was enclosed in a small square temple known as the KABAH, which contained many lesser gods..." (Robert Payne, The History of Islam, p.4, emphasis mine).

"...the Kabah was in fact built as a shrine for the MOON-GOD" (Morey; The Moon God Allah, p.9, emphasis mine).

Maxine Robinson Says, "The Kaaba at Mecca, which may have been INITIALLY A SHRINE OF HUBAL ALONE..." (Life of Muhammad, p.40, emphasis mine).

"At the **time of Muhammad**, the Kaaba was **officially dedicated** to the GOD HUBAL..." (Karen Armstrong, Muhammad, p.61, emphasis mine).

# Mohammed's Religious Background

When you look into Mohammed's background we see that he was a WORSHIPPER OF HUBAL, the ALLAH OF THE KAABA! And when we understand his background, Islam becomes more and more clear.

The RELIGION OF HIS GRANDFATHER was the RELIGION OF HUBAL!

At Mohammed's birth, Mohammed's grandfather, who was the KEEPER OF THE KAABA, did this in front of HUBAL: "After his [Mohammed's] birth his mother sent to tell his grandfather Abd al-Muttalib that she gave birth to a boy...It is alleged that Abd al-Muttalib took him before (the idol) HUBAL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE KAABA, where he stood and PRAYED TO ALLAH, thanking him for his gift" (Guillaume, A. The Life of Muhammad, pp.66-68; see also F.E. Peters, A Reader of Classical Islam, p.45, emphasis mine). This confirms Watt's statement that: " "There are stories in the sira of pagan Meccans praying to Allah while standing besides the IMAGE OF HUBAL" (Watt, Mohammed's Mecca, p.39, emphasis mine)

It is interesting to note that Mohammed's father was called "Abdullah," meaning "the servant of Allah." Now if Mohammed's grandfather was worshipper of Hubal, and named his son and Hubal, Allah, then Hubal is Allah!

In this story about Mohammed's birth GJO Moshay writes: "In this revealing incident in the life of Mohammed's grandfather. Who was 'the Lord'? Was it Allah? What about Hubal?...From Ibn Ishaq's account here, praying to Allah was the SAME THING AS PRAYING TO HUBAL. They could practically mean the SAME THING. As HABAAL or HU-BAAL means 'the Lord' so Al-ilah' or 'Allah' means 'the god'''(Who is this Allah, p.136, emphasis mine). Hubal is ALLAH!

Here is another example: "For two years Muhammad remained in his [grandfather's] house overlooking the KAABA, while the old man TAUGHT HIM THE CEREMONIES

ATTACHED TO THE WORSHIP OF THE MOON GOD, [Hubal] AND TOLD HIM THE LEGENDS OF THE PLACE: (Robert Payne, The History of Islam, p.11, emphasis mine).

"Muhammad was raised in the religion of the moon god, Allah" (Morey, The Moon god Allah, p.11, emphasis mine). THIS IS MUHAMMAD'S BACKGROUND

Here is an example of one of the legends that was taught to Muhammad by his grandfather. In the Koran we read about the Christian King of Abyssina who wanted to take over the Kaaba, and make it Christian. Look at what Muhammad says in the Koran: "Have you not considered how God [Allah] dealt with the army of the elephant? Did he not confound their stratagem and send against them flocks of birds which pelted them with clay stones..." (Surah 105). This happened in the year of his birth, and it was still fresh in the minds of the Meccans. Also his grandfather at the time witnessed it first hand, and taught Muhammad this story as a boy.

Look at what Robert Payne says in his book about this incident, for proof of who Allah really is, and what Muhammad learned from his grandfather: "Abd al-Muttalib offered a last prayer to the MOON GOD[Hubal] to preserve the Kaaba...The Meccans expected the Abyssinians to Advance but HUBAL HEARD THEIR PRAYERS, overnight, and epidemic perhaps an aggravated form of small pox swept through the army...No one could doubt the power of the MOON GOD [Hubal] who kept the army of the elephants at bay" (The history of Islam, p.7, emphasis mine). Now he told Muhammad that Allah, i.e Hubal was the one that saved them. This incident was still fresh in the minds of the Meccans at the time of Muhammad. Why is it in the Koran, you don't hear the Meccans rebuking Muhammad saying that Hubal saved them and not Allah if these two deities were different. Instead there is silence from the Meccans about Hubal because they already knew who ALLAH WAS, HUBAL, THE ALLAH OF THE MECCANS, ANDMuhammad UNDERSTOOD IT THE SAME WAY, THAT'S WHY THERE IS NO DISPUTE!

## The Religion of Allah and Hubal Are the Same

Payne noted that Muhammad was taught the "ceremonies" attached to Hubal. What are those ceremonies?

Here at the time of the new moon, following the summer solstice, at the hottest time of the year, the ancient pilgrims worshipped the Moon God [Hubal]...and then REVERENTLY KISSED IT [the Black Stone], AND AFTER THEY WALKED AROUND THE KAABA SEVEN TIMES" (ibid., p.4, emphasis mine).

"Allah is not a generic Arabic word for God but a name of a particular god among many deities traditionally honored in ancient times by nomadic tribes in Arabia. Allah was the chief god among the approximately 360 idols in the Kaaba in Mecca...Allah is a contraction of AL-ilah, the name of the Moon God (Hubal) of the local Quraysh, Mohammed's tribe...Allah' symbol was a crescent moon, which Muhammad carried over into Islam. This symbol is seen on Mosques, minarets, shrines, and ARAB FLAGS" (David Hunt, In Defense of the Faith, pp.37-38, emphasis mine).

In the book Behind the Veil, it notes the ceremony about kissing the stone: "Al-Burkhari records a famous statement made by Umar...which demonstrates the CONFUSION OF THE MUSLIMS. The Burkhari says: 'When Umar ibn al-Khattab reached the black stone, he kissed it and said, 'I know that you are stone that does not hurt nor benefit. If I had Not SEEN THE PROPHET KISS YOU, I would not have kissed you'...ALL scholars confirm this statement" (p.285, emphasis mine) Note: Authors of this Behind the Veil could not give their names for fear of their lives but you can find this book on line at:http://answering-islam.org/BehindVeil/index.html

Why did Muhammad kiss the stone? The stone that was sacred to Hubal. If Allah was different that Hubal, That would have been blasphemy "joining other gods with God" as the Koran says! Hubal and Allah are the same deity, there is no question about it!

#### What about the Pilgrimage?

"The Pilgrimage is a SURVIVAL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIAN PILGRIMAGES TO THE HOLY STONES. Almost **none of the customs** attended upon the pilgrimage DERIVE FROM MUHAMMAD TIMES...Muhammad changed the sevenfold tawaf or cicumambulation of the Kaaba only in one respect BEFORE HIS TIME it was performed naked" (Payne, The History of Islam, p.79, emphasis mine). These customs were done to Hubal long before Muhammad, and none of these customs started in Mohammed's time, they were already there. Muhammad just changed ONE thing, being naked that's all.

- "...several pre-Islamic ritual practices ESPECIALLY THOSE CONNECTED WITH THE KAABA CULT IN MECCA WERE **CONTINUED** BY MUHAMMAD..." (Frederick Denny, An Introduction to Islam, p.56, emphasis mine).
- "...important Muslim practices such as visiting the Kaaba, and the many details of the ceremony of Hajj, including visits of Safa and Marwa, and also throwing stones against the stone pillar symbolizing Satan, were ALL PRE-ISLAMIC PRACTICES OF PAGAN ARABIA" (Answering Islam, Norman Geisler, p.309, emphasis mine).

"Pagan ritualism also CONTRIBUTED to the religious world into which Muhammad was born...The PAGANS OF PRE-ISLAMIC ARABIA taught that everyone should bow and pray towards Mecca during certain times of the day. Everyone should make a pilgrimage to Mecca to worship at the Kaaba at least once in their life. Once they arrive at Mecca, the PAGANS RAN AROUND THE KAABA SEVEN TIMES KISSED THE BLACK STONE...The pagan rites comprised the religion into which MUHAMMAD WAS RAISED BY HIS FAMILY [who were worshippers of Hubal-the Allah of Mecca] IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY ALL. Thus it is no surprise to find that, as Arab scholar Nazar-Ali has observed: 'Islam RETAINED MANY ASPECTS OF THE PAGAN RELIGION'" (Morey, Islamic Invasion, pp.42-43, emphasis mine).

"Middle Eastern scholar, E.M. Wherry in his monumental work, A Comprehensive Commentary on the Quran shows that worship of Allah and the worship of BAAL

(HUBAL) involved the worship of heavenly bodies, the moon, the stars and the sun" (Moshey, Who is this Allah, p.137, emphasis mine). Notice Allah and Hubal or Baal, the religions are exactly the same, because the deities are the same!

Here are some more quotes about the origins of the ceremonies in Islam:

"Islam owes many of its most superstitious details to old ARABIAN PAGANISM especially in the rites and rituals of the pilgrimage to Mecca (see suras 2:153; 22:28-30; 5:1-4; 22:37)...the superstitions connected with the jinn's [Genies] and old folk tales such as those of Ad and Thamud...The entire ceremony of the pilgrimage has been shamelessly taken over from PRE-ISLAMIC PRACTICE...Cicumambulation of a sanctuary was a very common rite practiced in many localities. The pilgrim during his circuit frequently kissed or caressed the Idol. Sir William Muir thinks that the seven circuits of the Kaaba 'were probably emblematical of the revolution of the planetary bodies.' While Zwemer goes so far as to suggest that the seven circuits of the Kaaba, three time rapidly and four times slowly were 'an imitation of the inner and outer planets.'...It UNQUESTIONABLE that the Arabs at a comparatively late period worshipped the sun and other heavenly bodies" (Warraq, pp.35-36, 40, emphasis mine).

Alfred Guillaume, Professor of Arabic, in London says, "THE CUSTOMS OF HEATHENISM has left an indelible mark on Islam, notably in the RITES OF PILGRIMAGE" (Islam, p.6, emphasis mine). Notice how all the sources note that the rituals are from Mecca, where the chief god of Mohammed's tribe dwelt and worshipped Hubal, the Allah of the Kaaba! The religion of Hubal and Allah are one and the same, because Hubal and Allah are one and the same!

Lastly Warraq writes: "Muhammad DID NOT find it necessary to introduce an altogether novel deity, BUT HAD CONTENTED HIMSELF WITH RIDDING THE HEATHEN ALLAH OF HIS COMPANIONS [the daughters of Allah]...Wellhausen also cites pre-Islamic literature where Allah is mentioned as a great deity. Had he not been ACCUSTOM FROM HIS YOUTH to the idea of Allah as the supreme go, in particular IN MECCA, it may be all doubted whether he would have come forward as a preacher of monotheism" (p.42, emphasis mine). Remember Muhammad did not say Allah was great, but that Allah was the GREATEST among the other Gods, acknowledging the pre-Islamic origin of Allah, and his religion.

# **Arguments**

1. Some authors don't think that Allah and Hubal are one and the same for the simple reason that Hubal is the god of the moon, and Allah is the creator of all these, and supreme ruler of the Universe. They say that the characteristics of the two are different. But as we have shown Hubal was called supreme and creator. There are **more** similarities than **differences** between the two. The only reason why there are some differences between the two, and that Allah NOW, as opposed to BACK THEN, resembles the God of the Bible in SOME NOT MOST WAYS, is for the

simple reason that "...Judaic and Christian CONCEPTS abetted the TRANSFORMATION OF ALLAH FROM A PAGAN DEITY [Hubal] to the god of all monotheists...There is NO REASON therefore to accept the idea that Allah PASSED TO THE MUSLIMS FROM THE CHRISTIANS AND THE JEWS" (Ceasare Farah, Islam, p.28, emphasis mine). The Jews and the Christians influenced Muhammad, and changed some of the characteristics of Allah to more resemble the God of the Bible. Then he proclaimed that Allah was the supreme god of all religions. As Morey puts it, "Islam is Heathenism in monotheistic form" (Islamic Invasion, p.43, emphasis mine). Why do you think Muhammad destroyed the Idol of Hubal, when he took over Mecca? Because the influences of the Jews and Christians. He knew that the 2nd Commandment said you shall not make any idols to represent God, so because he heard that from the Jews and Christians he destroyed the idol. He also did not at first preach that all god's were false, but that Allah was the greatest among them. It was only later as he was more and more influenced by the Jews and Christians about the concept of God that began to preach that Allah was the only god. But in the beginning it was not so: "This is seen from the fact that the first of the Muslim creed is not 'Allah is Great' but 'Allah is the greatest' i.e., he is the greatest among the gods. WHY WOULD MUHAMMAD SAY THAT...EXCEPT IN A POLYTHEISTIC CONTEXT?" (The Moon God Allah, p.12, emphasis mine). In Morey's book Islamic Invasion he actually shows more DIFFERENCES THAN SIMILARITIES between the God of the Bible and the god of the Koran.

2. Some try and compare this version of reverence to the stone at the Kaaba to Jacob's pillar stone in the Bible see Genesis 28. But Jacob did not worship this stone, nor did he kiss it, or circle it. He set it up as a testimony to his faith. Also remember as we have seen time and time again these practices of kissing the stone ORIGINATED IN ARABIAN PAGANISM and Not the Bible! Robert Morey says: "This fact answers the questions. Why is Allah never defined in the Koran? Why did Muhammad ASSUME that the pagan Arabs already KNEW WHO ALLAH WAS?...While they [the pagans] believed that Allah, i.e. the moon god, was the greatest of all the gods and the supreme deity in the pantheon of deities, Muhammad decided that Allah was not ONLY the greatest god by the ONLY GOD" (The moon god Allah, p.11-12, emphasis mine). The pagans and Muhammad worshipped the same deity!Allah or Hubal!

# **Origins of Hubal**

What are the origins of Hubal? Where did He come from?

"It has been suggested by Pockcock that the word Hubal could be from HUBAAL or Hobaal in Hebrew meaning 'the Lord'...God destroyed the Israelites for involving themselves in the worship of this god (Numbers 25:1-3)" (Moshey, Who is this Allah, p.136, emphasis mine).

Another source writes: "Hubal was associated with the Semitic god BA'L [Baal] and with Adonis or Tammuz" (Fabled Cities, Prices and Jinn from Arab Myths and Legends, by Khairat Al- Saleh, p.28, emphasis mine). Hubal is BAAL, that God condemns the worship of all over the Bible. But Baal's origins go back even further than this. He goes back to the BABYLONIAN RELIGION! The religion of Nimrod, see Genesis 10.

In his book the Two Babylon's, by Hislop, he has done a wonderful job of tracing all heathen religions back to Babylon and the Tower of Babel, see Gen 11. When the world was scattered, the people of the world kept their religion that originated with Babylon. This is how we find the Babylonian religion all over the world!

"Herodotus, world traveler and historian of antiquity, witnessed the mystery religions and its rites in numerous countries and mentions how Babylon was the PRIMEVAL SOURCE from which ALL SYSTEMS OF IDOLATRY FLOWED. Bunsen says: 'the religious system of Egypt was derived from ASIA, AND THE PRIMITIVE EMPIRE OF BABEL" (David Todd, The Origins of Easter, p.11, emphasis mine).

Hislop says that the Babylonian god Bel and Baal, are one and the same deity: "Belus or Bel...As BAAL or Beltus with the name of the great male divinity of Babylon...Belus was UNDOUBTEDLY BAAL 'The Lord'...the worship of the 'SACRED BEL' the mighty one who died a martyr for idolatry...the regeneration of his heart [was the new birth or reincarnation of NIMROD OR BEL...we learned that it was under Bel or Belus, THAT IS BAAL" (pp.20, 25, 190-191, 232, emphasis mine). Now notice this quote from the Encyclopedia of Religion and what is says about Allah, and really discovering the truth about who Allah is and who the Muslims today are worshipping: "Allah is a pre-Islamic name...corresponding to the BABYLONIAN BEL [Baal]" (Thomas O'Brian, 1:117, emphasis mine). Hubal, or Allah is Baal or Nimrod the first King of Idolatry, the MUSLIMS ARE WORSHIPPING A MAN NIMROD!

Is it any surprise that "The Daughters of BAAL are three in number...The triad of Baal's daughters is reflected in the triad of ALLAH'S DAUGHTERS according to pre-Islamic Arabs. There is some outside confirmation that the three goddesses ARE DAUGHTERS OF BAAL (see Moslem World 33, No.1 1943, for the daughters of Baal and Allah)" (Mythologies of the Ancient World, Samuel Noah Kramer, p.196, emphasis mine).

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, [Babylon] my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev 18:4).

# **Muhammad A Prophet of God?**

There are conflicting versions of the call of Muhammad in the Koran. Montgomery Watt says, "Unfortunately, there are several alternative versions of these events" (For a full treatment of this contradiction see W.Montgomery Watt, Mohammed's Mecca, pp.54-68).

There are four conflicting accounts of this original call to be a prophet.

We are told in Sura 53:2-18 and sura 81:19-24 that Allah personally appeared to Muhammad and did signs in front of him.

Later on we see sura 16:104 and sura 26:192-194, that the "holy Spirit" called him.

The third account of his call is given in sura 15:8 where we are told "the angels" came down and called him. Later on this account was amended and we are told the only Gabriel called him.

The last account of his call is the most popular one the angel Gabriel called him to be a prophet sura 2:92. In the Bible However ONLY GOD calls people to be prophets. So here we see the first of many differences between the Bible and the Koran.

Another problem that Muhammad creates for himself is, the prophethood according to Muhammad can ONLY come from the line of ISAAC AND JACOB. In the Koran we read: "And we bestowed on him Isaac and Jacob, and we ESTABLISHED THE PROPHETHOOD AND SCRIPTURE AMONG HIS SEED" (Sura 29:27). Yusuf Ali adds "Abraham" into the text so Muhammad can qualify, but "Abraham is not in the Arabic text, which the Muslims claim is perfectly preserved. So according to the Koran, Muhammad CANNOT BE A PROPHET. Prophets only come from Isaac and Jacob's seed, and no other race of people can claim the office of prophethood. Also the scriptures are eastblished with Isaac and Jacob. So according to the Koran the only ones who possess God's word in a book ARE THE ISRAELITES, so the Koran is NOT THE WORD OF GOD!

Norman Geisler in his book Islam, examines the call of Muhammad and he says, "Muhammad himself questioned the divine origin of the experience. At first he thought that he was being deceived by a jinn or evil spirit. One of the most widely respected biographers, M.H. Haykal, speaks vividly of Mohammed's plaguing fear that he was DEMON POSSESSED: 'Stricken with panic, Muhammad arose and asked himself, 'What did I see? Did POSSESSION OF THE DEVIL WHICH I FEARED ALL ALONG COME TO PASS...?Haykal notes that Muhammad had feared demon possession before, but his wife talked him out of it" (p.155, emphasis mine). Even in the Koran the people of Mecca knew about his possession. In sura 15:6 it reads "they [the people of Mecca] say: 'O thou to whom the warning hath been sent down, thou art surely possessed by a djinn [evil spirit]." See also Sura 81:23.

Geisler also writes that "Another characteristic often associated with OCCULT REVELATIONS is contact with the dead (CF. Deuteronomy 18:18:9-14; Isaiah 8:19, God condemns it). Haykal relates an occasion when 'the Muslims overheard him [Muhammad] asked, 'are you calling the dead?'and the prophet answered, 'They HEAR ME NO LESS THAN YOU DO, EXCEPT THERE ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER ME.' According to Haykal even frankly admits that 'There is hence no reason to DENY the event of the prophet's visit to the cemetery of Baqi AS OUT OF PLACE CONSIDERING MOHAMMED'S PSYCHIC POWER OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE REALMS OF REALITY AND HIS AWARENESS

OF SPIRITUAL REALITY THAT SURPASS THAT OF ORDINARY MEN'' (Answering Islam, pp.155-156, emphasis mine). Muhammad was right, he was possessed by a demon!

Other proofs of soothsaying or the psychic ability of Muhammad are seen throughout his life, Mr. Ankerburg says: "Guillaume describes Mohammed's other spiritualistic contacts and revelations: 'On the way back to Mecca a number of JINN OR SPIRITS ARE SAID TO HAVE JOSTLED HIM...From the books of tradition we learn that the prophet was subject to ecstatic seizures. He has reported to have said that when an inspiration came to him he felt as it were the painful sounding of a bell...At other times visions came to him in sleep...in its early stages Mohammed's verses were couched in the SEMITIC FORM OF MANTIC ORACULAR UTTERANCE...VEILING OF THE HEAD AND THE USE OF RHYMED PROSE WERE MARKS OF THE ARABIAN SOOTHSAYER, WHILE THE FEELING OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AND COMPULSION...THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF 'POSSESSION'...SEEMED TO THE ONLOOKERS TO INDICATE MADNESS OF DEMON POSSESSION (Facts on Islam, p.12, emphasis mine). The seizures, the foaming at the mouth, the spirits hitting the person, can all be associated with the Occult and soothsaying.

This is also another form of Shamanism: "Muhammad was a SHAMAN who controlled the Jinn i.e. the spirits who lived in rocks, waters and trees (Hadith vol. 1, no 740; vol.5, no.199)" (Islamic Invasion, section 2, Appendix A, p.191, emphasis mine). Shamanism is another form of the Occult religion!

# **Muhammad in the Bible?**

Muslims apologetics, such books like Muhammad in the Bible, by Abdu L-Ahad Dawud, claim that the Bible predicts the coming of Muhammad. Let's examine the evidence to see if that is so.

In Deuteronomy 18:15-18 God promised Moses: "I will raise them up a *Prophet from among their brethren*, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." Muslims believe this prophecy was fulfilled in Muhammad, as the Koran itself claims when it refers to the "unlettered prophet," whom they mention in their own scriptures, in the law and the Gospels" (Sura 7:156). Let see if this is true since the Koran claims to be free from error, see Sura 18:1.

This prophecy could not be a reference to Muhammad for several reasons. First it is clear that the term "from among their brethren" means fellow Israelites in the Bible and not gentiles.

The term "brethren" when read in context can only refer to the twelve tribes of Israel as the opening verses of chapter 18 show:

"The Levitical priests, that is, all the tribe of Levi, *shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel* ... *They shall have no inheritance among their brethren*." (vv. 1-2)

Once more, in chapter 17:14-15 the Israelites are told to put one of their "brethren" as king over them, never a foreigner. The fact is that Israel at no time in their history have ever put an Ishmaelite "brother" as king, but always an Israelite i.e. Saul, David, proving that the word does not refer to any nation outside of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Another scripture in Deut 15:12 says: "And if thy brother a HEBREW MAN OR A HEBREW WOMAN..." The word "brother" is the exact word in Deut 18:15 for "brethren." so God is being specific about which brethren he is talking about, and Muhammad is NOT a Hebrew!

Notice also in verse 15 in a newer version of the Bible that makes it clear: "YHWH your God will raise up for YOU a prophet like me from AMONG YOUR OWN PEOPLE...I will raise up for them a prophet like you from AMONG THEIR OWN PEOPLE...(V.15, 18 NRSV). The context is fellow Israelites.

As shown earlier the prophethood according to Muhammad can ONLY come from the line of ISAAC AND JACOB. In the Koran we read: "And we bestowed on him Isaac and Jacob, and we ESTABLISHED THE PROPHETHOOD AND SCRIPTURE AMONG HIS SEED" (Sura 29:27).

He did not speak to God face to face they way Moses did. He did not perform signs and wonders the way Moses did (Deut 34:11), in fact Muhammad admits he can't do miracles (see sura 2:111; 3:180-181, and he claimed to get his revelations from an angel not God, see sura 25:33-34; 17:106-107.

Finally, the Quran bears witness that Muhammad was not the Prophet like Moses, since he could not do what the latter did:

But (now) when the Truth has come to them from Ourselves, they say, "Why are not (signs) sent to him (Muhammad), *like those which were sent to Moses?*" Sura. 28:48

Even more amazing than the Quran bearing witness that Muhammad was unlike Moses, is the fact that the earliest Muslim biographer, Ibn Ishaq, in his *Sira RasulAllah*, testifies that Moses wrote of Jesus:

When the Christians of Najran came to the apostle the Jewish rabbis came also and they disputed one with the other before the apostle. Rafi said, 'you have no standing,' and he denied Jesus and the Gospel; and a Christian said to the Jews, 'you have no standing' and he denied that Moses was a prophet and denied the Torah. So God sent down concerning them: 'The Jews say the Christians have no

standing; and the Christians say the Jews have no standing, yet they read the Scriptures. They do not know on the day of resurrection concerning their controversy,' i.e., each one reads in his book the confirmation of what he denies, so that the Jews deny Jesus though they have the Torah in which God required them *by the word of Moses to hold Jesus true*; while in the Gospel is what Jesus brought in confirmation of Moses and the Torah he brought from God: So each one denies what is in the hand of the other. (Alfred Guillaume, *The Life of Muhammad*, p.258).

The only person who fits this prophetic profile is Jesus Christ the Lord. This is due to the following reasons:

- 1. Christ states that Moses wrote about him. (c.f. John 5:46)
- 2. The Apostles quote this passage as being fulfilled in Christ. (c.f. John 1:45; Acts 3:17-24)
- 3. On both their births, infant deaths were enacted. (c.f. Ex. 1:15-16,22; Mt. 2:13)
- 4. Both were rescued by divine intervention. (c.f. Ex. 2:2-10; Mt. 2:13)
- 5. Christ being the Son of God, knew God the Father "face to face"- as did Moses. In fact, Christ is the image of God and is God's exact representation. (c.f. Mt. 11:27; John 1:1-3,14,18; John 14:9; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 1:2,3)
- 6. God prepared Moses for his mission by his wandering in the wilderness for forty years; Christ for forty days. (c.f. Ex. 7:7; Mt. 4:1)
- 7. Christ, like Moses, shone with glorious light at the Mount of Transfiguration. (c.f. Ex. 34:29; Mt. 17:2)
- 8. Christ performed greater miracles than Moses. An example would be raising the dead. (c.f. John 11:25-26,43-44)
- 9. Christ spoke the words of God alone. (c.f. John 8:28)
- 10. Christ, like Moses, intercedes on behalf of men. (c.f. Exodus 32:30-32; 1 Tim. 2:5)
- 11. Christ, like Moses, is the mediator of God's covenant. (c.f. Exodus 24:4-8; Mark 14:24; 1 Cor. 11:23-25)
- 12. Christ and Moses liberated their people from bondage; one from slavery, the other from sin. (c.f. Exodus; Isaiah 53; John 8:32-36; Gal. 5:1)
- 13. Christ, like Moses, is an Israelite from the tribe of Judah. (c.f. Num. 26:59; Luke 3:22-38)

Duet 33:2. The prophecy of Sinai, Seir and Paran is not a prophecy of Judaism, Christianity and Islam as Badawi erroneously assumes. Paran and Seir are located near Egypt in the Sinai Peninsula, as any good Bible map will demonstrate. It is purely wishful thinking to claim that Seir refers to Jesus' ministry in Palestine, or that Paran is near Mecca, when Paran was thousands of miles away near southern Palestine in northeastern Sinai!

Proof of this can be found in the Holy Bible itself:

"And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of *Sinai*; and the cloud (of God) *rested in the wilderness of Paran*." Numbers 10:12

"And afterward the people (Israelites) removed from Hazeroth, and pitched *in the wilderness of Paran*." Numbers 12:16

"And Moses by the commandment of the Lord sent them *from the wilderness of Paran...* And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, *unto the wilderness of Paran*, to Kadesh..." Numbers 13:3,26

"These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side of Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between *Paran*, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab." Deuteronomy 1:1

All these verses prove that Paran could not possibly be Mecca but a locale near Sinai, since Moses and the Israelites never settled in that part of Arabia. Hence, Badawi's assertion fails in the light of the biblical evidence.

Furthermore the prophecy speaks of "Yahweh" coming not Muhammad. And he comes with ten thousand of his saints, not soldiers as Muhammad did to Mecca. There is no basis in this text for Mohammed's invasion of Mecca.

Finally, this prophecy was for a "blessing to Israel." (v.1) not for the Arabs.

For other Islamic Biblical references refuted go to Answering -Islam at this page for a full examination.

#### Is the Koran the Word of God?

The Quran is at the heart of Islam. If its claims can be substantiated, then Islam is true, and all opposing religious claims, including Christianity, and Judaism, are false.

Of course the claims that the Muslims make for the Quran are, that the Quran is errorless sura 18:1, and there is a copy of it in a table in heaven preserved sura 85:21-22.

The Quran also claims that, "The revelation of this book is from God, The exalted in power, full of wisdom. It is we who have revealed the book to thee in truth" (sura 39:1-2).

Muslim commentators say that the Quran is the final revelation from God (see for more details, Geisler's book, Answering Islam, p.179-80).

Muhammad also makes the claim that, "Can they not consider the Koran? Were it from any other than God, they would surely have found in it many contradictions" (sura 4:84).

So according to the Quran, if there is contradictions in this book, then IT IS NOT THE WORD OF GOD!

**Muhammad just helped us dig the grave for the Quran**. THE QURAN IS LOADED WITH CONTRADICTIONS!

Let's examine some of the contradictions in the Quran.

- 1. The Quran differs whether a day is 1000 years, or 50,000 years see sura 32:4, and 70:4.
- 2. On the day of Judgment the infidels attempt to conceal something from God Sura 6:22-23. But in Sura 4"45 we see that the infidels don't attempt to conceal anything.
- 3. In sura 56 the people who follow Muhammad will be "a crowd of the former, and few of the latter generations" verse 14. But in verse 39 it says that the people of Muhammad will be "a crowd of the latter generations." Other translations have "multitude" as the word instead of "crowd." so which one is it, a few of the latter, or a crowd?
- 4. Commenting on the Exodus, God told the Israelites, "And it was said to them, "Dwell in this city, and eat therefrom what ye will, and say "Hittat" (forgiveness) and enter the gate with prostration's; then we will pardon your offences, we will give increase to the doers of good" (7"162).

Now look at this verse about the same subject: "And when we said, 'Enter this city, and eat therefrom plentiful at your will, and enter the gate with prostration's, and say, "Forgiveness," and we will pardon you your sins, and give an increase to the doers of good:' (sura 2:55). Now if the Quran is without error how do you explain the difference of these two statements? This is god talking to the Israelites, and both times God is quoted wrong. One could understand if this was two people witnessing what was going on and wrote it down, but this is not the case. the Quran is dictating what happened in the past.

- 5. In sura 22:40-41 God says that people who are persecuted because of believing in God can take up arms and defend themselves. But in Sura 66:9, God commands to make war with people who don't believe.
- 6. Because Judaism and Christianity were divided into sects, the Quran says that they were not of God, see Suras 30:30-32; 42:11-15.

Yet Islam is divided into many warring sects, and therefore Islam is false as well, according to the Quran.

- 7. In sura 11:45 we read that Noah's son "was among the drowned," that is he died in the flood. But sura 21:76 we read that God saved "all his kinsfolk from the great calamity..."
- 8. At first Muhammad was nice to the Christians and the Jews. The Quran says that if they try to convert you to "unbelief" to "forgive them." (sura 2:59, 103). Then Muhammad says to slay all unbelievers (sura 5:55;9:29-30;66:9).
- 9. There are conflicting views about how many days of creation. In sura 41:8-11 the Quran says that it took 8 days to create everything (4 days + 2 days + 2 days = 8 days). but it only took 6 days according to the Bible (Gen. 1:31). Also in the Quran in suras 7:52, 10:3; 32:3-4 it says God created everything in 6 days. Then it says that everything was created in a twinkling of an eye, see Sura 54:50 So the Quran conflicts with itself and the Bible.
- 10. In the creation of Adam, God told his angels to worship Adam, see sura 2:32. **This breaks his own law**, that you should only worship God, see sura 2:77

All over the Quran we read that God is AN ABSOLUTE ONE. Sura 112 says, "he is God **alone:** God the eternal!He begetteth not, and He is not begotten; and there is none like unto him" It also says that, "And they say God has a son.' No! ..**sole Maker of the heavens and the earth!**" (sura 2:111; 4:169). Problem is why does the Quran say that, "Have **WE** not made the **earth** a couch? And the mountains tent stakes?...And built above you seven solid **heavens**" (sura 78:8, 11).

"And as to the earth, **WE** have spread it out..." (sura 50:7).

"WE have not created the heavens and the earth and whatever is in between them in sport: We have not created them but for a serious end" (sura 44:39).

Question: If God is alone, has no son, sole maker of all things, they deny the Trinity saying God is one not three (see sura 5:77). So the question is who is "WE" IN THESE VERSES? Not Just in these verses, but this is all over the Quran. it talks about how "we parted the sea," and "we made a covenant with Israel." Some Muslim scholars say that this is the plural of majesty, like in Genesis 1:26, where God says "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness." Problem is, recently historians are starting to discover that the **plural of majesty was never known among the Hebrews,** and it came to be during the Medieval times of the kings of England, in Europe. So who is we? Was Muhammad claiming divinity, even though he denied it?

- 11. To drink wine (sura 16:67; 2:219:4:43), or not to drink wine, (sura 5:92)?
- 12. Did Jesus die (Sura 19:33; 3:55), or not? (Sura 4:157-158).

- 13.One part in the Koran God says that you need a mediator to talk to him (Sura 42:51-52), and that it "biffitteth not a man," meaning all men. In another place it says that Moses spoke directly to Moses, (Sura 7:143; 4:164).
- 14. In one place it says that Abraham was not an idolater (Sura 3:67; 6:62). but in another place you see Abraham committing idolatry (Sura 6:75-78).
- 15. In one place Muhammad is told not to bother, in converting unbeliever (Sura 2:6-7), for their fate is sealed. In another place Muhammad is told to attempt their conversion by peaceful means anyway (Sura 24:54).
- 16. Muhammad first said that it does not matter where you are facing to pray because God is everywhere (Sura 2:109). Then he changed his mind and said that we should pray towards Jerusalem, and then changed his mind again and said we should face Mecca (Sura 2:119-121, 138-144). **And this contradiction is all in the same chapter.**
- 17. Finally, one huge contradiction in the Quran that actually is embarrassing to the Muslims. The Quran claims that the book is written in pure Arabic see suras 12:2; 13:37; 16:105; 41:44. Robert Morey says: "The Quran is not perfect Arabic. It contains many grammatical errors, such as suras 2:177, 192; 4:162; 5:69; 7:160; 13:28; 20:66; 63:10. etc..." (Islamic invasion, p.119).

In his book, The Foreign Vocabulary of the Quran, Authur Jeffery documents the fact that the Quran contains over 100 foreign (non-Arabic) words. There are Egyptian Hebrew, Greek, Syriac, Akkadian, Ethiopian and Persian words and phrases in the Quran.

Back to Mohammed's question, "Can they not consider the Koran? Were it from any other than God, they would surely have found it many contradictions." How would you answer Muhammad, if he were still alive today?

For a whole list of contradictions click here.

## Does the Bible and the Koran Contradict?

The Koran says that the Bible and the Koran agree with one another, that there is no difference between the two: "We believe in God and that which has been sent down us [Koran], and sent down on Abraham and Ishmael, Isaac and Jacob, and the [Israelitish] tribes, and in that which was given to Moses [the law] and Jesus [the Gospel], and the prophets of their Lord; we make NO DIVISION between any of them..." (Sura 2:130; 3:78). But there are many differences between the two books.

- 1. As we have shown earlier, the Quran says creation took place in 8 days, the Bible says 6 days.
- 2. We showed you earlier that one of Noah's son died in the flood, but the Bible says all his sons were saved. Sura 11:4-6 says the ark landed on mount Judi, the Bible

- says it landed on the Mountains of Ararat, which was east of the land of Shinar, most likely in Iran!
- 3. The Koran says that Abraham's father was called Azar, sura 6:74, but the Bible says Terah Gen 11:27.
- 4. Abraham did not live and worship in Mecca, sura 14:38, but south of Bethel according to the Bible, see Gen 13:3. "It is virtually certain that Abraham NEVER reached Mecca" (Watt, p.136, Muslim and Christian Encounters, emphasis mine).
- 5. It was Abraham's son Isaac, not Ishmael that was sacrificed, see Sura 37:100-110 and Gen 22.
- 6. He did not build the Kaaba, as history has shown us and it is not in the Bible, see Sura 2:121-122
- 7. He was not thrown into the fire by Nimrod as the Koran claims, see Sura 21:60-69. This is a very serious error in Biblical and secular history. Nimrod was dead for centuries while Abraham walked this earth.
- 8. The Koran says Joseph was named Aziz Sura 12:21 ff, when his name was really Potiphar Gen 37:36.
- 9. It was not Pharaoh's wife that adopted Moses Sura 28:7-8, it was Pharaoh's daughter, Exodus 2:5.
- 10. Noah's flood did not take place in Moses day Sura 2:248-9; 7:130-132 compare 7:57 ff. This error cannot be easily swept aside.
- 11. The Koran says Haman lived in Egypt during Pharaoh's day in the time of Moses building the tower of Babel, Suras 28:5-7,:38; 29:38; 40:24-25, 38-39. But Haman actually lived in Persia 1000 years later, see the book of Esther. This contradicts secular as well as biblical history.
- 12. Crucifixion was not used in Pharaoh's time, the time of Moses, see Sura 7:121. This also contradicts secular history. The Carthaginians are the ones who invented crucifixion, and then the Romans took it from them.
- 13. Mary, the mother of Jesus, her father was not Imram Sura 66:12. Muslims say she was a descendant of Aaron, but Sura 3:30-43 plainly says that she gave birth to Mary and Imram said a prayer when she was born, and Zechariah took care of her when she was born. She is also called the "sister of Aaron" Moses' brother, see Sura 19:29. Mary and Aaron live **thousands of years apart from each other!** Muhammad confused her with Miriam the sister of Moses and Aaron.
- 14. She did not give birth to Jesus under a palm tree, but in a stable, see Sura 19:20-23; Luke 2:1-20
- 15. Muhammad made up fictional speeches of the people in the Bible, using such words as "Muslim" and "Islam" which were not used in the languages of those people at that time. These people did not call themselves Muslims, see Suras 2:122-126; 3:45-52, 60; 7:120-126; etc...
- 16. The test of how the soldiers would drink the water from the stream did not take place in the days of Saul when David defeated Goliath, but many years earlier with Gideon, compare Sura 2:250 with Judges 7:1-8

17.In Sura 20:87-88, 96 we are told that the Israelites built a golden calf at the suggestion of the "Samaritan." Muhammad did not know that Samaria was **founded by the Israelites under King Omri**, and then when Assyria took them away captive in 721 B.C. they put other races people into Samaria years after Moses in the wilderness. This also contradicts secular as well as Biblical history.

The Encyclopedia Britannica says, "The deviations [in the Koran] from the Biblical narratives are very marked, and can in most cases be traced back to the LEGENDARY ANECDOTES OF THE JEWISH HAGGADA AND THE APOCRYPHAL GOSPEL. Much has been written concerning the sources from which Muhammad derived his information; there is no evidence THAT HE WAS ABLE TO READ, and his dependence on ORAL COMMUNICATION may explain some of his misconceptions..." (see samples above 13:479, emphasis mine). This is true even in the Koran he called the "Unlettered Prophet" (7:156).

Arabic scholar Edward Sell says, "He certainly did not get them from the Old Testament. The confusion of names is quite remarkable" (Studies, p.225).

"As pagan, Jewish, and Christian traders sat around the fire telling each other favorite stories, they would get the names times and events all jumbled up and confused" (Morey, Islamic Invasion, p.141). The worst to preserve anything is through human memory. Our human memories are too fragile to remember details of history. This is why God commanded Moses and the prophets, and the whole Bible for that matter to be "written in a book," as EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY!

# Does the Koran Contradict Secular History?

There are many historical mistakes in the Koran. If the Koran is the word of God then it should not contain any mistakes. Let go through some of them

- 1. In Sura 105 Muhammad claims that the army of the elephant was defeated by birds dropping stones of baked clay upon them. According to historical record, Arbah's army withdrew their attack on Mecca after small pox broke out among the troop, see Guilaume Islam p.21 ff.
- 2. The Kabba was not built by Abraham but by the pagan for Allah, or Hubal the moon god to encase the black stone that fell out of the sky as we have proved earlier in the book.
- 3. One of the greatest errors I have seen from a religious book, is the claim that Alexander the Great, who is called the "Two Horned one," in the Koran was a MUSLIM, he worshipped Allah and lived to a good OLD AGE, see Sura 18:82-98. **This error is ironclad**. History shows that Alexander the Great was a pagan sodomite, and died at a young age. Daniel 8 in the Bible gives you an accurate description of Alexander the Great. Now some try and dispute this account and say it wasn't Alexander the Great but someone else. The problem with that is, the Only person in ALL OF HISTORY who was called the "two horned one" was Alexander

the Great. Also this story matches exactly to the myth of Alexander the Great in a book called the "Romance of Alexander." And Even Muslim scholars recognized that this is speaking of Alexander the Great, see Yusuf Ali's Translation of the Koran. Warraq says: "The account of Alexander the Great (Sura 18:82) is hopelessly confused historically, andwe are certain it was based on the Romance of Alexander. At any rate, the Macedonian was NOT A MUSLIM, and he did not live to an OLD AGE, nor was he a CONTEMPORARY OF ABRAHAM, as Muslims contend" (Why I Am Not A Muslim, p.158-159, emphasis added). The Encyclopedia Britannica writes: "His [Mohammed's] account of Alexander introduced as the 'Two Horned One' (Sura 18:82), is derived from the ROMANCE OF ALEXANDER, which was current among the Nestorian Christians of the 7TH CENTURY IN A SYRIAC VERSION" (15:479, emphasis mine). How can we rely on a book that is filled with so many errors as the Koran! Go to this web site for absolute proof that its talking about Alexander the Great.

4. The Koran denies the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ (Sura 4:157-158). The crucifixion is an absolute historical fact. There are non-Christian, Roman, Christian, and Jewish sources that will testify that Jesus was actually crucified on that Passover day. Read Lee Strobel's book The Case for Christ. He has his Law degree at Yale, and was a former Journalist for the Chicago Tribune who denied Christianity, and put his Law skills to the test. When he was done his investigation he realized that the Bible is Historically accurate and Jesus did die and was resurrected! See also this web site for the crucifixion being a historical fact! <a href="http://answering-islam.org/Gilchrist/crucifixion.html">http://answering-islam.org/Gilchrist/crucifixion.html</a> and <a href="http://answering-islam.org/Gilchrist/crucifixion.html">http://answering-islam.org/Gilchrist/crucifixion.html</a> and <a href="http://answering-islam.org/shamoun/documents.htm">http://answering-islam.org/shamoun/documents.htm</a>

## Sources of the Koran

What are the sources of the Koran? Where did these versions of Biblical history and secular history come from? The answer PAGANISM, THE TALMUD, THE APOCRYPHA, AND OTHER BOOKS OF FABLES AND LEGENDS!

Warraq writes: The prophet TRANSFERRED to ISLAM the beliefs and practices of the HEATHEN PAGAN ARABS, especially into the ceremonies of the pilgrimage to Mecca. And yet Muslims continue to hold that their faith came directly from Heaven, and that the 'Koran is held to be of eternal origin recorded in heaven, lying as it does there upon a preserved table suras 85:21; 6:19, 97...Perhaps Muslims have the unconscious fear that if we can trace the teachings of the Koran to a purely HUMAN AND EARTHLY SOURCE, then the entire edifice of Islam will crumble" (Why I Am Not A Muslim, p.34, emphasis mine).

Professor Jomier, one of Frances greatest Middle Eastern scholars says, "Muslims receive these narratives as the word of God, WITHOUT ENQUIRING ABOUT THEIR HISTORICAL BACKGROUND. In face we have here a popular poetic form of LEGENDS, VARIANTS OF RELIGIOUS THEMES KNOWN FROM OTHER SOURCES" (Morey, Islamic Invasion, p.147, emphasis mine).

Morey also notes that "Abraham Geiger in 1833, and further documented by another Jewish scholar, Dr. Abrahan Katsh, of New York University, in 1954, " that "Many of the stories in the Koran come from the JEWISH TALMUD, THE MIDRASH, AND MANY APOCRYPHAL WORKS" (ibid., pp.148-149, emphasis mine). The Britannica also documents the same thing (15:648)

And what is amazing is that, "In spite of all the evidences, it is interesting that Muslim authors have been most **unwilling** to address the issue of the human origins of the Koran, but have simply repeated their dogmatic assertions about its divine origin. In fact, in our research of Muslim authors **we have not even come across an acknowledgment of such problems in the Koran to say nothing of Solutions"** (Answering Islam, p.309, emphasis mine).

W. St. Clair-Tisdall is the best source for the origins of the Koran. He demonstrates the direct dependence of Koranic stories of the Bible from the Talmud, the Apocrypha (Jewish and Christian), Zoroaster Buddhism, and also Hinduism. To read his book on-line go to <a href="http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Sources/Tisdall/">http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Sources/Tisdall/</a> Also this web site where he answers his critics at <a href="http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Sources/Tisdall/WW/">http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Sources/Tisdall/WW/</a>

Here is a brief summary of the sources of the Koran:

- 1. The birth of Christ in Sura 19:22-34 come from the "The History of the Nativity of Mary and the Savior's infancy."
- 2. Alexander the Great as we have seen come from the "Romance of Alexander."
- 3. The Seven Heavens in Sura 17:46; 23:88; 41:11; 65:12, comes from the Indo-Iranian sources in both Hindu and Zoroastrian scriptures.
- 4. Sura 11:9 we find God's throne above the waters. This comes from the Jewish Rashi
- 5. In Sura 7:44, there is mention of a wall called Aaraf. This comes from the Jewish Midrash.
- 6. Suras 15:17; 37:7; 67:5 we find Satan listening stealthily and being driven away with stones. This story we find in Jewish writings, about Genii "listening behind the curtain in order to gain knowledge of what is to come."
- 7. Sura 1:29 talks about hell being full. In the Rabbinic book Othioth Derabbi Akiba 8:1, we find the same thing.
- 8. Sura 24:24 is found in the Jewish Talmud (Cheiga 16 Taanith 11).
- 9. The traditions of Mount Caf is a garbled and misunderstood version of the passage in Hagigah.
- 10. The Creation of Adam (sura 2:28-33) resembles the Midrash Rabbah on Leviticus, Parashah 19, and Genesis, Parashah 8; and Sanhedrin 38.
- 11. Various Suras also recount that God commanded the angels to worship Adam (Suras 7:10-26; 18:48; 20:115; 37:71-86). This agrees with the account in the Midrash of Rabbi Moses.
- 12. Cain and Abel (Sura 5:35) resembles the Mishna Sandhedrin 4:5. The conversation of Cain and Abel is taken from the Targrum of Jerusalem.

- 13. The conversations of Noah when they were building the ark is from the Sandhedrin 108
- 14. The story of Abraham being saved from Nimrod's fire (suras 2:260; 6:74-84; 21:52-72; 19:42-50; 26:69-79; 29:15-16; 37:81-95; 43:25-27; 60:4 etc... All stories about Abraham have been shown to be from the Jewish Midrash Rabbah, see Tisdall and Geiger.
- 15. Muhammad often refers to God as "rabb," meaning "Lord." Sometimes as "Lord of the Worlds, see sura 56:79; 82:29 83:6. Also at the head of each Sura we see God being called "The Merciful," (Sura 55:1, 78:3). This term was used before Islam, by the pagan Arabs. It has been found in South Arabian inscriptions.
- 16. The story of the Seven sleepers (sura 18:8-26) comes from the legend that arose around the 5th century, and spread all over Europe and Asia. It originated from a Syrian Bishop named James Sarug.
- 17. The denial of the crucifixion of Jesus, see Sura 4-157-158, comes from the "apocryphal book Travels of the Apostles," see Abdul-Haqq Sharing your Faith with a Muslim, pp.130-139 for a full study.

Warraq writes: "These old Testament Characters...mentioned in the Koran...as the Dictionary of Islam puts it: '[are] with strange want of accuracy and a LARGE ADMIXTURE OF TALMUDIC FABLE" (Why...p.54, emphasis mine).

Interesting, the Koran in Sura 25:5 it says that the unbelievers say: "...tales of the ancients he hath put in writing! And they are dictated to him morn and even" Mohammed's response: "He hath sent it down who knoweth the secrets of the heavens and the earth (v.6).

This reply does not deny the existence of myths in the Qur'an. It only denies that these myths were from Muhammad, which he dictated or had dictated to him. It emphasizes that, even though they were "fairy-tales," yet they are from God! So Muhammad himself admits that he was BORROWING FROM KNOWN STORIES. He does not refute the fact that he was borrowing from known myths!

This is the reason we admire the question al-Razi asks when he says, "How can the command of the Qur'an, 'Say, "He sent it down, who knows the secret in the heavens and earth," (Sura Ta Ha 20:7) be a reply to the unbelievers' accusation of the Qur'an that it was the fairy-tales of the ancients?" For what comes to one's mind, which is what al-Razi and others also expected, is that the Qur'an should **negate this accusation, not confirm** it!

Even Muhammed admitted that he himself "I Am not apostle of **new doctrines**..." (Sura 46:8, Rodwell Transl) And we see that in all the stories in the Koran was nothing new. They were all borrowed from myths legends and paganism.

And the origins of these sources are nothing more than "...LEGENDARY and spurious...which began to appear in the 2nd century. They were mostly FORGERIES, and

we so recognized from the first. 'They were so full of NONSENSICAL STORIES OF CHRIST and the Apostles, that they had never been regarded as DIVINE...Deliberate attempts to FILL THE GAPS of the New Testament story of Jesus in order to further heretical ideas by FALSE CLAIMS...It is said that MOHAMMED GOT HIS IDEAS OF CHRISTIANITY FROM THESE BOOKS" (Halley's Bible Handbook, p.747, emphasis mine).

Read the book called <u>THE INFLUENCE OF ANIMISM ON ISLAM AN ACCOUNT OF</u> POPULAR SUPERSTITIONS BY SAMUEL M. ZWEMER, F.R.G.S. for more details!

See also Warraq paper on the Origins of the Koran

## The Abrogater of Verses

In Sura 2:100, and 16:103 Muhammad says this, "Whatever verses we cancel, or cause thee to forget, we bring one better or like it." First, what's amazing is, in an earlier verse (v.20) he challenges people to "produce a sura like it." And here he is canceling them. Looks like God was violating his own law. But why would God have Muhammad cancel verses and bring other ones just like it or better? Isn't God's revelation good enough for all races and for all times, and to give it to us just once? Can't he produce a verse that's perfect ONE TIME? The Bible says, "...The word of the Lord endures forever" (1 Peter 1:25). In the Koran, this is not the case! In the Bible there is **not** one case where a prophet cancelled any verses.

Secondly, notice in this verse that Mohammed "forgot" something God told him. So now we have some of God's message lost because **Muhammad has a bad memory.** 

Let's Go through some of the Verses that Muhammad cancelled to illustrate the change in the Koranic Text.

- 1. Let's start with the Satanic verses. According to one version of these verses Muhammad had an early revelation in Mecca, which allowed the intercession of idols: "Do you consider Allat and Al-Uzza and Al-Manat, the third the other? Those are swans exalted; Their intercession is expected..." Some time after Muhammad received another revelation canceling the last three lines and substituting them with what we find now in Sura 53:21-23., which omits the part about the Pagan gods interceding. According to Watt, both versions had been recited publicly. Mohammed's explanation was that Satan had deceived him and inserted the false verses WITHOUT HIM KNOWING IT! (see Watt, pp.60-61). Problem is, if Satan deceived him in this part of the Koran WITHOUT HIM KNOWING IT. How do we know that Satan did not deceive him in another place in the Koran WITHOUT HIM KNOWING, AND THAT VERSE IS STILL IN THE KORAN TODAY?
- 2. The command to stone adulterers was changed to 100 stripes sura 24:2
- 3. The "sword" verse Sura 9:5 supposedly annuls the 124th verse that originally encouraged tolerance (cf 2:256), yet in other places it urges Muslims to "fight

- those who believe not" (9:29). and fight and slay the pagans wherever you find them (9:5), of course here's a CONTRADICTION!
- 4. A contradiction can be found in the fact that the Koran claims that there can be "no changes to the word of God" (10:65). For there is none that can alter or change the words of God (6:34). But here Muhammad is canceling verses Sura 2:100. Geisler writes that most of the time you see the corrected verses near the ones being corrected. The reason for the abrogation of verse is quite clear. **There are many contradictions in the Quran**, and Muhammad said you can't find any or else its not God's word, ""Can they not consider the Koran? Were it from any other that God, they would surely have found in it many contradictions" (sura 4:84).
- 5. The Koran claims that Humans are responsible for their own choices (18:28), yet it also claims that God has sealed the fate of all in advance (17:14; 10:99-100)

## Scientific Errors in the Koran

Some critics question just how scientific there Koran really is. Take for instance the statement that humans are made from a clot of blood: "Then we made the sperm into a clot of congealed blood; Then of that clot we made a (foetus) lump; then we made out of that lump bones clothed the bones with flesh (Sura 23:14). This is scarcely a scientific description of embryonic development. For a full explanation of this go to <a href="http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Science/embryo.html">http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Science/embryo.html</a>

#### Here are others

- 1. The Koran speaks of travelling west to "the setting of the sun, he found it setting in a muddy spring" (sura 18:84). Of course this is absolutely impossible.
- 2. The Koran claims the earth is flat! Yes Flat! Now the Bible says the earth is "round" (Isaiah 40:22 Moffatt Translation). The Koran however"...alludes to the fact that the earth is FLAT and its mountains are like poles which create a balance so that the earth does not tilt" (Unmasking Islam, p.175, emphasis mine). In "Sura 88:17, 20, it is recorded, 'Will they not regard the camels how they are created...and the earth how it is spread?'...In page 509, Jalalan says: "in his phrase, 'how it is spread' he denotes that the earth is FLAT. ALL SCHOLARS OF ISLAMIC LAW AGREE UPON THIS. IT IS NOT ROUND AS THE PHYSICISTS CLAIM" (ibid, p.175) The Dawood Translation translates this verse As "The earth how it was LEVELED FLAT? (88:20). See also the Suras that show the mountains like poles hold the earth in place so it won't tilt, 21:32; 50:7. Sura 2:20 says that the earth is a "bed" for us Humans. beds are flat, so in the Koran, the earth is Flat! But is the earth flat? Absolutely Not! And mountains do NOT hold the earth steady. Any geologist will tell you that Mountains actually CAUSE EARTHQUAKES!
- 3. The Koran also says that the sky is a solid dome or a roof, see Sura 2:20; 21:33. The New Commentary on the Whole Bible by JFB says, "...an allusion to the ancient Near Eastern cosmological thought that considered the earth flat with the sky A VAULT, sustained by pillars..." p.940, emphasis mine). Scientifically the Koran fails.

Now there is a myth being spread by the Muslims that the Muslims were great men of science due to the Koran. But Muslims got their science from "...the works of ancient GREEKS, and the Muslims are important as the PRESERVERS and Transmitters of Greek (and Hindu) learning ...[but] most of the credit [for science] must go to the Persians, CHRISTIANS AND JEWS...There is a persistent Myth that Islam encouraged science. Adherents of this view quote the Koran and Hadith to prove their point: "Say shall those who have knowledge and those who have it not be deemed equal?' (Koran 39:12); Seek knowledge in China if necessary;' "The search after knowledge is Obligatory for every Muslim' THIS IS NONSENSE because the knowledge advocated...IS RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE. Orthodoxy has always been suspicious of 'knowledge for his own sake,' and UNFETTERED INTELLECTUAL INQUIRY IS DEEMED DANGEROUS TO THE FAITH" (Warraq, Why IAm Not A Muslim, pp.272-273, emphasis mine).

Muslims boast that the Koran says that the universe is "expanding" and scientist only found this out 50 years ago, while the prophet wrote about this 1400 years ago, so the Koran must be from God. Problem is, as we have pointed out, Muhammad borrowed many things from the Jews! When the Koran talks about the universe in many Suras, First it CONTRADICTS the Sura we have just quoted that the heavens are a "solid roof" or a "dome.," because domes or roofs don't expand.

Secondly, SOME not all of these Suras that talk about the universe are very similar, and in some cases IDENTICAL TO THE BOOK OF ISAIAH CHAPTERS 40-49. Here God talks about how He "stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain," (Isaiah 40:22). This knowledge was around LONG BEFORE MUHAMMAD WAS BORN. He borrowed this knowledge from the Jews!

They also boast about the Koran when it talks about creating man in different "stages" of development, see Sura 71:14, and how science shows the evolution of man from its primitive form to our present day form. The problem here is, all the different bones like Cro-Magnon man, and Neanderthal man and so on, have all been DISPROVEN TO BE PROOF OF THE EVOLUTION OF MAN, see Bones of Contention by Marvin L. Lubenow! This book is one of many that show these theories to be false. There is NO EVIDENCE THAT MAN DEVELOPED IN STAGES!

But where did Muhammad get this theory that man was developed in "stages" as the Koran says? As we have noted above, the Muslims got **their knowledge of science from the Greeks**. The idea that man developed from "stages" is NOTHING NEW. THAT WAS AROUND LONG BEFORE MUHAMMAD WAS EVEN BORN, JUST LIKE THE EMBRYOLOGY IN THE KORAN WHICH CAME FROM THE GREEKS AS WELL!

"The Great Chain of Being...patterned after PLATO. According to this concept the Almighty had created a great ladder or chain of living things, from singled celled organisms all the way up to humans, each organism being a bit more complex than the one below it...the Great chain of being we are dealing not with biblical concepts but with PAGAN GREEK PHILOSOPHY" (Bones of Contention, pp.93-94, emphasis added).

So again the Koran is scientifically inaccurate. And *some of the accuracy it does show, comes from the Bible*, from the book of Isaiah chapters 40-49. The Muslims should PRAISE THE BIBLE FOR ITS ACCURACY NOT THE KORAN!

Go to Qur'an, Islam and Science web site for more fallacies from the Muslims about they being the originators of modern science, when in actuality, they borrowed from the Greeks, Romans, Hindu's and other countries they conquered. The whole Muslim religion and way of life has been plagiarized from other religions and cultures of this world, there is nothing to brag about. If anyone should brag it should be everybody else.

## **Muhammad and the Occult**

We shown you earlier how Muhammad talked to the dead, and visited cemeteries, and Haykal, one of the best biographers of Muhammad admitted that he had Psychic ability, see Norman Geisler, Answering Islam, pp.155-56.

Mr. Ankerberg says: "Oxford educated Alfred Guilaume was a professor of Arabic at both Princeton and the University of London...He observes that Muhammad first considered himself as belonging to the category of shair'-man with mysterious esoteric knowledge which was generally attributed to a familiar spirit called a jinn or shaytan" (Facts on Islam, p.11). He goes on to say, "Mohammed's inspiration and religious experiences are remarkably similar to those found in some forms of spiritism. Shamanism, for example, is notorious for fostering periods of mental disruption as well as spirit possession. Significantly Muhammad experienced Shaman-like encounters and phenomena. Further, many authorities have noted that spirit possession frequently leads to the kinds of experiences that Muhammad had" (ibid., p.10, see Author Jeffery's Islam, Muhammad and His Religion, p.16).

Geisler says: "Another authority describes the Quranic verse in this way: 'The shortest verses generally occur in the earliest Suras, in which the style of Mohammed's revelation comes very close to the RHYMED PROSE (saj) USED BY THE KAHINS, OR SOOTHSAYERS OF HIS TIMES..." (Answering Islam, p.93, emphasis mine).

Warraq writes: "The belief in angels and demons is said to have been acquired from the PERSIANS (the Koranic word 'ifrit' meaning 'demon' is of Pahlavi origin). If this is the case then it was acquired long ago, for the PAGAN ARABS BEFORE ISLAM ALREADY HAD CONFUSED THE NOTION OF A CLASS OF SHADOWY BEINGS everywhere resent yet nowhere distinctly perceived, the jinn or djinn...For the Heathen Arabs, the jinn were invisible but were capable of taking various forms, such as those of snakes, lizards and scorpions. If a jinn entered a man it rendered him mad or possessed [like Muhammad claimed] Muhammad...MAINTAINED A BELIEF IN THESE SPIRITS: 'in fact the prophet went so far as to RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF HEATHEN GODS, classing them among the demons (see sura 37:158)...these primitive superstitions...held their ground in [Muslim] Arabia...[and] spread over the rest of the [Muslim] world...Mohammed's own beliefs in jinns are to be found in the Koran...Sura 72 (entitled 'The Jinn') 6:100...6:128...37:158...55:14...The angel Gabriel is spoken of as a companion of

Muhammad, just as though he were a jinni accompanying a poet, and the same word 'nafatha,' blow upon, is used of an ENCHANTER, OF A JINNI inspiring a poet and of Gabriel revealing to Muhammad" (Why..., pp.48-49, emphasis mine).

Muhammad also classed the Sabians and the people of Zoroaster as the "people of the book." Now these Sabians were those who were "...the people of the book...[who] worshipped the stars and admitted to the existence of astral spirits....Insofar as the Sabians may have influenced Muhammad, we may note the prevalence of oaths by stars and planets in the Koran (Sura 56:75: 'I swear by the falling of the stars...' Sura 53 entitled 'The Star,' verse 1: 'By the start when it plunges...')..." (ibid., p.65, emphasis mine). The God of the Bible condemns Astrological observations, see Deuteronomy 4:15, 19; 18:10-12

What is a soothsayer? One who practices divination, generally associated with the occult sciences. Hinduism Zoroasterism, Mithaism all have laments of astrology in them. We see in sura 15:16 "We set THEsigns of the ZODIAC in the heavens..." Islam condones not condemns Astrology. In sura 53:45 Muhammad refers to "Sirius," the dog star worshipped by the pagan Arabs.

Here is a warning to Christians about false these prophets: "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign [In Mohammed's case the sign is the Koran] or a wonder,

"And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, [The Koran which teaches us to worship the Moon God Hubal] which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;" (Deut 13:1-2). Then God says it is a test to see if we love him and stay with his religion (v.3). Then it pronounces the death penalty on these false prophets (v.5).

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## **Woman in Islam**

Woman in Islam are second class citizens. The Koran declares that "Men are **superior to women** on account of the qualities with which God gave them." (Sura 4:38).. Little does Muhammad know that women are stronger than men in the qualities that God gave them. The Bible teaches that men and women are equal (I Corith 11:11). That they should love one another. The Bible says "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph 5:25). We should give our lives to the point of death to our wives. The Bible says that the husband is the head of the wife (Eph 5:23). But this has nothing to do with equality. The Prime minister of Canada is the Head of the country, is he superior to us? No he was appointed leader of the country, it has nothing to do with equality. And the Biblical definition of leadership is SERVICE Matthew 23:11. For a full study on women in Islam and **violence against women in Islam** go to http://answering-

<u>islam.org/Green/womenstatus.htm</u> Also read Warraq's book Why I Am Not A Muslim, pp.290-327, of the treatment against women in the Islamic world.

Origin of the Veil: "The Arabic word 'hijab' is sometimes translated veil...[used] to cover Muslim women in...throughout the Muslim world...The veil was adopted by the Arabs from the Persians, and the woman's obligation to stay closed in at home was a tradition copied from the Byzantines, who in turn had adopted an ancient Greek custom" (Ibid, p.315, emphasis mine).

## **Homosexuality**

Homosexuality is it condoned or condemned in the Koran? There are two conflicting views of Homosexuality in the Koranic verses. There are many scriptures that condemn it, see Sura 4:16; 7:80-81; 26:165; 27:55. But there are also Suras that condone it!

Warraq explains: "A GREAT TOLERANCE FOR HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR A LONG TIME. From the 19th century onward, many westerners have been going to Muslim north Africa to look for homosexual adventure that their own society [Christian] condemned" (Why...p.341, emphasis mine).

"However ambiguity creeps in, in the passage of the Koran describing the delights of paradise [Heaven]... (ibid., p.341).

Sura 52:24 says, "We shall unite the true believers with those of their descendants who follow them in their faith, and shall not deny them the reward of their good works...Fruits we shall give them, and such meats as they desire. They will pass from hand to hand a cup inspiring no idle talk, no sinful urge; and there shall wait upon them YOUNG BOYS OF THEIR OWN AS FAIR AS VIRGIN PEARLS" (see also 56:17; 76:19). In the book 99 names for God by Judith Miller she examines these scriptures about having sex with young boys. She demonstrates to you that these scriptures do mean Homosexual relations with these boys.

"...are these boys available for sexual dalliance, or are they only to serve? (Warraq, p.342)

Homosexual marriage were known among the Arabs: "We have enough historical and philological evidence to show homosexuality was known in pre-Islamic Arabia. Our evidence is RICHER FOR THE 7TH CENTURY...During the Abassid period there seems to have been many Caliphs who were Homosexual...As for Muslim Spain in the 11th century Henery Peres tells us: 'Sodomy is practiced in all courts of the Muluk Al-Tawaif" (ibid, p.342).

# The Ishmael Myth

Many Arabs today claim to be descendant of Ishmael Abraham's son. Is this true? McClintock and Strongs a well known Encyclopedia of Religion comments: "There is a

prevalent notion that the Arabs, both of the south and the north, are descended from Ishmael; and the passage Gen 16:12...is often cited as if it were a prediction of that national independence which, upon the whole, the Arabs have maintained more than any other people. But this supposition ...is founded on a misconception of the original Hebrew...these prophecies found their accomplishment in the fact that the sons of Ishmael being located ...EAST OF THE OTHER DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM whether by Sarah or by Keturah. But the idea of the southern Arabs being of the posterity of Ishmael is ENTIRELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION, and it seems to have originated in the tradition invented by Arab vanity that they, as well as the Jews, are of the seed of Abraham-a vanity which besides disfiguring and falsifying the whole history of the patriarch and his son Ishmael, has transferred the scene of it from Palestine to Mecca...The vast tracts of the country known to us under the name Arabia gradually became **peopled by a variety of Tribes in different lineage**" (Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature, I:339, emphasis mine).

Robert Morey writes: "Most standard reference works on Islam REJECT the Arab claim to Abrahamic descent. ...[The] Encyclopedia of Islam traces the Arabs to non-Abrahamic origins. Even the Dictionary of Islam questions the whole idea that the Arabs are descendants of Ishmael" (Islamic Invasion p.24, emphasis mine).

Warraq writes: "As for the Historian, the Arabs are NO MORE descendants of Abraham, then the French are of Francus, son of Hector" (Why...p.131, emphasis mine).

The Ishmaelites with the Midianites "formed a tribal league" (cf Judges 8:22-24)" JFB, p.52 see also Holman's Bible Dictionary, p.961. They went away to "the east" and became "interrelated" with Midian and "their main homeland seems to be east of the Jordan and south of Edom" (Ibid., under "Midian" p.961). You notice in the Bible that Midianites and Ishmaelites are used interchangebley, see Gen 37:25, 28 and Judges 8:22-24. These people lived in the Land of Midian that was right up against the land of Palestine to the east.. These people dwelt in Syria, Midian and Moab, and are "clearly DISTINGUISHED FROM THE DESCENDANTS OF JOKTAN WHO PEOPLED THE ARABIAN PENINSULA" (The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible, under "Ishamelites," p.749, emphasis mine). The Bible even shows that the Ishamelites, "...settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite of Egypt, in the direction of ASSYRIA..." (Gen 25:18 NRSV).

This is also confirmed by secular History. The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible writes that when the Assyrians and the Babylonians conquered the Middle East they found the people of Ishmael North of Arabia **dwelling near Assyria**, see under articles "Ishmael and Kedar."

**Josephus mentioned that one of Abraham's great-grandsons joined with the Assyrians.** ("Antiquities", book I, ch. xv § 1.) His name was Asshur, the son of Dedan, the son of Jokshan. Jokshan was the son of Abraham. See Genesis 25:3. "And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim." From Sheba have come the Swabian Germans. From Letushim are descended

the Lettish people along the Baltic. Is it any surprise that we find in Psalm 83:1-8 we find the Ishamelites with "Asshur" in a "confederacy," meaning the United States of EUROPE, the ten nation combine called the Beast?

The Midianites-Ishmaelites are the modern day peoples of "White Russians (Byelorussians)" (The Lost Races of the Ancient World, Craig White).

Why is it in Daniel 11:40-45 we find this beast in which the ISHMAELITES ARE A PART OF going against the "KING OF THE SOUTH" which are the Arab nations, that are south of Palestine? **The Arabs are NOT part of the peoples of Ishmael.** 

#### Go to Germany in Prophecy for further Details!

One more note. How can the Arabs be descendants of Ishmael, for when Ishmael was born the ARABS ALREADY EXISTED!

The Arabians are actually the descendants of Joktan, and partly of Cush, see Gen 10:7, 26-30; 1 Chron 1:20-23.

"THE DESCENDANTS OF JOKTAN ARE WHO PEOPLED THE ARABIAN PENINSULA" (The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible, under "Ishamelites," p.749, emphasis mine).

Unger's Bible Handbook says, Seba is connected with South Arabia and is mentioned in the Assyrian inscriptions in the 8th century B.C. Havilah was ancestor to a people in central and southern Arabia partly Cushite and partly Semitic Joktanite..." (pp.53, 56).

The New Bible Commentary Says: "In so far as they can be identified Joktan and his descendants seemed to have lived in southern Arabia" (p.68).

Morey writes: "Nowhere in the Koran does it state that Ishmael is the progenitor of the Arab race. Since it is not taught in the Koran, it cannot be a true Islamic belief...Arabian literature has its own version of prehistoric times, but its entirely legendary" (Britannica, vol. 2:176)..."

"The pure Arabs are those who claim to be descended from Joktan or Qahtan, whom the present Arabs regard as their principle founder...The 'Arabu 'l-Musta'ribah, the mixed Arabs, claim to be descended from Ishmael..they boast as much as the Jews of being reckoned the children of Abraham. This circumstance will account for the preference with which they uniformly regard this branch of their pedigree, and for the many romantic legends they have grafted upon it...The Arabs, in their version of Ishmael's history, have mixed a great deal of romance with the narrative of Scripture."

(A Dictionary of Islam, pgs. 18-19)

"Muhammad was not informed about the family of Abraham." (Encyclopedia of Islam) I:184. See also pages 544-546.

"There is a prevalent notion that the Arabs, both of the south and north, are descended from Ishmael; and the passage in Gen. xvi.12, "he (Ishmael) shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren," is often cited as if it were a prediction of that national independence which, upon the whole, the Arabs have maintained more than any other people. But this supposition is founded on a misconception of the original Hebrew, which runs literally, "he shall before the faces of all his brethren," i.e., (according to the idiom above explained, in which "before the face" denotes the east), the habitation of his posterity shall be "to the east" of the settlements of Abraham's' other descendants...These prophecies found their accomplishment in the fact of the sons of Ishmael being located, generally speaking to the east of the other descendants of Abraham, whether of Sara or of Ketuah. But the idea of the southern Arabs being of the posterity of Ishmael is entirely without foundation, and seems to have originated in the tradition invented by Arab vanity that they, as well as the Jews, are of the seed of Abraham--a vanity which, besides disfiguring and falsifying the whole history of the patriarch and his son Ishmael, has transferred the scene of it from Palestine to Mecca." (McClintock and Strong, Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature, (Vol. I:339)

In the Qur'an, "Gen. 21.17-21...are identified with Mecca." (The Concise Encyclopedia of Islam, p. 193). It also states that the Southern Arabs come from Qahtan, not Ishmael (p. 48).

#### See also:

The Encyclopedia of Religion, Vol. 7, pg. 296 where the connection between the Midianites and the Ishamelites is noted.

The Shorter Encyclopedia of Islam, pgs. 178-179.

A Popular Dictionary of Islam, p. 127. (Robert Morey at <a href="http://www.cultbusters.com/arabs.html">http://www.cultbusters.com/arabs.html</a>)

#### **Muslims in America before Columbus?**

Muslims brag that they were in America long before Columbus sailed to America. Now, a lot of their history on this is mixed with truth and legend, and many of their articles lacks evidence and references.

Now although IT HAS NEVER BEEN PROVEN let's suppose they were in America, where did they receive the knowledge to get there? From the CARTHAGINIANS!

The people of Carthage were sailing to the new world CENTURIES BEFORE THE BERBERS-MOORS. The Phoenicians as well came to America and Canada in the days of Solomon, about **1000 B.C.!** This has now been established through archaeological finds in North America by Barry Fell.

The people of Carthage. established trading routes all over North Africa. They were the dominant nation at that time. These people became Christian in the first century by Simon: "Here, from the Greek records, is the route of his journey: Simon "directed his journey toward Egypt, then to Cyrene,

and Africa ... and throughout Mauritania and all Libya, preaching the gospel .... Nor could the coldness of the climate benumb his zeal, or hinder him from whipping himself and the Christian doctrine over to the WESTERN Islands, yea, even to Britain itself. Here he preached and wrought many miracles ...." Nicephorus and Dorotheus both wrote "that he went at last into BRITAIN, and ... was crucified ... and buried there" (p. 203 of Cave's "Antiq. Apost."). All these lands were established Phoenician colonies. But to be more specific to who he preached we find Geoffrey of Monmouth making it clear that these were the "white nations" "Universal History" (1748-Vol. xviii, p. 194). "But this ... was to be understood only of the WHITE nations inhabiting some parts of western **Barbary [Berber] and Numidia**." So these people could only mean the Phoenician people of Carthage and other colonies and not the dark Berber native tribes.

The inscriptions found in America proves that the Carthaginians made their way there:""Some... [of the inscriptions] is of North African origin...[and it contains] letters of the Libyan (Numidian) alphabet...the letters are understood as spelling the name Y-S-W that is to say, Yoswa=**Hebrew** Joshua...that is JESUS. The next letters are understood...evidently spell the **Berber-**Arabic word H-M-N, Hamin, meaning 'Protector.'...[this] represents JESUS THE PROTECTOR, and the tablet was made for, or by, a North African of the Christian Faith" (Fell, A Christian North African Inscription from Comalcalco, vol.17, 1988, pp.284-286, emphasis mine). "A Punic gravestone from the first and second century A.D. was found in Pennsylvania bearing a Christians inscription is quite remarkable..." (Collins, p.161). These inscriptions are also described as "Neopunic...in use at Carthage..." (ibid, p.282-283). Stephen Collins writes about this inscription and says: "The above inscribed bricks date to the early CHRISTIAN ERA...The presence of Punic and North African speakers were present when structures in Comalcalco were built offers strong evidence that Carthaginian refugees were present in the New World...DATING TO THE FIRST TO THIRD CENTURIES A.D." (Lost Ten Tribes...Found, p.162, emphasis mine). Long before Islam or Muhammad was even born! These dates can only mean the Phoenician peoples! The Majority of these people were white, and since Phoenicians were Semitic, and Semitic's were white, then again it could only mean the Phoenicians! And the "Punic language...is similar to the Hebrew" (Saga America Barry fell, p.237, emphasis mine). This shows again that they were a Semitic people! The Phoenicians also dwelt in these areas and as we have proved and came into contact with the natives, dwelt with them, built cities with them, and could have easily learned their language as the natives learned their language. And who else in the Old World had the Naval power to come to America? And Collin's shows that these people were fleeing the Romans in the Old world coming to the new, and the found an abundant amount of "Carthaginian coins in America", pp.159-163.

Carthage, after their fall fled to the other Phoenician trading posts all over North Africa and Britain as well as America.

"After the fall of Carthage., Punic cities (and the Punic Language) survived in North Africa for another half Millennium. Their inscriptions were 'written in the Hebrew language'...its was well noticed by St. Augustine and St. Jerome...as late as the fourth century..." (ibid, p.156).

"Where did most of the Carthaginians go when Carthage fell to the Romans? It is highly likely that all the Carthaginians stayed in Carthage...Carthage had a network of Colonies and trading posts. Many likely fled from the Romans...relocating elsewhere. Some may have sailed Carthage's old maritime routes to America. Historical facts support this conclusion" (ibid, p.159). So the Carthaginians had the knowledge for years to sail to America, and they were Christian.

**But a minority of those refugees could have been Berbers** who were as we have read "Punicized," and came to the New World with the Phoenicians. That's why we find "Moorish looking" people in some of the art of the Mayans. And some "Berber-Arabic" inscriptions. But again these things all happened centuries before Muhammed was ever born!

Now the Phoenician people when in North Africa came into contact with the Native people called the Berbers who were called Moors afterwards. "These Berbers were seldom MUCH INFLUENCED by Phoenician city life...[and] they allied themselves with Carthage and its sister states..." (Basil Davidson, Africa in History, emphasis mine). He also calls some towns "Phoenician-Berber towns" (p.55). Many "Berbers...became Punicized and adopted the Phoenician language, Punic as the Lingua Franca for trade [which was done by sea]" (Africans and Their History, p.71). So many of the Berbers became knowledgeable of the Punic way of life. As another author writes: Carthage and her satellites came to exert a considerable influence in the life of NATIVE BERBERS...Since the Phoenicians were quick to develop any opportunities for trade...even the smallest coastal settlement tended to become a local metropolis where Berber tribesmen could gain some KNOWLEDGE of a more ordered settled mode of living" (Roland Oliver A Short History of Africa, p.41, emphasis mine). So the Phoenicians taught the Native people their way of life, and as a result the Berbers had a, "...rich civilization...before the arrival of the Arabs" (Warraq, p.211, emphasis mine) And again these Punic people stayed in Africa until the 4th century A.D. So the knowledge was ingrained in the Native people for centuries. So there is no reason to doubt that the Moors-(Berbers) could have known about America FROM THE PHOENICIANS!

Then the Berbers "...slowly converted to Islam, NOT from deep religious conviction, but rather from MATERIAL SELF INTEREST, in the hope of winning booty" (ibid., p.211, emphasis mine). Paul Fregolsi's book "Jihad" documents the same motive of the Berber-Moors. They weren't interested in Islam, but just getting rich. They learned this also from the Phoenicians! So they had knowledge of going to Americalong Before the MUSLIMS EVER CAME INTO CONTACT WITH THEM.

Notice, that **Christians were in America before Muslims**. Other people found America centuries BEFORE Muslims. The Phoenicians and the Carthaginians were Israelites of the Lost Ten Tribes read Collin's book, The Lost Ten Tribes...Found for proof. Even the **Vikings came to America before the Muslims! So what is there to brag about?** Christians were in America long before the Muslims! If the Muslims claim to make all these incredible discoveries, (which as we have proved they did not), why aren't they the CHIEF OF THE NATIONS? WHY ARE THE CHRISTIAN NATIONS THE MOST BLESSED NATIONS ON EARTH? WHY ARE THE MUSLIM NATIONS "BACKWARDS" (Warraq, p.210) IN CIVILIZATION AND NOT ADVANCED?

The elephants that were found in America that Muslims claim came from the Muslims in America before Columbus is just not true. Yes there were elephants, but the Muslims did not bring them over from Africa, the CARTHAGINIANS DID! The bones of the Elephants that have been found were dated "...to 2000 YEARS"...[and]"a mammoth skeleton in the Mississippi river valley was once dated about 2000 YEARS" (Carter, A Note on the Elephant in America, and The Mammoth in American Epigraph, vol. 18, 1989, pp.90, 213, emphasis mine).

Collins writes, these "place elephants...at the approximate time of Christ...Where did these elephants originate?...We know that the CARTHAGINIANS specialized in the use of Battle elephants, and it is known that the elephants accompanied Carthaginian troops...The presence of North

American elephants can be traced to the **third century B.C.during the time of Carthage...** The presence of the African elephants in ancient America is **consistent** with the evidence that the Carthaginians were present in ancient America. Who but the Carthaginians with their large maritime fleets could have transported African elephants to America?" (p.166, Lost Ten Tribes, emphasis mine). Muslims just claim that they found elephants in North America and that they had to be the Muslims! But the evidence shows otherwise. These elephants were here LONG BEFORE MUSLIMS EVER CAME TO AFRICA and converted people to Islam.

Any ways even the aboriginals who were PAGAN arrived before the Muslims. There is also evidence that the Egyptians who were PAGANS at the time arrived long before the Muslims! And there is evidence that these people, the Egyptians and Polynesians were from the Alliance that Solomon had with Tyre, Sidon and Egypt! So the discovery of America goes solely to the Israelites of the Bible!

#### Ancient Maps of the "Sea Kings"

Some Muslims claim that maps made by Muslims in the Middle Ages caused the Muslims to go to America. But History shows that these people just copied ancient maps from the Carthaginians!

In his book *Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings*, Charles H. Hapgood tells of the Piri Re'is map of 1513 A.D. Studies of this map show that it correctly gives latitudes and longitudes along the coasts of Africa and Europe, indicating that the original mapmaker must have found the correct relative longitude across Africa and across the Atlantic to Brazil. This amazing map gives an accurate profile of the coast of South America to the Amazon, provides an amazing outline of the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico (supposedly not yet discovered!), and -- incredibly enough -- shows a part of the coast of the Antarctic Continent which was not discovered, in modern times, until 1818!

This map does not stand alone. A world map drawn by Oronteus Finaeus in 1531 gives a truly authentic map of Antarctica, indicating the coasts were probably ice-free when the original map was drawn (of which Oronteus Finaeus' map was a later copy). The Oronteus Finaeus map was strikingly similar to modern maps of the Antarctic. How could this be?

Another fascinating map is the map of Hadji Ahmed of 1559. It is evident that the cartographer had some extraordinary source maps at his disposal. Says Hapgood: "The shapes of North and South America have a surprisingly modern look, the western coasts are especially interesting. They seem to be about two centuries ahead of the cartography of the time. . . . The shape of what is now the United States is about Perfect" (p.99).

Another map of the Middle Ages, the Reinel Chart of 1510 -- a Portuguese map of the Indian Ocean -- provides a striking example of the knowledge of the ancients. Studying the identifiable geographical localities and working out from them, Hapgood was astounded to find that "this map apparently shows the coast of Australia . . . The map also appeared to show some of the Caroline Islands of the Pacific. Latitudes and longitudes on this map are remarkably good, although Australia is shown too far north" (*ibid.*, p.134).

How can such remarkable accuracy be explained on the basis of almost total ignorance of the earth during that time? Obviously, at an earlier period of earth's history, sea-faring nations must have travelled around the world and accurately mapped the major continents, and fragments and copies of their ancient maps survived into the Middle Ages and were copied again.

Concludes Hapgood: "The evidence presented by the ancient maps appears to suggest the existence in remote times . . . of a true civilization, of a comparatively advanced sort, which either was localized in one area but had worldwide commerce, or was, in a real sense, a worldwide culture" (p.193).

How advanced was this ancient culture? Says Hapgood, "In astronomy, nautical science, mapmaking and possibly ship-building, it was perhaps more advanced than any state of culture before the 18th Century of the Christian Era." He continues: "It was in the 18th Century that we first developed a practical means of finding longitude. It was in the 18th Century that we first accurately measured the circumference of the earth. Not until the 19th Century did we begin to send out ships for purposes of whaling or exploration into the Arctic or Antarctic Seas. The maps indicate that some ancient people may have done all these things" (*Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings*, p.193).

What ancient society could have been responsible? Is there really any doubt?

The evidence is overwhelming. The Semitic features discovered in Mexico and South America, the Hebrew and Phoenicians inscriptions, the Hebrew religious customs found in the Americas, and similar customs in far off New Zealand among the Maories of ancient times, all attest to the fact that worldwide oceanic travel, trade and commerce was occurring during the time of the Solomonic Empire! And everyone knows that the "ancient sea kings" are none other than the Phoenicians of the ancient world.

Hapgood says such mapmaking would indicate economic motivations and vast economic resources. Further, organized government is indicated, since the mapping of a continent such as Antarctica implies much organization, many expeditions, and the compilation of many local observations and maps into a general map under central supervision. He adds that it is unlikely that navigation and mapmaking were the only sciences developed by this ancient people. Such a comprehensive enterprise could only have been achieved during a relative time of world peace, and by a very powerful and extremely wealthy kingdom! What ancient kingdom could have accomplished this?

So the possibility was there, but again there is no significant proof of these claims that Muslims were in America before Columbus. I think that Muslims are just jealous because of all the accomplishments that the Christian nations have made, and they dream up these scenarios to make themselves seem bigger than they really are!But if this was true, Again we see Muslims riding on the backs of other peoples accomplishments as always!

If there is anyone who should brag, it is the Israelites, (Phoenicians and Carthaginians) and Religion wise, Christians and the Faith of the Old Testament, Because there were in inscriptions that read "Yahweh is our God," in America as well. Go to our <u>Archaeology site</u> for proof.

# Why Muslims Don't Know?

Why don't Muslims know any of these things that we have written and researched? Simply because "...**Muslim leaders are afraid of carrying out any thorough research into the origins of Islam,**especially, the pre-Islamic Arabian religion, in case they discover anything that will cause their faith in Islam to wane" (Who is This Allah, p.136, Moshsay, emphasis mine).

They also follow what Muhammad commanded them to do, and that is to: "O ye who Believe ASK NOT QUESTIONS about things which if made plain to you, MAY CAUSE YOU TROUBLE...Some people before you did ask questions, and on that account LOST THEIR FAITH" (Sura 5:101-102). He also says: "This book is not to be doubted" (Dawood, Transl Sura 2:1). Why not? Why not put it to the test? God in the Bible actually challenges us to prove the Bible. God is confident that the Bible is true. "PROVE ALL THINGS" (1 Thess 5:21).

Maududi in his commentary warns Muslims not to probe deeply into Islam:"The Holy prophet himself FORBADE PEOPLE to ask questions...so do not try to probe into such things" (The Meaning of the Koran, vol.3, pp.76-77, emphasis mine).

Bukhari's Hadith tells us how Muhammad responded to those who asked questions: "The prophet was asked about things which he did not like, and when the questioner insisted, the prophet got angry" (vol.1, no.92). Muhammad just wanted people to believe on blind faith. "Take my word for it!" Muhammad implies.

# The Myth of the Rise of Islam.

It is commonly believed that Islam is the world fastest growing religion. Many writers report great leaps forward in the number of Mosques in western countries, and they give numbers for immigration which would seem to sustain the terror that Muslims will soon control the US House, the Senate, and the British Parliament.

I beg to differ. While Islam is certainly of growing religion (mostly by force in the third world), it is not the fasted growing cult at all. The myth of Islam's rapid growth is moderated greatly by understanding how Mosques come and go. Outside the Middle east, the majority of mosques are in homes and rented buildings. They flourish for a while, then the congregation regroups, as some abandon Islam., while new members immigrate into the western world fresh from the Middle East. In this process, a new location is found for the house-mosque, and the old one is abandon. I have seen very little evidence that Americans and Britain's are being converted from Catholic, Baptist, or any other churches to Islam. Actually the immigration department in the U.S are having trouble finding out how many Muslims are in the U.S because many of them are converting to Christianity.

As far as the non-western world, the new converts to Islam are often very secular. In Egypt, Coptics "convert" by going to Friday prayers. This is done so they can be seen by the Imam, and the potential employers, thus enhancing their job hunting status. The Coptic Orthodoxy is of the cheap variety anyway. This kind of "convert" to Islam becomes secularized very quickly if he moves out of Egypt to a neutral or democratic nation.

This applies to the vast majority of Muslims that you would meet all over the world. The problem is that the media never tells you about these Muslims. They only show the mad mob frenzy bigots screaming for blood on the streets of Terhan or Khartoum.

#### Whose Land?

The people in Palestine are fighting over the land of Israel today. The Jews say its their land, the Palestinians say its theirs. Whose right? The Bible says its Israel's. And the Koran says its Israel's see Sura 5:25; 7:133.

#### **Salvation in Islam?**

Is the Muslim certain that he has salvation in Islam. Absolutely not! Even Muhammad wasn't even sure if he was saved as we read in the Koran: "...nor do I know what will be done with me or you...(Sura 46:8) A religion that can't assure salvation of its own prophet will certainly disappoint its adherents in the last day.

The Koran Teaches salvation by works Sura 23:104-105, but the Bible is Salvation by Grace. The Koran teaches also that all Muslims go to hell first, see Sura 19:67-72.

# **New Revelation?**

Was Muhammad one to bring us new revelations? Absolutely not! He said himself "I Am not apostle of new doctrines..." (46:8) And we see that in all the stories that he has given, and all the ceremonies that he has given in the Koran, we have seen that it was nothing new. They were all borrowed from myths legends and paganism.

# God's Word is Complete

The Bible is now complete. God's last book is the book of Revelation. There are many prophecies in the Old Testament that show you that the word of God would be complete in Jesus day, and the days of the Apostles.

In Isaiah 8:16 it says: "BIND up the testimony; SEAL THE LAW among my DISCIPLES..." Verse 20 says: "TO the law and to the testimony; **if they speak not according to this word** [The Bible], it is because there is no light in them." This prophecy is about Jesus Christ. It talks about the "rock of offense" in verse 14, this means Christ, see 1 Peter 2:8. Then it says to bind up the law "among my disciples." Who are the Disciples? The Disciples of Christ. The last one, who was John who wrote the last book of the Bible. The

Bible is now SEALED. THERE IS NO MORE TO BE ADDED TO GOD'S WORD ITS COMPLETE. So the Mormons and the Muslims and everyone else that claims extra revelation from God are claiming a total LIE and going against scripture. Jesus is called the "...author and FINISHER OF OUR FAITH" (Hebrew 12:2).

# **Articles by Robert Morey**

# **Buddhism Unmasked**

by Dr. Robert Morey

#### Introduction

Buddhism is an Eastern religion which has gained many followers in the West especially among movie stars. It is only appropriate that we examine this ancient pagan religion.

#### The Buddha

Buddhism is supposedly built upon the teachings and example of a Hindu guru who was called the "Buddha," i.e. Enlightened One. The problem we face is that this guru did not write down any of his teachings. Neither did any of his early disciples. A few manuscripts appear four to five hundred years after his death! But most of the manuscripts do not appear until nearly 1,000 years after his death. This gives plenty of time for legends and myths to arise which falsify the life and teachings of the guru.

This problem is further complicated by the development of two contradictory literary traditions: Pali and Sanskrit. These divergent literary traditions produced hundreds of Buddhist sects which disagree with each other on many major points.

# **No Primary Sources**

Because of the lack of primary source materials for the history of Buddhism, modern scholars seriously doubt the reliability of the traditional legends about the Buddha. As a matter of fact, if he were alive today he would not recognize the religion that bears his name! Since Buddhists themselves disagree on the "facts" of the life and teachings of their guru, there is more than adequate reason to cast doubt on the entire history of the "Buddha"

# What We Know

There are only a few facts about this Hindu guru that are agreed upon by most scholars. He was born around 563 BC in what is now called Nepal. His name is not known for certain. The ones that history preserved are spelled differently. One variation is

Siddhartha Gautama. Although this name is doubted by many scholars, we will use it for lack of a better alternative.

It is universally agreed that Siddhartha did not intend to start a new religion. He was born a Hindu. He lived as a Hindu. And he died a Hindu in 483 B.C. The myths and legends which gradually built up around him over the centuries are no safe guide to what he really believed or practiced.

As Buddhism evolved over the centuries, many different authors from varying cultures set forth their own ideas in the name of the Buddha. As a result, Buddhism developed inherent contradictions. When this was realized, Buddhism embraced these contradictions as a badge of honor. Thus the making of self-contradictory statements has become one of the pronounced features of Zen and other esoteric forms of Buddhism.

# The Myths

The many conflicting and fascinating legends about his early life, marriage, wanderings and enlightenment are unreliable. Siddhartha was supposedly born into a wealthy family and grew up very isolated from the poverty and suffering in the surrounding culture. Some legends exaggerate the wealth of his family and even make them into royalty. But these legends are obvious embellishments and there is no historical evidence to back them up.

He was married and had one infant child by the age of 29. Disobeying his father's wishes, he went out into the world and for the first time saw the pain and suffering of the unwashed poor and the untouchables. Their suffering made him feel guilty over his life of ease and luxury.

As he became psychologically obsessed with guilt, instead of doing something positive to alleviate human suffering, like setting up a hospital or giving food to the hungry, Siddhartha decided to increase human suffering by abandoning his family and taking up the life of Hindu beggar/monk. By making his family suffer as well as himself, he only added to human suffering. This is one of the great defects of both Hinduism and Buddhism. They increase human suffering with their belief systems.

For six years Siddhartha wandered around the countryside begging and abusing his body in the attempt to purify his soul. But his suffering did not profit anything for anyone including himself. The legends state that he was sitting under a fig tree when it dawned upon him that the source of all his suffering was his failure to find a Middle Way between pleasure and pain, wealth and poverty, etc.. He had gone from one extreme to another and both experiences had left him dissatisfied with life.

Then a new idea came into his mind. His real problem was that he had DESIRES. When his desires were not met, he became dissatisfied. Thus the way to avoid frustration and the suffering it caused, is to arrive at the place where he had no desires for anything, good

or evil. For example, he should have no desire to see his wife or child or to help the poor and needy. Desire qua desire must be eradicated.

With these insights (sic), Siddhartha was proclaimed a "Buddha," i.e. an Enlightened One. Did this mean he went back to his family and fulfilled his moral obligation to his wife and child? No, his wife and child remained abandoned. Siddhartha's so-called "enlightenment" was intensely self-centered and inherently selfish. This is still one of the main problems of Buddhism.

Now that he was a "Buddha," he should not have any desires to be or do anything. We would therefore expect him to withdraw to a cave and died in isolation. But his desire to preach sermons and make converts was apparently alive and well. He set forth preaching his new message to all who would hear him.

According to the legends, from his enlightened lips came the Four Noble Truths, the Eightfold Path, the Ten Perfections, and many other sophisticated teachings. But Siddhartha never really taught any of these things. They were developed many centuries after his death and his name was invoked in order to give them the air of authority.

# No God

Siddhartha never taught that he was a god or that he should be worshipped as a god. He did not even claim to be a saint or an avatar. As a Hindu, he believed in millions of finite gods and goddesses. But being finite deities, they were of little consequence and could be ignored except when you needed their assistance. Thus most Buddhists call upon the gods only when they need something.

# The Evolution of Buddhism

The starting point for any analysis of Buddhism is Hinduism. Scholars have long pointed out that Buddhism was intended to be a reform movement within Hinduism, not a separate religion. Indeed, much of Buddhism is a reaction to the sociological evils spawned by the Hindu commitment to such things as the caste system with its millions of untouchables. The following charts summaries the unity and diversity between Hinduism and Buddhism.

#### Unity

Hinduism	Buddhism
1. human autonomy	1. human autonomy
2. monism	2. monism
3. idealism	3. idealism
4. karma	4. karma

5. enlightenment	5. enlightenment
6. reincarnation	6. reincarnation

# Diversity

Hinduism	Buddhism
1. Brahmanism	1. rejected
2. caste system	2. rejected
3. The Vedas	3. rejected
4. enlightenmentf for only a few	4. enlightenment for all
5. group	5. individual
6. polytheistic	6. atheistic
7. eternal soul	7. no soul per se

# **Christianity And Buddhism**

Buddhism is inferior to Christianity in many ways.

- **A.** "Southern" Buddhism is polytheistic involving the worship of idols including the Buddha (a huge, fat, smiling, pot-bellied man sitting in the lotus position). Some rub his stomach for good luck. Sacrifices are presented to him.
- **B.** The OT prophets pointed out the defects of polytheism and the folly of worshipping what we make with his own hands. My book Battle of the Gods has two chapters on the philosophic defects of polytheism.
- **C.** "Northern" Buddhism is more atheistic than polytheistic. If any god is acknowledged, it is the "god" within us. Buddhists deny the existence of the personal/infinite Maker of heaven and earth. They are atheistic in this sense.
- **D.** Having no infinite/personal Creator, Buddhism cannot provide any basis for truth, justice, meaning, morals or beauty. It cannot answer the riddles of the origin or goal of life.
- **E.** Its inward orientation made the development of science impossible.
- **F.** Its concept of suffering prevented them from alleviating human suffering.
- **G.** Their concept of karma and reincarnation compounded the problem of evil by adding more suffering to it.

- **H.** Because Buddhism teaches that man's problem is primarily ignorance, it never developed a way to gain forgiveness for sin.
- **I.** Because it strives only for enlightenment, Buddhism offers no plan of salvation.
- **J.** Its goal is not to glorify God or to make a positive contribution to humanity but the extinction of individual consciousness in the ocean of nothingness called Nirvana. Its failure to find a purpose and meaning for life that is greater than life itself is one of its greatest defects.
- **K.** Because of its narcissistic and self-centered nature, Buddhism appeals to those who seek justification for living a selfish life style. This is why Hollywood movie stars are drawn to it.
- **L.** Buddhism fails the test of history by being based on groundless myths and legends. It thus has no basis in history and it built on lies and deceptions set forth in Buddha's name.

#### The Answer To Buddhism

- 1. The Biblical Doctrine of Creation: The universe is not eternal as Buddhism teaches. It had a beginning and will have an end. Man is created in the image of an infinite/personal Creator. God created matter as well as mind and both are good. Buddhism fails the test of science with its idea of an eternal universe.
- **2.** The Biblical Doctrine of the Fall: Man's problem is moral and not metaphysical. He has sinned against God's law by violating its commands and failing to live up to it standards. Our problem is not that we have a body or that we are conscious of our individual existence. Our problem is that we are sinners in need of salvation. Buddhism fails the test of morals because it fails to address the sin problem.
- **3.** The Biblical Doctrine of Redemption: God so loved us that He sent His Son to die for our sins on the cross. His atoning work renders karma and reincarnation unnecessary. The goal is to retain our individual consciousness for all eternity in service to God and others. Buddhism fails the test of salvation because it provides none.

#### **Conclusion**

Buddhism is legendary while Christianity is historical. Buddhism is irrational and attempts to escape logic and reason. But Christianity is the very essence of logic and reason. Buddhism is a death-wish philosophy and is not mentally healthy. It does not really enable people to cope with the real world but tries to escape reality and live according to illusion and fantasy. In every respect it fails the tests of truth. Jesus Christ alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We cannot go to the Father without Him.

# **Hinduism Exposed**

by Dr. Robert A. Morey

### Introduction

Hinduism is one of the oldest pre-Christian pagan religions still viable in the world today. While we think of it as the faith of Mother India, it actually traces it origins to a mysterious tribe of Europeans called the Aryans who invaded and conquered Northern India from 1500 BC to 500 BC. The light-skinned Brahmins of Northern India claim to be their physical and spiritual descendants.

# The Aryans

The Aryans brought with them their sacred writings called the Vedas. They were originally fire worshippers and this is why they believed in cremation instead of burying their dead. They also invented the theory of soul-transmigration in which at death you do not go to heaven or to hell but you are reborn into another body on earth. This next body could be animal, vegetable or human depending on whether you were good or bad. Your past behavior catches up with you in your present life due to the law of karma.

You could in your next reincarnation end up a clam, a carrot, a bush or a human being. The highest rebirth you could wish for was to be born as one of the white-skinned Brahmins who by virtue of their color were considered the "higher" class.

## The Ugly Reality of Racism

The inherent racism of historic Hinduism is thus blatant. You were judged by the color of your skin, not the content of your character, skills or talents. The darker your skin, the lower your caste and rank in Hindu society. The whiter your skin, the higher your caste and rank. The Brahmins prided themselves on their white skin while despising the darker skinned untouchables who were often viewed and treated as sub-humans.

This explains why Hindu gurus are more than willing to travel to the West to convert rich white Europeans to Hinduism BUT never travel to black Africa to make converts. The truth is, they don't want black people whose skin color is an indication of bad karma. As long as they can sucker rich white people into giving them money ("Money is evil. So give it all to me.") why bother with darker skinned people?

This can be documented by the statements of many of the gurus who have reaped riches in the West. When one guru was asked on TV what he was doing to help the poor, he responded, "Let the Christians take care of them. I am here to help the rich."

# **The Caste System**

The terrible caste system was invented in order to protect the white Brahmins from polluting their sacred whiteness with black blood. You had to marry and to labor in the caste into which you were born. The lines were clearly drawn and on one was allowed to move from one caste to another by marriage or trade.

The mechanism of the caste system is tied to the Hindu theory of soul-transmigration in which your rebirth determines your caste. Your rebirth was predetermined by your karma. Your karma was in turn was determined by how you lived in your past life. For example, if you were born with a dark skin to untouchable parents, your life of misery and poverty is your punishment for being evil in your previous life. In other words, you are getting what you deserved.

The poor, the sick, the disabled, the dark-skinned, etc. are what they are because of their own fault. The deserve their suffering because they did something bad in a previous life and their karma has caught up with them. We should not interfere with their suffering because if we do, we will doom them to experience it in the next life. Thus the kindest thing to do is to let them alone so they get their suffering over and hopefully have a better rebirth the next time around.

On the other hand, if you were born with white skin to Brahmin parents, your life of wealth and pleasure is your reward for good deeds done in your previous life. You deserve to be rich and white. You earned it. Thus you have no moral obligation to help those less fortunate them you.

The social inequities of Hinduism ultimately led millions of lower caste Indians to abandon Hinduism for Buddhism, Islam, Sikhism or Christianity because those religions did not lock them into a rigid caste system. Social and financial mobility required a change of religion. Of course, if you were a rich white Brahmin, why would you convert to a religion which would strip you of your social status and wealth?

#### **Social Evils**

Being originally fire worshippers, Hinduism developed the grisly practice of burning a widow alive on the funeral pyre of her husband (suttee). If she did not willing jump into the fire, she was often thrown into it by the mob gathered to watch her burn to death.

Child sacrifices to animal gods such as sacred crocodiles were common until this Hindu practice was criminalized by the British. The ritual murder and burial of travelers by the Kali cult (the thugees) is another example of Hinduism's inherently demonic nature and inspiration.

Other immoral practices of Hinduism included using children as sex slaves in Hindu temples. They not only served the sexual perversions of the priests and gurus but were used as prostitutes to bring in money. The poorest of the poor who often could not afford to keep a new child, left the baby in a temple assuming that the child would have a better life with the priests than with its parents. They doomed their child to a life of pain and misery.

The tourist who travels to India's many temples is often shocked by wall art that depicts sodomy, child sex, orgies and bestiality of the grossest kind. Yet, all this is part of what lies at the core of Hinduism.

The same shock is received when tourists see Hindus drinking urine from animals and humans and smearing dung in their hair and on their body. The smell that emanates from the gurus, monks and holy men of Hinduism is enough to warn us that Hinduism is rotten to the core.

Why are we beginning our discussion of Hinduism with such ugly topics as racism, the caste system, burning of widows, ritual child abuse and gross immorality? To see the true nature of Hinduism we must study what it produces in those societies where it is the dominant religion. Thus a mere abstract philosophic presentation of Hinduism in the classroom will give a false view of it. Hinduism is far more than a list of abstract dogmas. It is actually a social program that seeks to organize a culture according to Hindu concepts of soul-transmigration, karma, race and caste.

# The Philosophic Failures of Hinduism

- **1.** Hinduism denies the existence of the infinite/personal triune God of the Bible who exists independent of and apart from the universe which He created out of nothing. It is atheistic in this sense.
- 2. Hinduism never solved the problem of the One and Many or the infinite/personal dichotomy.
- **3.** Those Hindus who emphasize the One over the Many, teach Monism (All is One) and pantheism (All is God), erasing any distinction between Creator and creation. "God" is an impersonal infinite force or power which manifest itself as the universe around us. The "things" we see around us do not really exist per se. They are only illusions of the One. This is what the high caste Hindus teach the Westerners who come to India in search of "enlightenment."
- **4.** The vast majority of Hindus do not follow the Brahmin doctrine of monism. Instead of emphasizing the One over the Many, they emphasize the Many over the One and practice the most vile forms of polytheism imaginable in which they worship millions of gods and goddesses. It is said that the Hindus worship more gods and goddesses than the total number of Hindus who exist today. They worship snakes, monkeys, elephants, crocodiles, cats, insects and other absurdities.
- **5.** As a world view, Hinduism fails to answer crucial questions:
- **a.** Why does the Universe exist as opposed to not existing? Since it cannot answer this question, Hinduism simply denies the existence of the world around us. It is an illusion (maya) or dream.
- **b.** Is the universe eternal or did it have a beginning? Hinduism has always taught that the universe is eternal. But this has been successfully refuted by modern science. This also exposes an inherent contradiction within Hinduism. If the universe does not exist but is illusionary in nature, how then is it eternal? How can Hinduism speak of the universe going through eternal cycles if the universe does not exist?
- **c.** Why does the Universe exist in such a form that predictability and science are possible? By denying the existence of the world around it, Hinduism did not develop science and cannot exist why it works.
- **d.** What is evil? Once again, since Hinduism could not answer this question, it simply denied that evil existed.
- **e.** Why does evil exist? Hinduism cannot answer this question.
- **f.** What is man? Hinduism denies that we actually exist.
- **g.** How can we explain the uniqueness of man? Hinduism cannot explain why man is distinct from the world around him.
- **h**. Why do we do evil? Hinduism cannot answer this question.
- **i.** What is sin? Because it does not have a concept of a personal/infinite Creator, Hinduism has no concept of "sin" per se.
- **j.** How do we obtain forgiveness for our sins? There is no forgiveness in Hinduism. You will have to suffer in the next life for the evil you do in this present life. This answer exposes an inescapable

contradiction within Hindu philosophy. If the universe, evil, and man do not actually exist but are only illusions (Maya), then on what grounds does karma exist? If it does not actually exist either, then on what grounds does reincarnation happen?

- **k.** On what basis can we explain man's desire for meaning, significance, justice, morals, truth and beauty? Hinduism has no answer to these questions.
- **l.** How can we provide a sufficient basis for meaning, significance, justice, morals, truth and beauty? Hinduism cannot provide a philosophic basis for any of these things.

#### **Conclusion**

Hinduism cannot answer the essential philosophic questions that always arise wherever and whenever the human intellect matures. It has been weighed in the scales of truth and have been found lacking.

Even more importantly, Hinduism has no concept of a Creator God, the Creation, the Fall of man into sin and guilt, a Day of Judgment, atonement or forgiveness, or a Savior who redeems us from our sins by the sacrifice of Himself in our place.

It did not produce democracy, science or equality among different races and racks of mankind. Instead it produced great social evils which afflict the Indian people to this day. As a religion and a philosophy, Hinduism is a complete failure and cannot provide a basis for meaning, significance, justice, morals, truth and beauty.