The Forgiving One

Following the Satanic Verses, Allah was enshrined as Islam's god. The 40th surah, aptly named "The Forgiver," is typical of those revealed during the late Meccan period. *Qur'an 40:1* "Ha Mim. (These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur'an and none but Allah understands their meaning.) The revelation of this Book is from Allah, Exalted in Power, the All-Knower, The Forgiver, the Accepter, the Severe in Punishment."

Now that we have been properly introduced, it's time to get down to business - Allah's business. *Qur'an 40:4* "None can argue or dispute about the Signs of Allah or His Revelations but the Unbelievers." Islamic states make it a criminal offense for anyone to argue or dispute anything pertaining to Muhammad, Allah, the Qur'an, or Islam. The penalty for expressing such an opinion is death. Simply stated: Islam is the least open, least tolerant, dogma ever conceived.

"Let not their strutting about or their turn of fortune deceive you (for their ultimate end will be the Fire of Hell)!" This must be the verse Islamic warlords quote to quell their subjects today. "Sure those Western democracies are prospering while we live in the squalor of Islam. But don't let their good fortune deceive you into believing their success and our failure is a result of our religion's moral poverty. "No, never. It couldn't be. Allah would never harm you."

Freedom obliterated, political correctness imposed, it was time to corrupt a Bible story to make the Meccan rejection of Muhammad, seem somehow prophetic. Qur'an 40:5 "Before them, folk denied, the People of Noah, and the Confederates (of Evil) after them; and every nation has plotted against their prophet, to seize and destroy him." There is no record of an Islamic prophet coming to any nation, much less every nation. (Saudi Arabia didn't became a nation until 1932 when the British elevated a warlord to king.) "They disputed by means of falsehood to condemn the truth. So I [first person] seized and destroyed them! How (terrible) was My punishment! In this way the sentence [behavior] of your Lord [The speaker has returned to third person in mid-thought.] against the disbelieving infidels was justified. They will be the inmates of the Hell Fire!" The change of speaker that permeates the Qur'an is important. The voice is confused because the real source was confused. Muhammad didn't know if he should steal his scripture from Qusayy, Zayd, or Moses - or simply claim credit for himself.

Qur'an 40:7 "Those (angels [demons]) who sustain the Throne and those around it sing praise to their Lord and believe in Him; and ask forgiveness for those who believe: 'Our Lord! Your reach is over all things, in mercy and knowledge. Forgive those who repent and follow Your Path. Save them from the torment of the blazing fire! Grant that they enter the Gardens of Eden.'" The Qur'an doesn't explain the basis for forgiveness. In the religions upon which Islam was based, an atoning sacrifice is required. It is the same with all rational societies. Commit a crime and a judge will require you to sacrifice your money, your freedom, or your life, depending upon the severity of the offense. The only sacrifice in Islam is an inducement - it's as if God can be

bribed, his favor bought. So in Islam, sin is without consequence, and the result is chaos. When forgiveness is capricious, anarchy reigns. This oversight is one of many reasons Islam is impoverished. It explains why Islamic states require tyrannical oppression to maintain a semblance of order.

With predestination there is no choice; and without choice, what follows makes no sense. *Qur'an 40:9* "'And ward off from them ill-deeds; and he from whom You ward off ill-deeds that day, him verily have You taken into mercy. That is the supreme success."

Destined to hell: *Qur'an 40:10* "Lo, those who disbelieve will be informed by proclamation: 'Verily Allah's abhorrence is more terrible than your aversion to yourselves." Allah abhors men. Another translation reads: "Allah's hatred of you is terrible, seeing that you were called to the Faith [of submission] and you refused." It's yet another sign that Allah is not Yahweh. The God of the Bible abhors deception, evil, false gods, and false religions, but he loves men - even men and women caught in deceptive, evil, and false doctrines. So we're dealing with Satan here.

The abhorred inmates of Allah's Hell: Qur'an 40:11 "will say: 'Our Lord! [which would make Allah available in Hell and the Lord of Hell] Twice have You made us die, and twice have You made us live! Now we have recognized our faults. Is there any way out (of this fire)?' (The answer will be:) "This is (your plight) because, when Allah was invoked as the Only (object of worship), you rejected (Islam), but when partners were joined to Him, you believed!" Translated into English this means: When Muhammad accepted Allah and discarded Ar-Rahman, and when he promoted Allah's little girls to goddesses, his adversaries believed. But the non-monotheistic Satanic indulgence didn't work out so, ever the hypocrite, Muhammad says that if anyone follows his example, they'll burn in hell.

Qur'an 40:13 "It is He Who shows you his Ayat (Signs and Proofs)." According to the Qur'an, there were no miracles - ever. Allah never so much as rolled over. However, the Hadith contradicts Allah's Book, and says: Bukhari: V4B56N830-1 "The Meccan people requested Allah's Apostle to show them a miracle, and so during the lifetime of the Prophet [they haven't a clue as to when] the moon was split into two parts. On that the Prophet said, 'Bear witness [to my god]." Since there is no evidence to corroborate fanciful tale, I'm surprised Muslims don't claim that putting the moon back together as if it had never been apart was a miracle, too.

Now that Allah is the spirit of Islam, it's time to elevate his status. *Qur'an* 40:14 "So call you (O Muhammad) upon Allah, making (your) worship pure for Him (in obedience), even though the disbelievers may detest it. (He is the) Owner of High Ranks, Owner of the Throne. By His Command does He send the (inspiration) to any of His slaves he pleases, that it may warn (men) of the Day of Mutual Meeting." If this is scripture, the perfect word of god inscribed on an eternal tablet, why must so many words be added to the text for it to even approach being intelligible?

Qur'an 40:16 "The Day whereon they will (all) come out of their graves: not a single thing of them is hidden. Who will be in control that Day.' Allah, the One, the Irresistible!" God would not ask such a question or answer it so absurdly. The spirit depicted in these scriptures is

hardly irresistible. Another translation, adds: "(Allah Himself will reply to His Question)" A third, however, ends more in keeping with Allah's demeanor: "Allah, the Subduer (of all)."

Our an 40:17 "This day every person shall be rewarded for what he earned; no injustice (shall be done); surely Allah is quick in reckoning." With the pseudo-religious stuff out of the way, it's time to get mean: "Warn them of the Day of (Doom) that is drawing near, when hearts will jump up and choke their throats, filling them with anguish. And they can neither return their hearts to their chests nor throw them out. No friend nor intercessor will the disbelievers have. (Allah) knows of (the tricks) that deceive with treachery, and all that the bosoms conceal." Allah continues to be the master of deceit.

our an 40:21 "Do they not travel through the earth and see the end of those before them? They were superior to them in strength, and in the traces (they have left) in the land, yet Allah seized and destroyed them, and they had no one to defend them against Allah. That was because their Messengers kept bringing them Clear (Signs and Proofs) (of Allah's Sovereignty), but they rejected them: So Allah seized and destroyed them: for He is Strong, Severe in Punishment and Retribution." Allah is the god of seizures, destruction, punishment, and revenge - not love. Sure sounds demonic to me.

All right, enough with the pain and punishment. It's time to indulge in Allah's other hobbies - plagiarism and self-delusion. *Qur'an 40:23* "We sent Musa (Moses) with Our Signs and Proofs and an authority manifest, a clear warrant to Firon [Pharaoh], but he called (him) 'a sorcerer telling lies!' ... Now, when he brought them the Truth from Our presence, he said, 'Slay the sons of those who believe with him, and keep alive their females,' but the plots of unbelievers (end) in nothing but errors (and delusions) in the state of perdition!..." An ellipsis is used to let readers know something has been omitted something from the text. The ellipses ("...") found in this passage are in the Qur'an translations, suggesting Allah left something out of his perfect and complete (albeit plagiarized and twisted) revelation. I have a theory. The Islamic god couldn't read or write any better than his prophet so he didn't know this story well enough to retell it credibly.

The liberation of the Jews from Egypt is faithfully recorded in the book of Exodus. Proven accurate by archeologists, it has endured unaltered since 275 B.C. when scholars in Alexandria Egypt translated the Bible into Greek, the lingua franca of its day. Yet there is but a faint echo of this great victory of faith in Muhammad's forgery. But rather than correct Allah's ignorance I'll simply present his version. If you are interested in truth, read Genesis and Exodus. However, as you ponder the Islamic perversion, consider Muhammad's motive. He had been spewing his caustic brew of lust and torment for a decade and had nothing to show for it. Lacking credibility, prophecy, miracles, and originality, he stole these things from Moses - a man who had them all.

Every word of what follows parallels Muhammad in Mecca and his war of words with the Quraysh establishment: *Qur'an 40:26* "Said Pharaoh: 'Leave me to kill Moses; and let him cry to his Lord! What I fear is he will change your religion, and cause mischief to appear in the land.' Moses said: 'I have called upon my Lord and your Lord (for protection) from every arrogant one who believes not in the Day of Doom!" Pharaoh's god was Amun-Re. Mighty temples were erected to

him. The moon god of Mecca, he was not. Allah's rock pile and his puny Black Stone weren't in Amun-Re's league.

This leads to the line that brought us to the 40th surah. *Qur'an 40:28* "A believer [thus a Muslim], a man from among Pharaoh's family [therefore, not a Muslim], who had concealed his faith [in Islam, a religion that wouldn't be invented for almost 2,000 years], said: 'Will you slay a man because he says, "My Lord is Allah," when he has come to you with Clear (Signs) from your Lord? If he be a liar, on him is his lie: but, if he is telling the truth, then some of that (scourge of Allah, the calamity) which he threatens will befall you. Truly Allah guides not one [who] is extravagant and lies! O my People! Yours is the dominion this day: You have the upper hand, being dominant in the land, but who will save us from Allah's Punishment, should it befall us?" What's with the "O my People" speech? Moses and his brother Aaron went alone to Pharaoh. Sure there were Jews enslaved in Egypt, but they were miles away making bricks. The only people within earshot of Pharaoh were Egyptians, members of his staff and family.

Qur'an 40:29 "Pharaoh said: 'I point out that which I see; I guide to the Right Path.' Then said the man who believed: 'O my People! Truly I fear for you something like the fate (of disaster) of the Confederates! Something like the fate of the People of Noah, Ad, and Thamud, and those who came after them: but Allah never wishes injustice to slaves." There isn't a trace of the Ad. And even if these imaginary people actually existed, they wouldn't have risen in Arabia until centuries after this conversation occurred. As such, these words could not have been spoken. Therefore, Allah is lying.

This dark spirit lies because it's in his nature *Qur'an 40:32* "O my People! I fear a Day when there will be mutual wailing, a Day when you shall turn your backs and flee. No one shall defend you against Allah. Any whom Allah causes to err, there is no guide. That is how Allah leads the skeptic astray." The unnamed Muslim in Pharaoh's household sounds an awful lot like Muhammad in Mecca. If they aren't the same person, they had the same speechwriter. *Qur'an 40:35* "Those who dispute the Signs and Verses of Allah without any authority, grievous and odious, hateful and disgusting, is it in the sight of Allah and the Believers." If my Scriptures were this odious and hateful, I'd consider their exposure disgusting too.

Our an 40:36 "Pharaoh said: 'O Haman, build me a lofty tower that I may attain a way (to reach) the heavens, that I may mount up and look upon the IIah (God) of Moses. But as far as I am concerned, I think (Moses) is a liar.' Thus was made alluring, in Pharaoh's eyes, the evil of his deeds; and the plot of Pharaoh led to nothing but perdition." Allah wants us to believe that the Egyptian king ordered his people to build the Tower of Babel to reach god. What's more, his "Haman" is from the book of Esther and also tied to the land of the Babylonians, not the Egyptians. But at least Pharaoh knew that in 1,900 years the Arabic word for God would be IIah, not Allah.

Qur'an 40:38 "The [nameless Muslim] man [masquerading as Muhammad] who believed said: 'O my People! Follow me: I will lead you to the Right Path (Islam). This life is nothing but enjoyment. It is the Hereafter that is the abode to settle. Whether man or woman, a Believer is such as will enter the Garden of Bliss. Therein will they have abundance. And O my People! How (strange) it is for me to

call you to deliverance while you call me to the Hell Fire!" Muhammad tipped his hand, again. The "Right Path," "Garden of Bliss," and "Hell Fire" were his most notorious themes - his signature.

our'an 40:42 "You call me to blaspheme against Allah, and to associate partners with Him whom I have no knowledge." This unknown partnership argument is nonsense played in Egypt. Their gods were exceedingly well known, and they were unabashedly numerous. "Without doubt you do call me to one who is not fit to be called to. The Transgressors will be inmates of the Hell Fire!"

The great unnamed masquerader wasn't finished exposing his real identity or purpose: *Qur'an 40:44* "Soon will you remember what I say to you (now), My (own) affair I commit to Allah: for Allah (ever) watches over His Slaves. Then Allah saved him from (every) ill that they plotted (against him), but the brunt of the Penalty, the evil doom encompassed on all sides of Pharaoh's folk." During this whole longwinded speech, the unnamed Muslim never uttered the words for which Moses had been sent: "Let my people go." And that's because Muhammad's recreation of the saga between Moses and Pharaoh was designed to liberate Allah's prophet from criticism, not the Jews from bondage.

With every word sounding like Muhammad in Mecca, the perversion of Moses in Egypt continued, this time with a recap of Allah's favorite subject. *Qur'an 40:46* "In front of the Fire will they be brought and exposed morning and evening: And (the sentence will be): 'Cast the People of Pharaoh into the severest torment, the most awful doom.' Behold, they will argue noisily with each other while they wrangle in the Fire! The weak ones (who followed) will say to those who had been arrogant, 'We but followed you. Can you then take (on yourselves) from us some share of the Fire? The arrogant will say: 'We are all in this (Fire)! Truly, Allah has judged between slaves!" Even with a change of scenery and exposure to the dominant culture of the day, Allah remained mired in the inferno of the Arabian Desert.

This Qur'anic charade is speaking on behalf of a religion that wouldn't be conceived for nearly twenty centuries. *Qur'an 40:49* "Those in the Fire will say to the guards and keepers of Hell: 'Pray to your Lord to lighten the torment for a day.' They will say: 'Did there not come to you your Messengers with Clear Signs.' They will say, 'Yes.' 'Then pray (as you like)! But the prayer of the disbelievers is futile (and will go unanswered).' They will present their excuses, but they will (only) have the curse and the home of misery." The tirade ends by revealing the source from which the raw material was stolen: *Qur'an 40:53* "We showed Moses the guidance, and caused the children of Israel to inherit the Scripture Book (the Torah)."

The 40th surah is too long to cover from start to finish. But before we say goodbye to "The Forgiver," consider this: Our 40:70 "Those who deny the Book and what We have sent down with Our Apostles will soon come to have iron collars and chains around their necks; they will be dragged through boiling water and then thrust into the Fire to be burnt." While we have changed gods, it wasn't an improvement.