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The Resurrection

At this point, it's a guess as to what surah came next. The 75th is as likely as any. The self-reproaching spirit says: Qur'an 75:1 "I swear by the Day of Resurrection; and I call to witness the self-reproaching spirit, the accusing soul. Does man think that We cannot assemble his bones?" The accusing soul is Satan although it could also be Muhammad, for he incriminates himself with every word. As for assembling bones, Islam preaches bodily resurrection, not spiritual salvation. The drunken orgy in the Garden of Bliss requires a body, not a soul, heart, or brain.

As the surah continues, we learn that the Day of Resurrection and Doom are one in the same. We are also confronted with the darkening of the moon, an overt Satanic reference. *Qur'an 75:3* "Nay, We are able to put together the tips of his fingers. But man wishes to do wrong and fain denial. He questions: 'When is the Day of Doom.' So when the sight becomes dazed, and the moon becomes dark, and the sun and the moon are brought together, man will say: 'Where is the refuge.' By no means! There will be no place of safety.... Nay, man will be evidence against himself, although he tenders his excuses. Move not your tongue concerning the Qur'an to make haste. [Don't you just love the transition?] It is for Us to collect it, put it together, and promulgate it. When We have read it, follow its recital as promulgated. It is for Us to explain it."

Muslim clerics claim that the point of friction between Muhammad and this tribe was over resurrection. But that's not true. As evidence that Arabs believed in the afterlife, they had their relatives tie their favorite camel to their grave so that it would follow them to paradise. Heaven might be big, and there was no sense in walking when one could ride. Thus, a belief in an afterlife wasn't the point of contention. The real problem was that Muhammad said his people's ancestors were burning in hell because they died during the "Period of Ignorance" - pre-Islam. In that the Meccans loved their parents and grandparents, this upset them and naturally caused many to assail Muhammad's parochial and intolerant view. They may also have chafed at his lewd depictions of heaven and his sadistic portrayal of hell.

The moon becoming dark and being brought together with the sun is troublesome. In the Bible, the moon is the illusory, false, and counterfeit source of illumination, therefore symbolic of Satan. Darkness is equated with evil and deception. The Bible says: "Men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil."

The abrupt transition in this surah is like most of the Qur'an. "Move not your tongue to make haste" comes completely out of the blue. There is no segue or context. And it makes no sense. God is eternal. Furthermore, the suggestion that god has to explain his Qur'an for it to make sense is embarrassing. It brings to mind one of the book's final and most troubling verses. Qur'an 5:101 "Believers, ask not questions about things which if made plain to you may cause you trouble when the Qur'an is revealed. Some people before you asked questions, and on that account lost their faith." Maududi, in his commentary, The Meaning of

the Qur'an, explains: "The Prophet forbade people to ask questions or to pry into such things." The Hadith confirms this prophetic warning.

Bukhari: V2B24N555 "I heard the Prophet say, 'Allah has hated you for asking too many questions."

The reason questions are prohibited is that there is no cogent explanation for Islam. It epitomizes and relies upon ignorance. The deeper one digs, the more obvious the deception becomes. And this is precisely why Muslims protect their doctrine by attacking those who quote from their scriptures. They know that surest way to save Muslims from Islam is to expose them to it.

The "Resurrection" surah continues: Our'an 75:20 "But men love the present life, and neglect the hereafter. Some faces that Day will beam, looking toward their Lord; and some faces will be gloomy knowing that some great back-breaking calamity is about to be inflicted on them. Yes, when their soul comes up their throat and reaches their collarbone they will cry, 'Is there a magician or wizard who can save us.' But they will know that it is the hour of parting and one leg will be joined with another, agony heaped on agony, affliction combined with affliction." It's hard to imagine how a religion this full of satanic overtones and this fixated on anguish has survived, much less grown. If it weren't for the sword, Islam would have been stillborn.

Yes, I know that the Bible also speaks of hell and punishment, so why attack Islam so vehemently? The answer is: appropriateness, proportion, personal involvement, and vividness. First, the Bible speaks of hell as a place for those who have received ample and rational divine revelation, but have chosen to reject it. It provides standards for living via scripture in advance of judgment. The Bible even provides real proof that its revelations are godly through countless miracles and predictive prophecies. Those who end up in hell have to ignore all of this and choose not to be with God. Further, the Biblical hell wasn't created for man. It was designed for Lucifer and his fallen angels, today's demons, as a result of their disobedience. It's little wonder Islam's dark spirit spends so much time there.

The Qur'an never proves its divine authority and has yet to provide either ample revelation or standards for living. And there is no example to follow. Muhammad was the lone prophet and his life was the antithesis of godly. In other words, it's inappropriate for god to threaten hell before he has explained what people must do to avoid it.

Second, the frequency of the Qur'an's references to hell and its tortures are alarmingly out of proportion. I have not taken the passages describing retribution out of context. Every early surah is being presented in its entirety. Bad overwhelms good in the Qur'an; hell is featured, not heaven. Rebuffing Muhammad's tormentors is far more prevalent than instructing the faithful. Torment is the Qur'an's most prominent theme.

Third, hell in the Bible is separation from God. In the Qur'an Allah is the driving force of hell, its creator and manager. Allah wants to be left alone with man so that he can oversee his tortures. This is a fundamental difference between Yahweh and Allah, between Judeo-Christianity and Islam. In the Bible, the reward of heaven is being with God. In the Qur'an, by contrast, the reward is being with virgins; communion with Allah isn't mentioned.

Fourth, the Bible's descriptions of hell are many magnitudes milder. There is gnashing of teeth, and we're told it's hot, but little more. The vividness in which Allah describes the specifics of hell's torments is deeply disturbing, even demented.

Fifth, in Judeo-Christianity, hell is a place one chooses. No one is sent there against their will. We are all given a choice: love God and form a personal relationship, or reject him and spend eternity separated from him. In Islam, most Muslims and all non-Muslims are predestined to hell. In other words, their god chooses to condemn them.

Muhammad's dark spirit had a one-track mind. The Meccans were tormenting his prophet, calling him a lying wizard, a lousy plagiarizer, a possessed poet. He was bent on making them pay. But to put teeth in his bite, Muhammad had to "prove" that his spirit was "God." *Qur'an 75:32* "So he did not accept the truth, nor did he pray. He called the truth a lie and turned his back. Then he gleefully went to his clan. Woe to you, yes, woe! Destruction is near. Again, woe to you, yes, woe! Again your doom is near. Does man think that he will be left to wander aimlessly? Was he not a drop of sperm emitted in lowly form? Then did he become a leech-like clot; then did the Lord make and fashion him in due proportion."