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Abraham

The pot calls the kettle black. **"Nimrod was ignorant. He was the first tyrant on earth."** As a result: **"Allah sent gnats against them [the Babylonians, I suppose], and they ate their flesh and drank their blood, and nothing but their bones were left. But Allah gave Nimrod a single gnat which entered his nostril and went on beating the inside of his head with hammers for four hundred years. The most merciful of his friends was he who bunched up his hands and beat Nimrod's head with them."**

That really made him mad. *Tabari II:107* **"Nimrod vowed to seek out Abraham's God. So he took four eagle fledglings and nurtured them on meat and wine so that they grew up tough and strong. Then he tied them to a chest and sat in it. He suspended a piece of meat over them and they flew up trying to reach it. When they had risen high in the sky, Nimrod looked down and beheld the earth. He saw the mountains crawling below like creeping ants. When they had risen still higher he looked and saw the earth with a sea surrounding it. After climbing still higher, he came into a region of darkness and could not see what was above him nor what was below him. He became frightened and threw the meat down. The eagles followed it, darting downward. When the mountains saw them coming near and heard their noise, they became afraid and almost moved from their places, but did not do so. As Allah says, 'Verily they have plotted their plot, and their plot is with Allah, even if their plot were one whereby the mountains should be moved.'" [Qur'an 14:46]**

I recognize that Islamic Hadith are designed to explain the Qur'an, but this one is counterproductive. And sadly, there is no excuse. These fables were concocted a thousand years after the frivolity of pagan myths had been exposed to reason. This is long after Moses, David, Solomon, Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle enlightened the civilized world.

With that in mind, let's examine the Qur'anic problem Muhammad was trying to solve. In the 41st verse of the 14th surah, we read, **"Think not that Allah is oblivious.... Hastening forward, their heads upraised, their eyes staring aghast and their hearts vacant. Warn people of the day when the punishment shall be inflicted upon them. Then will the wicked say: 'Lord, give us a respite, (so) we shall respond to Your call and follow the apostles.' 'What! did you not swear before (that) there will be no reverse for us!'"** Evidently the inebriated eagles didn't have reverse either. *Qur'an 14:46* **"And they are plotting their plots, but their plan is evident to Allah, even though their plot is so adroit as to make the mountains move."** So, there you have it. Muhammad needed to come up with a plot that was capable of making the mountains move for the Qur'an to make sense. The drunken eagle bit was perfect.

The surah that claims Allah isn't "oblivious" ends with these words: *Qur'an 14:47* **"Therefore do not think Allah will fail in His promise to His prophet; surely Allah is Mighty, the Lord of Retribution."** That's pretty clear, and so is this: **"On the day the earth shall be changed into a**

different earth...you will see the guilty bound together in chains. Their shirts will be made of molten pitch and the fire will cover their faces so that Allah may reward each soul." Why do a billion people worship such a sadistic "god?"