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Before we hightail it out of the quarrelsome confines of the barren and hostile Meccan valley, I'd like to examine some of the final surahs handed down during the war of words. Considering the mood, why not start with "Ta-Ha?" *Qur'an 20:1* "Ta-Ha. We have not sent down the Qur'an to you to be (an occasion) for your distress. Nay, it is an admonition to those who fear."

Skipping ahead to the eighth verse: *Qur'an 20:8* "Allah! There is no Ilah save Him. His are the most beautiful Names." Contemplating the problem of replacing Ar-Rahman with Allah, a second translation says: "To Him belong the most beautiful attributes."

Our'an 20:9 "Has the story of Moses reached you? [An incredible question since it has been replayed ten times. The dark spirit seems to have contracted Alzheimer's.] Behold, he saw a fire: So he said to his folk, 'Tarry; I perceive a fire; perhaps I can bring you some burning brand or find some guidance at the fire.'"

Following this lame introduction, Allah manages to butcher Yahweh's meeting with Moses at the burning bush. *Qur'an 20:14* "Verily, I am Allah. No Ilah (God) may be worshiped but I. So serve you Me, and perform regular prostration prayer for My praise. Verily the Hour is coming. I am almost hiding it from Myself." Prostrating Jews, a Hebrew deity named Allah, and godly surprises - only from the mind of Muhammad.

Confused as ever, Allah has Moses play with his staff before encountering Pharaoh. *Qur'an 20:17* "'And what is that in your right hand, Moses.' 'It is my rod: I lean on it; I beat down fodder for my flocks; and in it I find other uses.' (He) said: 'Cast it down. Moses threw it, and behold! It was a snake, a serpent gliding." Allah loved snakes.

Yahweh, however, had a different agenda. His goal was to free His chosen people from bondage. Yet liberating Jews didn't suit Muhammad's scheme. His problem was freeing himself from the pesky Meccans. Qur'an 20:24 "Go to Pharaoh, for he has indeed transgressed all bounds. (He) said, 'Lord, open for me my chest, ease my task, and loose the knot from my tongue." Muhammad, not Moses, wanted these things.

Next we find the Prophet of Doom putting his words into Mose.' mouth. *Our'an 20:48* "Verily it has been revealed to us that the Penalty of Doom awaits those who reject and deny." Acting more Meccan than Egyptian, Pharaoh challenged his tormentor's credibility, asking for some proof. But the surrogate Muhammad didn't have any: *Our'an 20:51* "(Pharaoh) said: 'What about previous generations.' (Moses) replied: 'The knowledge is with my Lord, recorded in a Book: my Lord never errs, nor forgets. And We showed Pharaoh all Our Signs, but he did reject and refuse." What book? And why would the Lord need a book if he never forgets?

Then missing the point entirely, Allah has Pharaoh say: *Qur'an 20:57* "Have you come to drive us out of our land with your magic, Moses?" *Qur'an 20:60* "Pharaoh devised his plot. Moses said, 'Woe to you! Forge not a lie against Allah, lest He destroy you by torment!"

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The Qur'anic dialog disintegrates into bickering reminiscent of Mecca: Qur'an 20:62 "So they disputed with one with another but kept their talk secret. They said: 'These two are magicians. Their object is to drive you out of your land with their magic. They want to do away with your most cherished institutions, driving out your chiefs." Qur'an 20:70 "So the magicians were flung down to prostration, crying: 'We believe in the Lord of Aaron and Moses.' (Pharaoh) said: 'Do you believe in Him before I give you permission? He must be your chief, who has taught you magic! Be sure I will cut off your hands and feet on opposite sides. And I will have you crucified on trunks of palm trees so shall you know for certain which of us can give the more severe and lasting punishment!"

While every surah attests to the fact the Qur'an wasn't divinely inspired, some passages are more revealing than others. This one is a real prize. Crucifixion was invented by the Assyrians, but not until 500 B.C. Moses returned to Pharaoh in 1200 B.C. which makes their Qur'anic conversation impossible, something wholly inconsistent with a book claiming to be perfect.

But the Islamic god did more than crucify himself on the tree of ignorance. A moral God cannot compete for the prize of "most severe punisher." In Allah's final Qur'anic address he spoke these chilling words: Our'an 5:33 "The punishment for those who wage war against Allah and His Apostle and perpetrate disorders in the land is to crucify them or have a hand on one side and a foot on the other cut off."

The most important aspect of the liberation of the Jews from Egyptian bondage - Passover - was missed by Muhammad and his prop Allah. Since Islamic forgiveness was arbitrary and capricious, not as a result of sacrifice, they didn't comprehend the significance of the blood of the lamb. As a "prophet" and "god," they should have known that it was symbolic of Christ's mission. Lamb's blood was smeared on a horizontal beam, a beam that became the threshold to salvation. Yes, there was a cross in the story of Moses. But you had to be more godly than Muhammad to see it.

Twenty verses later, Allah forgets his name and Aaron thinks he is Muhammad. *Qur'an 20:90* "Aaron had indeed told them earlier: 'O my people, you are being misled with this. Surely your Lord is Ar-Rahman. So follow me and obey my command."

Jump ahead a few verses and the deities are still at it - plagiarizing the Bible and making fools of themselves. Qur'an 20:96 "Sameri [?] replied: 'I saw what they saw not: so I took a handful (of dust) from the footprint of the Messenger and threw it. Thus did my gut suggest to me.' (Moses) said: 'Get gone! Your (punishment) in this life will be such you will say, "Touch me not." Moreover you have a curse on you that you cannot escape. Now look at your ilah (god), of whom you have become devoted. We will (burn) it and scatter it in the sea! But your Ilah (God) is Allah: there is no ilah but He. Thus do We relate to you some stories of what happened before from Our own Remembrance."

Ever in character, Ar-Rahman/Allah is/are about to melt down in the midst of an identity crisis. *Qur'an 20:100* "Whoever turns aside from it, he shall bear a burden on the Day of Doom. They will abide in that. Grievous evil will the load on them. We shall gather the Mujrimun (disbeliever) blue or blind-eyed with thirst.... My Lord will blast

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them and scatter them as dust." *Qur'an 20:108* "Their voices will be hushed before Ar-Rahman. You will not hear a sound but faint shuffling. That day no intercession will matter other than his whom Ar-Rahman grants permission." *Qur'an 20:113* "Thus we have sent the Qur'an down as a Lecture in Arabic and explained the intimidations and different threats that they might fear Allah." It's another Islamic first - god in the role of bully - the great intimidator. And thus his Qur'an is not a discussion between God and man; it is a lecture.

Qur'an 20:114 "High above all is Allah, the King! [Which made Muhammad King, since he was the only semblance of Allah's existence.] Do not try to anticipate the Qur'an before its revelation comes to you (Muhammad)." That's almost funny. It's obvious he was making it up as he went along.

Because he was unable to heed the following words he had to author "scripture" to excuse his immoral and covetous behavior: Qur'an 20:131 "Do not covet what we have granted other people. Nor strain your eyes in longing for the things We have given for their enjoyment, the splendor of the life, through which We tempt them. But the provision of your Lord is better and more enduring." Islam's dark spirit was about to make thievery legal and thereby fulfill his promise to enrich his profiteer. Scripture would soon serve to satiate Muhammad's sexual cravings, as well.

Before we throw up or die laughing, let's leave the "Ta-Ha" surah with this disclaimer from Muhammad's spirit friend: Our'an 20:133 "They say: 'Why does he not bring us a sign or miracle from his Lord.' Has not a Clear Sign come to them in the former scripture Books of revelation?" The Devil just said: "If you want a real God and miracles, you need to read Yahweh's scriptures, the Bible." It took us a while, but we found a nugget of truth in the Qur'an.

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