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The Kingdom

To understand Muhammad's motivations, his god's nature, and Islam's purpose we must thoughtfully consider every early revelation. Each provides something we can use to free Muslims from Islam and in turn free ourselves from Islamic terror. In that light, let's review Maududi's writings on the 67th surah: **"It is characteristic of early revelations in that it presents the entire teachings of Islam and the object of the Prophet's mission so that they could be assimilated easily. During this time, most Meccans cursed the Prophet and prayed for his and the believer's destruction."** A few surahs ago we were told that the unbelievers were in hell because they didn't pray. But that aside, we're about to discover **"the entire teaching of Islam and the object of the Prophet's mission."**

Qur'an 67:1 **"Blessed is He who holds the reins of Kingship."** Why is this written in third person if it's supposed to be the Lord is speaking? And why is god blessing Himself? Perhaps this is another confession - evidence of Muhammad's ambition. An insecure man saw himself as king.

According to the Qur'an, death precedes life and both are a test. This is followed by Islam's greatest omission. The test isn't explained - the Qur'an doesn't give the rules by which we are to be judged. **"Who has created death and life that He may test you - which of you is best in deeds; He is the Mighty, the Forgiving."**

Muhammad's worldview was upside down. Unable to give followers a reason to live, he gave Muslims a reason to die - testing their will to sacrifice their lives as martyrs. Islam was more about pain than paradise. Unable to convince men to choose his religion based upon its merits, Muhammad threatened them with damnation. And his religion was more about puffery than proof. Unable to produce a sign, a miracle, a prophecy, Muhammad pushed out his chest and simply proclaimed himself Messenger. *Ishaq:116* **"I heard the Apostle say, 'I have never invited anyone to accept Islam who hasn't shown signs of reluctance, suspicion and hesitation.'"**

Now that we know the motivation for Islam was power, it's time to meet its god and witness his teaching *Qur'an 67:3* **"We created seven heavens, one above the other. Muhammad, can you see any fault in Ar-Rahman's creation? Look again: Can you see any rifts or fissures? Then look again and yet again. Your gaze turns back dazed and tired. We have adorned the lowest skies with lamps, and We have made them missiles to drive away the devils and against the stone Satans, and for them We have prepared the doom of Hell and the penalty of torment in the most intense Blazing Fire. For those who reject their Lord is the punishment of Hell: Evil, it is such a wretched destination. When they are flung therein, they will hear the terrible drawing in of their breath and loud moaning even as the flame blazes forth, roaring with rage as it boils up, bursting with fury. Every time a fresh crowd is cast in, Hell's wardens will ask, 'Did no Warner come to you.' They will say: 'Yes indeed; a Warner did come to us, but we rejected him and said, The Lord never sent down any Message: you are nothing more than an**

egregious delusion!"

Muhammad's spirit has a name: Ar-Rahman - the deity of the Yemeni Hanifs. The first pillar of Islam has been pulverized. There is a god besides Allah. The Qur'an says so. But monotheism and religious foundations torn asunder, this idol is no less delusional or demented than Muhammad's Lord.

Calling stars lamps that will be turned into missiles to drive away devils is dimwitted, but when it comes to gods, I'll take feeble-minded to demented, any day. Ar-Rahman says that he personally prepared the torment in the Blazing Fire. And as before, he seems to relish the details. The fire is intense, it is a wretched place, the victims are flung in, their breath is choked out, they moan, roaring with rage as the flames boil up around them - bursting in fury. Crowds of new victims are callously called "fresh." Then to add indignity to insult, the unbelievers are interrogated by hell's wardens.

While creation and astronomy are obviously weaknesses on Ar-Rahman's resume, when it comes to pain and suffering he is an expert. In that it's beneath God to ramble on in such a nasty tone, the Qur'an leaves us in a quandary. If God didn't inspire these words - who did?

I'd like to propose a source of inspiration. We have ample evidence to suspect Khadija's involvement in the conception of the Profitable Prophet Plan, and selling Muhammad on it. After two years of silence we have a series of revelations that speak of making money (Khadija) and empowering and enriching destitute orphans (Muhammad). We even have sworn testimony, confessions that purport to be scripture.

This takes us to vengeance. It's the motivation for the onslaught of hellish pain so graphically and vociferously presented in these initial surahs. They strongly suggest personal knowledge. The terrible drawing in of breath, the loud moaning that follows, flames boiling up, bursting forth with rage, combined with god shackling, choking, and pouring boiling water on men is beyond normal imagination.

Fortunately, we are given a clue as to the root cause that underlies this inhuman rage. Each time a fresh wound is inflicted the tormentor tells his victims that it's their fault. They deserve their fate. If they weren't so bad, so unworthy, so undesirable, if they had only listened, they wouldn't be punished. Such is the modus operandi of a typical child abuser. There is a considerable body of evidence in the Hadith and Qur'an that screams to us today: Muhammad was molested. Nobody wanted him. He was abandoned by his father and rejected by his mother. Those with substance, his uncle Lahab and grandfather Muttalib, saw him as an inconvenience. The Bedouin woman into whose custody he was placed viewed him as unworthy, as she knew she wouldn't be paid for her services. The scene was ripe for abuse.

In the low-tech world of the Arabian Desert, campfires, scalding water, pitch, thorns, and shackles may well have been the implements of torture. And I suspect that the would-be prophet was told that he deserved the punishment. Then, as so often happens, the victim came full circle. Muhammad went from prey to perpetrator - from abused to abuser.

With this in mind, let's jump back into the 67th surah - one of the first "revealed" to Muhammad - One that contains **"the entire teaching of Islam and the object of the Prophet's mission."** *Qur'an 67: 10* **"They will say, 'Had we but listened and learned, we wouldn't be in the burning flames.' So they shall acknowledge their guilt, but there**

will be no joy for the inmates of the blazing fire." Muhammad is imagining his critics accepting blame for their hellish predicament just as the victims of child abuse internalize their guilt. The perpetrators of such heinous crimes assuage their consciences by telling the abused that they are being punished because they didn't listen. They do it so often and so vehemently, victims begin to see themselves as somehow responsible for the torment they are enduring. Yet whether they falsely confess to their complicity or keep it inside, the torture never ends - they remain prisoners to the pain.

All too often, the tormentor manages to twist reality, to somehow show their ultimate restraint as a form of mercy. The abuser views himself as merciful, even gracious and forgiving, for suspending the torture he is inflicting. And this strategy enables the perpetrator to control their prey. Authority and power satiate their cravings; they hide their inadequacies. The final ingredient in this demented recipe is the threat of future calamity. The abused are told that they are being watched by the all-powerful predator. If they squeal, he'll make them pay; he'll make the consequence grievous.

Qur'an 67:12 **"For those who fear the Lord in secret there is a reward. Whether you say a thing secretly or openly, He knows your innermost thoughts."** Let me translate this for you. If you keep quiet out of fear, you will be rewarded with a reprieve from punishment. But be careful of what you think and say, because I am watching you.

The following verses vainly try to establish a sense of legitimate authority for the Wrathful Tormentor, painting the perpetrator as "Gracious." *Qur'an 67:14* **"It is He who has made the earth subservient to you that you may travel and eat the things He provided. [Be nice and you won't be chained, burned, or have to eat trash. But if you squeal...] To Him you shall return. Are you so unafraid that He will not open the earth to swallow you, pelt you with showers of stones, or let loose on you a violent wind so that you shall know how terrible is My warning [threat]? But indeed men before them rejected My warning. They denied, so then how terrible will be My punishment of them and My wrath."** It's an old and perverted story: victimization is the victim's fault because he or she ignored the obvious signs of the tormentor's authority and justification.

You may think that I'm making too much of a single surah, but this surah does not stand alone. Pain and punishment for those who do not acquiesce to the authority of the perpetrator is the Qur'an's single most dominant theme with one thousand iterations. Being burnt alive is the most common form of torment. We are even told that men's bodies, their flesh, fuel the fire.

We also have another poignant clue in this passage, a Freudian slip. Muhammad begins by referring to god as "He," establishing his lord's power, control, and justification. Then he transitions to "My" as he says **"My warning they denied, so then how terrible will be My rejection of them and My wrath."** And all of this, unlike most of the Qur'an, is in singular (He and My) not the usual plural (We and Our). That's because this is personal with Muhammad. We are looking directly into the heart of Islam's founder.

Roasting men alive is not the only method of punishment deployed in the Qur'an. Yet each and every variation is consistent with what the would-be prophet might have endured around a Bedouin campfire. The other

ghoulish treatments include being forced to drink scalding water, being made to eat thorns, and choking down boiling pitch. Clothes are set on fire. Men are shackled with twine and turned on a spit. And while I cannot prove that our orphan was abused as a child, all the evidence points in that direction.

It explains why the Qur'an is so filled with threats of pain and punishment. It explains the nature of the torments. It explains the underlying reason for them. And it explains why the prophet was so angry at uncle Abu. By not adopting him, Lahab was ultimately responsible for the anguish Muhammad endured. It even explains the motivation for Islam. Lahab controlled the religious scam Muhammad coveted. He had what his nephew craved - power and wealth. They would have provided relief.

Since the Qur'an was too poorly written, too foolish, too contradictory, and too twisted to be divinely inspired, there must have been an ulterior motivation behind such haunting words. If not abuse, then what?

Thus far, Islam has been as transparent as a cloudless desert sky. Let's take a quick inventory. At Khadija's urging, Muhammad usurped the authority of an unnamed lord to stake his claim to the wealth that flowed from his family's religious scam. A hellish childhood created a hellish religion that looks suspiciously similar to what the prophet may have personally endured. Heaven was created in his image as well, depicted as the lustful realm an abandoned boy would have desired - a realm where the women who rejected him were used to bring him pleasure. God's character and words came to reflect the prophet's wishes.

The remainder of the 67th surah simply wallows in puddles of delusion and despair. *Qur'an 67:19* **"Do they not observe the birds above them, spreading their wings and folding them in? Nothing holds them aloft except Ar-Rahman: Truly Ar-Rahman watches over all things."** Flight happens because Ar-Rahman holds birds aloft. It's clear Muhammad never went to physics class. Bernoulli's principle, the law that explains aerodynamic lift, was way too complex. And make no mistake, this is offered as a proof of Ar-Rahman's existence, not as a metaphor.

Yet for a god so into holding birds aloft, he sure wasn't much help on the morning of 9/11/2001. Perhaps Ar-Rahman was distracted burning infidels. No, that's not right. Knowing Muhammad's lord as we do, his spirit let go of the United and American birds so that he could watch thousands of infidels burn. "Allahu Akbar!"

With the Lord's divine authority firmly established, we return to **"The Kingdom"** surah. *Qur'an 67:20* **"Who is he that will send an army to assist you besides Ar-Rahman? The unbelievers are lost in delusion."** Another motivation, another teaching is revealed. Ar-Rahman is a militaristic god with an army. Jihad would soon become Islam's most recognizable attribute, the means the messenger would use to abuse his adversaries.

As we discovered earlier, Ar-Rahman was a pagan rock idol with a House like Allah's. The two gods vied for attention. And it's clear that Allah was slighted in the early going. Not only hasn't he been mentioned thus far, he wouldn't find his way into Islam for quite some time. It's not a very nice way to treat the Lord of the House. So why choose this name?

Muslim scholars have no viable explanation as to why Muhammad called his Lord Ar-Rahman. The best they can do is say that god has many names and that Ar-Rahman became one of their god's attributes. But that's

nonsense. Ar-Rahman was the name of a pagan deity, one much better known - at least outside the tiny village of Mecca - than Allah. He was an idol - not an attribute. Further, all of the initial religiosity contained in the early revelations mirrors the religion of the Hanifs - the followers of Ar-Rahman.

There are serious problems associated with the prophet choosing to name his spirit Ar-Rahman. When Muhammad ultimately migrated from the shallow doctrinal pool of the Hanifs to the unimaginably deep reservoir of the Jews, he was forced to claim that his Lord was their Lord - the Biblical God, Yahweh. Otherwise, why were all the characters and stories so similar? But that was problematic. Although Muhammad didn't know it, the God of the Bible had a name - Yahweh. He didn't know because the Jews were afraid to say it for fear of blasphemy. And since he was illiterate, Muhammad couldn't read any of the 6,868 times YHWH, or Yahweh, was written in their Scriptures. Just like our Bible translations today, when the Hebrew word says "Yahweh," God's personal name, we read and say "the Lord." But Joe is not Jim. Moses is not Muhammad. And Yahweh is neither Ar-Rahman nor Allah.

As with politicians, a blunder becomes a crisis when it is covered up and then exposed. The Islamic clerics, following their prophet's lead, have tried to sweep the name of the Qur'an's first god under the rug. So we must ask: if there is nothing to hide - why try so hard to hide it? Of the many Qur'an translations, all but two errantly replace Ar-Rahman's name with an attribute like "Merciful," the title "Lord," the generic "God," or with the name "Allah." But unlike the Jews, who misinterpreted the Third Commandment, there is no excuse for changing Ar-Rahman to Lord, God, or Allah.

This problem is exacerbated by the invocation that was later added before each surah. In their desire to make Ar-Rahman into Allah and to make both appear "good" in spite of their scriptures, this line is repeated 113 times: **"In the name of Allah, the Benevolent (Ar-Rahim), the Merciful (Ar-Rahman)."** So desperate are Islamic scholars to present their hateful, punitive, and warlike spirit in a favorable light, one even wrote a book proclaiming, **"Merciful and Benevolent are the Qur'an's most repeated attributes for Allah."** Holy hogwash. The salutation wasn't part of the Qur'anic revelation. It's an invocation - one as lame as it is contradictory.

For those who may be curious, I'll digress a moment. The Third Commandment does not say: "Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Not only is it beneath Yahweh to write such a trivial thing in stone, his name isn't "the Lord." A name can't be "taken," and "vain" means either egotistical as it relates to a person, or failed as it relates to an endeavor. In that the line was meaningless, Jews, and later Christians, falsely assumed that our Creator was telling us that they shouldn't swear or say, "Yahweh."

The Commandment as it was actually written in Hebrew says something that is vital to our very survival: "You shall not accept or advance in the name or character of Yahweh, your deity, anything that is deceptive or destructive." Our failure to understand this Commandment and live by it is the reason Holy Wars are fought. Our tolerance of things that purport to be godly, but are instead false and destructive, is why Islam exists. It is why Muslim militants kill us. It is why the world is, and has been, in such a horrible mess.

So why didn't Muhammad initially name his dark spirit? Why did he begin by calling him by the Hebrew, hence Hanif title "Lord?" Why then did he finally name him after a rival to the Meccan Allah? Good questions all. And since the Muslim sages don't provide a viable answer, I'll propose one - speculative as it might be. Khadija converted Muhammad by telling him that her aged cousin said that he was a prophet in the line of Moses. This man knew that the Jews called their God "Lord." But the Meccans were not satisfied with a title. All gods had names. Even pagan stone idols had names - why not Muhammad's god? If he was so important, he must have a name.

That put the wannabe prophet in a pickle. If he called his god by any of the most familiar pagan names - Hubal, Allah, Al-Lat (the female form of Al-Lah), Manat, or Al-Uzza - something would be expected of them. After all, if they could give such marvelous Qur'an recitals, why not a miracle? Since these idols were close at hand it would have been hard to explain away their lack of participation in the prophet's mission.

With the Meccan pantheon too close for comfort, Muhammad did what he did best. He stole someone else's material. The Hanifs had a religion, and they had a god - one who "lived" a comfortable distance away. He simply appropriated their material and their deity. Ar-Rahman was perfect, in a twisted sort of way. His name meant "merciful." As such it became a way to disguise the Qur'an's demented edge. It's like calling the Communist dictatorship in China a republic.

Each of the initial Qur'anic surahs reflected Hanif beliefs and religiosity, not Jewish. The convoluted Bible stories we covered during creation and patriarch chapters were revealed much later - after the prophet had exhausted the rather anemic belief structure of the Hanifs and needed something more. And that too is interesting. The Qur'an's reliance on the Bible varies inversely with access to the Ka'aba, Allah's House, and directly with access to Jews. If Allah or Ar-Rahman were God, why would that be?

While you're pondering that conundrum, consider this: the moment Muhammad migrated to Medina, he capitalized upon the opportunity distance from his god provided. In the 2nd surah, the first revealed after fleeing Mecca, Ar-Rahman became Allah. You see, Allah and his house were now a safe distance south. God changes his name so Muhammad can lay claim to that which he has been chased away from - the religious scam surrounding the Ka'aba. Ar-Rahman is never to be heard from again. He simply fades into the amorphous world of attributes.

As we return to the Qur'an, we find Muhammad embroiled in an argument - one that fits nicely into the abused theory. *Qur'an 67:21* **"Who is there that can provide you with food in case He was to withhold His provision? Nay, they obstinately persist in rebellion and aversion. Is then one who walks headlong groping, groveling on his face, better guided, or one who walks evenly on a Straight Path?"** The quality of this writing is so pathetic it almost makes you feel sorry for Muhammad - almost.

Qur'an 67:25 **"They say: When shall this threat be executed if you are truthful? Say: 'As to the knowledge of the time, it is with the Lord alone: I am sent only to warn you clearly.'"** The Meccans were looking for a little proof but our hero couldn't provide any. The best he could do was say, "You just wait. One day when you least expect it, my god will get you." **"But when they see the threat, the sorry faces of those who**

disbelieve will be distraught, and it will be said to them: 'This is what you asked for.' Say (Muhammad): 'See? Whether God destroys me, and those with me, or not, no one can deliver the unbelievers from their grievous doom.' Say: 'He is Ar-Rahman; in Him we believed, and in Him we have placed our trust: Soon will you know which one of us is in manifest error.'" Yes indeed we will. But it saddens me that two billion precious souls have already been lost to the egregious lie that became Islam.

Rant over, Muhammad tried to prove that Ar-Rahman was real. *Qur'an 67:30* **"Say, 'Just think: if your water were to dry up, who would bring you water?'"** The Meccans were dependent upon the meager and nearly bitter well of Zamzam. Muhammad was telling his clan that its feeble flow was a miracle from Ar-Rahman - a clear sign he was god. He was threatening: "Mess with me and my god will cause you to die of thirst." According to Muhammad, if it trickled forth, it was a miracle. If it dried up, that too was miraculous. In actuality, the only miracle was that anyone believed him. I'm surprised he didn't claim that as a sign.

Therefore, "the entire teaching of Islam and the object of the Prophet's mission" is: the prophet craves power and will threaten anyone to get it. His god's name is Ar-Rahman and he is sadistically abusive. Stars are missiles used to drive away devils. Muhammad's kin claim he was deluded. For that they will endure flames, roaring with rage. All the while they will be interrogated. The Lord must be feared, not loved, for he will swallow his creation, pelting them with showers of stones. His punishment is as terrible as his wrath. Ar-Rahman has armies ready to march. He threatens to besiege communities, withholding food and water from those who grovel on their faces. What's more, the Islamic god's grievous doom cannot be avoided.