

# Islam and Superstitions

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## INTRODUCTION

**W**e are aware that superstition is a popular belief held by people without any reason or logic; that is to say, it is an irrational belief system without any proof practiced by the ignorant mass. This type of superstition can be of two types, namely: folklores—that are essentially fanciful, irrational stories that are accepted by the population as such; so, there is no problem with such fairy-tales. However, the other type of superstition is the religious false notion that is firmly rooted in the belief of supernatural divinity. The morbid fear of unknown, the thought of after-life and a deep penchant for supernatural power are the main causes for the growth of such religious mumbo-jumbo. Clearly, this uncontrolled fear for life after death (fear factor) and its resultant irrational faith in it is the primary reason for the birth of world religious beliefs. We see the abundant presence of many such fanciful, irrational ingredients in almost all religions practiced in to-day's world—no religion is free from such ridiculousness, to say the least. For that matter Islam is no exception. In fact, there are so many superstitions in Islam that one can safely surmise that the entire edifice of Islam stands firmly on many such mythological /supernatural narrations.

When one reads the fundamental scriptures of Islam, namely; the *Qur'an* and many *Ahadith*, one is bound to find copious superstitious stories and practices. The belief in such irrational and illogical stories and tales is bound to give rise to many fanatical believers and this could be the root cause of Islamic frenzy among its blind believers.

In Bangladesh, searching every nook and corner of the markets, bookstores, Islamic libraries, even the foot path (Fatemolla aptly calls these books: the Moons and the Stars of the foot path) of a city, one is sure to find thousands of such *Islamic Kitabs* (Islamic Books) which shamelessly promote such ignorance and cock-and-bull stories. From among such famous and popular books, let me name a few. These are: *Behester Kunji* (The Key to Paradise), *Beheshti Zewar* (The Treasures of Paradise), *Maqsudul Momeneen* (The Destiny of the Believers), *Kassa-suul-Ambia* (The Stories of the Prophets) and *Neyamul Qur'an* etc. In a Muslim country like Bangladesh, these Islamic books are in such a great demand that the publishers have a tough time meeting this huge demand even after they have run 30<sup>th</sup> or 40<sup>th</sup> edition for each of the above books.

From among the books cited above, I found it absolutely compelling to delve in illustrating some of the contents of *Kassa-suul-Ambia*. This *Islamic Kitab* is considered to be distinctly different from any other Islamic Book—in that, this book is not about the exhortations of Islamic teachings based on the fanciful ideas of some Mullah. As the title of this book suggests, this book narrates the stories of many Prophets mentioned in the holy Qur'an and *Ahadith* and who were born in the Arabian Peninsula. This means that whatever is written in this book conforms to the contents of the Qur'an and *Ahadith*, and as such they are completely irrefutable. The version of this book that I am using has been written by an impeccably educated Muslim writer—M.N.M. Imdadullah (M.A., B.A. Hons. M.A). In look and size this book is quite similar to the holy Qur'an and as such it commands a great reverence from the Muslims. As a mark of respect the libraries and the devotees will store this book at the uppermost shelves of bookshelves, positioning it just by the side of the Qur'an.

This is also a pricey book—mind you; one translated volume is costlier than the holy Qur'an!

An examination of this tome will reveal that its content is replete with superstitious narrations—almost 90% of it, to be precise. Once the simple-minded, faithful Muslims read/hear such irrational tales, they turn to be more ardent believers, devoting more time and attention in prayer and fasting. For the not-so-faithfuls, they will find such incredible, irrational tales extremely hilarious and will definitely have hearty laugh reading the book.

Nonetheless, such superstitious books are plenty in Bangladesh and, as said before, one may find them in virtually every household—no joke. These are the text books—the principal learning sources of Islam for the vast majority of the Muslims in Bangladesh. **Most of what they believe and practice in Islam actually emanate from these primary learning tools!** Many Maulanas (Islamic priests) recorded these 'cock-and-bull' stories in the audio cassettes which are readily available in Bangladesh to the gullible Muslims. For some unscrupulous Maulanas this cassette-selling is a booming business that is simply nothing but only to plunder the hard-earned wealth from poor public. Needless to say, the influence of such books, and the audio cassettes have created, among the Bengali Muslims in Bangladesh, a thriving business for the saints, ascetics and the friars by selling talisman and by practicing charms.

In the villages, in the suburbs, and even in the metropolitan cities of Bangladesh numerous *Islamic Jalsas* (Islamic Preaching) are held almost on a daily basis. These congregations are attended by thousands of ordinary, illiterate, half-literate, ill-educated Muslims. The surprising fact is that many well educated, blind believers also attend these gatherings and become engrossed in listening to the exhortations of the Mullahs. The main theme of such speeches is the narrations of Islamic mythological tales—irrational and fanciful stories, and colorful anecdotes from Islamic history. The principal source of such tales, of course, is none other than the

incredible *Kassa-suul-Ambia*, the implausible Islamic book. The simple-minded village folks are so much imbued by these cock-and-bull and absurd stories, that in no time they start believing such stories to be true and many of those ardent believers even start weeping. As a result of such gullible faith in irrationality, they soon become victims of fear and completely surrender to superstition and supernatural forces of Islam.

During my childhood, when I attended such gatherings, I used to wonder as to where from these Mullahs obtained such coaxing stories and narrate them so eloquently. I used to marvel at the level of their knowledge and understanding. Now, I have no doubt in my mind that all those incredibly irrational tales are actually from authentic Islamic books that I have mentioned a few. In this long article I shall quote, verbatim, a few sample passages from those authentic Islamic books mentioned above. *[Please note: these quotes are exact; nothing is from me, except that at the end of the paragraphs, some of my personal views and comments are included italic, inside the parenthesis]:*

### **1. How Allah created this universe and everything in it?**

Before creating anything the almighty Allah created, from his glorious light, the light of Muhammad (pbuh). Then Allah created all creatures from this light of Muhammad. At first, Allah divided Muhammad's light in four parts; Allah used one part to create the Supreme Throne, He made the writing pen from the second part, and from the third part he created the denizens of souls (*Lauhe Mahfooz*). Then He divided the fourth part into four parts—the first part was used to create the angels bearing the throne, the second part was made into His throne, and from the third part He created all the angels (*Farishta*). The remaining fourth part, He divided it again into another four parts—the first part went into creating the heavens, the second part was used in creating the earth and from the third part He created Paradise and Hell. Then again, he divided the remaining fourth part into yet another four parts—the first was used to create the radiance of the eyes of the believers, the second part was used to create the light for the souls, the third part was used to create the light of *Kalema* (La Ilah Illa Allah Muhammad-ar-Rasul Allah). Through the last fourth part Allah created all the rest of the materials on earth. (*Subahanallah!!!*)

### **2. Why is the nib of a fountain pen Cracked?**

Readers, have you ever wondered how the nib of a fountain pen was cracked? If not, then please read on carefully. After finishing His creation, as depicted in (1) above, Allah commanded his pen: “O pen, begin scribing *Kalema Tayeb*; La Ilah Illa Allah Muhammad-ar-Rasul Allah.” Then the pen scribed, for four hundred years (some say four thousand years), “La Ilah, Illa Allah” but on no occasion did the pen write the last part, i.e., Muhammad-ar-Rasul Allah. Then Allah asked the pen: “Pen, what you wrote so far?” The pen obligingly showed Allah what it had written. An angry Allah said, “Why did you not write the last part?” The pen replied, “My Lord, I dared not associate your

name with anyone else.” Then Allah said, “Indeed you have committed a grave mistake by not writing the name of my comrade. Now hasten to write my best friend’s name.” Observing the unpleasantness in Allah, the pen became extremely frightened started to shake; as a result, its front part became cracked. Now, whenever you observe the crack in the middle of a fountain pen you will surely recall the reason for such a split! After this, the pen continued writing the name of Muhammad (pbuh), the dearest friend of Allah.

### **3. The extent of Allah’s Throne and the shape of its carrying Angels!**

In order to have an idea of the colossal extent of Allah’s Throne, it was raised on eighteen thousand pillars. The distance between one pillar of this throne to the next is a journey of seven hundred years. Then Allah buried those pillars under the seven layers of heaven. To carry His Throne, Allah created four gigantic angels. These four angels have four distinct shapes. The first one looks like a human being, the second one is in the shape of a tiger, the third angel takes the shape of a vulture and the fourth one is in the shape of a cow. The sizes of these four angels are beyond one’s imagination. Their legs are so long that they reached the bottom of the seven heavens. In one step these angels can travel a distance of seven thousand years!

### **4. How the faithfuls of the last Prophet were bestowed with mercy of Allah?**

When Allah finished the making the *Lauhe Mahfuz* (denizens of souls) from the blessings of the last Prophet, He ordered the pen, “Beginning from the first man (i.e., Adam) scribe in *Lauhe Mahfuz* the unseen stories of all the twenty-four thousand Prophets.” Accordingly, starting from Prophet Adam, the pen wrote, in detail descriptions of all the children of him (i.e., Adam) and the followers of all other Prophets. The writing included such matters as, those who are obedient to Allah will be admitted in Paradise; those doing reverse will be sent to Hell. The pen was about to enumerate the similar accounts for the believers of the last Prophet, when an instant stern message from Allah said, “O pen, refrain from writing such account now.” The utterly frightened pen tremulously adjured Allah, saying, “My Lord! Please instruct me what to write.” Allah said, “Write Ummatu Muhammadin-a-Rabbun Gafur.” This meant: even if there were some sinners in the rank of the believers of the last Prophet (Muhammad), Allah may, at His own will, let many of them go scot-free (*most likely, because of this provision for the Muslims there is such profound dishonesty and corruption in their societies—simply because Allah will forgive the thieves and bandits who are Muslim*).

### **5. How the provision of five prayers was ordained?**

From the light of Muhammad, Allah created a peacock and placed it atop a *Sajaratul Yaakin* tree. Sitting atop this tree, the peacock prayed to Allah for seventy-thousand years using rosary beads. Then Allah constructed a mirror of shame and stationed that mirror in front of the peacock. The peacock was overjoyed witnessing its extraordinary beauty, so much so, that it prostrated to Allah for five times. This example, later, became the tradition of compulsory five prayers among the faithfuls of Muhammad (pbuh).

## **6. What did Allah create from Muhammad's (pbuh) perspiration?**

Then when Allah glanced at the peacock-shaped Muhammad (pbuh), *Noor-e-Muhammad* (Muhammad's light) felt extremely diffident and his entire body started to perspire profusely. Henceforth, from the perspiration of his face Allah created the seat of His throne, the angels, *Lauhe Mahfouz* (the denizen of souls), the pen, the Moon, the Sun, the planets, the stars, the sky, the earth and all the *Rasuls* (apostles), the Prophets, the Awlia (mendicants), the devotees and the ever-sacred *Ka'ba Sharif* (the house of Ka'ba). Then the Almighty created the soil required for the construction of all the mosques in the world. Afterwards, Allah said to the peacock-shaped *Noor* (light) of Muhammad, "O my dearest comrade, please take a glimpse at your favourite friends." The *Noor* of Muhammad, having glanced at his front, behind, right and left observed four streaks of extremely brilliant *Noor* (light). Those brilliant lights were Hazrat Abu Bakr, Hazrat Umar, Hazrat Uthman and Hazrat Ali, the four dearest companions of Muhammad. Those four shining *Noors* (lights), along with the *Noor-e-Muhammadi*, spent seventy-thousand years praising Allah. Then, from the *Noor-e-Muhammadi* Allah created the *Ruhs* (souls) of all the Prophets. Then the Almighty made all the Prophets to recite the *Kalima* (declaration)—*La Ilah Illa Allah Muhammadur Rasul Allah* (There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the apostle of Allah).

## **7. How the fate of all the creatures was decided from Noor-e-Muhammad?**

Then Allah rendered the peacock-shaped *Noor-e-Muhammadi* into a physical form and put it inside a lantern made out of a transparent red garnet stone. He then commanded all the souls held at *Lauhe Mahfouz* to peek at His dearest creation (Muhammad). Except for a few, following Allah's instruction, all the souls took a look at the form of the last Prophet inside the lantern; but not all of them could see all the limbs of the last Prophet (Muhammad). Each of them could glimpse only one part of Muhammad.

Here is an enumeration of who witnessed which part of *Noor-e-Muhammad*. Those who saw the Head, became the Kings and Emperors in *Duniya* (like Alexander, the Great, Genghis Khan, Hitler, President Bush must had witnessed the entire head of Muhammad!). Those souls who saw the forehead became just judges; those who witnessed eyebrows became the painters; those who saw the two eyes became *Hafez-e-Qur'an* (Qur'an memorisers, like Razakar Saidee of Bangladesh; Al-Qaeda, Talibans...etc must had witnessed the two eyes); those who saw the two cheeks became scholars and donors; those who saw the pupils of the eyes, some of them became merchants of perfumes, some of them became physicians; those who saw the teeth developed patience; those who saw the face became powerful, valiant fighters; those who saw the tongue became the emissaries of the Kings and Emperors; those who saw the vocal cord became the *Muezzins* (criers of prayer call) or speakers; those who saw the neck became merchants; those who saw both the arms became swordsmen or musketeers; those who saw only the right hand became the executioners; those who saw the knee became ardent *Namajees* (worshippers). Even after this, some souls could not view much

of *Noor-e-Muhammadi*; they became the Jews and Christians. Finally, those who did not want to see *Noor-e-Muhammad* at all became *Kafirs* and *Mushreks* (infidels).

### **8. How Allah made water and the seven metals?**

The Almighty Allah, on His own created a pip out of *Yakut* (an extremely precious stone), and when He threw his glorious look at it, the *Yakut* pip, out of extreme fear melted and turned into water. The Allah commanded the wind on all the four sides to create a raging storm and to form lather on water. Having duly complied with Allah's command, the wind created enormous foams in water. Then those foams collided with each other and created fire; and from this fire evolved smoke. Then Allah divided that smoke into seven parts. The first part remained as the original water; the second part became copper, the third part became iron, the fourth silver, the fifth gold the sixth precious stones and the seventh *Yakut* (*In this cock-and-bull-story, there are plenty of Islamic science for those who has intelligence to comprehend!*).

### **9. How Allah made the seven heavens?**

In the beginning, Allah, through his miracle power created, from water, the first heaven; the second heaven He created it from copper, the third from iron, the fourth from silver, the fifth from gold, the sixth from precious stones and seventh from *Yakut* stone. The distance from one heaven to another is a journey of five hundred years, and the thickness of each of these heavens is also a distance of five hundred years journey. (*Shouldn't our astronauts venture into the fifth heaven, mine it and bring back the resources? This should be enough for us, I wonder*).

### **10. How Allah created our earth?**

Almighty Allah, through the lather generated from the glorified water, created a fistful of red clay lump and, at first, kept it at the site of Ka'ba. Then, as per the command of Allah Gabriel, Michael, Israfil and Azrail, the four archangels held the four sides of that lump of clay and started to pull it with a great force in four directions. As a result that lump of clay became a vast tract of land, and that is how our present earth was created. (*I wonder if the red clay of Jaydebpur, a place in Bangladesh also emanated from the red clay of Allah, the greatest Bedouin scientist*).

### **11. On what does our enormous flat earth stand?**

According to some *Sahih Hadith* (authentic tradition), Hazrat Abdullah Muslem asked Muhammad (pbuh): "Ya Rasul Allah! Please tell us, on what does this vast earth is standing?" Muhammad replied: "Allah has placed this seven-layered, huge earth on the horn of a cow. This cow has four thousand such horns, and the distance from one horn to another is a journey of five hundred years. This gigantic cow is standing on the back of a giant fish. This fish is floating on glutinous water; the depth of this water is the distance of a journey of forty years. The glutinous water is resting on floating air. This air or atmosphere is resting on darkness. The darkness rests upon the Hell and that Hell is

placed on a massive stone. This massive stone is resting on the head of an enormous *Farishta* (angel); the *Farishta* is standing on wind and the wind is resting on the empty world of Allah's *Kudrat* (glory). *(I wonder if our dearest Prophet smoked a few puff of marijuana or ganja before he could invent such a complicated explanation on the structure of the earth system).*

## **12. Allah created the seven heavens, the earth and the entire universe in six days!**

In the beginning, on a Sunday, Allah created His Supreme throne and all the objects surrounding it. On Monday He created the seven heavens; on Tuesday, He created the seven layers of the earth; on Wednesday, the dark empty space, on Thursday, He made all the objects between heaven and earth; then on Friday He created the Moon, the Sun, the stars, the planets and the satellites. Having had done all these in six days Allah decided to take a rest on Saturday, the seventh day. *[I wonder why Allah preferred to take a break on the Saturday, the Sabbath day of the Kafirs and not on a Friday, which is the Holiday for the believers.]*

## **13. How Allah created the Hell?**

Once Almighty Allah finished the task of creating the heavens and the earth He directed His attention towards creating the Hell. According to Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Abbas, the Hell is founded under a gigantic stone called *Shaara*. Then Allah appointed *Malik*, the archangel as the principal supervisor for care and maintenance of Hell. Under *Malik* there are further twenty-nine angels (*Farishta*) engaged in this job. Each of these angels has seventy thousand hands and, in total there are one hundred and forty thousand (140, 000) hands (?). Each hand has seventy thousand (70,000) palms in it and each palm has seventy thousand (70,000) fingers in it. On every finger there is a python and on the head of the python there is a serpent. This serpent is so long that its length is the distance of a journey of seventy thousand years. Each of these serpents carries on its head a deadly poisonous scorpion. Once these scorpions smite a denizen of Hell he will become restless and fidget in utter pain. *[There is no doubt that Allah is perverted, cruel and a sadist].*

## **14. The location of Allah's Hell and a taste of Hellfire!**

Abu Huraira narrated that for one thousand years Allah increased the intensity of ordinary fire to turn into a **red inferno**. Then Allah intensified further the glow of this inferno, so much so, that it turned into black—and to remain like that for eternity. A huge stone covers the mouth of this raging dark fire. This Hell of inferno is placed on the head of an angel; this angel is standing on the **back of a mosquito**; this mosquito is sitting tight on a lump of wet clay, and this clay lump is on the head of a cow having seventy thousand horns on its head. This humongous cow is standing on the back of a fish that is so huge that its tail touches the legs of Allah's Throne. In order for the cow to remain still at its position Allah placed a dreadful mosquito right in front of it. Due to the fear of this mosquito the cow remains stand still without making the slightest movement. *(Behold the glory of Allah! If by chance this mosquito made any movement then this world would have simply perished. Subhan Allah!!!)*

### **15. The distribution of sinners in Hell!**

*Gabriel* has disclosed that there are seven types of Hell, namely *Jahim*, *Jehannam*, *Sakhar*, *Sayer*, *Lazza*, *Havia* and *Hutama*. The *Hujura-e-Pak* (i.e., Muhammad) said to Gabriel, “O Gabriel, please tell me who will go to which Hell?” Gabriel answered, “*Havia* Hell is for the hypocrites (*Munafiks*); *Kafirs*, *Mushriks* (infidels) and the idolaters will be in *Jehannam* ; the fire worshippers, the Jews and the Christians will be housed in *Sakhar* Hell; the worshippers of devil will be in *Lazza* Hell; *Hutama* Hell is reserved only for those who take bribe; the polytheists will be in *Sayer* Hell and the Muslim sinners will be in *Jahim* Hell.

### **16. The story of the origin of Satan!**

Long before Allah created human being, He created the Jinns solely for the purpose of worshipping Him only. But the species of Jinns, having been on earth, fully indulged themselves in fun and amusement and completely forgot Allah. An angry Allah then sent a troop of angels to destroy the errant Jinns. The angles descended on earth with various weapons and started slaughtering the Jinns. When they finished killing almost all the Jinns, they found a very young and handsome Jinn boy. The angels became very compassionate towards this boy and implored Allah’s kindness towards him to save his life. The angles also sought Allah’s permission to bring this boy back to the Heaven to rear him under their care. Allah approved the request of the angels said to them: “O my angels, bring forth this boy and rear him amongst you.” The angels then named this beautiful boy ‘*Iblis*.’ He was only one thousand years old when the angels took him to Heaven.

### **17. What is the genealogy of Iblis?**

*Khabis* was the father of *Iblis*. *Khabis*’ father was the king of the Jinns, and his name was *Hanmus*. *Khabis* looked like a dreadful lion and his nature too was like that of a lion. On one hand he had the titanic power in him, while, on the other hand he was out and out a sly. He was the supreme leader of all the wicked Jinns. *Iblis*’ mother was *Nilbis*. She was the daughter of *Hanmus*, the fifth leader of the Jinns. She appeared like a wolf. *Iblis* was conceived when *Nilbis* and *Khabis* had sexual intercourse in the inferno of Hell. [No wonder, having absolute control on all affairs on earth, Satan is so powerful in this world. Truly, *Iblis*, the son of *Khabis* is a terrific creation of Allah. It is because even living in the towering inferno of Hell, *Khabis*, the father of *Iblis* was adroit in engaging in sexual copulation.]

### **18. How the soil to make the body of Adam was collected?**

At first, almighty Allah, to make the body of Adam, dispatched angel Gabriel to collect soil from the earth. On the very first instant that Gabriel descended on earth and extended his hand to gather soil, the earth, immediately swearing in the name of Allah, said to Gabriel, “O Gabriel! By Allah, do not ever try to collect even a speck of dust from



me.” So, an empty-handed Gabriel returned to Allah and quipped, “**O Allah, due to the vehement vow taken by earth in your name to not to allow me to collect soil, I could not bring any soil from there.**” Then Allah instructed Michael, the angel, to gather soil from the earth. Upon his arrival on earth, Michael said to earth, “O earth! Please grant me just a small piece of soil; I am on command from Allah to collect this dust from you.” The earth replied, “By Allah, I am entreating you not to take any soil from me.” A disappointed Michael then returned to Allah without any soil from earth. Allah then appointed the angel Israfil to accomplish the job. But Israfil, too, returned empty-handed. Angered, Allah then appointed the formidable archangel Azrail to accomplish the task. On his arrival on earth, archangel Azrail dug out soil and put that in a basket. Mournfully the earth said to Azrail, “By Allah, please do not take any soil.” Without paying any heed to earth, Azrail retorted, “I am collecting earth on the order of the same almighty by whom you are taking your vow. I am unable to disobey His order.” Saying this, Azrail frantically brought the piece of soil to Allah. Allah was extremely pleased with this act of Azrail.

### **19. Which parts of earth’s soils were used to make Adam?**

According to Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas, the apostle of Allah said, “Allah had made Adam from soils collected from various parts of the earth.” Adam’s head, He made it from the soil of Ka’ba, his belly and backside--Allah made them from the soil of Indo-Pak subcontinent, two hands-- made from the soils of the eastern frontier and the two legs-- made from the soils of the western frontier. As per other *ahadith*: Adam’s head was made from the soil of Bait al- Maqdis, his countenance-- from the soil of Paradise, his teeth-- from the soil of Indo-Pakistan, his two hands-- from the soil of holy Ka’ba, his backside--from the soil of Iraq, his heart—from the soil of the supreme Paradise (Zannat al-Firdaus), his tongue—from the soil of Taif, his two eyes—from the soil of lake of Kalkauthar, and from the soil of mountains his other limbs were made. (*I could never imagine that there is soil in supreme Paradise!*).

### **20. How Allah created the species of dog?**

Having created Adam, Allah placed him, for forty years, in a corner of the Paradise. All the angels were extremely fascinated by this bizarre creature. When Iblis was informed of such a curious object in Paradise, he looked at Adam with impetuous contempt and spat on him with great insinuation. Allah then created the species of dog from this spittle (saliva) of Iblis. (*No wonder that Mumin Muslims, slaves of Bedouin Allah, hate dogs up to their head*).

### **21. How the spirit entered in to Adam’s body?**

Having kept Adam in a corner of Paradise for forty years, Allah fixed a day for the spirit to enter into Adam’s body. Accordingly, Allah commanded all the angels in the heaven and earth to assemble. Then Allah ordered the spirit, “O spirit! Enter thee now into the body of Adam.” The spirit obligingly entered inside Adam’s body, but experiencing intense darkness inside, returned and entreated to Allah. Then Allah engraved the *Noor-e-*

*Muhammadi* (Muhammad's light) on the forehead of Adam. Thus, the entire inside and outside of Adam now became luminous. Gleefully, the spirit then descended inside Adam. No sooner had the spirit entered Adams body than Adam sneezed vigorously. With this sneezing, Adam recited, "*Al Hamd al-Allah* (all praise to Allah)." Allah immediately answered, "*Ya Rahmukallah* (you too receive the blessings of Allah)." From that very day this became a practice among all the generations of Adam; i.e., whenever someone sneezes, one must immediately say, "*Al Hamd al-Allah*." and in response the person who sneezes must say, "*Ya Rahmakallah*." Then Adam stood up. Allah commanded the angels to fetch the exquisite gold-embroidered cloak and to clothe Adam with that apparel. The angels brought that dress pronto, put that on Adam and made him ascent a throne.

## **22. The mystery of Jesus, the Prophet!**

As soon as the spirit entered inside Adam, he woke up and produced a sneeze. Allah then commanded Gabriel, "O Gabriel, save for posterity, this sneeze of Adam, because I shall use it for some special purpose. Verily, from this sneeze shall I create a person supremely pious. Angel Gabriel gingerly stored that sneeze in the *Lauhe Mahfouz* (the store house of spirits). By the grace of Allah, from this sneeze, Jesus, the Prophet was born in the womb of Bibi Miriam.

## **23. Songs and Music are the *Adhan* for Satan!**

Once Allah awarded Iblis an accursed life, Iblis said to Allah, "Oh almighty, you have decided to help Adam and his progeny by sending Prophets and apostles, but how about me? Wouldn't you help me to distract the progeny of Adam by providing me with some Books and Prophets?" An angry Allah then replied, "**O, the king of sinners! The numerous corrupt rulers, wicked leaders and the filthy, corrupt, obscene and evil-worded books (I think this refers to the porno movies) will indeed act as your Prophets and Books.**" On hearing this Adam said, "Almighty Allah, please tell me how shall I bring my children back on right track?" Allah replied, "Whenever the time for prayer arrives instruct the *Muazzin* in every mosque to announce the call for prayer (*Allah did not mention to use the powerful amplifiers invented by the infidels—I wonder why? May be Bedouin Allah could not foresee that bastard kaffirs will invent amplifiers*). My genuine followers will immediately be eager and excited to respond to the call of prayer and will hasten to immerse themselves in prayer and devotion." Then Iblis said, "Almighty, can't you provide me with a similar system like *Adhan*?" Allah replied, "O the wicked, remember that **songs and music and all the musical instruments** will act as *Adhan* for you. Many of my devotees will be enchanted by these songs and music and they will thus leave the path of righteousness and follow your path of wickedness."

## **24. The marriage of Adam and Eve and how the system of dowry evolved?**

Enchanted by the extreme beauty, charm and grace of Eve, Adam passionately fell in love with her. Under this influence of love he extended his hands towards her to embrace her. Immediately Allah warned, "O Adam! Refrain, do not touch Eve before marriage; this will not be legitimate for you." Adam replied, "Almighty, please get me married to

Eve.” So Allah married Eve to Adam. This wedding was of such great joy that all the angels from seven heavens and seven earths had a great time for seven days by assembling under a *Tuwa* tree. Allah himself delivered His sermon (*Khutba*) on this occasion. Then when Adam wanted to embrace his newly-wed bride, Eve, Allah roared, **“O Adam, touching Eve without paying her dower (bride-money) will not be legal for you.”** A disappointed Adam then said, **“Almighty, I have nothing. How can I pay dower?”** Allah, the most merciful then said, **“O Adam, offer *Darud* (litany) ten times to my dearest friend, Muhammad. This will suffice as your dower.”** With great devotion and faith Adam then offered ten *Darud* (litany) to Muhammad. Having had paid his dower in this manner Adam was able to have sexual intercourse with Eve.

## **25. What punishments Eve received for eating the fruit from the “Tree of Knowledge”?**

The instant Adam and Eve, disobeying Allah’s forbiddance, ate the fruit from the tree of knowledge; their exquisitely crafted, gold-laced dress fell off from their bodies. Then Eve, and all the women of the world were ordained to bear the monthly pain of menstruation. From that very day all women were to endure the pain of child-birth. Women were to be always under the subjugation of men; they lost their right to divorce their husbands. The women were now ordained to observe *Idda* (waiting period after divorce) whenever they are divorced by their husbands. Women were now gifted with less intelligence than men; they now had to command less respect and honour. The door to Prophet hood became close to them forever. On matters of witness their evidence in court became half to that of a man. They were deprived of the rewards of *Jumaa* and *Eid* prayers. They were dispossessed of the glory of *Jihad*; the inheritance for them became half to that of a man. Finally, they were booted out from the rewards of all important services to religion and society. (*Our pious and religious ladies, what do you think of these?*).

## **26. How did nude Adam and Eve ward-off their bashfulness?**

When, after instigated by Satan, Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, and as a consequence of this perfidy lost their garment of Paradise, they decided to conceal their shame of nudity by wearing the leaves of trees. One by one, they approached every tree and implored them to grant their request. But none of the trees they approached agreed to offer them even a single piece of leave. In the end, they entreated the fig and the sandal trees to offer them any of their leaves. Witnessing the grave danger that had befallen Adam and Eve, these two trees agreed to help them. Adam and Eve then covered their private parts with the fig leave and wrapped their entire body with the sandal leaves. (*I guess there was no Indian Saree in Paradise*). Any way, because these two trees of paradise showed kindness to Adam and Eve during their moment of great distress, Allah was greatly pleased with them. As a result of Allah’s pleasure, fig became a cherished fruit and He endowed it with great taste. Similarly, Allah also bequeathed so much fragrance to the sandal bark that the earthlings began to enjoy its exquisite aroma by burning it.

**27. Where did Allah cast Adam, Eve, the peacock, and the serpent when they disobeyed His commandment?**

When Adam, Eve, the serpent and Satan's helper, the peacock contravened the commandments of Allah, the angels, acting on the instruction of Allah, seized them by their necks and expelled them from Paradise. They cast Adam on the Island of Swarandip (Ceylon), Eve at Jeddah, a city in Arabia, the peacock at Kabul and the serpent in the region of Isfahan.

**28. What substances were created from the tears of Adam and Eve?**

Expelled from Paradise due to Allah's curse--Adam at Swarandip, and Eve at the city of Jeddah, both of them were in profound sorrow for each other. They were in utter despair due to the separation from each other and started to wail bitterly. Adam's wailing was so copious that it created a current of water on land. Out of this tear sprouted the first date palm tree on earth's surface. On the two sides of this current of water grew clove and nutmeg trees.

On the other end, Eve was so desperately lonesome that she wept profusely--like an ocean of water. Out of this tear of Eve grew the first henna tree. Whichever rivulet this tide of tear reached, there grew, at the bottom of it, ruby, pearl, gems and various other precious stones.

**29. How Adam and Eve became re-united?**

Separated from each other, wailing in utter loneliness, Adam and Eve remained in this circumstance for 300 years. Only after 300 years Allah became merciful to these two creatures stricken with grief. Allah then commanded Gabriel, **“O Gabriel! Go to Adam and direct him to perform Hajj at Mecca.”** When Gabriel conveyed Allah's commandment to him, Adam immediately left Swarandip and hastened to Mecca. According to the religious scholars and respectable people, Allah reduced the distance from Swarandip to Mecca so much that Adam arrived at Mecca only within the count of 30 steps. No sooner had Adam arrived at Mecca than the multitude of angels gathered around him and said, “O Adam! As per Allah's instruction, we are circumambulating the Ka'ba for the last 2000 years. It should be noted that during that time the name of Ka'ba was Bai't-ul-Ma'mur. Of course, the house of Ka'ba, at that time did not exist as a visible object; instead, it was the shadow of the Bai't-ul-Ma'mur in the fourth heaven, in which the angels used to offer their prayers. Later, Adam built a mosque at this very spot which was named Bait'Allah or Khanai Ka'ba—Allah's house. Tired and exhausted Adam sat down at Arafat' Jabal, a site very near to Ka'ba. At this spot of Arafat Adam was fervently wailing and praying to Allah for His forgiveness of his sins, when suddenly, he, through his divine inspiration, saw the exquisite throne of Allah. On this throne of Allah Adam read the Kalima, “La ilah Illa Allah.” Having witnessed this, Adam started supplicating to Allah, “O almighty! For the sake of Muhammad (pbuh), your dearest friend, please forgive our sin.” At the mention of Muhammad's (pbuh) name Allah's mercy surged. Immediately, Allah commanded Gabriel to convey the news of his

forgiveness to Adam and Eve. Gabriel informed them that Allah, being pleased at the mention of Muhammad's (pbuh) name had pardoned all their sins. Gabriel also insisted that had they mentioned the name of the dearest friend of Allah beforehand He would have exonerated them a long time ago.

While conversing with Gabriel, Adam suddenly observed at the far end that Eve was quickly approaching him from Jeddah. Unable to control himself, Adam ran to Eve, embraced her passionately and wept feverishly. Eve too, having missed her beloved husband for such a long period, puffed tears like an innocent child. All the angels on earth witnessed this happy re-union of husband and wife and they, too, started to cry in joy. The spot where this re-union took place is called the tract of Arafat (*Subhan Allah*).

### **30. How Allah showed Adam his progeny?**

After Adam completed the first ever Hajj in humanity, Allah instructed the archangel Gabriel, "O Gabriel! Fetch Adam to the wilderness of Amman. Once you take him there massage him on his back with your wing, and all the progeny of Adam, till the Day of Judgment will appear to you right then and there. Once the progeny of Adam emerges introduce them to him." So, following the command of Allah, Gabriel took Adam in the wide expanse of Amman and massaged him with his wing. Immediately, by the infinite grace of Allah all the future generations of Adam appeared right then. Their number was so huge that even the entire earth could not accommodate them.

Astonished at this incredible sight, Adam said, "Brother Gabriel! Who are these people?" Gabriel answered, "All these people are your descendants, all of them will be born on earth in due course." Then Adam said, "How can this earth accommodate such a multitude of my progeny?" Following Allah's command, Gabriel replied, "All of them will not arrive together at one time. Some of them will turn up now, some will be inside their mothers' wombs, some will be on their fathers' backs and some will reside in graves. So do not worry about them."

### **31. How was the Black Stone of Ka'ba created?**

Almighty Allah commanded an angel, "O angel! Please extract written confessions from the progeny of Adam and keep those written covenants inside your mouth." The angel acted accordingly. Instantly, by the infinite grace of Allah the angel turned into a black stone. From that very day that black stone is known as 'Hazrul Aswad' or the Black Stone and it was located on the right side of the house of Ka'ba. From very ancient times the pilgrims respectfully kiss this piece of stone.

### **32. How was the Sun created?**

Intense darkness prevailed on earth when Adam and Eve were sent. Adam and Eve passed three hundred years under this darkness, when one morning, Allah granted their prayer and forgave their sins. Then, to express his gratitude Adam promptly offered two

prostrations to Allah. When Adam raised his head from the prostration he beheld the sun rising from the East. The entire world was dazzling under the brilliant sunlight. From that very day the sun has been rising everyday. (*Subhan Allah! What a great scientific truth I have learned the Islamic teachings!*)

### **33. How was the first fire on earth created?**

Once Allah commanded the archangel Gabriel, “O Gabriel, take seven pieces of Iron rods and proceed to Adam. Train him in the arts of a blacksmith so that he can make weapons from the iron pieces”. When Gabriel descended on earth to teach Adam the technique of weapon-making using iron he noted that fire would be necessary. It is not at all possible to smelt iron without fire. So Gabriel returned to Allah and implored Him for fire. Allah said, **“Go to Malek, the keeper of hellfire and get some fire from him.”** Accordingly, Gabriel brought some fire to earth from hell. But the intensity of hellfire was so great that the flame penetrated through the earth and returned to hell. Gabriel again went to hell and brought the hellfire. Once more, the fire returned to hell. He repeated this procedure seven times, but every time he brought the fire it returned to hell. When a helpless Gabriel narrated this bizarre incident to Allah, Allah commanded Gabriel: “O Gabriel, wash the hellfire with the water from the seven seas and then take it to Adam.” Gabriel did accordingly, and the glow of hellfire became somewhat diminished. Gabriel then took that fire to Adam. The fire thus became suitable for use on earth.

### **34. How was the speech of cow blocked?**

Once Gabriel delivered the fire to Adam, Allah instructed Gabriel to take from Paradise two cows and a fistful of wheat to Adam so that Adam could start agricultural activities on earth. As per this instruction, Gabriel then took two excellent cows and the wheat from Paradise and delivered them to Adam. But Adam ran into a great trouble when he used the two cows to till the land. Here we note the glory of Allah! One of the cows became very mischievous and started meandering around. Adam became angry and stroke hard on the back of this cow. Screaming in pain, the cow retorted, **“O Adam, while in Paradise, you too, disobeyed Allah’s order by crisscrossing around. How could you now complain about my meandering around?”** Witnessing such a chutzpah from a cow Adam, with a heavy heart, stopped cultivation. Gabriel saw this; went to Allah and related the incidence. Allah, out of pity for Adam, made the cow mute. Then Allah said to Adam, **“Go and start cultivation and earn your own living.”** From now on cows will never speak and men will control and use them unfettered. There will be no wrong on this.

### **35. How humans started to spread on earth?**

Because Adam and Eve were the first two people on earth, Allah decided to spread mankind through them. From the loins of Adam and Eve Allah created two hundred and forty-nine (249) offspring. With respect to Adam’s children Allah followed a special rule. This rule was: except for the Seth, all children of Adam were born as twins. In every birth a son and a daughter were born in pair. Then Adam would marry the son of one pair with

the daughter of another pair and so on. In some books it is mentioned that Adam and Eve had in total one hundred and eighty (180) pairs of children and only once they had a single offspring, i.e. Seth. This means: in all, Adam had three hundred and sixty-one (361) children.

### **36. How many wings has Allah provided to the angels?**

When Allah had decided to create angels, He, at first, made a very special kind of light from the radiance of Muhammad. Then with this special light He fashioned the angels. These angels are always busy executing Allah's orders and commands. Every morning they assemble in line in front of Allah to give attendance. Allah has equipped the angels with wings so that they can fly. As a result of these wings they can swiftly cross the distance between the Heaven and the earth. The number of wings in angels varies. Some of them have two, some three, and some even have four wings. In Sura Fatir (35::1) it is written that Allah has created the angels with two, three or four wings. In Sahih Muslim it is mentioned that Gabriel has six hundred (600) wings.

### **37. What was the height of Adam?**

Our dearest Prophet has said, "Allah made Adam, the father of mankind, to be ninety feet (90) tall." According to Sahih Bukhari (Sahih Bukhari, vol.4, book 55, number 544) this story runs like this:

*Volume 4, Book 55, Number 544:*

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Apostle said, "The first group of people who will enter Paradise, will be glittering like the full moon and those who will follow them, will glitter like the most brilliant star in the sky. **They will not urinate, relieve nature, spit, or have any nasal secretions. Their combs will be of gold, and their sweat will smell like musk.** The aloes-wood will be used in their centers. Their wives will be beautiful, virgin, wide eyed and high bosomed houris. All of them will look alike and will resemble their father Adam (in statute), sixty cubits tall."

### **38. How gold and silver were created on earth?**

When Adam became old the number of his children reached three hundred and sixty-one (361) and the total number their progeny became forty thousand (40 000). Due to such multitude on people earth it became difficult for them to sustain by cultivation alone. Then all of them went to their original father, Adam and said, "Now, you have become old; so please leave something for us so that we can earn an easy living." Hearing the plea of his progeny Adam supplicated to Allah, "O almighty, you must have heard what my descendants had said. Please do something for me so that I can please them." On hearing Adams plea Allah commanded Gabriel, "O Gabriel, fetch two handfuls of gold and silver from Paradise and deliver them to Adam." Gabriel did accordingly, and said to

Adam: “Throw these gold and silver on the mountain and ask your descendants to pick them from the mountain and commence business. Through business they will have much profit and then they will have a comfortable life. The quantity of gold and silver will be never ending.” Needless to say, that was the very day on which gold and silver originated on earth. *(The trouble is: on earth there was no other community then, so with whom the progeny of Adam conducted business with those gold and silver?)*

### **39. How Shaddad built his Paradise?**

The readers must have heard the incredible story of the construction of Shaddad’s Paradise. The Mullahs of Bangladesh are especially adept at narrating this cock-and-bull story to the gullible devotees. Let us now hear this tale.

Among the two sons of the ancient king Aa’d, Shaddad was very haughty and artful. To bring him to righteousness Allah sent Prophet Hud to the court of Shaddad. Hud advised Shaddad to bring faith in Allah. A cunning and clever Shaddad asked Hud, “What will Allah bestow on me should I bring faith in Him?” Hud replied, “Whoever puts trust in Allah, Allah will give him inexhaustible happiness in Paradise.” Shaddad said, “I myself will make such a Paradise.” This was not simply an empty rhetoric from Shaddad. He actually made all preparations to construct such a Paradise. He requested his nephew, King Johak Taji to send him all his gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, musk and saffron. In addition to his nephew, Shaddad also requested all the neighbouring kings and emperors to deliver to him all their gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, musk and saffron. Then Shaddad went out looking for a suitable site for his Paradise; finally he settled for a place on the border of province of Yemen. This spot was about 120 km in length.

Thousands of skilled artisans from across all the countries of the world arrived to build the Paradise of Shaddad. Among them were a few thousand expert masons who dedicated themselves in their art. At first, the ground of this huge site was excavated to a depth of forty yards, and then soils were removed from this ditch and filled with marble stone. This became the foundation of the edifice of Paradise. Then walls of gold and silver were erected on top of the foundation. On top of these walls were cast beams and pillars of Jabbarjad and Jamarud, and finally, the roof was cast on top of them using red-coloured Almas stones. Inside the main palace numerous buildings were erected using the most appropriate gold-silver bricks. Words fail to describe the exquisite beauty of this paradise. This was as amazing as it was unimaginable. No emperor could ever match this extraordinary Paradise which Shaddad built on earth. O Muhammad! If only you aware how your Guardian (Allah) treated the builder of this Paradise!

When Shaddad built his Paradise he also lined up many trees of gold and silver among the many palaces that he built. The branches of those trees were made from ruby and their leaves were made from Jamarud stones. The twigs and branches of those trees were bedecked with hanging fruits made of precious stones, diamonds and pearls. Legend has it that at least a forty thousand donkey-load of gold and silver were exhausted daily to build this Paradise. It took a continuous work of three hundred years to complete this Paradise.



Finally, when the work was finished the workers told Shaddad, “Your majesty, the construction of Paradise is complete.” Greatly pleased with the good news, Shaddad commanded all the handsome boys and girls of his kingdom to be assembled inside the newly created Paradise. He further issued orders that these young girls and boys be dressed in excellent apparels; then, to serve the inhabitants of the Paradise the girls are to be appointed as Hurs (virgin maids) and the boys be appointed as Gelman (male servants for homosexual denizens of paradise). Shaddad’s orders were duly carried out. Accompanied with his retinue of royal patronage, his royal employees, his footmen and his slaves Shaddad set out towards his new Paradise. When he approached the entry door of his Paradise he chanced to meet a stranger sitting there. Shaddad said, “Who are you?” The stranger replied, “I am Malakul Maut, the harbinger of death. I am here to bring death to you.” Shaddad replied, “Please allow me a little time. I just want to have a glimpse of this dearest palace of mine.” Azrail retorted, “Allah has not commanded me to allow you any time.” Shaddad then alighted from his horse and set foot on the door-sill of his Paradise. At that very instant Azrail ended Shaddad’s life on the spot. This ruined for ever, the desire of Shaddad to see his Paradise. At the same time, with the command from Allah, the archangel descended there and made such a thunderous shout that all soldiers and footmen of Shaddad were utterly destroyed. After this, by Allah’s command angels came down and buried Shaddad’s Paradise under ground. *(I am quite certain the readers will agree that to fabricate this incredible cock-and-bull story Allah and Muhammad must have taken a super overdose of marijuana (ganja)).*

#### **40. Who was Zulkernain?**

Hajrat Shah Zulkernain was born at Iskandaria or Alexandria. He was a good ruler, a wise judge and a righteous person. When Rasul-e-Karim declared himself to be the apostle of Allah, the Meccans decided to humiliate him by asking him questions about this Zulkernain. Rasul-e-Karim, having learnt the story of Zulkernain, via Gabriel, narrated verbatim this history (as written in the Qur’an) thus: “The almighty, the all merciful Allah made Zulkernain the ruler of a vast kingdom encompassing enormous oriental and occidental land. Zulkernain was very familiar with all the roads and highways of his kingdom. Since Allah conferred on Zulkernain such a huge duty, it was not enough for him to be responsible for peace and religion of his land only. Allah made Zulkeranin responsible for the land beyond his kingdom as well. As a result of this ordinance Zulkernain had to travel far and wide.

So, at an appropriate time, and as per the instruction of Allah, Zulkernain set out with his army and weapons to an expedition covering the eastern and the western nations. At first, he travelled towards the western end of the earth. All the countries he came across on this journey surrendered to him. He preached the religion of Allah to the inhabitants of these lands. In this way he succeeded in raising the flag of Allah among the infidels. A few mighty rulers confronted him in fierce battles. But at the end they all had to surrender to Zulkernain. Having travelled far and wide, Zulakernain, finally arrived at Bait al-Muqaddis (Jerusalem). The fulfilment of his life came after he performed his pilgrimage

there. After spending a few days there he set out for the eastern frontier of the earth.  
*(There are many similar cock-and-bull stories which I shall omit here. Instead, I shall tell you a few grand fairy-tales below.)*

#### **41. How Zulkernain closed the walls of Yajuj-Majuj?**

Readers should note that this story of Yajuj and Majuj has been described in the holy Qur'an. The Mullahs of Bangladesh and other Muslim nations have a field-day describing this tale in many religious assemblies. This works very well to brain-wash the simple minded village folks of Bangladesh and gullible Muslims of entire Muslim world. Here is the full description of such 'cock-and-bull story':

Having made a detour on his journey, Zulkernain arrived at the rising place of the sun. On this, Allah has said:

They ask thee concerning Zul-qarnain. Say, "I will rehearse to you something of his story." Verily We established his power on earth, and We gave him the ways and the means to all ends.

One (such) way he followed

Until, when he reached the setting of the sun, he found it set in a spring of murky water: Near it he found a People: We said: "O Zul-qarnain! (thou hast authority,) either to punish them, or to treat them with kindness."

He said: "Whoever doth wrong, him shall we punish; then shall he be sent back to his Lord; and He will punish him with a punishment unheard-of (before).

"But whoever believes, and works righteousness,- he shall have a goodly reward, and easy will be his task as We order it by our Command."

Then followed he (another) way,

Until, when he came to the rising of the sun, he found it rising on a people for whom We had provided no covering protection against the sun. (He left them) as they were: We completely understood what was before him. Then followed he (another) way, until when he reached (a tract) between two mountains, he found, beneath them, a people who scarcely understood a word.

They said: "O Zul-qarnain! the Gog and Magog (People) do great mischief on earth: shall we then render thee tribute in order that thou mightiest erect a barrier between us and them?"

He said: "(The power) in which my Lord has established me is better (than tribute): Help me therefore with strength (and labour): I will erect a strong barrier between you and them:

"Bring me blocks of iron." At length, when he had filled up the space between the two steep mountain-sides, He said, "Blow (with your bellows)". Then, when he had made it (red) as fire, he said: "Bring me which I may pour over it, molten lead." Thus were they made powerless to scale it or to dig through it. He said: "This is a mercy from my Lord: But when the promise of my Lord comes to pass, He will make it into dust; and the promise of my Lord is true."

(Note Sura Kahf (18), verses 83-98, translation by Abdullah Yusuf Ali)

In this way, the gang of Yajuj and Majuj were, for ever, remained concealed behind the wall. The result was that the inhabitants on the other side of the wall were free from the tyranny of Yajuj and Majuj and lived in eternal peace. Muhammad, the ultimate Prophet said, "It has been revealed to me that this piece of wall remain in tact till the day of resurrection. And Yajuj and Majuj will never be able enter the other side of the wall."

Unfortunately, the band of Yajuj and Majuj spared no pain to cross the wall. Every morning they licked the wall from dawn to dusk till the thickness of the wall was reduced to thin paper. Then they said, "The dusk has now settled, let us come back tomorrow and begin the licking so that by next day the wall will disappear and we will come out of the wall." Now, behold the glory of Allah! When they returned next morning they were utterly surprised to find the wall restored to its original size. It is learnt from divine source that this wall will remain like this till the last day. On the resurrection day, Yajuj and Majuj, in the name of Allah, will suddenly commence licking the wall again. This will make the wall to vanish. As soon as this happens, the gang of Yajuj and Majuj will spread like locusts and devour all the water, plants and trees and everything that remain standing on earth.

*(I shall write, for the benefit of the readers that Zulkernain, the hero of this cock-and-bull story was none other than Alexander, the great. Born in Greece (Macedonia), he was a pagan and in no way we can consider him to be a Muslim. Commenting on this Maulana Yusuf Ali, the eminent translator of the Holy Qur'an writes that this Zulkernain was actually "Alexander, the great." Imagine now, how the Prophet, the Mullahs and the Muslims have twisted the history. I shall request the readers to consult Yusuf Ali's comments on Sura Kahf, especially verses 18:83-98. You will surely conclude that the implausible story of Zulkernain is nothing but the perverted history. Reference: Yusuf Ali, Translation and Commentary of the Holy Qur'an, pp 760-765)*

## **42. How did Allah create the earth?**

Readers, please read now the mystery of the creation of this earth, as narrated, *a-la Islamic Scientific laws*, by none other than the companions of our Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Culling from different Islamic Books we could find that there were three explanations of the creation of this earth. These exegeses are illustrated as follows:

[a] As per the famous Islamic tomes, we learn that, according to Abdullah b. Masud and other companions of our Prophet, “It is definitely Allah who had created this Universe and whatever is between the earth and the sky. In the beginning, Allah’s throne was above the water; He had not created anything yet. Then from the water He made vapour. This vapour then floated above the water, and having risen far above, it hovered over water as the roof. Allah named this ‘Heaven’ or ‘Sky’ and made the seven-heavens from it. Then Allah rendered the water dry and on Sunday and Monday formed from it the firm, one solid earth and the seven other earths along with it. Having accomplished this, Allah placed the seven earths **upon the back of a gigantic whale fish**. This whale is described in the **Qur’an as Nun**. This fish is resting above the water, the water, in turn, is resting atop a giant stone; the rock is resting on the back of a huge angel (*farishta*), the angel is standing above a massive rock. This rock is placed on air. As a consequence of the huge burden of earth on the whale fish, **it sways and causes earthquake**. So Allah established firmly lofty mountains on the surface of the earth, lest it not be shaken by the earthquakes. (*What an authentic scientific explanation of earthquake by Islamic Quran?*)

[b] When Allah wished to create the dry land, he commanded the wind to churn up the waters. When they had become turbulent and foamy, waves swelled and gave off vapour. Then Allah commanded the foam to solidify, and it became dry. In two days he created the dry land on the face of the waters, as he has said: *Say (O Muhammad, unto the idolaters): Disbelieve ye verily in Him Who created the earth in two Days, and ascribe ye unto Him rivals? He (and none else) is the Lord of the Worlds.* (41:9 **PICKTHAL**). Then He commanded these waves to be still, and they formed the mountains, which He used as pegs to hold down the earth, as he has said: *And We have placed in the earth firm hills lest it quake with them, and We have placed therein ravines as roads that haply they may find their way.* (21:31 **PICKTHAL**). Were it not for the mountains, the earth would not have been stable enough for its inhabitants.

(Reference: *The History of Al-Tabari: General Introduction and From the Creation to the Flood*, translated by Franz Rosenthal, State University of New York Press (SUNY), Albany, 1989, vol i, pp.218-220)

[c] And the earth was tossed about with its inhabitants like a ship, so Allah sent down an angel of extreme magnitude and strength and ordered him to slip beneath the earth and bear it up on his shoulders. He stretched forth one of his hands to the east and the other to the west and took hold of the earth from end to end. However, there was no foothold for him. So Allah created from an emerald a square rock, in the middle of which were seven thousand holes. In each hole there was a sea, description of which is known only to Allah. And He commanded the rock to settle beneath the angel’s feet. The rock, whoever, had no support. So Allah created **a great bull with forty thousand heads, eyes, ears, nostrils, mouths, tongues and legs and commanded it to bear the rock on its back and on its horns**. The name of the bull is *Rayyan*. As the bull had no place to rest its feet, Allah created a huge fish, upon which no one may gaze because it is so enormous and had so many eyes. It is even said that if all the seas were placed in one of its gills, they would be like a mustard seed in the desert. Allah commanded this fish to be the foothold for the bull, and this was done. This fish’s name was *Behemouth*. Then He

made its resting place the water, beneath which is the air, and beneath the air is the darkness, which is for all the earths. There, beneath this darkness, the knowledge of created matters ends.

(Reference: *Great Books of the Islamic World*, translated by Wheeler M. Thackston Jr. Distributed by Kazi Publications, Chicago, IL. 1997, pp.8-10)

### **43. The birth and the genealogy of Nimrod**

A notorious king in ancient times was Nimrod. Second to none of the powerful kings in history, he was the most obdurate enemy of Allah. Nimrod's genealogy stands thus: Ham was one of the sons of Prophet Nuh (pbuh). Most of his progeny lived in Hindustan (India). Among them was a person named Azzam. Kenaan was one of the sons of Azzam. Nimrod was the son of this very Kenaan. Other historical records show that Nimrod was actually Kaykaus. Kaykaus' father was Kaikobad and his father was Jamshid.

From his very boyhood, Nimrod was very intrepid and industrious. As a result of such qualities, very soon, he raised himself from the Prime Ministership to be the king of Babel. By dint of his own talent, he gathered enormous wealth and influence. By casting terror, and through reducing empires such as, Syria, Turkistan, Hindustan (India) etc. he compelled these nations to pay tribute (tax) to him. Nimrud had an enormous life span—one thousand-and seven-hundred years. He ruled with great might over a vast empire for such a long period of time. Having authority over such a colossal empire, he became extremely proud, so much so, do that he declared himself to be the God. He even announced: *Inna Rabbakul Aala*, which means: 'I am the God and your sustainer'.

In the royal palace of Nimrod there was the conclave of the greatest scholars and erudite people. Once, while Nimrod was seated with his minions, the principal royal astrologer greeted him. In baritone voice Nimrod said, "What is the matter, my astrologer?" Glumly and with lisping voice the astrologer replied, "The news is not that good, your majesty." The king (Nimrod) said, "Tell me the whole matter." In response, the astrologer said, "For some time a new star has appeared in the sky. Having observed this phenomenon and having done the astrological calculations, I conclude that there will be born in your kingdom, within three days, a child who, in future, will become your implacable foe, and it would be this child who would be the cause of your downfall." Alarmed and frightened by such an announcement from the court astrologer, Nimrod, with feisty temper roared to his royal staff, "Immediately, you must take all measures against this. Henceforth, to the entire kingdom, announce that no husband and wife could live together for three days, and under no circumstances sexual intercourse might take between them. Whoever transgresses this order will face the mandatory death sentence." To enforce this harsh regulation of Nimrod, hundreds and thousands of his soldiers took up positions, to guard, covertly and overtly, every house of his subjects, just that no couple could have sex. **That meant: in every bedroom of a house, a soldier was posted, vigilant with sword in hand.**

### **44. The birth of Abraham, the Prophet**

None has the ability to foist the grace and the will of Allah. Allah's resolve is bound to come to fruition—come whatever might happen. While Nimrod's ruthless, strict order was being carried out meticulously, no couple could engage in sex for three days. But lo, without any hindrance, what Allah had destined to happen did really come to realization. Azar, the bodyguard used to guard the sleeping-room of Nimrod. While Azar spent the night guarding Nimrod, his wife remained restless for sex, as she spent the night alone. Incidentally, she became extremely horny for sexual intercourse on the night Nimrod decreed his ordinance. Guarding alone the sleeping quarter of Nimrod, Azar too desired to have sex, as the situation was just right for this. Azar's wife approached the front porch of the palace and finding the two sentries engaged in deep slumber entered inside the palace compound unhindered. She immediately approached her husband. Straight away, Azar took his wife next to Nimrod's bedroom and engaged in copulation with her. Needless to say, by the decree of Allah, and from the back of his father, Allah's Prophet Abraham Khalilullah (pbuh) entered in to the womb of his mother (that is, Azar's wife). This happened surreptitiously, without anyone's awareness. Despite the maximum vigil and alertness of Nimrod, Allah fulfilled His dictum without anyone's knowledge.

Three days passed, the court astrologer went to the palace and said to the king (Nimrod), "Your majesty, regardless of your utmost caution and watchfulness, your implacable enemy—the prophesized child has been conceived in his mother's womb." Fearful of this ominous event, Nimrod decreed that all children born in his king within a year must be killed. To enforce the king's verdict, the royal staff went roaming the kingdom and killing any baby born. This resulted in the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of infants. But by the infinite glory of Allah, none learned about the pregnancy of Azar's wife—she bore no sign of conception at all.

In due time, under utter secrecy, Azar's wife went inside a mountain cave and delivered the child. She left the newly-born child in the very cave where it was born. However, everyday, she would return to the cave to look after the new-born. By the infinite mercy of Allah, from one of the fingers of the baby, milk flowed, and out came honey from another finger. Sustained by the ingestion of these food for seven years the child started to grow up, hidden from the sight of public. Thus, when Abraham was fully grown, he destroyed Nimrod.

*(Imagine, how, with such incredible cock-and-bull thoughts of the Islamic Mullahs, milk and honey could ooze out from fingers! Many such absurd stories about Prophet Abraham are transmitted in Kassa-suul-Ambia. Lest the readers lose patience, I refrain from narrating further, such silly tales.)*

#### **45. Description of the holy appearance and the exquisite beauty of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)**

At birth, Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) physical body was free of any blemish and ungodliness. He was born circumcised and began conversation with *Rabbul al-Amin* (Allah) instantly after his birth. In *hadis* it is said that his hallowed body was medium-

built. This means that he was neither too tall nor too short. His skin complexion was bright-creamy, tinged with red. He had a wide forehead, thin eyebrows, which were very close, if not joined together. In the centre of the eyebrows was the raised temple which shored up whenever he became annoyed. His blessed nose was long, raised and radiant. His consecrated visage was truly very pleasant and elegantly handsome. Only twenty strains of hair of his sacred beard were white. His blessed hair was curly and parted in the middle. This made him look exceedingly handsome indeed. Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) hallowed countenance was as bright and beautiful as the full moon. Shaped like a pigeon egg, there was a mole in the middle of his two shoulders. There were many pictures inscribed in this mole. This mole is known as *Mohr-e-Nabiyat*. In it was written '*Muhammad Rasul Allah*'. After Muhammad died Allah erased this inscription of *Mohr-e-Nabiyat*. His holy chest was wide, and there was a thin cluster of hair from his chest to his navel. He had smooth hair on his sacred arms, shoulders and torso. Coupled with extended wrists, he had long bones on his shoulders, knees and ankles. His sanctified body was rotund, radiant, balanced and middle-sized. When water mixed with his saliva it tasted sweet. Even in the darkness of night he could see like day time. Any infant that licked his saliva need not be milk-fed anymore. His shadow did not touch the ground. His voice was louder than any other person, so much so, that people afar could hear him. His sense of hearing was as sharp during his sleep as it was in wakefulness. When he sat alone, he exuded solemnity and the gravity of his personality. From a distance he appeared animated and from afar he looked handsome, graceful and elegant. He never suffered from thirst. He could see on his back as well as he could see in his front. Flies and mosquitoes could never menace him. From his physique emanated the fragrance of musk, and from this people could recognize his presence whenever he ventured in a market or at any public gathering. There would be no trace of his excrement or urine after he had answered the call of nature. This was because the soil immediately consumed of what he would discharge and there would radiate from the soil fragrance of exquisite perfume and benzoin. A cloud would always provide shade whenever Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) walked along a street. **As he walked, trees along the two sides of the road would bend down to salute him.** When he walked his gait was as if he was descending from an upper part. None ever was as handsome and elegant as Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was, and no doubt, in future, none will ever be like him. *Ameen.*

*(Numerous daft and superstitious myths originate from illogical belief and blind reverence. The prolonged perpetuation of such myths results in the creation of irrational, silly and absurd tales. The blind devotion, praise, adulation and worship of such diehard luminaries could easily transform a simple, ordinary person, even a criminal, into an angel (farishta) or even raise him to the rank of God. This is exactly what happened to Muhammad (pbuh), the Prophet of Islam, to the extent that even his excrement had become a source of fine fragrance, his saliva (smelly) transformed into sweet honey or his ability to see even in darkness!*

*This same irrationality could be extended to many saints and friars, generally of the Indo-Pak sub-continent, and especially to the Bangladeshi varieties of them. Having separated them from ordinary folks, many of them have been elevated to an extremely*

*high position by ascribing to them tales of supernatural feats. All this is done just for the purpose of corrupting the brain of general public and to rob them of their money.)*

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