A tour through the Qur'an

The Qur'an is a mystery book to many people, both Muslims and non-Muslims. Many Muslims have memorized the Qur'an in Arabic, but do not know what it means. Many non-Muslims as well as Muslims have never read it. You are invited to read the excerpts gathered from the Qur'an beginning at the front and read toward the end of it.

When I first read the Qur'an I was amazed at the distortions and errors that were in it. The idea that the Qur'an is a revelation from Allah does not make sense when stories from Jewish nonbiblical traditions as well as unhistorical Christian traditions were incorporated into its text. Ideas about hell and its horrors seem borrowed from the Zoroastrian ideas. There is a lot of repetition in the Qur'an. The story of creation is told many times. A story about Abraham with many erroneous features is also told many times. The story about the devil, Iblis, is repeated many times. What does this do for the idea of revelation?

The verses that I have collected from the Qur'an show the dark side of Islam. Politicians talk about Islam as a religion of peace, but the true picture of Islam is that it is a threat to all peace. Islam is a greater threat to civilized people than communism ever was. Many of the verses also show the sources Mohammed incorporated into his "revelation" which are no revelation at all. In reality the Qur'an is an instrument used by Mohammed for gaining power over people and justifying his lust for women. Moreover, the ideas about the world that are incorporated into the Qur'an are just plain wrong, and this reflects on Allah as the source.

There are other articles on Answering Islam that treat the Qur'an topically. They can be found here: <u>http://www.backend.ai-deutschland.de/Authors/Fisher/Topical/index.htm</u>. My purpose in going through the Qur'an front to back is to deal with each issue as it comes up. There are articles on sources of Islam, scientific problems of Islam, doctrinal deviations of Islam, etc., My hope is that the reader might see the variety of issues drawn directly from the Qur'an. At the same time I seek to give a Christian perspective on some of the issues. There are valuable resources given in many of the verses which can be pursued for more information.

One problem must be noted up front. After 9-11 when the bombing took place in New York, many politicians, including the President, sought to calm the people by quoting from the Qur'an that Islam is a religion of peace. That statement comes from the early days of Mohammed in Mecca but was abrogated when he gained power in Medina. What politicians did not say or maybe did not know concerns the Qur'an's doctrine of Abrogation in which Allah changes his mind and cancels one revelation with another "better" revelation in its place. The practical result is that Islam is no longer a religion of peace. For all the verses that have been abrogated see <u>here http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/abrogatedverses.html</u> and <u>here http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/abrogation.htm</u>

We begin here with this survey.

2:25 "And give glad tidings (O Muhammad) unto those who believe and do good works; that theirs are Gardens underneath which rivers flow; as often as they are regaled with food of the fruit thereof, they say: this is what was given us aforetime; and it is given to them in resemblance. There for them are pure companions; there for ever they abide."

Believing in Allah and Mohammed and doing good works leads to Paradise. The importance of rivers contrasts the deserts of Arabia. What was lacking in the deserts is the prize of paradise.

2:65 "And ye know of those of you who broke the Sabbath, how We said unto them: Be ye apes, despised and hated!" Similar statements are found at 5:60 and 7:166.

The hostility of Islam towards the Jews begins with this alleged judgment of Allah for Jews who broke the Sabbath. In reality, Mohammed hated the Jews for opposing him as a prophet.

2:87 "And verily We gave unto Moses the Scripture and We caused a train of messengers to follow after him, and We gave unto Jesus, son of Mary, clear proofs (of Allah's sovereignty), and We supported him with the Holy spirit. Is it ever so, that, when here cometh unto you a messenger (from Allah) with that which ye yourselves desire not, ye grow arrogant, and some ye disbelieve and some ye slay?"

The Qur'an affirms the Torah ascribed to Moses and prophets who followed him. However, the phrase concerning Jesus is that "We supported him with the Holy spirit." <u>Hilali-Khan</u> does not translate the passage but instead gives the Arabic "Ruh-ul-Qudus [Jibrael (Gabriel)]" <u>Shakir</u> keeps the phrase "holy spirit" but reduces the caps to small letters. <u>Khalifa</u> translates: "supported him with the Holy Spirit". The passage does not say Gabriel but the Muslim view reduces the Holy Spirit to an angel. A similar passage occurs in 2:253.

It is important to know that the Qur'an certifies the validity of the Torah and there is no charge of corruption as later Muslims claimed. Who does one believe? The Qur'an or later Muslims? Muslims long after Mohammed did not find Mohammed prophesied in the Scripture and then created the claim that the Scriptures had been changed.

2:102 "And follow that which the devils falsely related against the kingdom of Solomon. Solomon disbelieved not; but the devils disbelieved, teaching mankind magic and that which was revealed to the two angels in Babel, Harut and Marut. Nor did they (the two angels) teach it to anyone till they had said:"

Mohammed took material from mythology and fables and incorporated it into the Qur'an as fact. The Persian Magi (Zoroastrians) who mention the two rebellious angels of the names of Harut and Marut, who rebelled against God and hung themselves upside down in repentance. A similar story exists among the Jews, but not in the Bible. (<u>http://www.answering-islam.org/Books/Tisdall/Sources/chap5.htm</u>)

2:106 "Nothing of our revelation (even a single verse) do we abrogate or cause be forgotten, but we bring (in place) one better or the like thereof. Knowest thou not that Allah is Able to do all things?"

This is the first instance of the idea of abrogation listed in the Qur'an in which later verses abrogate earlier verses. The idea that Islam was a religion of peace was spoken in Mecca when Mohammed was trying to convert people to his religion. After he gained power in Medina Islam became a religion of jihad, banditry, and murder. Instead of Islam being a religion of peace, a later revelation to Mohammed changes Islam into a religion of jihad. (http://www.answering-islam.org/Index/A/abrogation.html)

2:125 "And when We made the House (at Makka) a resort for mankind and sanctuary, (saying): Take as your place of worship the place where Abraham stood (to pray). And We imposed a duty upon Abraham and Ishmael, (saying): Purify My house for those who go around and those who meditate therein and those who bow down and prostrate themselves (in worship)."

The Muslim traditions distort the clear view of the record of Genesis in which Isaac is regarded as more important than Ishmael. Ishmael is mentioned as the son of Abraham by the woman, Hagar, but Isaac is the son Abraham and Sarah, the son of promise as mentioned by Yahweh. There is no historical evidence that Abraham and Ishmael were in Mecca. One can see the problems <u>here</u>.

(http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/toler/abraham_kaaba.html)

2:136 "Say (O Muslims): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the tribes, and that which Moses and Jesus received, and that which the prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and unto Him we have surrendered."

As a matter of fact Mohammed did not receive the message that was received by the Jews. There was no revelation given to Ishmael. Moreover, he did not receive the message of Jesus. One cannot read the New Testament without knowing that Jesus was far more than a mere prophet. He claimed to be the **Son of Yahweh** which Mohammed denied. (Who is Jesus?

http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/roark/real_jesus1.html)

2:144 "We have seen the turning of thy face to heaven (for guidance, O Muhammad). And now verily We shall make thee turn (in prayer) toward a qiblah which is dear to thee. So turn thy face toward the Inviolable Place of Worship, and ye (O Muslims), wheresoever ye may be, turn your faces (when ye pray) toward it." Mohammed began the practice of praying toward Jerusalem at first, but after the Jews rejected him as being a prophet, he changed the qiblah, or direction of praying to Mecca. The idea of praying five times a day seems to have been copied from the Sabeans.

2:173 "He hath forbidden you only carrion, and blood, and swineflesh,"

The Muslim prohibition against pork is similar to what we find in the Torah of the Jews.

2:178 "O ye who believe! Retaliation is prescribed for you in the matter of the murdered; the freeman for the freeman, and the slave for the slave, and the female for the female. And for him who is forgiven somewhat by his (injured) brother, prosecution according to usage and payment unto him in kindness. This is an alleviation and a mercy from your Lord. He who transgresseth after this will have a painful doom."

Tribal justice was the best that Mohammed could command. The payment for blood money Is still practiced in Muslim cultures. There is little use of the rule of law as in Western cultures. Sharia Law is practiced in many countries but it is basically religious law reflecting the Arabic culture.

2:185 "The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind, and clear proofs of the guidance, and the Criterion (of right and wrong). And whosoever of you is present, let him fast the month, and whosoever of you is sick or on a journey, (let him fast the same) number of other days. Allah desireth for you ease; He desireth not hardship for you; and (He desireth) that ye should complete the period, and that ye should magnify Allah for having guided you, and that peradventure ye may be thankful."

2.187 "It is made lawful for you to go in unto your wives on the night of the fast. They are raiment for you and ye are raiment for them. Allah is Aware that ye were deceiving yourselves in this respect and He hath turned in mercy toward you and relieved you. So hold intercourse with them and seek that which Allah hath ordained for you, and eat and drink until the white thread becometh distinct to you from the black thread of the dawn."

The month of Ramadan varies because of the lunar calendar of Islam. The fast is related only to the day time. One may eat all night as long as one cannot distinguish between the color of a thread. When day light comes one must fast. This includes food and water. One may engage in sex in the night time, but not the day. The month long fast is also copied from the Sabeans.

2:190 "Fight in the way of Allah against those who fight against you, but begin not hostilities. Lo! Allah loveth not aggressors." 191, "And slay them wherever ye find them, and drive them out of the places whence they drove you out," 193, "And fight them until persecution is no more, and religion is for Allah." (Also 2:245-247)

There are many references to fighting for Allah. The claim that Islam is a religion of peace a

propaganda device. (see <u>here http://www.answering</u>islam.org/Hahn/jihad.htm)

2:196 "Perform the pilgrimage and the visit (to Makka) for Allah. And if ye are send such gifts as can be obtained with ease, and shave not your prevented, then heads until the gifts have reached their destination. And whoever among you is sick or hath an ailment of the head must pay a ransom of fasting or almsgiving or whosoever contenteth himself with the visit offering. And if ye are in safety, then for the pilgrimage (shall give) such gifts as can be had with ease. And whosoever cannot find (such gifts), then a fast of three days while on the pilgrimage, and of seven when ye have returned; that is, ten in all. That is for him whoso folk are not present at the Inviolable Place of Worship. Observe your duty to Allah, and know that Allah is severe in punishment."

The pilgrimage to Mecca is a once in a life time requirement, if possible. Without this required pilgrimage Mecca would be nothing but a desert oasis. The wealth of nations has poured into this shrine.

2:216 "Warfare is ordained for you, though it is hateful unto you; but it may happen that ye hate a thing which is good for you, and it may happen that ye love a thing which is bad for you. Allah knoweth, ye know not.

The blind acceptance of the words of Mohammed and Allah have caused untold barbarism to the conquered countries. Islam is not a religion of peace, but war. " (<u>http://www.answering-islam.org/Hahn/jihad.htm</u>)

2:221 "Wed not idolatesses till they believe; for lo! a believing bondwoman is better than an idolatess though she please you; and give not your daughters in marriage to idolaters till they believe,"

It is strange that a man may not marry an idolatress, but he could marry a Christian woman and force her to convert to Islam. Forced conversion is common in the history of Islam and it is still practiced today when a young girl is kidnapped by Muslims and forced into marriage against her will and must convert.

2:222 "They question thee (O Muhammad) concerning menstruation. Say: It is an illness, so let women alone at such times and go not in unto them till they are cleansed. And when they have purified themselves, then go in unto them as Allah hath enjoined upon you. Truly Allah loveth those who turn unto Him, and loveth those who have a care for cleanness."

The problem of menstruation being an "illness" is changed in various translators. Yusuf Ali says, They are a hurt and a pollution." <u>Hilali-Khan</u> says, "Say: that is an Adha (a harmful thing for a husband to have a sexual intercourse with his wife while she is having her menses," and <u>Khalifa</u> says, "say, "It is harmful; you shall avoid sexual intercourse with the women during

menstruation." It is certainly not an "illness" since it is part of the nature of a mature woman to menstruate during her child bearing years.

2:223 "Your women are a tilth for you (to cultivate) so go to your tilth as ye will,"

Therefore, the tradition is that women are to be available to their husbands for any time he desires sexual activity. It is a rather crude comparison lacking in terms of love, bonding, and romance.

2:226 "Those who forswear their wives must wait four months; then, if they change their mind, lo! Allah is Forgiving, Merciful."

Forswearing their wives is translated by <u>Khalifa</u> "intend to divorce their wives shall wait four months" with the idea of knowing whether the woman is pregnant or not.

2:228 "Women who are divorced shall wait, keeping themselves apart, three (monthly) courses. And it is not lawful for them that they should conceal that which Allah hath created in their wombs if they are believers in Allah and the Last Day. And their husbands would do better to take them back in that case if they desire a reconciliation. And they (women) have rights similar to those (of men) over them in kindness, and **men are a degree above them**. Allah is Mighty, Wise."

I have emphasized that men are a degree above men not only in the matter of divorce concerning whether there is a child in the woman's womb, but also in other things we shall observe going through the Qur'an. Men are in charge of women.

2.249 "And when Saul set out with the army, he said: Lo! Allah will try you by (the ordeal of) a river. Whosoever therefore drinketh thereof he is not of me, and whosoever tasteth it not he is of me, save him who taketh (thereof) in the hollow of his hand. But they drank thereof, all save a few of them. And after he had crossed (the river), he and those who believed with him, they said: We have no power this day against Goliath and his hosts. But those who knew that they would meet Allah exclaimed: How many a little company hath overcome a mighty host by Allah's leave! Allah is with the steadfast."

If the Qur'an is a revelation of Allah, then Allah seems to have forgotten what was revealed previously. The account of Saul and Goliath starts at 1 Sam 17 and there is nothing about sorting out people against Goliath. None of them were willing to fight for the moment. The sorting out takes place in Judges 5 and it is the story of Gideon. It is interesting that the lapping up water like dogs is not mentioned perhaps since Mohammed hated dogs. (a detailed discussion is found here (<u>www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Sources/talut.html</u>)

2:256, "There is no compulsion in religion. The right direction is henceforth distinct from error."

This is one of the verses abrogated along the way. Muslim armies went forth with the choices of accepting Islam, or die, or pay the jizya which was protection money, or one might think of it as discrimination extravagant taxation. It reduced people to dhimmitude, or a second class status as a citizen.

2.259 "Or (bethink thee of) the like of him who, passing by a township which had fallen into utter ruin, exclaimed: How shall Allah give this township life after its death? And Allah made him die a hundred years, then brought him back to life. He said: How long hast thou tarried? (The man) said: I have tarried a day or part of a day. (He) said: Nay, but thou hast tarried for a hundred years. Just look at thy food and drink which have not rotted! Look at thine ass! And, that We may make thee a token unto mankind, look at the bones, how We adjust them and then cover them with flesh! And when (the matter) became clear unto him, he said: I know now that Allah is Able to do all things."

Is this a story Mohammed made up? There are no details of place, name, or time. There are no records like this in the Sacred Scripture. There are events in Elijah's time in which a dead person was brought back to life but no time lapsed like a hundred years. These events are related to a person who lived historically, but the Qur'an story is unrelated to identifiable events.

2.275 "Those who swallow usury cannot rise up save as he ariseth whom the devil hath prostrated by (his) touch. That is because they say: Trade is just like usury; whereas Allah permitteth trading and forbiddeth usury." (also 3:130)

Muslims forbid usury but do not define it. In the West, usury is excessive interest for borrowing money, or a rate above what is legal. In the Muslim mind usury is paying interest on any money. How do Muslim deal with this? Muslim Banking does not charge interest but user fees. This like saying "temporary marriages" are not prostitution?

2.282 "...And call to witness, from among your men, two witnesses. And if two men be not (at hand) then a man and two women, of such as ye approve as witnesses, so that if t he one erreth (through forgetfulness) the other will remember. And the witnesses must not refuse when they are summoned. "

The context is that of making agreements and needing witnesses. A man's witness is better than a woman's. Two women are required to equal a man's witness. A woman is liable to err. This is affirmed in the hadiths in which a woman is inferior in intelligence to a man. (http://www.answering-islam.org/Authors/Arlandson/women_inferior.htm)

3.3-4 "He hath revealed unto thee (Muhammad) the Scripture with truth, confirming that which was (revealed) before it, even as He revealed the Torah and the Gospel. Aforetime, for a guidance to mankind; and hath revealed the Criterion (of right and wrong). Lo! those who disbelieve the revelations of Allah, theirs will be a heavy doom. Allah is Mighty, Able to Requite (the wrong)."

The Muslim claim that the Scriptures have been corrupted came at a later time after Mohammed. In the passage here the Torah and the Gospel are affirmed as "truth." There has been no corruption. When Muslims began to read the Bible they discovered that there was no mention of Mohammed and they had to put forth a conspiracy theory that something had been changed. The Qur'an does not support such a bogus claim.

3.29 "Let not the believers take disbelievers for their friends in preference to believers. Whoso doeth that hath no connection with Allah unless (it be) that ye but guard yourselves against them, taking (as it were) security." (also 3:118)

Can you trust a Muslim? Does their act of friendship mean anything? They are warned against non-Muslims. This means you cannot trust them.

3.32 "Say: Obey Allah and the messenger. But if they turn away, lo! Allah loveth not the disbelievers (in His guidance)." Shakir translates, "Say: Obey Allah and the Apostle; but if they turn back, then surely Allah does not love the unbelievers."

Where is love in Islam? It says that Allah loves the believers, but not the disbelievers. In contrast the words about love in the New Testament is that God loves us while we were yet sinners and Christ died for the ungodly. (Romans 5:1-5)

3.41 "He said: My Lord! Appoint a token for me. (The angel) said: The token unto thee (shall be) that thou shalt not speak unto mankind three days except by signs. Remember thy Lord much, and praise (Him) in the early hours of night and morning."

This relates to the story of Zachariah and Elizabeth concerning the birth of a son in their old age. The sign: Zachariah would not be able to speak for three days. But the account of the Gospel in Luke 1:59-64, tells a different story: "they would have called him Zacharias, after the name of the father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue *loosed*, and he spake, blessing God." So the father could not speak for 9 months, not three days.

One cannot help raising the issue about the issue of revelation. It appears that Mohammed heard something of the story but got the facts all wrong. Is this revelation? Does Allah forget? How can one trust a prophet who does not have the truth of the matter?

3.45 "(And remember) when the angels said: O Mary! Lo! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a word from him, whose name is the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, illustrious in the world and the Hereafter, and one of those brought near (unto Allah)."

"A word from him" is capitalized in many other translations as in the following: "Word from Him whose name is The Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary." The real Word in John's gospel, 1:1-3 describes the Word as with God and the Word was God. Maybe Mohammed did not know the real story or he rejected it.

3.46, "He will speak unto mankind in his cradle and in his manhood, and he is of the righteous."

3.49, "And will make him a messenger unto the Children of Israel, (saying): Lo! I come unto you with a sign from your Lord. Lo! I fashion for you out of clay the likeness of a bird, and I breathe into it and it is a bird, by Allah's leave."

What can one think about these stories? Is there revelation in plagiarism, taking someone's stories and claiming that it was revealed to you? Christians admit that these stories have no historical truth in them. What does this do for the Muslim idea of a perfect Qur'an and revelation from Allah? The first story about speaking from the cradle is from the Arabic "Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus Christ". It is a 2nd century Arabic apocryphal fable from Egypt. This is the possible source for the referenced verse in the Qur'an. Here is the similar passage from the Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus Christ:

"... Jesus spake when he was in the cradle, and said to his mother: "Mary, I am Jesus the Son of God, the Word, which thou didst bring forth according to the declaration of the angel Gabriel, and My Father hath sent me for the salvation of the world."[1] (<u>http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Sources/cradle.html</u>)

The second story comes from "The Gospel of Thomas the Israelite" a book of fables, that only happens to have a similar name to the "Gospel of Thomas."

Here is the similar passage: "The child Jesus, when 5 years of age, was playing on the road by a dirty stream of running water; and having brought it all together into ditches, immediately made it pure and clean; by saying a single word. Then having moistened some earth, he made of it twelve sparrows. And it was the Sabbath day when he did these things. There were many other children playing with him. Now a Jew, seeing what Jesus did, that he was playing on the Sabbath day, went his way to (Jesus') father Joseph. He said, "Behold, your son is at the stream of dirty water, and having taken up some mud, has made of it twelve sparrows, thus desecrating the Sabbath. On this Joseph went to the spot, and cried out, "Why did you do these things on the Sabbath day which it is not lawful to do?" Jesus then clapped his hands at the sparrows and cried aloud to them, "Go off!" So they, clucking, flew away. The Jews seeing it were astonished, and went and told their rulers what they had seen Jesus do."

3.64 "Say: O People of the Scripture! Come to an agreement between us and you: that we shall worship none but Allah, and that we shall ascribe no partner unto Him, and that none of us shall take others for lords beside Allah."

This, among other things, is a dividing line between Islam and Christian faith. The Muslim rejection of the Son of God is based on misunderstanding of the concept of the Son. The Son

of God was not conceived by sexual intercourse between Yahweh the Father and Mary the human. The Virgin birth means no sexual relations existed and the conception came about by a command of God that it be. Moreover, the idea of the Son is that God became present in a human way among humans on earth. Colossians 1:15 says concerning Christ, "Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God."

3.67, "Abraham was not a Jew, nor yet a Christian; but he was an upright man who had surrendered (to Allah), and he was not of the idolaters."

If Abraham is the father of the Jews how can it be said that he was not a Jew. Undoubtedly the descendants of Abraham are the Jews. It should be noted that Ishmael was born to a concubine and not the wife of Abraham.

3.84, "Say (O Muhammad): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and that which was vouchsafed unto Moses and Jesus and the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and unto Him we have surrendered."

What was revealed to Ishmael? There is no message given to Ishmael . What is there in the Old Testament that becomes important about Ishmael? He was not a prophet, he wrote no books, and he is not an important person in the Old Testament. The last phrase "unto Him we have surrendered," is not true. Mohammed knew little about Moses and less about Jesus. The claim that no distinction is made between any of them is the problem. Jesus claimed to be the Son of God which Mohammed rejected. (see here for claims of Jesus.) <u>http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/roark/real_jesus1.html</u>,

4.3, "And if ye fear that ye will not deal fairly by the orphans, marry of the women, who seem good to you, two or three or four; and if ye fear that ye cannot do justice (to so many) then one (only) or (the captives) that your right hands possess. Thus it is more likely that ye will not do injustice."

This is the first reference to the number of wives Muslims could have. Khalifa comments concerning the last line above, "you are thus more likely to avoid financial hardship." We will discover later that Allah "allowed" Mohammed to have as many wives as he wanted. "Those that your right hands possess" refers to captive women who became sex slaves and Mohammed had captive women who were not his wives, but sex slaves.

4.11, "Allah chargeth you concerning (the provision for) your children: to the male the equivalent of the portion of two females, and if there be women more than two, then theirs is two-thirds of the inheritance."

If this bothers female readers concerning their status and position, more bad news is to come in the Qur'an concerning their rights.

4.15, "As for those of your women who are guilty of lewdness, call to witness four of you against them. And if they testify (to the truth of the allegation) then confine them to the houses until death take them or (until) Allah appoint for them a way (through new legislation)."

Khalifa translates this: "Those who commit adultery among your women, you must have four witnesses against them," This puts a raped woman in a most difficult position. If she does not

have four witnesses she is jailed for adultery. If she does not report it to the police she will be convicted by the pregnancy. This has caused untold misery for women through the centuries in Muslim cultures. The Taliban has ruthlessly enforced this.

4.17, "Forgiveness is only incumbent on Allah toward those who do evil in ignorance (and) then turn quickly (in repentance) to Allah. These are they toward whom Allah relenteth. Allah is ever Knower, Wise."

What about the people who willfully do evil and are not aware of how evil it is? What about people who knowingly do evil and quickly repent? The words of the Gospel talk about "while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." The love of Yahweh is so much greater than what the Qur'an declares about Allah loving only the submitters.

4.18, "The forgiveness is not for those who do ill-deeds until, when death attendeth upon one of them, he saith: Lo! I repent now; nor yet for those who die while they are disbelievers. For such We have prepared a painful doom."

There seems to be no death bed conversions. According to Islam's ideology the thief on the cross plea for mercy from Jesus was not valid. Luke records the following: "And he (the robber) said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."(Luke 23:42-43) We can trust the words of Jesus that there is hope for anyone until the last breath is drawn.

4.24 "And all married women (are forbidden unto you) save those (captives) whom your right hands possess. It is a decree of Allah for you." Khalifa translates this: "Also prohibited are the women who are already married, unless they flee their disbelieving husbands who are at war with you."

Married women are safe? Right? In one of the battles with the Jews the husband of one beautiful Jewish woman was killed and Mohammed married here on the spot and had sex with her that night. One conclusion is that capturing the couple negates their marriage and Muslims were free to rape the woman in front of the husband.

4.34, "Men are in charge of women, because Allah hath made the one of them to excel the other, and because they spend of their property (for the support of women). So good women are the obedient, guarding in secret that which Allah hath guarded. As for those from whom ye fear rebellion, admonish them and banish them to beds apart, and scourge them. Then if they obey you, seek not a way against them. Lo! Allah is ever High, Exalted, Great."

Another distinction between men and women. Men are in charge of women. Men are better than women. If men spend of their property do the women do anything? Is their contribution nothing? Then on top of that women can be beaten. Other translators do not use the vague word "scourge them," but "beat them." If a woman displeases a man there are all kinds of things involved in "beating them" What about honor killings, etc.?

4.57, "And as for those who believe and do good works, We shall make them enter Gardens underneath which rivers flow - to dwell therein for ever; there for them are pure companions - and We shall make them enter plenteous shade."

Islam is a religion of works. There is no sense of grace, undeserved forgiveness, in Islam. The reference to believing is one must believe that there is no god but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet. It would not be correct to say that one believes in God, but not Mohammed. It is a package deal. This is reflected in 4:069, "And whoever obeys Allah and the Apostle, these are with those upon whom Allah has bestowed favors." There is a particular kind of good works that the Qur'an demands. It is in the following verse. (4.080 as a similar claim, Whoso obeyeth the messenger hath obeyed Allah,"

4.74, "Let those fight in the way of Allah who sell the life of this world for the other. Whoso fighteth in the way of Allah, be he slain or be he victorious, on him We shall bestow a vast reward."

Fighting for Allah and Mohammed was the most excellent way to guarantee entry into paradise. It does not matter that killing the unbeliever, or killing the Shia if you are a Sunni, or killing the Sunni if you are a Shia. Islam has had more killing because of this and similar verses than one can imagine.

4.77, "Hast thou not seen those unto whom it was said: Withhold your hands, establish worship and pay the poor due, but when <u>fighting was prescribed for them</u> behold! a party of them fear mankind even as their fear of Allah or with greater fear, and say: Our Lord! Why hast Thou ordained fighting for us? If only Thou wouldst give us respite yet a while! Say (unto them, O Muhammad): The comfort of this world is scant; the Hereafter will be better for him who wardeth off (evil); and ye will not be wronged the down upon a date-stone."

Fighting was prescribed!!! The people who think that Islam is a peaceful religion have never read the Qur'an and are dangerous when they are in a position of leadership of any country.

4.82, "Will they not then ponder on the Qur'an? If it had been from other than Allah they would have found therein much incongruity." Khalifa translates this more to the point: "Why do they not study the Quran carefully? If it were from other than GOD, they would have found in it numerous contradictions."

This raises an interesting serious question. Are there contradictions in the Qur'an? The followers of Mohammed were convinced by his claims, but they were ignorant of the real world. There are lots of contradictions in the Qur'an. <u>See here (http://answering-islam.org/Quran/Contra/ashraf.html</u> and here

http://answering-islam.org/BehindVeil/btv11.html

4.89, "They long that ye should disbelieve even as they disbelieve, that ye may be upon a level (with them). So choose not friends from them till they forsake their homes in the way of Allah; if they turn back (to enmity) then take them and kill them wherever ye find them, and choose no friend nor helper from among them,"

The idea of turning back after being a Muslim is not allowed in Islam. The command is to kill the backsliders, the apostates. People who leave Islam are in danger wherever they are.

5.6, Khalifa is more concise in his translation: "O you who believe, when you observe the Contact Prayers (Salat), you shall: (1) wash your faces, (2) wash your arms to the elbows, (3) wipe your heads, and (4) wash your feet to the ankles. If you were unclean due to sexual orgasm, you shall bathe. If you are ill, or traveling, or had any digestive excretion (urinary, fecal, or gas), or had (sexual) contact with the women, and you cannot find water, you shall observe the dry ablution (Tayammum) by touching clean dry soil, then rubbing your faces and hands. GOD does not wish to make the religion difficult for you; He wishes to cleanse you and to perfect His blessing upon you, that you may be appreciative.

These are only a few of the many rules that Muslims must follow. There are many more. The Hadiths give many more rules, and in the modern era one may search the Net for Imams for answers to questions that are so trivial and legalistic.

5.31, "Then Allah sent a raven scratching up the ground, to show him how to hide his brother's naked corpse. He said: Woe unto me! Am I not able to be as this raven and so hide my brother's naked corpse? And he became repentant."

This is a reference to the story of Cain slaying Abel, his brother. The story about the raven and its source can be found <u>here</u>, not in revelation. (http://www.lightshinesindarkness.com/sources_koran_1.htm)

It is a Jewish fable that circulated among the Jews which Mohammed heard and incorporated it into the Qur'an. If the Qur'an is filled with fables from the past, how can this be revelation? It is more serious since most of the fables are not historical. Does this disturb the Muslim mind? How can fables be regarded as believable and a revelation of Allah?

5.38, "As for the thief, both male and female, cut off their hands. It is the reward of their own deeds, an exemplary punishment from Allah. Allah is Mighty, Wise."

For the first offence, the criminal is to lose the right hand, which is to be cut off at the wrist; for the second offense, the left foot is to be cut off at the angle; for the third offense, the left hand, for the fourth offense, the right foot, and if the person continues to offend that person should be scourged at the discretion of the judge.

When you have lost most of the limbs how can one continue to offend anybody? This is a treatment of barbarism. The Qur'an cannot be updated or changed in the mind of Muslims. Terrible deeds are done in the name of Allah.

5.46, "And We caused Jesus, son of Mary, to follow in their footsteps, confirming that which was (revealed) before him in the Torah, and We bestowed on him the Gospel wherein is guidance and a light, confirming that which was (revealed) before it in the Torah - a guidance and an admonition unto those who ward off (evil)."

5.48 "And unto thee have We revealed the Scripture with the truth, confirming whatever Scripture was before it, and a watcher over it. So judge between them by that which Allah hath revealed, and follow not their desires away from the truth which hath come unto thee."

These two passages along with others in the Qur'an are important because they confirm the trustworthy nature of the Torah and the Gospels in the time of Mohammed. There is no theory of corruption in Mohammed's time about the nature of the Scripture. We have manuscripts that

pre-exist the time of Mohammed and there is no corruption. The idea that the Gospels and Torah have been corrupted is pure fantasy spun by Muslims because they did not find Mohammed prophesied in either the Old or New Testament. If the Qur'an is regarded by a Muslim to be true, then by the testimony of the Qur'an the Bible is uncorrupted. If a Muslim regards the Bible as corrupted, then the Qur'an cannot be true.

5.57 "O Ye who believe! Choose not for guardians such of those who received the Scripture before you, and of the disbelievers, as make a jest and sport of your religion. But keep your duty to Allah if ye are true believers."

If the Bible is true as affirmed by the Qur'an, what reason is there for this verse? If you are true believers your duty should be to the Scripture before Mohammed. People made a jest and sport of his religion because there was no basis for it. There is a finality in the Christian scripture when God becomes incarnate in Jesus. The Book of Hebrews in the New Testament affirms this:

"Long ago in many ways and at many times God's prophets spoke his message to our ancestors. But now at last, God sent his Son to bring his message to us. God created the universe by his Son, and everything will someday belong to the Son. God's Son has all the brightness of God's own glory and is like him in every way. By his own mighty word, he holds the universe together. After the Son had washed away our sins, he sat down at the right side of the glorious God in heaven." (Hebrews 1:1-3)

5.59 "Say: O People of the Scripture! Do ye blame us for aught else than that we believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed aforetime, and because most of you are evil-livers?"

What do people of the Book blame Mohammed for? He claimed that his "revelations" were consistent with the "revealed aforetime." His revelations contradict that which was revealed in the Bible. Two examples among others. First, the Qur'an claims that Jesus was not crucified. History proves Mohammed wrong. Second, the claim is made that Jesus did not claim to be the Son of God and the New Testament proves him wrong. (See here http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/roark/real_jesus1.html, http://www.answering-islam.org/)

5.60 "Shall I tell thee of a worse (case) than theirs for retribution with Allah? (Worse is the case of him) whom Allah hath cursed, him on whom His wrath hath fallen and of whose sort Allah hath turned some to apes and swine, and who serveth idols. Such are in worse plight and further astray from the plain road."

Mohammed did his best to scare people into believing in his revelations. This is a simple warning of not believing, but there are worst descriptions of the sufferings in hell, and a warning to women that most of the occupants of hell were disobedient women.

The claim that Allah turned some to apes and swine is not provable. No one saw this and there is not historical verification of it. Judgment in the Old Testament involve judgment on the sinner in terms of being captured and taken away from the Promised land to some place like Assyria or Babylon.

5.69 "Lo! those who believe, and those who are Jews, and Sabaeans, and Christians - Whosoever believeth in Allah and the Last Day and doeth right - there shall no fear come upon them neither shall they grieve."

Believing in the judgment to come is important. However, "doing right" makes it a religion of works. Mohammed did not understand the Christian gospel that faith in Jesus Christ was the way to heaven, not paradise in the Muslim sense. The influence of the pagan Sabaeans on Mohammed may be seen in praying 5 times a day at the same times, and fasting for 30 days in Ramadan. Mohammed incorporated many things into Islam that were not revelation. (http://answering-islam.org/Silas/pagansources.htm)

5.72 "They surely disbelieve who say: Lo! Allah is the Messiah, son of Mary. The Messiah (himself) said: O Children of Israel, worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord. Lo! whoso ascribeth partners unto Allah, for him Allah hath forbidden paradise. His abode is the Fire. For evil-doers there will be no helpers."

Since the Qur'an does not document its statements a verse in the Gospel of Luke probably is the source of this. The statement comes in the temptation story in which the Devil is tempting Jesus. The Devil claims great power and the Devil says, "Just worship me, and you can have it all." The reply of Jesus is: "The Scriptures say: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!' " (Luke 4:8) This not a denial of his position as Son of God. It would make sense to understand that the Devil should be worshipping Jesus.

Mohammed is wrong in rejecting what God has revealed about Himself. The greatness of God cannot be limited to a unitary view of God. The concept of oneness in the days of Jesus meant more than a single number. The concept of oneness in the Dead Sea Scrolls refers to the community, the oneness of community. The oneness of Yahweh involves the person of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. They are one. The concept of partners in Islam often means sexual progeny. However, the Son is the Eternal Son. The Father was always a Father from eternity. The Spirit is eternal also. There is no beginning or ending of one or the other. This involves the nature of love. If God is love, there must be a beloved, and a Spirit of love. Otherwise, God would be conceived as a lone entity without love or the expression of love. Certainly Allah is not a loving being in the sense that Yahweh is in the Bible.

5.110 "When Allah saith: O Jesus, son of Mary! Remember My favour unto thee and unto thy mother; how I strengthened thee with the holy Spirit, so that thou spakest unto mankind in the cradle as in maturity; and how I taught thee the Scripture and Wisdom and the Torah and the Gospel; and how thou didst shape of clay as it were the likeness of a bird by My permission, and didst blow upon it and it was a bird by My permission, and thou didst heal him who was born blind and the leper by My permission; and how thou didst raise the dead by My permission; and how I restrained the Children of Israel from (harming) thee when thou camest unto them with clear proofs, and those of them who disbelieved exclaimed: This is naught else than mere magic;"

There are several issues in this passage. First, mention is made of the Holy Spirit. Some translators capitalize the words, Pickthall did not. The Muslim idea is that the Holy Spirit is Gabriel, but the words do not mean Gabriel. That is an imposition on the text. Second, the idea

that Jesus spoke in the cradle as in maturity is an apocryphal story dating from the second century. It is drawn from an Arabic "Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus Christ". The origin statement in the gospel is "Jesus spake when he was in the cradle, and said to his mother: "Mary, I am Jesus the Son of God, the Word, which thou didst bring forth according to the declaration of the angel Gabriel, and My Father hath sent me for the salvation of the world." (http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Sources/cradle.html) Mohammed changed the story to suit his own doctrine. Third, the story of making a clay bird and giving it life is drawn from another early Christian myth. This one comes from the Gospel of Thomas the Israelite, not the Gospel of Thomas. These are fables that are clearly false. They do not give credibility to the

authenticity of the Qur'an as a revelation from Allah.

The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus did his first miracle in Cana of Galilee at a wedding. "This was Jesus' first miracle, and he did it in the village of Cana in Galilee. There Jesus showed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him." (John 2:11)

5:116, "And when Allah saith: O Jesus, son of Mary! Didst thou say unto mankind: Take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah? he saith: Be glorified! It was not mine to utter that to which I had no right. If I used to say it, then Thou knewest it. Thou knowest what is in my mind, and I know not what is in Thy Mind. Lo! Thou, only Thou, art the Knower of Things Hidden?"

There is absolutely nothing in the Scripture to suggest Jesus saying this. How could either one become gods if they were only humans. The real truth is that Jesus, Son of God, became human. Humans do not become gods. Whatever Mohammed may have heard in rumors or preachers in those days, the real issue is: what does the Scripture say? It has nothing about Mary becoming a god. She gave birth to the Son of God but that does not make her any more than an obedient human.

5.119, "Allah saith: This is a day in which their truthfulness profiteth the truthful, for theirs are Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they are secure for ever, Allah taking pleasure in them and they in Him. That is the great triumph."

There seems to be two theme the Qur'an holds for life after death. Paradise is believed to be a place of continual sexual orgy for the individual man. Second, the rivers that flow underneath the Garden is repeated in the Qur'an several times. This is little more than a Bedouin view of paradise. The book of Revelation gives a different picture:

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and so had the sea. Then I saw New Jerusalem, that holy city, coming down from God in heaven. It was like a bride dressed in her wedding gown and ready to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice shout from the throne: God's home is now with his people. He will live with them, and they will be his own. Yes, God will make his home among his people. He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever." (Rev. 21:1-4)

6.1, "Praise be to Allah, Who hath created the heavens and the earth, and hath appointed darkness and light. Yet those who disbelieve ascribe rivals unto their Lord."

The problem relates to the phrase, "those who disbelieve ascribe rivals unto their Lord." Those who disbelieve Mohammed do not ascribe "rivals" unto their Lord. There is no rivalry between the Father and the Son, or the Holy Spirit. Jesus declared: "But now I am going back to the Father who sent me, and none of you asks me where I am going. You are very sad from hearing all of this. But I tell you that I am going to do what is best for you. That is why I am going away. The Holy Spirit cannot come to help you until I leave. But after I am gone, I will send the Spirit to you." (John 16:5-7) Later Jesus said, "God the Father loves you because you love me, and you believe that I have come from him. I came from the Father into the world, but I am leaving the world and returning to the Father." (John 16:27-28)

This does not sound like rivalty but unity of the relation between the father and the Son. The idea of partners of Allah is raised again and again in the Qur'an.. It depends upon a gross misunderstanding of the words of Jesus, a misunderstanding of Scripture, and raises the question of the identity of who Allah really is, rather than the Creator of the Universe. The concepts about Allah in the Qur'an are quite different than the Creator of the Universe as revealed in the Bible.

6.57, "Say, "I have solid proof from my Lord, and you have rejected it. I do not control the retribution you challenge me to bring. Judgment belongs with GOD alone. He narrates the truth, and He is the best judge." (Khalifa) This translation is more to the point than Pickthall.

Questions must be raised about the nature of truth. If Allah narrates the truth why would he "reveal" falsehood, erroneous ideas about the past, and incorporate myths without historical value? Just because something is recorded in the Qur'an does not make a fiction a fact. Obviously Allah does not narrate the truth. This has to be dealt with by the Muslim.

6.74, "(Remember) when Abraham said unto his father Azar: Takest thou idols for gods? Lo! I see thee and thy folk in error manifest."

The Bible gives us the name of Abraham's father as Terah. (Gen. 11:25-26) There seems to be no connection between Terah and Azar. The stories about Abraham in the Qur'an are plagiarized from Jewish traditions. The Qur'an tells of Abraham being saved from the fires of Nimrod, not really knowing that Nimrod lived a long time before Abraham. (Surah ii. 260, vi. 74-84, xxi. 52-72, xix. 42-50, xxvi. 69-79, xxix. 15, 16, xxxvii. 81-95, xliii. 25-27, lx. 4, and other passages.)

6.93, "Who is guilty of more wrong than he who forgeth a lie against Allah, or saith: I am inspired, when he is not inspired in aught; and who saith: I will reveal the like of that which Allah hath revealed?"

Mohammed seems to have taken the offence here as a good defense. How is it possible for Mohammed to claim a revelation from Allah when all he gave to ignorant people was fabrications from the past. How gullible were the people in Medina? 6.101, "The Originator of the heavens and the earth! How can He have a child, when there is for Him no consort, when He created all things and is Aware of all things?"

Muslims think of the Son of God in sexual terms requiring a female. Christian revelation requires no such thing. The Eternal Son of God is one with the Father. The Son of God took to himself human form for revealing the nature of God to humanity. The Virgin Mary became pregnant by the command of God and not a sexual act.

6.115, "Perfected is the Word of thy Lord in truth and justice. There is naught that can change His words. He is the Hearer, the Knower."

The Qur'an supports the Biblical revelation in many places. Since revelation from God cannot be changed it is in conceivable that later Muslim scholars would put forth the ridiculous theory that the Torah and the Gospels have been changed.

6.125, "Whomever GOD wills to guide, He renders his chest wide open to Submission. And whomever He wills to send astray, He renders his chest intolerant and straitened, like one who climbs towards the sky. GOD thus places a curse upon those who refuse to believe." (Khalifa)

The doctrine of Predestination in the Qur'an does not leave room for good works to gain paradise. If Allah is the one who makes the decision, human decisions are never sure of confidence of Paradise. This is underscored by 6:149, "Say - For Allah's is the final argument - Had He willed He could indeed have guided all of you."

7.11, "And We created you, then fashioned you, then told the angels: Fall ye prostrate before Adam! And they fell prostrate, all save Iblis, who was not of those who make prostration."

The name of Iblis occurs many times in the Qur'an. The story about his creation and his rejection of falling at Adam's feet is not found or intimated in the Bible. These stories are fantasies.

7.37, "Who is more unjust than one who invents a lie against Allah or rejects His Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.)?" (<u>Hilali-Khan</u>)

This verse is meant to reflect on people who rejected Mohammed and his message. The question is really more important for Mohammed who invented lies against what Yahweh had already revealed. Mohammed taught the lie that Jesus was not crucified. He rejected the history of the resurrection, and the fact that Jesus is the Son of God.

7.54, "Lo! your Lord is Allah Who created the heavens and the earth in **six** Days, then mounted He the Throne." 41.9, "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." 41.12, "Then He ordained them seven heavens in **two Days** and inspired in each heaven its mandate; and We decked the nether

heaven with lamps, and rendered it inviolable. That is the measuring of the Mighty, the Knower." 41.10. "He placed therein firm hills rising above it, and blessed it and measured therein its sustenance in **four** Days, alike for (all) who ask;"

How many days for creation? 2,4,6,? The idea of mounting a throne does not come from Genesis. It also seems to imply that God has a physical body to move from one place to another.

7.73, "And to Thamud (people, We sent) their brother Salih (Saleh). He said: "O my people! Worship Allah! You have no other Ilah (God) but Him. (La ilaha ill-Allah: none has the right to be worshipped but Allah). Indeed there has come to you a clear sign (the miracle of the coming out of a huge shecamel from the midst of a rock) from your Lord. This shecamel of Allah is a sign unto you; so you leave her to graze in Allah's earth, and touch her not with harm, lest a painful torment should seize you. (Hilali-Khan) Much of this story is repeated beginning 11.016.

This is a story that circulated among some tribes. It claims a miracle to prove the credibility of Salih a supposed prophet without much detail for a historical setting. This is hardly a revelation from Allah.

7.143, "And when Moses came to Our appointed tryst and his Lord had spoken unto him, he said: My Lord! Show me (Thy Self), that I may gaze upon Thee. He said: Thou wilt not see Me, but gaze upon the mountain! If it stand still in its place, then thou wilt see Me. And when his Lord revealed (His) glory to the mountain He sent it crashing down. And Moses fell down senseless. And when he woke he said: Glory unto Thee! I turn unto Thee repentant, and I am the first of (true) believers."

Nothing like this happened to Moses. The mountain did not crash, and Moses did not fall down senseless. The story can be checked in Exodus 33:18-23. Moreover, Moses did not claim to be the first of true believers. Moses was not the first Muslim, nor was Abraham who lived centuries before Moses, and the truth is that there were no Muslims until Mohammed appeared in history.

7.160 "We divided them into twelve tribes, nations; and We inspired Moses, when his people asked him for water, saying: Smite with thy staff the rock! And there gushed forth therefrom twelve springs, so that each tribe knew their drinking-place."

The real story does not give a basis for the details listed in the Qur'an. **Exodus 17:6** "and when you get to the rock at Mount Sinai, I will be there with you. Strike the rock with the stick, and water will pour out for the people to drink." Moses did this while the leaders watched." There were not twelve springs, nor did the tribes have separate drinking places. This is Mohammed's imagination, not revelation.

7.177, "Evil as an example are the folk who denied Our revelations, and were wont to wrong themselves." 178, "He whom Allah leadeth, he indeed is led aright, while he whom Allah sendeth astray - they indeed are losers." 179, "Already have We urged unto

hell many of the jinn and humankind, having hearts wherewith they understand not, and having eyes wherewith they see not, and having ears wherewith they hear not. These are as the cattle - nay, but they are worse! These are the neglectful." (see also 7.186)

Several ideas are involved in these three verses. First, those who deny "Our" revelations. There is only one who can give revelations, certainly not Mohammed, so who is the "our?" Probably Mohammed is trying to identify himself with Allah's words. But if you affirm the Qur'an's messenger you have to deny God's previous revelation. They are incompatible. From a practical point he makes more sense to deny Mohammed than the words of Jesus. The words of Jesus have blessed mankind. The words of Mohammed have brought grief, war, and dhimmitude to mankind. The position of women in the Muslim world is little different than slavery.

The second issue relates to Allah's choice of who he leads right and who he leads astray. If that is the case there is no security in the world about making it to paradise. Be as good as you can and you may be thrown in hell.

Third, the claim to know who is in hell is bogus. It is a simple matter in Mohammed's view, all who support me are in paradise, and all who reject me are in hell. It is easy to claim that Mohammed can see hell when others could not, so it cannot be validated.

8.1, "They ask thee (O Muhammad) of the spoils of war. Say: The spoils of war belong to Allah and the messenger, so keep your duty to Allah, and adjust the matter of your difference, and obey Allah and His messenger, if ye are (true) believers . (See also 8.041 for its use.)

This claim is detailed in Mohammed's receiving one fifth of all booty. What a motivation for warring against other tribes and the whole world. The Muslim economy is very parasitic. Conquering other people for their wealth worked for Mohammed and was recently proposed by an Imam in Egypt.(see below)

8.12-13. "When thy Lord inspired the angels, (saying): I am with you. So make those who believe stand firm. I will throw fear into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Then smite the necks and smite of them each finger. That is because they opposed Allah and His messenger. Whoso opposeth Allah and His messenger, (for him) lo! Allah is severe in punishment."

It is hard to think of the Lord inspiring the angels since he created them. Certainly the followers of Mohammed practiced war and terror on those who "disbelieved," who were not for Mohammed. One could be in support of Allah without being in support of his messenger. But that would not do for Mohammed. It is a package deal.

8.15-16, "O ye who believe! When ye meet those who disbelieve in battle, turn not your backs to them. Whoso on that day turneth his back to them, unless manoeuvring for battle or intent to join a company, he truly hath incurred wrath from Allah, and his habitation will be hell, a hapless journey's end."

Fighting the infidel is the motivating force of Islam. Rejecting the command to fight will bring one to hell. Allah is a god of war, not love, not peace. You will have to look to Jesus to find Yahweh's love for you.

8.31, "When our revelations are recited to them, they say, "We have heard. If we wanted to, we could have said the same things. These are no more than tales from the past!" (Khalifa)

At least some of Mohammed's listeners knew some things. There are so many things in the Qur'an that come from the Bible or from stories passed around. The people who rejected Mohammed were right, there were old tales from the past.

8.38-39, "Tell those who disbelieve that if they cease (from persecution of believers) that which is past will be forgiven them; but if they return (thereto) then the example of the men of old hath already gone (before them, for a warning). And fight them until persecution is no more, and religion is all for Allah. But if they cease, then lo! Allah is Seer of what they do."

The concept of war in Islam is not a defensive war, but one of total conquest. Fight until the whole world is Islamic. That is the aim and goal of Islam. Unfortunately, multi-cultural stupidity makes it impossible to see the goal of Islam. Political correctness is blind to this agenda. Civilization hangs in the balance and many leaders refuse to accept the real agenda of Islam.

8.50, "If thou couldst see how the angels receive those who disbelieve, smiting faces and their backs and (saying): Taste the punishment of burning!"

I don't think Mohammed could see the ideas in this verse. His view of hell is more consistent with the Zoroastrian details than either the Jewish or Christian view of hell. Mohammed grabbed ideas from many sources.

8.51, "This is for that which your own hands have sent before (to the Judgment), and (know) that Allah is not a tyrant to His slaves."

To whom does this refer? Allah is not a tryant to his male slaves? What about the believing women? Is not Allah a tyrant to them. They are not allowed out of the house without a guardian in many Muslim cultures. They are forced into marriages they do not want, they are victimized by being cut in the genitalia, they are to be beaten by their husbands, and there is no beating of the husbands by the women. From an outsider view, Allah is a tyrant to the women.

8.65, "O Prophet! Exhort the believers to fight. If there be of you twenty steadfast they shall overcome two hundred, and if there be of you a hundred (steadfast) they shall overcome a thousand of those who disbelieve, because they (the disbelievers) are a folk without intelligence."

Another command to fight the non-Muslims. One wonders how Mohammed would have responded to the Battle of Tours in France when the Muslims were defeated and began a downward spiral. A new twist is introduced: they are without intelligence. What has Islam brought to civilization in terms of science, culture, technology,etc.? The Muslim mindset has hampered progress for centuries, and still does. (See here for __http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/roark/science_islam.html__,particularly the paragraphs about the Ash'arite view of the world.)

9.5, "Then, when the sacred months have passed, slay the idolaters wherever ye find them, and take them (captive), and besiege them, and prepare for them each ambush. But if they repent and establish worship and pay the poor-due, then leave their way free. Lo! Allah is Forgiving, Merciful."

How can the slaying lead to repentance? Nevertheless, this chapter has a lot about making war on the non-believers.

9.23, "O ye who believe! Choose not your fathers nor your brethren for friends if they take pleasure in disbelief rather than faith. Whoso of you taketh them for friends, such are wrong-doers."

This command makes it difficult to trust any Muslim who feigns friendship. The Muslim is not to trust family or friends who are unbelievers. This means that you cannot trust a Muslim, does it not?

9.29, "Fight against those who (1) believe not in Allah, (2) nor in the Last Day, (3) nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger (4) and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth (i.e. Islam) among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), until they pay the Jizyah with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued. (Hilali-Khan)

This gives a warrant for fighting against the whole world including Jews and Christians who have a Revelation from Yahweh. People who are defeated by Islam, but not killed must pay the Jizyah in a humiliating experience.

9.30, "The Jews said, "Ezra is the son of GOD," while the Christians said, "Jesus is the son of GOD!" These are blasphemies uttered by their mouths. They thus match the blasphemies of those who have disbelieved in the past. GOD condemns them. They have surely deviated." (khalifa)

What is the source of this error? The Jews did not believe that Ezra was the son of God. There is nothing in Scripture about this false statement. The Christian confessed that Jesus is the Son of God because Jesus claimed such a position and did great works of miracles to confirm it. Mohammed did nothing to verify his claims.

9.33, "He it is Who hath sent His messenger with the guidance and the Religion of Truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religion, however much the idolaters may be averse."

The goal of Islam—dominate the whole world. Communism was a threat to the world, but Islam is the greatest threat that has come into existence.

9.39, "If ye go not forth He will afflict you with a painful doom, and will choose instead of you a folk other than you. Ye cannot harm Him at all. Allah is Able to do all things."

There were people who did not want to go to war, and this verse claims that Allah would reject them for not fighting. The paradox is that going to war was evil, but it was evil not to go to war in Mohammed's mind.

9.63, "Know they not that whoso opposeth Allah and His messenger, his verily is fire of hell, to abide therein?"

That is the extreme abasement. Allah and Mohammed are linked together. No prophet of the Old Testament linked himself and Yahweh together. There were false prophets as well as good prophets. Jeremiah, the prophet, was given some scathing words for false prophets, "When I think of the prophets, I am shocked, and I tremble like someone drunk, because of the LORD and his sacred words. Those unfaithful prophets misuse their power all over the country. So God turned the pasturelands into scorching deserts. The LORD told me to say: You prophets and priests think so little of me, the LORD, that you even sin in my own temple! Now I will punish you with disaster, and you will slip and fall in the darkness. I, the LORD, have spoken. The prophets in Samaria were disgusting to me, because they preached in the name of Baal and led my people astray. And you prophets in Jerusalem are even worse. You're unfaithful in marriage and never tell the truth. You even lead others to sin instead of helping them turn back to me. You and the people of Jerusalem are evil like Sodom and Gomorrah. You prophets in Jerusalem have spread evil everywhere. That's why I, the LORD, promise to give you bitter poison to eat and drink. (Jeremiah 23:9-15)

Is there a parallel here with Mohammed who lead people astray, lead them to war for conquest and booty, reduced the position of women to slaves, and died of poisoning?

9.73, "O Prophet! Strive against the disbelievers and the hypocrites! Be harsh with them. Their ultimate abode is hell, a hapless journey's end."

Allah commands striving with the disbelievers. Compare the patience of Yahweh in Jeremiah with the attitude toward the rejectors of Mohammed. Yahweh continually called for the people to repent of their sins because he did not want them to die.

9.80, "Whether you ask forgiveness for them, or do not ask forgiveness for them - even if you ask forgiveness for them seventy times - GOD will not forgive them. This is because they disbelieve in GOD and His messenger. GOD does not guide the wicked people." (Khalifa)

The prophets of the Old Testament called the stubborn people to repent of their sins and Yahweh would forgive them. He would restore them to their land. Jesus said, "Even if one of them mistreats you seven times in one day and says, "I am sorry," you should still forgive that person." (Luke 17:4) On another occasion Jesus was asked about forgiveness, "Peter came up to the Lord and asked, "How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?" Jesus answered: Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!" (Matthew, 18:21-22) In another context, Jesus said, "If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, your Father in heaven will forgive you. But if you don't forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:14-15) It would appear that Mohammed and Allah are short on forgiveness contrary to the grace of God declared in the Bible.

9.89, "Allah hath made ready for them Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide. That is the supreme triumph." (see also 9.100 10.09 10.26 11.23)

There are a number of places in which "Garden underneath which rivers flow" are mentioned in the Qur'an. Such a view of Paradise reflects two things: the dessert without water and Paradise would fill this great need, and paradise as a private brothel for the jihadist who is killed and receives 72 virgins as a reward. The Christian view of heaven is more of community spirit. It is a time of rejoicing with loved ones who are there where there is no sickness, no dead, no sorrow, no war, and all are in the presence of Christ the redeemer. It is described as the Kingdom of God, with a new heaven and a new earth.

9.111, "Lo! Allah hath bought from the believers their lives and their wealth because the Garden will be theirs: they shall fight in the way of Allah and shall slay and be slain. It is a promise which is binding on Him in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an. Who fulfilleth His covenant better than Allah? Rejoice then in your bargain that ye have made, for that is the supreme triumph."

How wrong can Mohammed be? There is no claim in the Torah to fight to make the world Jewish. There is no command for Christians to conquer the world by force and war. The presence of the Spirit of God in the life of the Christian results in peace, patience, kindness, love, and joy. The command of Jesus to love your neighbor as yourself cannot be used to command war.

9.113, "It is not for the Prophet, and those who believe, to pray for the forgiveness of idolaters even though they may be near of kin (to them) after it hath become clear that they are people of hell-fire."

I suspect the reason for this is that Allah does not answer prayers. Many former Muslims found that Allah was silent and did not respond. In contrast, Christians pray for all kinds of people even though they do not have faith now. Yahweh responds and people accept Jesus into their lives. Prayer is one of the real important issues for Christians in regard to non-believers.

9.114. "The prayer of Abraham for the forgiveness of his father was only because of a promise he had promised him, but when it had become clear unto him that he (his father)

was an enemy to Allah he (Abraham) disowned him. Lo! Abraham was soft of heart, long-suffering."

This is a fabricated story about Abraham and his father. There is nothing in the Bible about this and the Bible is the oldest source of information about Abraham.

9.123, "O ye who believe! Fight those of the disbelievers who are near to you, and let them find harshness in you, and know that Allah is with those who keep their duty (unto Him)."

Fighting is commanded over and over. The idea of living together is not in the goal of Islam. It is conquest to submit, or pay the jizya, or extra tax in humiliation.

10.15, "When our revelations are recited to them, those who do not expect to meet us say, "Bring a Quran other than this, or change it!" Say, "I cannot possibly change it on my own. I simply follow what is revealed to me. I fear, if I disobey my Lord, the retribution of an awesome day." (Khalifa)

People are inclined to think that Mohammed is not being truthful, or he was not able to distinguish between what he wanted and thought and Allah's revelation. They seem to be the same at times. In the case of Zeyd's (Zaid) wife the revelation seems to come quickly and firmly on the side of Mohammed's desires. (http://answering-islam.org/Shamoun/zaynab.htm)

10.18, "They worship beside Allah that which neither hurteth them nor profiteth them, and they say: These are our intercessors with Allah. Say: Would ye inform Allah of (something) that He knoweth not in the heavens or in the earth? Praised be He and High Exalted above all that ye associate (with Him)!"

The claim is made that Allah knows everything in heaven and earth. If this is true, how can Allah forget that he sent his eternal Son to earth in the person of Jesus. How can Allah forget that the crucifixion took place and the resurrection followed it three days later? This leads non-Muslims to believe that Allah is not the same deity that is described in the Old and New Testaments Allah is too inconsistent and irrational in many ways. He is a tyrant.

10.34, "Say: Is there of your partners (whom ye ascribe unto Allah) one that produceth Creation and then reproduceth it? Say: Allah produceth Creation, then reproduceth it. How then, are ye misled!"

The Christian view on creation is drawn from John's Gospel, "In the beginning was the one who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created received its life from him, and his life gave light to everyone." (John 1:1-4) The book of Colossians tells us about Christ the Son: " for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities--all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." (Col. 1:16-17)

What does it mean to reproduce creation? There is nothing of this in Genesis.

10.35, "Say: Is there of your partners (whom ye ascribe unto Allah) one that leadeth to the Truth? Say: Allah leadeth to the Truth. Is He Who leadeth to the Truth more deserving that He should be followed, or he who findeth not the way unless he (himself) be guided. What aileth you? How judge ye?"

Mohammed knew so little of the Gospel about Jesus. If he had known this he would have been helped. Jesus said", "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works." (John 14:6-10)

10.37, "And this Qur'an is not such as could ever be produced by other than Allah (Lord of the heavens and the earth), but it is a confirmation of (the revelation) which was before it [i.e. the Taurat (Torah), and the Injeel (Gospel), etc.], and a full explanation of the Book (i.e. laws and orders, etc, decreed for mankind) - wherein there is no doubt from the the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns, and all that exists)." <u>Hilali-Khan</u>

There are two issues: first, the Qur'an could only be produced by Allah. This means that Allah does not know the difference between fact and fiction, fact and fables, fact and truth. We have seen this in the inconsistencies of the Qur'an and its plagiarism. Second, the Qur'an is a confirmation of the revelation before it. If this statement be truth, the Qur'an cannot be true since it contradicts many things in the old and new covenants.

10.47, "And for every nation there is a messenger. And when their messenger cometh (on the Day of Judgment) it will be judged between them fairly, and they will not be wronged."

Who would the messenger of China be? Who would the messenger of Japan be? What about the USA where Christian faith has been influential? If every nation has a messenger why is there the driving force of Islam to be the messenger to all the world??

10.64, "Theirs are good tidings in the life of the world and in the Hereafter - There is no changing the Words of Allah - that is the Supreme Triumph."

These are words related to the faith and seem to be firm. But there is the matter of abrogation of revelations. There are many verses abrogated. Does this not seem like changing the words of Allah.??

10.68, "They say: Allah hath taken (unto Him) a son - Glorified be He! He hath no needs! His is all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. Ye have no warrant for this. Tell ye concerning Allah that which ye know not?"

There is great misunderstanding on Mohammed's part about the Son. He viewed it as a physical sexual relationship. The Son is eternal with the Father. There is no time when the Son did not exist. The Son has no beginning, He is eternal. The warrant for this is God's word and revelation in Jesus. The words of Jesus affirm this. See the Quote from John above at 10.35.

10.100, "No soul can believe except in accordance with GOD's will. For He places a curse upon those who refuse to understand." (khalifa)

Predestination raises lots of issues about getting to Paradise. Good works won't do it. Simply believing Mohammed won't do it. Only Allah can know and make it happen. This leads to despair on the part of the believer. Insecurity of soul is terrible.

The Christian view of spiritual life is reflected in Ephesians 2: "But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),... For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God-- not because of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:4-5,8-9) If you want to know you are going to heaven, you have to come to Jesus.

11.2. "(Saying): Serve none but Allah. Lo! I am unto you from Him a warner and a bringer of good tidings."

What good tidings did Mohammed bring? His religion has kept people in the 6th century for 1400 years. The Taliban want to keep the Sharia precisely. The position of women amounts to slavery. Who needs this "good tidings?"

11.38, "And he was building the ship, and every time that chieftains of his people passed him, they made mock of him. He said: Though ye make mock of Us, yet We mock at you even as ye mock"

This is Mohammed's imagination, not revelation. Nothing of this is in the oldest account of Noah in the Bible. With all the fictional things put into the Qur'an one wonders why it is read. The story is elaborated in the following verses in which Noah's son is drowned because he was an unbeliever. If only Mohammed had read the Bible he would not have claimed such stuff.

11.114. "Establish worship at the two ends of the day and in some watches of the night. Lo! good deeds annul ill-deeds. This is reminder for the mindful."

Mohammed seems to be inconsistent here with what has been said already about predestination. What difference does it make for good deeds to annul ill-deeds if Allah is the only one who decides one's future whether paradise or hell. Moreover, it is silly to think that good deeds outweigh bad deeds. Nothing is said about how bad the bad deeds are. Will good little deeds outweigh really bad deeds like murder by a jihadist? Jihad murder is regarded as a good deed by Muslims but certainly not by Yahweh. Murder is murder regardless of who does it.

12.4-5, "When Joseph said unto his father: O my father! Lo! I saw in a dream eleven planets and the sun and the moon, I saw them prostrating themselves unto me. He said: O my dear son! Tell not thy brethren of thy vision, lest they plot a plot against thee. Lo! Satan is for man an open foe. "

Some translation speak of eleven planets and others of eleven stars. The Bible has eleven stars. However, Jacob did not say, "O my dear son, Tell not thy brethren of thy vision." The dream was told to the brothers first and the second dream to his brothers and his father. These are minor differences but we are told that the Qur'an is the best of revelation by Muslims. How is it that the Qur'an is wrong so often? What kind of revelation is this that gets the story wrong or from unreliable sources like non-Biblical traditions that float around in cultures?

The story is told with a number of embellishments like the caravan stopping to draw water out of the well and discovers Joseph in it. There was no water in the well. (12.9) The woman who tried to seduce Joseph is talked about by women in his community claiming that she sought to have "an ill-deed" done by Joseph. She brought the women together, gave them knives, and when they saw Joseph they cut their hands and exclaimed this is no human being but some gracious angel. (12.31) None of this is recorded in the Bible. None of it is historical. All of it comes from the imagination of Mohammed.

12.41, "O my two fellow-prisoners! As for one of you, he will pour out wine for his lord to drink; and as for the other, he will be crucified so that the birds will eat from his head. Thus is the case judged concerning which ye did inquire."

The story in Genesis is that the man was hanged, not crucified. Gen 40:22 " but he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them. "

12.93, ""Take this shirt of mine; when you throw it on my father's face, his vision will be restored. Bring your whole family and come back to me."

Lots of provisions were sent with Joseph's brothers but there is no story of a shirt that would be thrown on their father's face to have his vision restored. This is simply more of Mohammed's creation, not revelation.

13.11, "Shifts (of angels) take turns, staying with each one of you - they are in front of you and behind you. They stay with you, and guard you in accordance with GOD's commands. Thus, GOD does not change the condition of any people unless they themselves make the decision to change. If GOD wills any hardship for any people, no force can stop it. For they have none beside Him as Lord and Master." (Khalifa)

Does an angel go before a jihadist to murder innocent people? Where is the angel of the young girl who is being mutilated in the genitals? Perhaps it is in the phrase, if God wills hardship for any people no force can stop it. Does Allah will the mutilation?

13.14, "Unto Him is the real prayer. Those unto whom they pray beside Allah respond to them not at all, save as (is the response to) one who stretcheth forth his hands toward water (asking) that it may come unto his mouth, and it will never reach it. The prayer of disbelievers goeth (far) astray."

Does Allah really respond to prayer? The testimony of ex-Muslims say Allah never answered but Jesus did and changed their lives from fear and hopelessness to joy and peace. Check out <u>http://www.exmuslim.com/</u> where there are videos of for Muslims who found Jesus as savior in answer to their prayers.

13.27, "Those who disbelieve would say, "If only a miracle could come down to him from his Lord (we would believe)." Say, "GOD sends astray whomever He wills, and guides to Him only those who obey."

Another emphasis on predestination. Allah sends astray whomever He wills. Contrast this with the gracious invitation of Jesus, "God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! No one who has faith in God's Son will be condemned." (John 3:16-18)

13.33, "Is He Who is aware of the deserts of every soul (as he who is aware of nothing)? Yet they ascribe unto Allah partners. Say: Name them. Is it that ye would inform Him of something which He knoweth not in the earth? Or is it but a way of speaking? Nay but their contrivance is made seeming fair for those who disbelieve and they are kept from the right road. He whom Allah sendeth astray, for him there is no guide."

Christians did not invent the idea of the Son of God. It is known by Christians because God has revealed it. This is not something that Christians claim to know but God does not. It is the other way around. Christians could only know about the Son of God because God—who knows all—revealed it to them. Remember that the Devil questioned whether Jesus was the Son of God like Mohammed later did. (Matthew 4:1-10) Verses like the one in the Qur'an raise the urgent question: who is Allah really. If the Qur'an is revelation by Allah how could he forget the previous revelations? How could God have an eternal Son and not remember that He has an eternal Son?

13.36, "Those unto whom We gave the Scripture rejoice in that which is revealed unto thee. And of the clans there are who deny some of it. Say: I am commanded only that I serve Allah and ascribe unto Him no partner. Unto Him I cry, and unto Him is my return."

There may have been some misguided, ignorant Jews who rejoiced at hearing Mohammed, and the same could be true of Christians who were ignorant. Those who knew the Scriptures, both Jews and Christians, could not accept Mohammed because he contradicted what Yahweh had revealed long ago. You don't give up the truth for falsehood.

13.43, "They who disbelieve say: Thou art no messenger (of Allah). Say: Allah, and whosoever hath knowledge of the Scripture, is sufficient witness between me and you."

The problem with this verse is that Mohammed did not know the Scripture. Had he known he could not have said these words. There are so many contradictions between the Qur'an and the Bible that it is ignorant to claim that they are the same and that Mohammed succeeded the previous revelations.

14.2, "Alif. Lam. Ra. (This is) a Scripture which We have revealed unto thee (Muhammad) that thereby thou mayst bring forth mankind from darkness unto light, by the permission of their Lord, unto the path of the Mighty, the Owner of Praise,"

One may compare the Muslim culture with its strictness and its anti-scientific ideology with the openness of non-Muslim cultures and find which is light and which is darkness. The seventh century views of Mohammed are stagnating and enslaving.

15.26, "We created the human being from aged mud, like the potter's clay. 27, And the jinn did We create aforetime of essential fire 16.4, "He hath created man from a drop of fluid, yet behold! he is an open opponent." 18.37, "His comrade, when he (thus) spake with him, exclaimed: Disbelievest thou in Him Who created thee of dust, then of a drop (of seed), and then fashioned thee a man? 86:5 "So let man consider from what he is created. 86:6 He is created from a gushing fluid

86:7 That issued from between the loins and ribs."

There are a variety of statements on the creation of man. (http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Science/embryo.complete.html)

16.27, "Then on the Day of Resurrection He will disgrace them and will say: Where are My partners, for whose sake ye opposed (My guidance)? Those who have been given knowledge will say: Disgrace this day and evil are upon the disbelievers,"

The Christians reply is found in Philipians: "Care about them as much as you care about yourselves. and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought: Christ was truly God. But he did not try to remain equal with God. Instead he gave up everything and became a slave, when he became like one of us. Christ was humble. He obeyed God and even died on a cross. Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored his name above all others. So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" (Philippians 2:4-11)

16.79, Do they not see the birds committed to fly in the atmosphere of the sky? None holds them up in the air except GOD. This should be (sufficient) proof for people who believe."

The Muslim view of science is that every moment is a new creative act of Allah. There are no laws that govern the universe, only the immediate, continuous creative act of Allah. This is why

Islamic science stagnated early on. In contrast the Jewish-Christian view is that Yahweh made laws for governing the universe. This is reflected in Jeremiah But I, the LORD, have a covenant with day and night, and I have made the laws that control earth and sky. (Jeremiah 33:25) Thus the bird is not held up by God, but by God's laws relating to speed, wing flapping, and air currents. The distinction is important because the non-Muslims invented planes to fly and the Muslims did not because of their view of the universe. (See (http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/roark/rebuttals/zawadi/science_advancement.html)

16.101, "And when We change a Verse [of the Qur'an, i.e. cancel (abrogate) its order] in place of another, and Allah knows the best of what He sends down, they (the disbelievers) say: "You (O Muhammad SAW) are but a Muftari! (forger, liar)." Nay, but most of them know not. (<u>Hilali-Khan</u>

This is another verse relating to the abrogation of former revelations, claiming a better

revelation. This reflects on the integrity of Allah in that he does not know what to do in the first

- place, and made a mistake in doing it. How many verses have been abrogated? Check here:
- (http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/abrogatedverses.html) The reaction of the people in Mohammed day certainly rings true today.

16.124, "The Sabbath was decreed only for those who ended up disputing it (Jews & Christians). Your Lord is the One who will judge them on the Day of Resurrection regarding their disputes."

This is clearly wrong. The Sabbath was commanded by Yahweh to Moses and was not an

issue until the Christian era when Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday morning, which

technically yet a part of the Sabbath. The Sabbath runs from sun down to sun down. The last

part of the Sabbath is what we call Sunday. This is more ignorance expressed here.

17.1, "Glorified be He Who carried His servant by night from the Inviolable Place of Worship to the Far distant place of worship the neighbourhood whereof We have blessed, that We might show him of Our tokens! Lo! He, only He, is the Hearer, the Seer."

This is the claim of a night journey to the city of Jerusalem although not name here. First, there was no distant place of worship. The Mosque in Jerusalem was not built until after Mohammed was dead. Second, his wife, Aishe, who was sleeping with him declares that Mohammed was there all the time. The whole thing sounds spurious and may have been inspired by a similar story in Zoroasterianism. (http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Incoherence/unintelligible.html)

17.31, "Slay not your children, fearing a fall to poverty, We shall provide for them and for you. Lo! the slaying of them is great sin."

But it appears acceptable to slay your children in the case of family honor?

17.88, "Say: Verily, though mankind and the jinn should assemble to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could not produce the like thereof though they were helpers one of another."

How interesting! No, they would produce one without so many errors, without inconsistency,

without fables, and one without such repetition. The bottom line for Muslims is that the Qur'an

is so beautiful in Arabic that no one could reproduce it. Beauty does not equal truth.

18.10, "When the young men fled for refuge to the Cave and said: Our Lord! Give us mercy from Thy presence, and shape for us right conduct in our plight. 18.25, They stayed in their cave three hundred years, increased by nine." (khalifa)

"To understand this rather hesitating account we must remember that, as the commentators inform us, some of the heathen¹⁶ Arabs of Mecca had challenged Muhammad to tell them the story of the Companions of the Cave, if he could, in order to test his claim to inspiration. The story was evidently therefore current among them in some form, perhaps in more than one. There was a dispute concerning the number of persons who went into the cave, and various opinions were stated on the subject. Muhammad, as is evident from verses 22 and 23 which we have omitted, promised to give them an answer on the morrow, purposing apparently to inquire of some one about the matter. He evidently failed to obtain certain information, hence he left the question of the number of the youths unsettled, and his attempt to get out of the difficulty is not very successful. Nor does he tell the place where or the time when the event is said to have occurred. He ventures, however, to assert positively just one fact, — that the time spent in the cave was 309 years. Unfortunately, as we shall see, even in this he was wrong. He has no doubt, however, that the event recorded in the story — really occurred. From the whole style of the passage we perceive that Muhammad had no written document and no reliable informant at hand who could give him exact particulars of the affair. None the less we possess more than one form of the legend, written before Muhammad's time: and it is clear that to an oral form of the story he was indebted for the particulars given in the Qur'an, and not to Divine revelation, as he claimed to be. The Syriac writer, Jacob of Sarug, in a homily published in the Acta Sanctorum, gives the myth at some length. He died A.D. 521. Other early Syriac forms of the story are known¹⁷. Most accounts say that there were "Seven" Sleepers," hence the name by which the tale is generally known in Europe, but one Syriac MS. of the sixth century¹⁸ in the British Museum says they numbered eight. Muhammadan commentators¹⁹ on the Qur'an relate traditions, some of which say that they were seven, others asserting that they numbered eight, a point which Muhammad practically in the Our'an acknowledged his inability to decide. As far as we know, the first European writer to relate the legend was Gregory of Tours^{$\frac{20}{2}$}. He tells us that in the reign of the Emperor Decius (A.D. 249-51) seven noble young Christians of Ephesus fled from persecution and took refuge in a cave not far from the city. After a time, however, their enemies discovered where they were and blocked up the entrance to the cave, leaving them to die of hunger. When Theodosius II was on the throne, 196 years later, a herdsman found and opened the cave. The Seven Sleepers then awoke from the slumber in which they had remained during the whole time,

and (as the Qur'an says also) sent one of the party to the city to purchase provisions. He found Christianity everywhere triumphant, to his boundless surprise. At a shop where he bought some food, he produced a coin of Decius to pay for it. Accused of having discovered a hidden treasure, he told the story of himself and his companions. When he led the way to the cave, the appearance of his companions, still young and radiant with a celestial brightness, proved the truth of his story. The Emperor soon heard of it, and went in person to the cave, where the awakened sleepers told him that God had preserved them in order to prove to him the truth of the immortality of the soul. Having delivered their message, they expired. (http://www.answering-islam.org/Books/Tisdall/Sources/chapt4.htm)

There begins a long story about Moses, a servant, a boat, and a journey. As far as I can tell it

has nothing to do with the real Moses of the Bible. Fantasy!!.

18.83-86, "They ask you about Zul-Qarnain. Say, "I will narrate to you some of his history." We granted him authority on earth, and provided him with all kinds of means. Then, he pursued one way. (khalifa) "Till, when he reached the setting-place of the sun, he found it setting in a muddy spring, and found a people thereabout."(Pickthall)

Does the sun set in a muddy spring? Newton describes the situation:

"... the Quran goes beyond what is possible in phenomenological language when it states that *Zul-Qarnain reached the place where the sun sets*, i.e. the Quran is speaking of a human being who traveled to the place of the setting of the sun. Such a statement is wrong in any kind of language, **since such a place does not exist on this earth**. This is a serious error that was introduced into the Quran because the author mistook a legend to be literal and historical truth." (For more information, see, http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Science/sun_set.html) also, (http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Science/sun_set.html)

19.10, "He said: My Lord! Appoint for me some token. He said: Thy token is that thou, with no bodily defect, shalt not speak unto mankind three nights."

This refers to the story of Zachariah, the father of John, the Baptist, who did not believe the angel's message. He asked for a sign that it was so, and the angel said you shall not be able to speak for three nights. The gospel of Luke says, Because you have not believed, you will be unable to speak; you will remain silent until the day my promise to you comes true." (Luke 1:20) Later when the child was born, Luke records, "Zechariah asked for a writing pad and wrote, "His name is John." How surprised they all were! At that moment Zechariah was able to speak again, and he started praising God. " (Luke 1:63-64)

Allah or Mohammed had a faulty memory. How can a person trust the claimed revelation of Mohammed?

19.23, "The birth process came to her by the trunk of a palm tree. She said, "(I am so ashamed;) I wish I were dead before this happened, and completely forgotten."

This is part of the story of Mary's birthing her son. She was out the house somewhere, contrary to the account of her being in Bethlehem when the time came to deliver. Then "one cried out unto her from below, saying: Grieve not! Thy Lord hath placed a rivelet beneath thee." Then follows the story of Jesus talking from the cradle. This story was plagiarized by Mohammed from an an "apocryphal book called the History of the Nativity of Mary and the Saviour's Infancy:—"(http://www.answering-islam.org/Books/Tisdall/Sources0/p055-056.htm)

19.28, "O sister of Aaron! Thy father was not a wicked man nor was thy mother a harlot."

According to Muhammad, therefore, Mary (Miriam) was the sister of Aaron, Moses' brother; which is all the plainer as elsewhere she is named Mary daughter of *Imrân*²; and again, *We gave unto Moses the Book, and appointed him his brother Aaron as Vizier*. (http://www.answeringislam.org/Books/Tisdall/Sources0/p049-050.htm)

19.54, "And make mention in the Scripture of Ishmael. Lo! he was a keeper of his promise, and he was a messenger (of Allah), a prophet."

There is no indication of Ishmael being called a prophet in the Bible. "Dagon (1981) has shown that this idea is an Islamic construction **AND THAT NO CONNECTION BETWEEN ISHMAEL AND THE ARABS HAD EVER BEEN MADE IN THE PRE-ISLAMIC PERIOD**." (http://www.answering-islam.org/Shamoun/ishmael.htm)

20.53, "He said: The knowledge thereof is with my Lord in a Record. My Lord neither erreth nor forgetteth,"

We have seen so many occasions of error or forgetfulness already in the Qur'an. How can one explain the gullibility of his hearers?

20.87, "They said, "We did not break our agreement with you on purpose. But we were loaded down with jewelry, and decided to throw our loads in. This is what the Samarian suggested." (Khalifa)

There is a huge problem since Moses could not have known a Samaritan in his time. There were no Samaritans until much later.

(http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Contra/qbhc01.html)

20.133, "And they say: If only he would bring us a miracle from his Lord! Hath there not come unto them the proof of what is in the former scriptures?"

Opponents of Mohammed wanted proofs, miracles to vindicate his claim. The response is interesting. There is proof in the former scriptures, so says the Qur'an. However, Mohammed and Allah did not respect the former Scriptures. The New Testament declares that Jesus is the

Eternal Son of God and Mohammed rejected this. There is the proof of the resurrection after the crucifixion and Mohammed and Allah did not accept that. If Mohammed would not accept the revelations of the past why would he think they would accept his claim in the present ?

21.031, "And we placed on earth stabilizers, lest it tumbles with them, and we placed straight roads therein, that they may be guided" (Khalifa) "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." (Pickthall)

Sura 31:10 : He created the heavens without any pillars that ye can see; He set on the earth **mountains** standing firm, lest it should **shake** with you;

Sura 78:7 : And the **mountains** as **pegs**?

Sura 79:32-33 : And the **mountains** hath He firmly fixed;- For use and convenience to you and your cattle.

If the prevention of earthquakes was the purpose for mountains, why are they not preventing them? Mountains as pegs is related to a flat earth. Check the following:

(http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Contra/qe008.html)

http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/vargo/mountains_pegs.html

http://answering-islam.org/Campbell/s4c2a.html

22.5, "O people, if you have any doubt about resurrection, (remember that) we created you from dust, and subsequently from a tiny drop, which turns into a hanging (embryo), then it becomes a fetus that is given life or deemed lifeless. We thus clarify things for you. We settle in the wombs whatever we will for a predetermined period. We then bring you out as infants, then you reach maturity. While some of you die young, others live to the worst age, only to find out that no more knowledge can be attained beyond a certain limit. Also, you look at a land that is dead, then as soon as we shower it with water, it vibrates with life and grows all kinds of beautiful plants."

In a number of places we are informed that man is created from a drop of fluid (semen, seed or sperm):

16:4 He created man from a drop of fluid (Pickthall)
16:4 He has created man from a sperm-drop
32:8 He made his seed from a quintessence of despised fluid
35:11 ... then from a little fluid (Pickthall)
53:46 (he created) from a drop of seed when it is poured forth (Pickthall)
53:46 From a sperm-drop when lodged (in its place)
56:58 Have ye seen that which ye emit (Pickthall)
56:58 Do you then see? The (human Seed) that ye emit
75:37 Was he not a drop of fluid which gushed forth (Pickthall)

75:37 Was he not a drop of sperm emitted (in lowly form)?
76:2 We create man from a drop of thickened fluid (Pickthall)
76:2 We created Man from a drop of mingled sperm
77:20 Did We not create you from a worthless water (semen, etc.)? (Al-Hilali & Khan)
80:19 From a sperm-drop He hath created him
86:6-7 He is created from a drop emitted - proceeding from between the backbone and the ribs. (http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Science/embryo.html)

These issues are developed in a rather long article at (<u>http://www.answering-</u>islam.org/Quran/Science/embryo.html)

The conclusion: "there is not a single statement contained in the Qur'an relating to modern embryology that was not well known through direct observation by the ancient Greek and Indian physicians many centuries before the Qur'an was written. Morever, much of what the Qur'an actually does say about embryology is scientifically inaccurate."

22.26, "And (remember) when We showed Ibrahim (Abraham) the site of the (Sacred) House (the Ka'bah at Makkah) (saying): "Associate not anything (in worship) with Me, [La ilaha ill-Allah (none has the right to be worshipped but Allah Islamic Monotheism], and sanctify My House for those who circumambulate it, and those who stand up for prayer, and those who bow (submit themselves with humility and obedience to Allah), and make prostration (in prayer, etc.);" (Hilali-Khan)

Was Abraham ever at Mecca? Alfred Guillaume has written,

"... there is no historical evidence for the assertion that Abraham or Ishmael was ever in Mecca, and if there had been such a tradition it would have to be explained how all memory of the Old Semitic name Ishmael (which was not in its true Arabian form in Arabian inscriptions and written correctly with an initial consonant Y) came to be lost. The form in the Quran is taken either from Greek or Syriac sources." (*Alfred Guillaume, Islam [Penguin Books Inc., Baltimore, 1956], pp. 61-62*).

http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/toler/abraham_kaaba.html

http://www.answering-islam.org/Shamoun/incomplete_mecca.htm

22.30, "That (is the command). And whoso magnifieth the sacred things of Allah, it will be well for him in the sight of his Lord. The cattle are lawful unto you save that which hath been told you. So shun the filth of idols, and shun lying speech,"

What is so striking about this verse is the last phrase: shun lying speech. From all that has been obvious in this search of the Qur'an is lying speech by the Prophet Himself.

22.49, "Say: O mankind! I am only a plain warner unto you."

Mohammed began as a warner, one who warns people of the coming judgment, but he seems to have been caught up in his power in Medina and his vengeance toward the people of Mecca for rejecting him. Soon he began raiding the caravans of Mecca doing banditry and his success brought on greater goals.

22.65, "Do you not see that GOD has committed in your service everything on earth? The ships run in the ocean by His command. He prevents the heavenly bodies from crashing onto the earth, except in accordance with His command. GOD is Most Kind towards the people, Most Merciful."

The cosmology of the Qur'an is mythological. 31.10 is translated by many translators as:

He has created the heavens without supports THAT YOU CAN... Pickthall

He created the heavens without any pillars THAT YE CAN SEE... A. Y. Ali

He created the heavens without pillars AS YOU SEE THEM ... Shakir

He has created the heavens without any pillars, THAT YOU... Al-Hilali & Khan

He created the heavens without pillars THAT YOU CAN SEE... Rashad Khalifah

He created the heavens without pillars THAT YOU SEE."

http://answering-islam.org/Responses/Shabir-Ally/science09.htm

23.103, "Those whose weights are light are the ones who lost their souls; they abide in Hell forever." (Khalifa)

The description of judgement and hell as described here is probably drawn from Zoroasterian sources. There is a very similar story in Zoroastrian literature and there were yet Zoroastrians in the time of Mohammed.

24.2, "The adulteress and the adulterer you shall whip each of them a hundred lashes. Do not be swayed by pity from carrying out GOD's law, if you truly believe in GOD and the Last Day. And let a group of believers witness their penalty." (Khalifa)

This is a stiff penalty. It is strange that among Shia one can commit adultery under the guise of a temporary marriage. No penalty there. No hypocrisy either??

24.4, "Those who accuse married women of adultery, then fail to produce four witnesses, you shall whip them eighty lashes, and do not accept any testimony from them; they are wicked.

"In verses 11-20 Allah furiously castigates a group that has "brought forward a lie" (v. 11) against a chaste woman, without producing four witnesses (v. 13). The deity scolds the believers

as well, for crediting this obvious slander (vv. 12, 16). This is a most serious matter (v. 15), but the Qur'an doesn't tell us what it's all about. This hadith fills in the details. Allah had recently ordered the veiling of women (a command that is transmitted in v. 31), so Aisha, when she accompanied Muhammad to a battle, was carried in a curtained howdah on the back of a camel. The caravan stopped and Aisha got out to answer "the call of nature." While returning she lost her necklace, and stopped to search for it. Meanwhile, her attendants, forbidden to look at her or speak to her, loaded the howdah back onto the camel without realizing that she wasn't in it. "At that time," Aisha explains, "I was still a young lady," and what's more, "women were light in weight for they did not get fat."

And so the caravan left without her, and Muhammad's favorite wife was stranded. Presently a Muslim warrior who was traveling behind the army came along, and was considerably started to find Aisha alone. "I veiled my face with my head cover at once," Aisha insisted, "and by Allah, we did not speak a single word, and I did not hear him saying any word besides his Istirja" – a prayer spoken in times of distress. The warrior carried Aisha on his camel to the Muslims' camp – and almost immediately the rumors started. Even Muhammad was affected by them. Aisha explains: "After we returned to Medina, I became ill for a month. The people were propagating the forged statements of the slanderers while I was unaware of anything of all that, but I felt that in my present ailment, I was not receiving the usual kindness from Allah's Messenger which I used to receive when I got sick."

Aisha was deeply distressed: "I kept on weeping that night till dawn, I could neither stop weeping nor sleep, then in the morning again, I kept on weeping." Ali bin Abi Talib, who later became the great saint and hero of the Shi'ite Muslims, ungallantly reminds Muhammad that there are "plenty of women" available to the Prophet (Aisha never forgot or forgave this, and after Muhammad's death, warred against Ali herself.) But Ali also advises Muhammad to ask Barira, Aisha's slave girl, if she has seen anything, and Barira maintained that Aisha had done nothing wrong. Muhammad left the matter in Allah's hands, telling Aisha: "I have been informed such-and-such about you; if you are innocent, then soon Allah will reveal your innocence, and if you have committed a sin, then repent to Allah and ask Him for forgiveness, for when a person confesses his sins and asks Allah for forgiveness, Allah accepts his repentance."

Muhammad then received a revelation from Allah, as Aisha watched: "So there overtook him the same hard condition which used to overtake him (when he was Divinely Inspired) so that the drops of his sweat were running down, like pearls, though it was a (cold) winter day, and that was because of the heaviness of the Statement which was revealed to him. When that state of Allah's Apostle was over, and he was smiling when he was relieved, the first word he said was, 'Aisha, Allah has declared your innocence.'" Allah had revealed vv. 11-20.

Aisha, however, was still angry: "My mother said to me, 'Get up and go to him.' I said, 'By Allah, I will not go to him and I will not thank anybody but Allah." Yet she was amazed by the revelation: "By Allah, I never thought that Allah would reveal in my favor a revelation which would be recited, for I considered myself too unimportant to be talked about by Allah in the Divine Revelation that was to be recited."

But she was. And the false accusations against her brought about the requirement that four male Muslim witnesses must be produced in order to establish a crime of adultery or related indiscretions. Islamic law still requires the testimony of four male witnesses to establish sexual crimes (v. 13).

Consequently, it is even today virtually impossible to prove rape in lands that follow the dictates of the Sharia. Even worse, if a woman accuses a man of rape, she may end up incriminating herself. If the required male witnesses can't be found, the victim's charge of rape becomes an admission of adultery. That accounts for the grim fact that as many as <u>seventy-five percent of the women in prison in Pakistan are, in fact, behind bars for the crime of being a victim of rape.</u> "

(http://www.jihadwatch.org/2008/05/blogging-the-quran-sura-24-the-light-verses-1-20.html)

24.27, "O ye who believe! Enter not houses other than your own without first announcing your presence and invoking peace upon the folk thereof. That is better for you, that ye may be heedful."

This seems to have come about to keep visitors from seeing Mohammed's wives.' It is the background command for a woman to not talk to other men, nor be seen by other men.

24.31, "And tell the believing women to lower their gaze (from looking at forbidden things), and protect their private parts (from illegal sexual acts, etc.) and not to show off their adornment except only that which is apparent (like palms of hands or one eye or both eyes for necessity to see the way, or outer dress like veil, gloves, head-cover, apron, etc.), and to draw their veils all over Juyubihinna (i.e. their bodies, faces, necks and bosoms, etc.) and not to reveal their adornment except to their husbands, their fathers, their husband's fathers, their sons, their husband's sons, their brothers or their brother's sons, or their sister's sons, or their right hands possess, or old male servants who lack vigour, or small children who have no sense of the shame of sex. And let them not stamp their feet so as to reveal what they hide of their adornment. And all of you beg Allah to forgive you all, " (Hilali-Khan)

These restrictions on women have grown through the centuries for women to be kept in seclusion, or accompanied by a male guardian going out of the house. There is a little concession to women past child-bearing who have no hope of marriage. "It is no sin for them if they discard their (outer) clothing in such a way as not to show adornment." (24.60)

25.68, "And those who invoke not any other ilah (god) along with Allah, nor kill such life as Allah has forbidden, except for just cause, nor commit illegal sexual intercourse and whoever does this shall receive the punishment." (<u>Hilali-Khan</u>)

These words sound good on the surface. Muslims raped the women whose husbands were killed before their eyes, and Mohammed even married one on the spot. But of course, Mohammed said it was alright at the time. People had an unfounded trust in what Mohammed claimed.

27.18, "Till, when they reached the Valley of the Ants, an ant exclaimed: O ants! Enter your dwellings lest Solomon and his armies crush you, unperceiving.

This story was probably drawn from a Jewish tale telling the same kind of story. See here for more info. (<u>http://answering-islam.org/Responses/Menj/ants.htm</u>) If this has been around for centuries how can one conclude that it is a revelation from Allah?

28.6. "And to establish them in the earth, and to show Pharaoh and Haman and their hosts that which they feared from them." 28.008, "And the family of Pharaoh took him up, that he might become for them an enemy and a sorrow, Lo! Pharaoh and Haman and their hosts were ever sinning."

The Pharaoh lived centuries earlier than Haman. This is another issue of confusion on Mohammed's part. Both the Pharaoh and Haman sought to kill the Jews. See here, <u>http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/katz/haman/app_quran.html</u>

28.15, "Once he entered the city unexpectedly, without being recognized by the people. He found two men fighting; one was (a Hebrew) from his people, and the other was (an Egyptian) from his enemies. The one from his people called on him for help against his enemy. Moses punched him, killing him. He said, "This is the work of the devil; he is a real enemy, and a profound misleader."

The Bible account is different. "Exo 2:11 After Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were hard at work, and he saw an Egyptian beating one of them. Moses looked around to see if anyone was watching, then he killed the Egyptian and hid his body in the sand. When Moses went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting. So he went to the man who had started the fight and asked, "Why are you beating up one of your own people?" The man answered, "Who put you in charge of us and made you our judge? Are you planning to kill me, just as you killed that Egyptian?" This frightened Moses because he was sure that people must have found out what had happened." There was no call for help given to Moses. Moreover, there was no one coming from the city to warn Moses that he should escape as written in Qur'an 28.20.

29.46, "And argue not with the People of the Scripture unless it be in (a way) that is better, save with such of them as do wrong; and say: We believe in that which hath been revealed unto us and revealed unto you; our God and your God is One, and unto Him we surrender."

Do Muslims really believe in what has been "revealed unto you" that is, to Christians and Jews? Is Yahweh the same being as Allah? The claim is made here, but can it hold up in consistency? Allah has commanded many things that Yahweh did not command. In other words, there are contradictions between the commands of the Bible and the commands of the Qur'an. Jihad is not in the Bible, but it is repeatedly commanded in the Qur'an. There are over 150 commands for jihad in the Qur'an. (http://www.answering-

islam.org/Quran/Themes/jihad_passages.html)

This is just one issue in the matter of consistency. There are many more.

29.68, "Who is more evil than one who fabricates lies and attributes them to GOD, or rejects the truth when it comes to him? Is Hell not a just retribution for the disbelievers?" (Khalifa)

This is intended by Mohammed to slam the people who rejected his claims. As one reads the Qur'an with its fables from the past, its errors, its denial of the history of the crucifixion and the resurrection, one must raise the question about who has fabricated lies and attributes them to God. It is hard to escape the conclusion that it was Mohammed.

30.40, "Allah is He Who created you and then sustained you, then causeth you to die, then giveth life to you again. Is there any of your (so-called) partners (of Allah) that doeth aught of that? Praised and Exalted be He above what they associate (with Him)!"

Pickthall uses the word "partners" but Khalifa uses the word "idols." Ascribing partners to Allah is forbidden in the Qur'an. This includes the idea of the Trinity. But if we refer to the idea of who created you and sustained you we have an important answer in the New Testament.

In the beginning was the one who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created received its life from him, and his life gave light to everyone. The light keeps shining in the dark, and darkness has never put it out." (John 1:1-5)

30.43, "Therefore, you shall devote yourself completely to this perfect religion, before a day comes which is made inevitable by GOD. On that day, they will be shocked."

Most all religions have claimed to be right. How do you deal with the issue? How can you know the God of Creation? He is not visible if he exists. The only way we can know if for him to reveal Himself. Has he done this? How can we sort out the claims between Islam and Christianity? Jesus, the Son of God, affirmed his identity by doing miracles of healing, raising the dead, curing the lepers, and many other miracles. The final event was the crucifixion of Jesus by jealous people and his resurrection three days later. All of this was prophesied by Isaiah, Jeremiah, and other prophets.

What did Mohammed do? He claimed to be only a warner, warning people of the coming judgment. The real character of Mohammed comes out in his claim of jihad to conquer the world and make people submit to his god, Allah. He did no miracles and is responsible for setting in motion a movement that has killed over 270 million people through the centuries since his time. (http://www.politicalislam.com/tears/pages/tears-of-jihad/) For more on the issue of the true religion, go here http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/roark/true_religion.html)

33.6, "The Prophet is closer to the believers than their selves, and his wives are (as) their mothers. And the owners of kinship are closer one to another in the ordinance of Allah than (other) believers and the fugitives (who fled from Mecca), except that ye should do kindness to your friends. This is written in the Book (of nature)."

There could be a claim of Mohammed linking himself to Allah in the matter of being close to the believers. I am not sure what he is claiming, but the following description is a joke. His wives are as their mothers. Oddly enough Mohammed kept his wives from seeing many people and they could hardly act in a motherly fashion.

33.21, "Verily in the messenger of Allah ye have a good example for him who looketh unto Allah and the Last Day, and remembereth Allah much."

This verse has brought untold suffering to people, mostly females. It is unfortunate that Muslims view Mohammed as the perfect man and whatever wrong, evil thing he did, they conclude it was right, not evil. The example of his young wife, Aishe, who was 9 years old when he had sex with her, has been followed thru the centuries and untold numbers of children have been raped (married) when they were too young to know what was happening. Women have been secluded, forced to wear the black tent, raped, and honor killed for the slightest provocation. Even Mohammed's wives were silenced in their discontent by the threat of divorce.(33.28) Wives were to stay in their houses. (33.33) Mohammed also claimed authority for making decisions about men and women and their marital status." (33.36)

Mohammed had an adopted son by the name of Zeyd who had a beautiful wife. One day when Mohammed visited him, Zeyd was not home, but he saw his wife in less than proper dressing, and exclaimed to Allah about her beauty. This brought about Zeyd's willingness to divorce her so Mohammed could marry her. To anticipate and abort a scandal Mohammed claimed this revelation: 33.37, "Recall that you said to the one who was blessed by GOD, and blessed by you, "Keep your wife and reverence GOD," and you hid inside yourself what GOD wished to proclaim. Thus, you feared the people, when you were supposed to fear only GOD. When Zeyd was completely through with his wife, we had you marry her, in order to establish the precedent that a man may marry the divorced wife of his adopted son. GOD's commands shall be done."

Actually, Zeyd was not "through" with his wife. He recognized the power of Mohammed and the comments of his wife and gave her up.

33.40, "Muhammad is not the father of any man among you, but he is the messenger of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets; and Allah is ever Aware of all things."

This claim is quite self-serving. It is also misunderstood by his followers. There are stories of his followers getting a peek at his back and claimed to see the "Seal" of the Prophet. There is no such thing as a "seal" of any prophet in the Bible. The integrity of the prophet was whether he spoke the Word of Yahweh. There were false prophets who told kings and people lies and they were condemned by Yahweh.

33.45, "O Prophet! Lo! We have sent thee as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner."

The question can be asked, what good tidings did Mohammed bring? What good tidings did he bring for women? Young girls?

33.50, "O Prophet! Lo! We have made lawful unto thee thy wives unto whom thou hast paid their dowries, and those whom thy right hand possesseth of those whom Allah hath given thee as spoils of war, and the daughters of thine uncle on the father's side and the daughters of thine aunts on the father's side, and the daughters of thine uncle on the mother's side and the daughters of thine aunts on the mother's side who emigrated with thee, and a believing woman if she give herself unto the Prophet and the Prophet desire to ask her in marriage - a privilege for thee only, not for the (rest of) believers - We are Aware of that which We enjoined upon them concerning their wives and those whom their right hands possess - that thou mayst be free from blame, for Allah is ever Forgiving, Merciful."

Polygamy is justified by Allah. Mohammed had many wives, divorcing some and adding others. Besides the wives he had captured women who were slaves—those whom thy right hand possesses by spoils of war, and of course any woman who wanted to give herself to the Prophet.

33.53, "O Ye who believe! Enter not the dwellings of the Prophet for a meal without waiting for the proper time, unless permission be granted you. But if ye are invited, enter, and, when your meal is ended, then disperse. Linger not for conversation. Lo! that would cause annoyance to the Prophet, and he would be shy of (asking) you (to go); but Allah is not shy of the truth. And when ye ask of them (the wives of the Prophet) anything, ask it of them from behind a curtain. That is purer for your hearts and for their hearts. And it is not for you to cause annoyance to the messenger of Allah, nor that ye should ever marry his wives after him. Lo! that in Allah's sight would be an enormity."

The prophet is shy but Allah is not shy about what Mohammed wanted. The "mothers of believers" are kept by curtains so that their hearts will be pure as well as the person talking with them. Seclusion of wives is practiced here and later. Since Mohammed saw Zeyd's wife without much clothes on and his own heart lusting for her, he knew what might be in the minds of people who saw his own wives. The line about not marrying his wives after him was probably to keep the private part of his life secret and it died with the wives' death.

33.69, "O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks (veils) all over their bodies (i.e.screen themselves completely except the eyes or one eye to see the way). That will be better, that they should be known (as free respectable women) so as not to be annoyed. And Allah is Ever OftForgiving, Most Merciful. (Hilali-Khan)

This translation is more detailed than Pickthall. One wonders what Arab men were like in Mohammed's time. The need for a woman to cover up so much gives a commentary on both Mohammed and the Arab men.

34.12, "And unto Solomon (We gave) the wind, whereof the morning course was a month's journey and the evening course a month's journey, and We caused the fount of copper to gush forth for him, and (We gave him) certain of the jinn who worked before him by permission of his Lord. And such of them as deviated from Our command, them

We caused to taste the punishment of flaming Fire." 34.13, "They made for him what he willed: synagogues and statues, basins like wells and boilers built into the ground. Give thanks, O House of David! Few of My bondmen are thankful."

There are a number of passages in the Qur'an about Solomon and the jinn, (devils). (21:81-82, S. 27:38-40 38.36) The connection that the Qur'an makes between Solomon and the Jinn is nothing short of slander. The story of Solomon in the book of Kings ,1 Kings 3-8, describes real people, not imaginary devils work for Solomon. This is just another example of Mohammed's ignorance of the true history of the Old Testament. There is a problem of translation concerning synagogues built by the jinn. There were no synagogues until the diaspora long past the time of Solomon.

The story becomes more fantastic. Ibn Kathir wrote about Solomon, Having mentioned the blessings with which He favored Dawud, Allah follows this by mentioning what He gave to Dawud's son Sulayman (Solomon), may peace be upon them both. He subjugated the wind to him, so that it could carry HIS CARPET one way for a month, then back again the next month. Al-Hasan al-Basri said, "He set out from Damascus in the morning, landed in Istakhar where he ate a meal, then flew on from Istakhar and spent the night in Kabil." Between Damascus and Istakhar is an entire month's travel for a swift rider, and between Istakhar and Kabul is an entire month's travel for a swift rider. (*Tafsir Ibn Kathir (Abridged) (Surat Al-Ahzab, Verse 51 to the end of Surat Ad-Dukhan)*, Shaykh Safiur Rahman Al-Mubarakpuri [Darussalam Publishers & Distributors, Riyadh, Houston, New York, London, Lahore; First Edition: September 2000], Volume 8, p. 70; capital emphasis ours)"

(http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Sources/Legends/flying_carpet.htm)

34.50, "Say: If I err, I err only to my own loss, and if I am rightly guided it is because of that which my Lord hath revealed unto me. Lo! He is Hearer, Nigh."

Mohammed's error is not merely his own loss. There are millions upon millions through the centuries that have been led astray.

35.1, "Praise be to Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, Who appointeth the angels messengers having wings two, three and four. He multiplieth in creation what He will. Lo! Allah is Able to do all things."

Imagine a 3 winged angel. Some Muslim sources speak of Gabriel having 600 wings. Can you believe it?

36.38, "And the sun runneth on unto a resting-place for him. That is the measuring of the Mighty, the Wise." (Pickthall) The sun sets into a specific location, according to the design of the Almighty, the Omniscient. (Khalifa) 36.40, "It is not for the sun to overtake the moon, nor doth the night outstrip the day. They float each in an orbit." 21.33, "And He it is Who created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. They float, each in an orbit."

Check out the following sites for issues related to the sun and moon.

http://answering-islam.org/Responses/Shabir-Ally/science11.htm http://answering-islam.org/Responses/Shabir-Ally/science11_tabari.htm

38.42, ""Strike the ground with your foot. A spring will give you healing and a drink."

This was a statement made to Job. There is no statement like this in Job. Moreover, it implies healing for Job and that did not come until Yahweh encountered Job and restored his future.

39.33, "And who doth greater wrong than he who telleth a lie against Allah, and denieth the truth when it reacheth him? Will not the home of disbelievers be in hell?"

This is meant to the opponents of Mohammed, but it cuts both ways. Has Mohammed told lies against Yahweh and denied the truth?

42.3, "Thus Allah the Mighty, the Knower inspireth thee (Muhammad) as (He inspired) those before thee." Inspiring you, and those before you, is GOD, the Almighty, Most Wise. (Khalifa)

There is a huge problem with this claim. When Christians speak of the Scripture being inspired it refers to those books of the book which are a credible, reliable account of history. Revelation refers to those things that man could not know except Yahweh revealing them to some human. The fact that Jesus was the Son of God could not be known by humans. It is known only by revelation. Paul says in Colossians, "For ages and ages this message was kept secret from everyone, but now it has been explained to God's people. God did this because he wanted you Gentiles to understand his wonderful and glorious mystery. And the mystery is that Christ lives in you, and he is your hope of sharing in God's glory. We announce the message about Christ, and we use all our wisdom to warn and teach everyone, so that all of Christ's followers will grow and become mature. (1:26-28)

The Qur'an does not give a creditable historical account of many things. Moreover, there are so many fables in the Qur'an that it is laughable to call them "inspired."

42.13, "He hath ordained for you that religion which He commended unto Noah, and that which We inspire in thee (Muhammad), and that which We commended unto Abraham and Moses and Jesus, saying: Establish the religion, and be not divided therein. Dreadful for the idolaters is that unto which thou callest them. Allah chooseth for Himself whom He will, and guideth unto Himself him who turneth (toward Him)."

There are some similarities between Noah, Abraham, and Moses. The religion that Mohammed espoused falls way short of them. The inclusion of Jesus in this group reflects Mohammed rejection of the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God, the historic event of the crucifixion, and the awesome resurrection foretold by Jesus, prophesied by the prophets. Only by abandoning rationality can one agree with this verse in the Qur'an.

42.15, "This is what you shall preach, and steadfastly maintain what you are commanded to do, and do not follow their wishes. And proclaim: "I believe in all the scriptures sent down by GOD. I was commanded to judge among you equitably. GOD is

our Lord and your Lord. We have our deeds and you have your deeds. There is no argument between us and you. GOD will gather us all together; to Him is the ultimate destiny." (Khalifa)

It is impossible for Mohammed to convince a reader that he believes in all the Scriptures sent down by God. Because he rejects the New Testament particularly it is difficult to see how one can say we have the same God and Lord.

42.52, "And thus have We inspired in thee (Muhammad) a Spirit of Our command. Thou knewest not what the Scripture was, nor what the Faith. But We have made it a light whereby We guide whom We will of Our bondmen. And lo! thou verily dost guide unto a right path,"

If he knows the Bible, and the Qur'an, it seems obvious that this verse is true regarding Mohammed's ignorance of the Scriptures before him. The Qur'an does not give a reliable knowledge of Yahweh.

43.63, "When Jesus came with clear proofs (of Allah's Sovereignty), he said: I have come unto you with wisdom, and to make plain some of that concerning which ye differ. So keep your duty to Allah, and obey me."

Jesus began preaching "repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." That is different than being a "wise man." But there is more. Jesus asked his disciples, "Don't you believe that I am one with the Father and that the Father is one with me? What I say isn't said on my own. The Father who lives in me does these things. Have faith in me when I say that the Father is one with me and that I am one with the Father. Or else have faith in me simply because of the things I do. (John 14.10-11) Moreover, Muslims do not obey Jesus as the verse commands. If you obey Jesus you cannot obey the words of the Qur'an.

43.81, "Say (O Muhammad): If the Beneficent One hath a son, then, I shall be first among the worshippers. (But there is no son)."

The verse, 42.52, (above) is still true as reflected in this verse. Yes, there is the Son of God in the New Testament and Mohammed was ignorant of it. The Qur'an declares that Mohammed knew not what the Scripture was.

46.9, "Say: I am no new thing among the messengers (of Allah), nor know I what will be done with me or with you. I do but follow that which is inspired in me, and I am but a plain warner."

How can one believe this? Mohammed is a new thing. No prophet before him commanded jihad against the whole world. No prophet raided caravans to gain wealth. No prophet engaged in massive polygamy. In fact some were told not to marry because of the coming judgment on Israel. Prophets before the Christian era called the people back to the Law. Mohammed did not.

46.29, "Recall that we directed a number of jinns to you, in order to let them hear the Quran. When they got there, they said, "Listen." As soon as it was over, they rushed to their people, warning."

Mohammed taught the jinn—the devils?? It is interesting that they wanted to hear the Qur'an, is it not? So the jinn rushed to their people. How does Mohammed know this? Mohammed has an association with jinn—the devils—in a way that no prophet before him had. Moreover, Jesus had some harsh words for those who rejected him: "Your father is the devil, and you do exactly what he wants. He has always been a murderer and a liar. There is nothing truthful about him. He speaks on his own, and everything he says is a lie. Not only is he a liar himself, but he is also the father of all lies" (John 8.44)

The story of the jinn continues:

46.30, "They said, "O our people, we have heard a book that was revealed after Moses, and confirms the previous scriptures. It guides to the truth; to the right path."

The next verse is a call for the jinn to believe in Allah and they would be forgiven their sins. There is no forgiveness for devils. The Apostle James notes, "You surely believe there is only one God. That's fine. Even demons believe this, and it makes them shake with fear. "(James 2:19) There is no repentance among devils or jinn. Hell is prepared for the devil and his followers.

47.4, "Now when ye meet in battle those who disbelieve, then it is smiting of the necks until, when ye have routed them, then making fast of bonds; and afterward either grace or ransom till the war lay down its burdens. That (is the ordinance). And if Allah willed He could have punished them (without you) but (thus it is ordained) that He may try some of you by means of others. And those who are slain in the way of Allah, He rendereth not their actions vain."

Why must Muslims make war on non-believers? Communists set out to rule the world and took away the freedom of people. Islam is the new communism. There are no commands in the Bible to make war on non-believers around the world.

47.20, "And those who believe say: If only a surah were revealed! But when a decisive surah is revealed and war is mentioned therein, thou seest those in whose hearts is a disease looking at thee with the look of men fainting unto death. Therefor woe unto them!"

Peace loving people won't want war. Mohammed wanted war because it funded his parasitic existence. People want a surah declaring for peace rather than war, and it is not a disease of the heart to want peace.

48.10, "Lo! those who swear allegiance unto thee (Muhammad), swear allegiance only unto Allah. The Hand of Allah is above their hands. So whosoever breaketh his oath,

breaketh it only to his soul's hurt; while whosoever keepeth his covenant with Allah, on him will He bestow immense reward."

Are Mohammed and Allah are the same? One wonders if Allah is really the mind of Mohammed, so breaking with Mohammed is a break with Allah. Allah really does not fight the battles himself, but Mohammed does through his surrogates.

48.20, "Allah promiseth you much booty that ye will capture, and hath given you this in advance, and hath withheld men's hands from you, that it may be a token for the believers, and that He may guide you on a right path."

The inspiration of Mohammed is still alive. Islam seems to be a lazy parasitic view in which war brings the wealth of other nations home to the Muslims. The modern version is recorded here: (http://sheikyermami.com/2011/06/12/abu-ishak-al-huveini-jihad-a-most-profitable-undertaking-which-pleases-allah/)

49.2, "O ye who believe! Lift not up your voices above the voice of the Prophet, nor shout when speaking to him as ye shout one to another, lest your works be rendered vain while ye perceive not.

Vanity? When one reads the self-exalting suras in which Mohammed and Allah are united as above, and when he declared that he is to receive one fifth of the booty, it is difficult to not conclude for vanity. I am more important than you.

51.57, "I created the jinn and humankind only that they might worship Me."

The jinn in the Qur'an seem like good ole boys who are very much interested in Allah and the Qur'an. But the story about the devils is quite different in the New Testament. "Be on your guard and stay awake. Your enemy, the devil, is like a roaring lion, sneaking around to find someone to attack. (1 Peter 5:8) Also, "Anyone who keeps on sinning belongs to the devil. He has sinned from the beginning, but the Son of God came to destroy all that he has done." (1 John 3:8)

52.24, And there will go round boy-servants of theirs, to serve them as if they were preserved pearls." <u>Hilali-Khan</u> 56.018, There wait on them immortal youths (Pickthall)

It is thought by many that these verses relate to homosexuality in paradise. Allah has something for everyone. Many Muslims deny this. (http://sbcvoices.com/what-does-the-koran-teach-about-homosexuality-in-paradise/)

53.19-21, "Have ye thought upon Al-Lat and Al-'Uzza, And Manat, the third, the other? Are yours the males and His the females?"

These are part of the famous Satanic verses. Mohammed was concerned for his lack of acceptance in Mecca and met with some men from Mecca in the attempt to improve relations. He uttered these words and later came to reject them claiming that Gabriel told him that they

were wrong. Muslims struggle with these words since they come from the Devil. How is it that Mohammed was deceived? If he was deceived by this what about other things he said? The article below deals with the issue in more detail. (http://www.answering-

islam.org/Responses/Saifullah/sverses.htm)

54.1, "The hour drew nigh and the moon was rent in twain." "The Hour has drawn near, and the moon has been cleft asunder (the people of Makkah requested Prophet Muhammad SAW to show them a miracle, so he showed them the splitting of the moon)." <u>Hilali-Khan</u>

"Regarding the splitting of the moon 2 (شق القدر), commentators and traditions differ. According to some, the passage means that one of the signs of the approach of the "Hour"—that is, the Da y of Judgment—will be the splitting of the moon. Perhaps so, but we must wait till then to know whether this is a true prophecy or not. This seems to be the clear meaning of the verse, and so 'Abbasi understands that the splitting in two of the moon and the appearance of Dajjal will be signs that the Resurrection is at hand. If so, you can hardly assert that the Qur'an here attributes a miracle to Muhammad. If the moon had thus been split, doubtless some record of it would have been kept by astronomers, and the moon would still bear marks of it. But such is not the case. Again, had the moon been split, that would have been no proof of Muhammad's being an apostle. For (1) it would not be evident that *he* had done the deed (which even the Qur'an does not ascribe to him); and (2) injuring part of God's creation would not *of itself* suffice to prove a Divine commission. How different would such a deed have been from the miracles of mercy wrought by Christ and testified to in the Qur'an itself: raising the dead, opening the eyes of the blind, healing the lepers, &c. (Surahs V., Al Maidah, 110; III., Al 'Imran, 43)." (http://www.answering-islam.org/Books/Tisdall/Objections/p138.htm)

58.3, "Those who put away their wives (by saying they are as their mothers) and afterward would go back on that which they have said, (the penalty) in that case (is) the freeing of a slave before they touch one another. Unto this ye are exhorted; and Allah is Informed of what ye do." 58.4, And he who findeth not (the wherewithal), let him fast for two successive months before they touch one another; and for him who is unable to do so (the penance is) the feeding of sixty needy ones. This, that ye may put trust in Allah and His messenger. Such are the limits (imposed by Allah); and for disbelievers is a painful doom."

This method of divorce was rejected by Mohammed. Divorce is easy in Islam by pronouncing the words "I divorce you" three times. Recently in Saudi Arabia in a mall a man saw his wife and kids receive a note from a stranger and he used the PA system to announce to the whole mall, concerning his wife, "I divorce you, I divorce you, I divorce you." He then left the mall leaving his wife and kids. The two verses above seem picky when divorce is so easy for no reason at all.

60,1, "O ye who believe! Choose not My enemy and your enemy for allies. Do ye give them friendship when they disbelieve in that truth which hath come unto you, driving out the messenger and you because ye believe in Allah, your Lord? If ye have come forth to

strive in My way and seeking My good pleasure, (show them not friendship). Do ye show friendship unto them in secret, when I am Best Aware of what ye hide and what ye proclaim? And whosoever doeth it among you, he verily hath strayed from the right way."

Here is one of the reasons of distrust between Muslims and non-Muslims. Muslims are told not to trust non-Muslims.

60.10, "O you who believe, when believing women (abandon the enemy and) ask for asylum with you, you shall test them. GOD is fully aware of their belief. Once you establish that they are believers, you shall not return them to the disbelievers."

Did not Mohammed break his agreement? It was agreed between Mohammed and the Meccans that people who came to them would be sent back. There was a woman who fled to Medina and Mohammed examined her faith and since she became a Muslim he would not send her back according to the agreements.

61.6, "And when Jesus son of Mary said: O Children of Israel! Lo! I am the messenger of Allah unto you, confirming that which was (revealed) before me in the Torah, and bringing good tidings of a messenger who cometh after me, whose name is the Praised One. Yet when he hath come unto them with clear proofs, they say: This is mere magic." Khalifa called the Praised One Ahmad.

What did Jesus say about anyone coming after him? Could it be Mohammed? The answer is found in the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

"But now I am going back to the Father who sent me, and none of you asks me where I am going. You are very sad from hearing all of this. But I tell you that I am going to do what is best for you. That is why I am going away. The Holy Spirit cannot come to help you until I leave. But after I am gone, I will send the Spirit to you.

The Spirit will come and show the people of this world the truth about sin and God's justice and the judgment. The Spirit will show them that they are wrong about sin, because they didn't have faith in me. They are wrong about God's justice, because I am going to the Father, and you won't see me again. And they are wrong about the judgment, because God has already judged the ruler of this world. I have much more to say to you, but right now it would be more than you could understand. The Spirit shows what is true and will come and guide you into the full truth. The Spirit doesn't speak on his own. He will tell you only what he has heard from me, and he will let you know what is going to happen. The Spirit will bring glory to me by taking my message and telling it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine. That is why I have said that the Spirit takes my message and tells it to you. (John 16:6-15)

This promise of the Spirit to the disciples would be meaningless to them if it referred to Mohammed. The Spirit came on the church at Pentecost (Acts 2). People are wrong because they did not have faith in Jesus. The Spirit tells what He has heard from Jesus. The Spirit will bring glory to Jesus. None of this has meaning if it had to wait 600 years for Mohammed. 61.9, "He it is Who hath sent His messenger with the guidance and the religion of truth, that He may make it conqueror of all religion however much idolaters may be averse."

The world needs to wake up to the intention of conquering all of religion until it is Islam. The greatest threat to the world is Islam.

66.10, "Allah citeth an example for those who disbelieve: the wife of Noah and the wife of Lot, who were under two of Our righteous slaves yet betrayed them so that they (the husbands) availed them naught against Allah and it was said (unto them): Enter the Fire along with those who enter."

This is simply erroneous. Nothing is said about Noah's wife as being disobedient or unfaithful. The only accurate records are in the Bible.

66.11, "And Allah citeth an example for those who believe: the wife of Pharaoh when she said: My Lord! Build for me a home with thee in the Garden, and deliver me from Pharaoh and his work, and deliver me from evil-doing folk;"

No way! If Mohammed did not swipe some fable or story, he invented things that had no historical value at all. There is nothing in the Bible about Pharoah's wife saying this.

67.5, "And verily We have beautified the world's heaven with lamps, and We have made them missiles for the devils, and for them We have prepared the doom of flame." "And indeed We have adorned the nearest heaven with lamps, and We have made such lamps (as) missiles to drive away the Shayatin (devils), and have prepared for them the torment of the blazing Fire. <u>Hilali-Khan</u>)

"Shooting stars are made for a special purpose. They are lamps that are thrown as fiery missiles at genies (jinn) who try to fly up toward the sky in order to spy on the activities of heaven (37:6-10, 15:17-18, 67:5, 26:210-212)." (<u>http://www.answering-</u> islam.org/Authors/Fisher/Topical/ch07.htm)

One must ask the question about the nature of the jinn. Would the lamps as missiles drive away a non-physical being. The devils in the New Testament were able to invade the body of a human and use it for their purposes. Only the power of Yahweh was able to cast them out. The concept of Jinn in Islam seems to give them closer access to heaven and they can even repent and gain paradise.

67.19, "Have they not seen the birds above them lined up in columns and spreading their wings? The Most Gracious is the One who holds them in the air. He is Seer of all things." (Khalifa)

This claim about the birds being held up in the air by Allah led to a view of science that Allah creates each moment anew. There are no laws that physics can talk about in Islam. The laws of

aerodynamics were not understood in those times. The bird is in the air because it is held there by Allah. Think for a moment how this would apply now. There are over 10,000 planes in the air at one time. Is Allah holding them up? What can we say when one crashes? Allah dropped it? Yahweh has made laws by which the universe operates and we have searched out many of them in the West, but Islam has had an anti-scientific bent for centuries. You can guess why there have been few advances in science since the 1400's in Islam.

70.4, "(Whereby) the angels and the Spirit ascend unto Him in a Day whereof the span is fifty thousand years" "The angels, with their reports, climb to Him in a day that equals fifty thousand years." (Khalifa) 22:47, "And they will bid thee hasten on the Doom, and Allah faileth not His promise, but lo! a Day with Allah is as a thousand years of what ye reckon." 32.5, All matters are controlled by Him from the heaven to the earth. To Him, the day is equivalent to one thousand of your years. (Khalifa)

Exactly how long is a day with Allah? 1000 years or 50,000?

72.8, "And (the Jinn who had listened to the Qur'an said): We had sought the heaven but had found it filled with strong warders and meteors." 72.14, "And there are among us some who have surrendered (to Allah) and there are among us some who are unjust. And whoso hath surrendered to Allah, such have taken the right path purposefully."

The New Testament does not give any basis for the repenting of devils. Devils know about God but are in rebellion against Him. There is no record of devils surrendering to Yahweh or to Jesus when he was here on earthy. They were cast out of people but they are waiting for judgment.

78.33, "And voluptuous women of equal age;" "And young full-breasted (mature) maidens of equal age;"(<u>Hilali-Khan</u>)

What a motivation for a sex crazy young man to know that paradise is filled with 72 virgin, voluptuous women of his age. What a sad experience it will be for jihadist to learn that there are not 72 virgins. Sexuality is important only for this world. Jesus said, "When God raises people to life, they won't marry. They will be like the angels in heaven." (Matthew 22:30)

85.10, "Lo! they who persecute believing men and believing women and repent not, theirs verily will be the doom of hell, and theirs the doom of burning."

Mohammed said this regarding his followers who were being persecuted. Think of this in another context, that of Christians, Jews, being persecuted, killed, beheaded, martyred. Muslims have been killing all kinds of people since the days of Mohammed. If we are to think of the justice of Yahweh and his concern for His people, this applies more to Muslims than anyone else.

86.6-7, "He is created from a gushing fluid," "That issued from between the loins and ribs."

Mohammed did not know much about physiology. That is obvious except for the fact that he

claimed the Qur'an is a revelation from Allah. Then Allah did not know much about sexuality. We can excuse ignorance except when the claim of revelation is supposed to make it true.

87.19, "The Books of Abraham and Moses"

Moses wrote the first five books, the Torah, of the Old Testament. Abraham did not write anything in Scripture.

90.14-16, And to feed in the day of hunger. An orphan near of kin, Or some poor wretch in misery,"

What about an orphan that is not kin? Presently in Morocco, orphanages run by people from the West for the orphans of Morocco have been displaced by Muslims breaking up units that helped the orphans get an education and a life.

91.8, "And inspired it (with conscience of) what is wrong for it and (what is) right for it." "Then showed it what is evil and what is good" (Khalifa)

Other translators do not use the word conscience. The activity of the conscience is missing in much of Islam. Submission to the Qur'an and the hadiths is more important than questioning issues based on the conscience. Should a father kill his daughter because she likes western dress, or talks to a boy on her cell phone? It has been done by many fathers without bothering their conscience.

96.5, "Teacheth man that which he knew not."

This is said of Allah in creation. But the Qur'an does not tell us anything that we did not know except for the issue of jihad which was instigated by Mohammed and Allah.

101.6-7, "Then, as for him whose scales are heavy (with good works), He will live a pleasant life."

The emphasis on good works and the measuring of them seems borrowed from Zoroasterianism. Check this (<u>http://answering-islam.org/Gilchrist/Vol1/7c.html</u>, and <u>http://answering-islam.org/Nehls/Ask/sources.html</u>)

109.4-6, "And I shall not worship that which ye worship. Nor will ye worship that which I worship. Unto you your religion, and unto me my religion"

If only this were true there would be less conflict within Islam and between Islam and other peoples. This is abrogated by the command for jihad against the unbelievers. This statement is in the Qur'an but is no longer true.

Conclusions:

There is a lot of repetition in the Qur'an. The story of creation is told many times. Abraham's

erroneous story is also told many times. The story about the devil, Iblis, is repeated many times. Many references are made to Thamud and Hud. Moses and Abraham are repeated over and over again. Someone has judged that a third of the Qur'an is repetitious. Many of these repetitions involve non-historical stuff that was drawn from non-Biblical sources as in Jewish traditions, or Christian traditions having no historical value.

If much of the Qur'an is based on non-revealed stories, what does this do for the Muslim reader? Will the Muslim insist that it is true in spite of the fact it is false. Will the Muslim claim that Mohammed is the model man when he clearly was involved in banditry, killing of the husbands of beautiful women, taking the wife of another man because he saw here half-dressed, approving of the slaughter of many Jews in Medina, and other deeds?

The bottom line is that the Muslim is afraid of being cast into Hell. The doctrine of predestination in which Allah decides is all in spite of good works leaves one more afraid of hell than ever.

There is a good news for the Muslim in spite of all this. That good news is found in the person of Jesus, the eternal Son of God. Jesus said, "A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest." (John 10.10)

"God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! No one who has faith in God's Son will be condemned. But everyone who doesn't have faith in him has already been condemned for not having faith in God's only Son. (John 3:16-18)

You can escape condemnation. You can have eternal life now. How do you do this? You bow your heart before God and confess your sins. Then you ask Jesus, the Son of God, to come into your life and save you. He will do it!!

