

PARABLE OF HIS LIGHT Excerpts

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Preface / Prologue

Nowadays, I read that this translation of Abdullah Yusof is criticized, because the author sought to use King James English, in phrasing his English translation of his Quran translation. Using King James English seems a quaint and questionable thing to do, but I believe I know what the author was thinking of. He was wondering if Christians could see the text of the Islamic scripture, which was phrased in ‘an English’ that they associated with the scripture of Christianity, they may, well, ‘read on...’. What was Abdullah thinking of? Christians did not look at the Quran in the 1930’s. They do not today.

He stuck with the King James English, right to that ending. He believed he was doing the right thing, in trying to come up with a manner of communication that would obtain some resonance with his world, in the face of orthodoxy, that would chastise (and would eventually issue new versions of his translation, with his choice of the word ‘God’ *being changed* to the word ‘Allah’).

Now long gone, along with a late British Empire environment, that was home to his particular life and times of our mutual civilization, I have always thought of Abdullah Yusof as a ‘tryer’, and a fellow traveler...

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...When you read the Quran, you are told that, in fact, ‘many were the Forms in which the Message was delivered, according to the *Needs* of the times and the *Understanding* of the people’ (C 8).

That seems to be pointing to an overall planning, and the Quran constantly reminds us of Unity of the Message of God, and the need for understanding of the different religions, while the Quran refers to the Prophets of Judaism and to Jesus continually, while also mentioning Zarathustra and Buddha.

The other group of Spiritual traditions, the ones in the West, the traditions of the Prophet line of Enoch-Moses-Isaiah-Jesus-Muhammad, on the other hand, seems to have arrived at a confluence of 4000 years of scriptural instruction for its followers --- since Abraham said goodbye to Ur, and trekked west with his vast sheep herd--- in a fiery temperament of discord.

And that temperament seems, now, willing to threaten everyone, West and East, in our mutual civilization. You could not imagine Krishna and Buddha and followers or Confucius and Laozi and followers, coming to such a point, with each other today...

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...Muhammad landed in the midst of a people, who were just about to create one of those empires, for themselves, an empire which would have its effect on the other powerful nation-state empires that were soon forming in Medieval Europe, to foster their Empire-Europe-extended hegemony of sorts, from that Medieval marker, right until the 2000's century.

Empire Islam, for its part, would grow, first in military victories, then eventually in fossil fuel raw-material victories, to hold its own with that 'Empire-Europe-extended'. And Empire Islam would include the descendants of the early followers, who had looked to receive respect, for their new Prophet, from Christianity and Judaism, while 'Empire-Europe-extended' would be the descendants of the people who found that act of respect, from the time of Muhammad's 600's CE, onward... unimportant...

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...It is of note to this observation, that *one state* in the United States, witnesses today in the 2000's century, Buddhist prayers before a football game, and has itself an 'Islamic Day'. This is Hawaii . It is the most Asian U.S. state. In a century where much that is new, will evolve, this time, from Asia, is the Asian U.S. state, a harbinger of special new respect for all Spiritual traditions, brought from the U.S.... or is it an anomaly?

The answer to that question could prove important, as we see a situation too much like the world set-up, leading to the events of 1914, possibly maturing again, in a new, but suspiciously similar way, in the early 2000's. Within the general hope, for new respect for all Spiritual traditions, the 2000's time of our mutual civilization, would definitely benefit from a new heart-felt balance, in everyone's appreciation of the faith, not just of the children of Sarah, but also of the children of Hajar.

1.Children of Hajar

...Hagar (Hajar in Arabic) is thought in some Jewish and Arabic commentary, to be of royal blood, the daughter of a king of North Africa, previously conquered by Egypt. Hajar would then have ended up as a special sort of slave in the Pharaoh's court, a slave of royal birth, to be given to Abraham, as a favor from the Pharaoh, as Abraham came to Egypt, himself, as a wealthy and certainly royal, exile, from Sumeria.

Hajar, the second wife who first enables birth of a son to Abraham, and who is possibly from her own background of wealth, evidently slipped into a pattern of distain, for Sarah, as the barren first wife, before Sarah gives birth to Isaac...

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...This moment of motherly competition, moment of *no Compassion*, moment of no mercy, in the time of the 1900's BCE, is a moment that will give much of humanity's civilization one truly problematical element of its future history, and hand us that very same problematical element, in our present new 2000's millennium...

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...We do not know where Hajar may have been heading, when she was forced out by Sarah, perhaps toward Egypt, but Hajar evidently became confounded in her directions, ran out of the supplies of food and water that Abraham had supplied her. She ended up running between the hills of Safa and Marwah seven times, until God showed her the water she sought. This took place in the Valley of Becca...

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...The Book of Genesis 17, says that Ishmael will be blessed and will build a great nation. But the next verse continues, 'but I will give my covenant to Isaac'. That term *covenant* will come up, again and again, throughout Jewish history for all its times, after Genesis 17, then also for the history of Christianity, from its later inception, then for Islam, as well, from the early revelations of the Quran. It is a term, which is looked on in curiosity in a modern world, but 'covenant' is a term that in history would seem to look only to its own insular course, in the story of three important Spiritual traditions, which jointly involve no small percentage of all of humanity...

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...But those two empires had fought each other, continually, for that whole time, often fighting over control of Jerusalem, until one struggle lasting almost a

hundred years, weakened one of them (the Persians), until they collapsed. But the collapse would not come from a renewed Byzantine attack, from the West, but an onslaught from the South, from the unheard of, here-to-fore always disorganized-and-bickering, Arabian Peninsula of Ishmael's descendants. And that collapse of that one (Persian) world empire, North of the Arabian peninsula, by the descendants of Ishmael, would lead on, in another 800 years to the final collapse of the other world empire of the North (Byzantine Roman) ... again at the hand of the descendants of Ishmael...

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...Then in the 400's CE, another local tribe, the Quraysh, married into the controlling tribe, and soon began a fight to control the pilgrimage city of Mecca. A truce gave two groups of allies, each one zone of power. One would control a local Assembly and hold the keys to the Qaaba shrine. One would have the right to tax visiting pilgrims, and handle their food and drink sales. Mecca was now organized as a business town, for the most important stone, of the stone idol network in Arabia, the stone that rested in the Qaaba...

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...One of the Quraysh tribe Abdul Muttalib, had a vision as to where he would find the lost Zam Zam well, that had saved Hajar and Ishmael, and he recovered it. A prayer for sons, thereafter seems to led to ten sons, but also a perceived commandment, that in return, he must sacrifice one of them. Shamanism leads to such conclusions regularly, and this all seems to reflect the matter that Abraham faced over 2000 years earlier, but in this case a woman of the clan, insisted that Abdul Muttalib travel to a Jewish mystic lady in Khaybar, a wealthy Jewish city nearby, and receive a decision from her.

The Jewish wise woman selected by the Arab lady, told Abdul Muttalib to sacrifice valuable camels, instead of his son, and he did just that. So was the mood of community and trust, between the Arabs and the Jews on the Arabian Peninsula. As for Christians, they came to the Qaaba as well, to honor Abraham, and among the 360 idols that the Qaaba now hosted, Christians were permitted to add a statue to the Virgin Mary, inside the Qaaba shrine...

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...Mother Aminah, now a widow decided to follow the procedure of many mothers of the city tribes, and send her child to join a Bedouin tribe, where a child would be raised to age eight, in an environment close to the desert, that surrounded and dominated all their Arabian Peninsula towns.

But after just two years, the desert tribe that had been given this particular child, asked his mother to take him back. It seemed that playing in company of other very young children, Aminah's son, was approached by two men in white, who appeared from the desert, to take him, tear his heart out of his chest, and begin washing it, with what appeared to be snow. The children who saw this event, fled...

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...When those other children returned, with adults, Aminah's son was sitting on the desert floor, with no sign of harm or bruise. Many years later, Muhammad would explain what had happened to him that day, saying that the men had come to take his heart, and remove a certain black clot, to which *all* souls are born, he noted, except for the case of Mary and her son Jesus...

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...On one of the caravan outings that Muhammad now regularly joined, one of the Christian monks, who lived in a solitary cell along the route --- a phenomenon of eastern Christianity of the time --- called to the caravan leaders, that a small cloud was following them, and that he felt this meant a great man, a Prophet, was among them. The caravan leaders left young Muhammad to mind the camels, and came to greet the monk, but he said that none of them, were the one.

Before the caravan moved on, the monk identified Muhammad, left behind to tend the animals, as the important person. Muhammad was now also introduced to Arab warrior culture, as his uncle took him to a blood feud between clans, where, too-young-to-fight, Muhammad was assigned the task of gathering spent arrows, that had been shot...

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...In his thirties, Muhammad watched his father's tribe, the Quraysh decide to rebuild the Qaaba into a more splendid house of worship for the black stone, as also witnessed the tribe come to a blood feud battle, over who should have the highest honor in connection with the reopening of the shrine. A young Abu Bakr was present for that fight. The two young men, had become friends. The older men, in this situation decided to let Muhammad resolve the fight, and avoid the bloodshed. It was a symbolic moment, for Muhammad and Arab warrior culture...

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...But on that first night, whether the angel was saying 'Write' or 'Recite', Muhammad's initial reaction to Gabriel's command was fear. It was not clear to Muhammad what this all meant, and he left the cave to return to Khadijah to tell her what happened. Khadijah had a Christian cousin, Waraqa, who then told Khadijah and Muhammad, that Muhammad must return to the cave, where he would receive revelations of specific instructions. Muhammad did just that, and the angel Gabriel showed him a spring by the cave, to wash at, before prayers...

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...*Uthman*, another name that would always be remembered in Islam, along with *Abu Bakr* and *Khalid*, also had a vision about a new Prophet coming to Mecca, and asked a cousin of Abu Bakr, if he knew anything about that. Uthman was not of the Quraysh clan, that dominated Mecca, but he would remain with the Quraysh power structure in Mecca, for the meantime...

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...Muhammad was one of the Quraysh kin, but the Quraysh soon came to the conclusion that Muhammad's One-God teaching was not going to fit well with the Qaaba idol centre, and the annual pilgrimage business, they had fought to hold and retain. They offered Muhammad money to stop his teaching... but he only responded to that by reciting to them the latest Sura of revelation...

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...Muhammad accepted him into Islam, and then was puzzled to learn the man was actually a member of the Ghifar's, a famous caravan robber tribe, that they had all feared in their caravan runs. Abu Dharr promised to return any goods taken, if those robbed proclaimed the one God: Allah...

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...The second question of the three, was about the people of Gog and Magog, and a certain barrier. This was a most important query from the Rabbi's of Yathrib, one for which they certainly did not, themselves, know the answer, and one, to which we will come later...

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...This again was an answer of some long term significance, given by the Prophet of Islam, to his small gathered representatives of the Arab nations, to

one of three interesting questions, formulated by Jewish spiritual leaders, of that time. As with Gog and Magog, the second question, we will look again, later, at Muhammad's important response to this third question, the question about the Spirit...

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...The Quraysh now decided that no food or water should go to these followers of Muhammad, and Abu Bakr again spent from his wealth to sustain all, for two years, until the Quraysh relented. Over the two years, Abu Bakr had spent most of his wealth. In his humble determined pursuit of good ends for Muhammad's small following, Abu Bakr worked out his destiny, as a sacrificing member of a First Crew...

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...The end of his trip at a higher heaven, was at the Lote Tree, where he received a commandment to pray 50 times a day. On his descent back through the heavens, Muhammad was asked by Moses about the prayer commandment, and Moses told Muhammad that he must return to the Lord and ask for a reduction. This happened more than once, and five prayers a day was finally settled upon, for the call to prayers for Muslims, out of this unusual interaction of Moses and Muhammad and their God...

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...Muhammad released his camel to roam the city, and the camel kneeled at the house of two orphans, which Muhammad bought for his home and mosque. The city of Yathrib now became known as Medina, the 'City of the Prophet'. A new battle between two Arab families about whose poetry production was better, soon tested the skills of Muhammad as peacemaker...

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...Needy families came to a special bench at Muhammad's mosque, to receive help, and the needy, in general, became known in Medina as the People of the Bench. Khadijah's daughter, *Fatimah*, became the unofficial hostess of Muhammad to these people, and established Islam's first system of aid to the needy. Fatimah would go on through Islamic history as a symbol of one type of Islamic rule...

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...At the battle of Badr, Umar insisted to kill captives, but Muhammad supported Abu Bakr, in granting mercy. This was a theme that would come up again and again, through Muhammad's Advent. He alone, of the Wayshowers, ended up in government itself (although Confucius sought that end), and the tradition of ruling for the Arab people, whom his Advent had sent him to join, was a tradition of harshness. Muhammad would face this issue daily...

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...At the battle of Uhud with the Quraysh, Muhammad's people in a pause, mutilated the bodies of the slain enemy, while the Quraysh cut out the liver of one of Muhammad's slain, and gave it to a woman who had led the singing charge before the battle. She ate part of it. Muhammad issued a decision for his people, that mutilation of bodies in a conflict must stop. One of the Jewish followers of Muhammad died in that battle. In his will, it turned out that this well-to-do Jew, had bequeathed his wealth, his palm grove, to the alms for the People of the Bench, Muhammad's charity program for the needy, that daughter Fatimah looked after...

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...Khalid, and Uthman, both of the Quraysh, and in Mecca from where they had joined in opposing Muhammad, now decided to leave Mecca, and join Muhammad in Medina. Medina planned now to attack Mecca and the Quraysh.

Muhammad decided that many there wanted to join Islam, and that was the case, as the fight turned out to be easy. As was the custom now, Muhammad took a fifth of the booty from any battle, for the charity program, he and daughter Fatimah managed...

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...Many Christian and Jewish towns were now coming out to agree to follow Muhammad's system, to be ruled and to pay the *Jizya tax* for their religious freedom. Some Christians used mosques. Evidently they prayed in an eastward direction. Muhammad in Medina, had changed the direction of Islam's prayers from Jerusalem, back toward Mecca. It is not often spoken of, but this Jizya tax system would create an environment to perpetuate the freedom of Christian and Jewish communities in Islamic societies, as the tax income was often *more* welcome by future Islamic rulers, than conversion.

2. Peoples of the Books

The Quran begins with Commentary sections, that can then be found, continuing throughout the texts of future Sura's, that will be revealed to Muhammad over about two decades. The first Commentary says that man has freewill, but that he has used it to fall from Unity, warping the will of God. It speaks of a Light of Unity, and notes that:

“Many were *the forms* in which their meaning was delivered, according to the needs of the time, and the understanding of the people...

And manifold were the lives of the Messengers...but they all witnessed One Truth: of God's unity, might, grace, love.”

Quran C 8

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...It is not a flattering depiction of the Arab nation, to which Muhammad's Brief had sent him to incarnate, but then the Quran goes on to say that these were just the *right people* to receive the 'Light': the Light would *not* be received by “men intoxicated with words and mysteries” (C13). It also calls its own Prophet, Muhammad, “unlettered” (C16), “with no learning” (C 18).

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...The commentary ends with saying that Muhammad thereafter gave twenty three years “in patience, conflict, and hope, and final triumph...teach the Message of the Most High.” (C 40)

“And he gave that submission, not without effort, even as Moses did before him,

and Jesus in the agony of the Garden of Gethsemane.”

Quran C 39

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...The Quran is insistent that it is *not* starting something new, but is presenting Muhammad as one more Prophet, and is giving him one more Teaching, in a list of Prophets, going back to Enoch.

“And what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and tribes, and the in the Books given to Moses, Jesus, and the Prophets, from their Lord,

We make *no distinction*, between one another, and to God we bow our will.

Quran Sura 3 – 84

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...It goes back to the Quran’s overall theme of Unity, that those who have faith simply make their commitment to *submit* (*Islam* in Arabic) to God’s will.

Muhammad himself, said:

“I am no bringer of new-fangled doctrine, among the Apostles,

Nor do I know what will be done with me or with you.

I follow but that which is revealed to me in inspiration
I am but a Warner, open and clear.”

Quran Sura 46 – 9

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...The Quran goes on to explain that Jesus was strengthened in the Spirit (Sura 2 – 87), sent the Gospel to teach (Sura 57 – 27), brought the dead to life (Sura 3 – 49), and that, generally,

“We wish to appoint him as a sign unto men, and a Mercy from Us.”

Quran 19 – 21

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...And the Jewish people are also honored, as the Quran quotes God:

“Oh Children of Israel. Call to mind the special favour which I bestowed upon you,

And that I preferred you to all others for My Message....

And remember that We gave Moses the Scripture and the Criterion.”

Quran 2 47/53

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...Jewish Prophets are praised throughout the texts of the Sura’s:

“...Noah survived the flood by his faith, in a world of unbelief.
David sought justice, and sang God’s praises;

Solomon by wisdom subdued the refractory: Job was patient in suffering;

Idris (*Enoch*) and Zulkifli (*Ezekiel*) were true in constancy, amid temptation:

Jonah turned to God after a short misunderstanding;
Zakaria (*Zechariah*) were exemplars of devoutness: and Mary
of chastity.”

Quran Sura 21 – C 149

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...The Quran goes on from this reverence for past Prophets of other Spiritual traditions, with a plan, and it is this.

“Oh *People of the Book*, come to common terms. As between us and you: that we worship none but God...”

Quran Sura 3 – 64

The *People of the Book*, are all those given scriptures, as the Quran teaches that “many were the forms in which the Message was delivered, according to the needs of the time and the understanding of the people...”(C 8 in the beginning of the Quran). The Quran even mentions Buddha, but the theme to which it drives its listeners, is that Unity, of coming to common terms. The Quran invites the Christian People of the Book --- our sons and your sons, our women and your women --- to come together to pray....

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...And so... the criticism begins, not of the Prophets of Judaism and Christianity, but of *the followers* of the Jewish and Christian Prophets.

“The people of Moses and the people of Jesus were given revelations, but alas!

They played false with their own lights, and in their selfishness, *made narrow* God’s universal message.”

Quran 2 – C 47

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...And so it came to be in Muhammad’s Advent, that the Christian and Jewish preachers authorities, decided that Muhammad had no validity as a Prophet,

in a replay of the events of the Jesus Advent, some 600 years earlier, when the Jews decided, Jesus had no validity as a Prophet.

To this rejection, the Quran fires back:

“O People of the Book, Ye have no ground to stand upon,
unless ye stand fast by the Law (of Moses), the Gospel,
and all the revelation that has come to you from Your Lord.

Quran 5 – 71

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... You have to step back and look at that particular verse. Where exactly among the Sisterhood of our Spiritual traditions, do we find a statement of this sort: ‘We believe in what is revealed *to you*’. The Quran is extraordinary in its statements to honor other Spiritual traditions, and to reach out to followers of other Spiritual traditions.

In Muhammad’s daily life, in fact, we see Christians and Jews coming to Muhammad, in respect and with their queries. In this intercourse, you could see a custom developing, where Muhammad would be today, as revered as Isaiah or Moses by modern Christians, or as much as Jesus by modern Jews, but, in fact, this did not happen. It remains an ‘*if-history*’ that could be obtainable in the twenty first century, if things go in their best of alternative courses...

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“A Jew comes to the Prophet, and said God will hold the heavens on a finger, and the mountains on a finger, and all creation on a finger, then will say I am King.

Muhammad smiled until his premolar tooth became visible...”

Bukhari Hadith 9 93 564

That is a convivial picture of interaction between a follower of Judaism and Muhammad, a picture of a Jewish believer accepting Muhammad as a Messenger of God, with whom he, as a Jew, would --- in his own original way -- witness his own Jewish faith...

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...In another story, a new follower of Islam comes to Muhammad to complain about the Jews. He was slapped by one in an argument about their two beliefs. Muhammad tells his follower not to act superior to Jews, explaining that on Resurrection Day, although he, Muhammad, will be *first* to be awakened, nevertheless Muhammad will *find Moses* standing by the Throne of God, when Muhammad comes back to life!!

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...But then, as the political conquests by the Muslims began, the relationship certainly became more testy. When the town of Khaybar was conquered, the Jews presented Muhammad with a poisoned sheep. He called the people responsible in, and asked them if they were the people of Hell fire. They respond that yes, they are for a while, but that Muhammad's people will replace them eventually. Muhammad says his people will never replace them.

Then, Muhammad asked them, Why in the world, they gave him a poisoned sheep? They responded that if he is a Prophet, the poison will not affect him. His followers wanted to kill the instigators. Muhammad refused, and gave the town to the Jews as their own haven....

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...Christians for 2000 years have cherished the scripture, the words of Prophets of someone else's Spiritual tradition: the Jewish scripture. It is true they have done this by disrespectfully calling it *their* own 'old' testament, which, in fact, it is *not*. Hopefully one of the corrections coming will lead Christians, to give respect in the respectful titling of the Jewish scripture.

Then, if only that respect would be extended, to one other scripture, the Islamic one, in the coming awakening potential for all followers of all Spiritual traditions. There is so much in the Quran, which speaks to the followers of Jesus, it is amazing that Christian preachers take no interest to take a look...

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Nevertheless, the Quran hopefully calls:

“*We refuse not* social intercourse with the men and women—
The People of the Book”

Quran 5 C 69

It is a call that has gone unheard, but now, we all, together, have the 2000's century....

3.Humble 'Warner'

Of the whole Sisterhood of Spiritual traditions, Islam is most insistent to emphasize judgment of our souls based on our deeds.

“Did ye think that We created you in jest, and that ye would not be called back to Us in account.”

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And then this particular soul, in Sura 69, verse 25, is left to say:

“Ah, would that my record had not been given to me,

And that I *never realized* how my account stood.

And so it ends for the unheeding soul. But the Quran is persistent in presenting the guidance, for a successful in life to afterlife, to avoid that outcome.

Quran 23 – 115

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The unusual image of a *loan to God* is occasionally used, in teaching charity:

“Who will loan to God, a beautiful loan?”

Quran 2 – 245

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...Muhammad was once criticized for his distribution of the charity proceeds. He responded that, in fact, he did not distribute equally, and explained that he gave to some, who he felt had not patience and contentment in their heart. And Muhammad admitted that sometimes he did not give to those, who he saw were

patient and self-contented, as he saw they already had the ‘goodness and wealth which God has put in their hearts’.

Likewise, when Muhammad saw someone take from the proceeds for charity, on one occasion, he asked the man what he was doing. The man said (deceitfully) he was taking the goods on behalf of a needy person he knew. Muhammad said to be careful about these matters, as he did not want the man appearing before God on his own judgment day, with a ‘bleating sheep or mooing cow *around his neck*’ ..

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...In fact, Muhammad left a will recorded in the Hadith, that his family should not take of any of the charity collection, the ‘*Zakat*’, he controlled at the end of his life, but that all of it, should used as he used it, to help the needy. The Quran recommended giving in charity, without making a big deal of the deed:

“If ye disclose acts of charity, even so it is well,

But if ye *conceal* them, and make them reach those *really* in need, that is *best* for you:

It will remove from you some stains of evil.

And God is well acquainted with what ye do.”

Quran 2 – 271

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...The Hadith tell the story of ‘money arriving from Bahrain’. One man who had a claim to something, came and said that a full garment was his share. Muhammad looked on. The man filled his garment, until he could not carry it, and asked Muhammad to have someone help him carry it away. Muhammad said No. Then he asked Muhammad to help him carry it. Muhammad said No. Then he slowly drug his garment with the loot away. Muhammad stared on, silently, at him, until he disappeared...

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...Muhammad constantly emphasized that he was one of a ‘team’ --- the Quran uses the term ‘series’ of Messengers, Muhammad sometimes said series of ‘Warners’ --- to souls.

“For me I have been *commanded* to serve the Lord...to be of those who bow to in Islam (“Submission”) to God’s Will,

and to rehearse the Quran, and if any accept guidance, they do it for the good of their own souls,

and if any stray, say,
‘I am only a Warner’.

Quran 27 91,92

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...Very humble in that role, Muhammad told his followers, not to exaggerate in praising him, as the Christians exaggerate in praising Jesus *as God*, for Muhammad wished only to be considered the ‘slave of God.’ Early in his

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...A Jewish man came to Muhammad twice, and said that he had committed illegal sex. Muhammad asked him, if he were mad, in bringing this matter to him officially...twice... in a scene which brings to mind Jesus getting a prostitute off the hook in John 8. The man answers No, he is not mad, and is stoned to death...

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...Then, there was a lady who daily waited for Muhammad to come out of her home to complain to him about his new religion, and to castigate him, and then eventually even throw rubbish at him, every time he came by. One day, she did not come out. Muhammad knocked on the door, to inquire within, if she was okay....

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...Islamic societies under the leadership of their preacherman imams have sometimes indicated small identity with the animal kingdom, but Muhammad here demonstrated something different. At one time, Muhammad commented that a man who had observed a dog, eating mud, out of extreme thirst, took a shoe and filled it with water to save the dog, and Muhammad commented that this act, was a deed worthy for a soul to enter Paradise. Muhammad said on one occasion, that there is a reward for helping all living things.

Another story gave the same salvation to a Jewish prostitute who saved a dog, and another condemned a women who starved a cat to death in a cage, as bound for Hell. Muhammad's position on cruelty to animals was clear. You have to try to recollect, if there is any other Wayshower from Laozi to Jesus who made a specific teaching on kindness to animals. (Of course, Buddha taught kindness in general, to all living things.)

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...It is a statement of sacrifice and reward, but what is striking, is that it says 'men *and* women'. Other scriptures, from the teachings of Buddha to Jesus, have a tendency to speak to us, only of 'a man and men', and 'he's, his's, and him's'. The Quran makes a point of mentioning women. And the Quran says:

“Let the women live in the same style as ye (men) live, according to your means: *annoy them not, so as to restrict them.*

Quran 65 – 6

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...The Quran asks that women 'dress in modesty', asks that they cover the neck and bosom, and sometimes mentions a scarf. There is much talk about this in the 1900's century of Islam, as some Islamic societies have interpreted 'dress in modesty', to mean women must totally cover themselves, although many other Islamic societies have not interpreted this way.

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...Umar, who will become the second Caliph, the second leader in the succession of Muhammad, came to Muhammad one day in the early years of returning to Mecca. Umar had a complaint. His wives were answering back to him, refusing to take his orders, and then saying to Umar, 'Well, that is how Muhammad's wives talk to him.'

Muhammad listened to his fellow comrade in manhood, go through the whole explanation of his problem, which he, Umar, thought was a result of the way Muhammad handled his family: that is, the freedom and independence he gave his wives. And then Muhammad smiled...and sent Umar on his way.

And so it was to become. Muhammad landed into the Arabian peninsular to participate in a culture of competitive fighting, that, as we saw extended to his having to go in his youth, to participate in a blood battle between two families, over the subject of who had just written the best Arabic poetry. He daily had interactions with this society, which showed the differences in the vibrations, that the tenor of his revealed Quran, and that he, himself, demonstrated before the Arab culture he addressed. Nothing is more indicative of that, than the demonstration he gave in the independence of the women of his household...

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...The Arabic warrior culture may also have ended civilization, but it came with Islam, and with that Spiritual tradition, created its own brand of civilization. Six hundred years after Muhammad, the third major invasion threat to civilization-West would appear, in the form of the Mongols, who also came out of the East, to quickly become a force, which nothing in the East had stopped.

But they *were* stopped in their West roaming, on the plain of Megiddo (plain of Armageddon) by an army of Muhammad's followers: the former slaves of Egypt: the Mamluks. And so, Muhammad's teaching, like the Christianity of Rome's barbarian enemies, would do its part for the safety of civilization-West....

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...The partial understanding of a Kasappa in building Buddhism, the court scholars who built Confucianism, and court ritualists who built Hinduism, the Peter and Paul's of Christianity, shows a consistent Second Crew phenomenon which gives us *the type* of Spiritual tradition, that we have had for 2,500 years. They are not the Spiritual traditions that Confucius, Laozi, Isaiah, Buddha, Krishna, or Muhammad looked forward to, for the Believers, but they, we, all

may be, now in our somewhat enforced mutual course of history, on the verge of the Awakenings we need.

Events our current mutual civilization, in the 2000's century will probably present to sincere and various followers, both trials and opportunities, to send our civilization on a course toward its best future if-history potential throughout our Galaxy. Followers of Islam will play no small role in that...

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...All Spiritual traditions had have a First Crew, who are pushed aside, but whose understanding will eventually be victorious. These First Crew hero's are the Yan Hui's of Confucianism, the Ananda's of Buddhism, the John and Mary Magdalene's of Christianity. In Islam, this phenomenon brings us Abu Bakr, Fatimah, and Aisha, for the *First Crew*, and Umar and Uthman, and many others, for the *Second*.

Umar accepted Muhammad's teachings without giving up the warrior culture. He is often quoted asking Muhammad to kill this or that person, for some transgression, whereupon Muhammad disallows the killing. Umar is also disdainful of gentle Abu Bakr, the first follower who gave away his trading fortune to feed Muhammad's followers, before the followers were expelled from Mecca, by the Quraysh tribe which ruled at the time in Mecca...

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...Fatimah, daughter of Muhammad and of early wife Khadijah, who had passed away, was the member of Muhammad's family who devoted herself to the charity program, People of the Bench, and all. She would become the inspiration for the most tolerant Islamic dynasty and its Compassionate approach to civilization, many centuries in the future. And her name would chime in a very special way, in a Christian event in Portugal, which we will come to, far into the future from her working years with her father, in love and charity...

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...These three, Abu Bakr, Fatimah, and Aisha, are the inspiration for Islam's part of the transformations of our Spiritual traditions, which we will probably see now in the 2000's century, the part that in the Quran and the example of its Prophet, show the patience, love, forgiveness, and faith teachings of Islam. It is

interesting, that two of those three of this First Crew, for the true bearing of the Spiritual tradition of Islam...are women...

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...In response to a specific harm the Quraysh brought, the Quran urges, “Let not hatred...lead you to transgression and hostility on your part...Help ye one another in righteousness and piety, but help ye not in sin and rancour...”(Sura 5 – 3).

“But forgive them and overlook their misdeeds: for God loveth those who are kind.”, the same 60th Sura says later (5 – 14), in connection with some ongoing fights with the Jews...

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The Quran does deal with fighting:

“Fight in the cause of God those who fight you, but do not transgress limits, for God loveth not transgressors.”

Quran 2 – 190

“And fight them, until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in God,

But if they cease, let there be *no hostility* except to those who practice oppression.”

Quran 2 – 193

“But fear God, and know that God is with those who *restrain* themselves.”

Quran 2 – 194

“If they withdraw from you, but fight you not, and instead send you guarantees of peace,

Then God hath opened *no way* for you to war against them.”

Quran 4 – 90

“Let there be *no compulsion*, in religion,”

Quran 2 – 256

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...And the Quran, itself, anticipated that there would be those, who shouted in the name of its teaching, but do it falsely:

“And there are those who put up a mosque’
by way of mischief and infidelity...”

Quran 9 – 107

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...Muhammad one day was called to visit the house of one Ibn Saiyad. Umar was present, and evidently the invitation by this host, was for the purpose of that host to insult Muhammad. Umar, on seeing this, quickly demanded permission to cut off the host’s head. Muhammad said No.

4. Empire

In the ‘*weak wall*’ time of Buddha, Buddha concentrated on getting as many others as possible to ‘see’ what he could see. Jesus took some close followers after the Crucifixion Weekend, and pulled back the dimension wall, so they could see the nearest dimension on the other side. Muhammad came in the thickening wall period --- our period *until* the 2000’s century --- where there was no chance of showing a living soul this sort of thing. But of course, *he* could ‘see’...

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...Once in the mosque, he saw ‘Jinns’ (spirits) coming to disrupt the service. He bound them and wanted to keep them there, with the thought to try to show their presence to others, but decided to let them go. Jinns in the Quran, are spirit beings made of ‘fire’, and are distinguished from angels who are made of ‘light’. They are usually troublemakers in our dimensions. The Quran has a scene for the end of time in which the Jinns admit their deception through the spiritual history of humans:

“One day He will gather them together and say, ‘Oh ye assembly of Jinns, much toll did ye take of men.

Their friends among them will say, ‘Our Lord, we made profit from each other: but alas we reached our term --- which Thou didst appoint for us’

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...Angels in the scheme of things, also have a unique disposition in the Quran setting, in Sura 2 – 30. It starts at Creation. God tells the angels he will create a vice-regent on earth. The angels immediately respond, “Will Thou place therein, one who will make mischief therein and shed blood, whilst we sing Thy praises and glorify Thy holy name?”

God responds, “I know what ye know not”, and proceeds to teach Adam the ‘*nature of things*’, placing Adam, ‘before the angels’. Then --- and this gets to the uniqueness of the concept of angels in the Quran --- God asks the angels to bow to Adam, ‘and they bowed down’. And it is at this moment, that the Devil (Iblis in the Quran) starts his career...

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...The Quran emphasizes the seven dimensions (seven asmaa), that seem to be accessible to deceased souls. Jinns, in Sura 22, say that some of them are righteous and some contrary, and they say that they, themselves, have tried to ‘pry into the secrets of heaven’, but *found it guarded*. Muhammad in one vision, at night, was taken, again by Gabriel, the angel that gave him the Quran, to Jerusalem, to the site of the former Jewish temple, and from that point was taken on an Ascension, somewhat like Christianity’s Paul’s cryptic mention of a journey to seven heavens. Muhammad gives detail of this tour, and speaks of meeting the Jewish Prophets and Jesus, at *levels* of these dimensions (‘heavens’)...

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...The Hadith speak of the daily praying of Angels on the seventh Level, heaven, which implies that the realms of God are beyond the near levels, the near dimensions. Gnostic Jewish and Christian *spiritual physics*, and later Sufi spiritual physics, sees levels that belong to God’s activity, beyond a seventh Level, and that gnostic spiritual physics has special terminology for those further levels closer to God...

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...Time and space are discussed in Islamic spiritual physics. For time, there are various references to show us that we have no real understanding of a reality of time. The Quran says that *a day* here, is like 50,000 years, in the dimensions (heavens) beyond, and that “they had tarried but *an hour* of a day” (Sura 10 – 45), *in spending a whole lifetime* on earth...

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...The Quran also makes many statements, in the direction that can be called reincarnation:

“We have decreed Death to be your common lot, and We are not frustrated from changing your forms,

And creating you again in forms ye know not.”

Quran 60 – 61

“Those who incurred the wrath of God,
those of whom some he transformed into apes and swine.”

Quran 5 – 63

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...Some of the statements, of course, could be referring only to Resurrection, as in Sura 20:

From the earth did We create you, and from it shall
We bring you forth again.”

Quran 20 – 55

“Oh mankind, if ye have doubt about the Resurrection,
consider that We created you our of dust, then out of
sperm,

Then out of a leech-like clot, then out of a morsel
of flesh, partly formed, and partly unformed,

In order that We may manifest Our Power to you.”

Quran 22 – 5

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...In that Resurrection, we saw that Muhammad said he would be first to be resurrected, and that when he came to life, he would see Moses standing by the Throne of God....

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...Muhammad believed in night prayers as the powerful ones, and most prayerful souls agree with just that. There is one Sura, Sura 97, which speaks of the Night of Power. Islamic scholars debate which night of the year, the Quran meant, but because it did not say, it probably means ‘the night’, that is, *any night*. And in that short, precise Sura, we are promised,

“Therein come down the angels and the Spirit, by God’s permission, on every errand.”

Quran 97 – 4

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...But then, in Sura 17, the Quran turns to say that :

“The Spirit cometh by command of my Lord:

Of knowledge, it is only a little that is communicated to you, O men”

Quran 17 - 85

In fact, the preachers of Islam have only slightly emphasized focusing on this offer from God to a soul, and have often buried the discussion, by saying the Spirit is Angel Gabriel. Like Christian preachers, who also never emphasized this gift until the early 1800’s, this may be one of the changes in Islam for the 2000’s century. The Hadith also mention (Bukhari 9 – 93 – 548) that the Jews, *also*, have been given little knowledge of the Spirit. We will return to this, in the last chapter.

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And sure enough, God does. And immediately, on getting what he wants, from God's act of mercy and grace, Iblis turns again... and says,

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...In that Sura, we view a thoughtful moment for the Devil, on that day, as the Quran shows us, Iblis saying...*to us*, the souls of humanity:

“It was God who gave you a promise of Truth: I too promised, but I failed in my promise to you.

I had no authority over you,

except to call you, but ye listened to me.

Reproach me not, But reproach your own souls. I cannot listen to your cries,

Nor can ye listen to mine.”

Quran 14 22

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...One member of the Quraysh came to Muhammad, and admitted he had written the negative poems about him. One of Muhammad’s followers wanted to kill him. Muhammad said No, and actually *gave the poet his cloak*, an act of symbolism, that would be used for the written arts in Islam, in the future...

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...When had been first suggested that the Quran should be written, back in Abu Bakr’s time, Abu Bakr as First Caliph, had been surprised, and had said, why did not Muhammad write it down, if it was to be written. It would be the third Caliph, Uthman, who would finally get the Quran into written form, as the existing knowledge of the Sura’s would be gathered from date palm leaves, pieces of leather and hides, stone etchings, and especially, from people’s memories...

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...When Uthman was killed, Muhammad's son in law (husband of the deceased Fatimah) of Muhammad, Ali, claimed the Caliph-ship for himself, as a member of Muhammad's family. Naturally, the successor chosen by the Umayyads, Muawiyah, who was governor at the time, of the important and prosperous Syria province of what had been Byzantium, challenged Ali. The Umayyads would decide on the succession, not Ali.

In fact, it was thought, at the time, that Ali was behind the killing of Uthman. And so, Arab warrior culture took its own stand, in the midst of the Quran and Muhammad's teachings for Compassionate love, charity, and fairness...

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...Now this line of Ali and Fatimah descendents was *gone*, but there quickly arose in the wake of their history, a movement and a tradition, that tracked a succession of their Caliph's (who never actually ruled, since the Umayyad Caliphs, and eventually others, were the power), and finally taught of a ruler from this special line, the family of Muhammad, a *Mahdi*, who would *come in future times*...

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...These Umayyads had a record of moderation, on the tolerance to Christians and Jewish followers, which Muhammad had consistently, set as a precedence. Christian advisors remained in their courts for at least part of Umayyad rule, and Christians may have been allowed to share the new mosque for worship use, on the Dome of the Rock, in Jerusalem...

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...Within, two hundred years of the beginning of the Umayyads in the mid-600's, Persia would no longer be a Zoroastrian country; it would become Islamic, but its Islam would always march to a different drum, and the coming future mindset of Shia would become Persia's chosen type of Islam, *possibly because* Persian Shia Islam was *not* the orthodoxy of Arab Baghdad...

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...Like all Umayyads and Abbasids, Harun al Rashid did not interfere with Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The 'Thousand and One Nights' tale, is about Harun and his court. It is fictional, but Harun did have 4000 concubines.

Under the Damascus Umayyad dynasty of Caliphs, women had known their independence, as per the example of Muhammad's family. Under the Baghdad Abbasid dynasty, this began to change...

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...One Caliph Jafar, in trying to assert his strength against the Turk generals, lashed out against the belief that was strengthening as Shia belief, and had the tomb of Husayn, Muhammad's grandson, in Karbala, destroyed.

He also had churches and synagogues in Baghdad destroyed, and Christians and Jews forced to wear special identifying badges. It shows an attack on the principle of the three Spiritual traditions living together in peace, a principle Muhammad had carefully established, and had demonstrated, in his Advent.

But then, the fact that there *were* synagogues, churches in the capital of empire Islam, also shows something. Until Caliph Jafar, there obviously had been tolerance in 800's Islam, a situation not found in 800's Europe of Charlemagne's empire, or of the Byzantine Empire, that was still --- for a while --- in between Europe and Islamic civilization...

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...Over 1200 years, from this Caliph Jafar incident in the Abbasid empire times, to today, this actually never happened on the Jewish and Christian side of things. In fact, the respect of Judaism by Christianity seems to be a function of the last 50 years, of that 1200 years, and the respect of Islam, is still out there in the future, as the twenty-first century now makes its path...

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...It was a reaction against orthodox Islam, which was now also reflected in the growth of Sufi beliefs. Sufism grew in reaction to the splendor of Abbasid court life, where Caliph Harun al Rashid ate off golden plates in Baghdad. The Sufi's taught inner peace, strict self-control, and some asceticism, and Sufi thinking would appear all over Islam, on the Sunni side, as well as the Shia side of Islamic practice.

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...In part of Islam's contribution to the '*Underground stream*' phenomenon found in all our Spiritual traditions, Muhammad described one individual who was caring for a sick mother, in Yemen, who would be important to salvation of Muslims, and gave his description and location. This individual was Uwais, and he is credited with being the first of the Sufi's, in his teaching's call for the deep prayer *to seek to know God*...

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...Muhammad's statement may also have to do with a future stronger call to the Spirit. There is no place in Islam, where this thought to reexamine the call for the influence of the Spirit, fits more comfortably, than in the call by Sufi Islam, for intense prayer, and some asceticism, in order to remove the focus on the exigencies of daily life.

As Uwais, who Muhammad had singled out, said,

"I wanted a high position in life, I found it in modesty.
I wanted leadership, I found it in giving advice.
I wanted dignity, I found it in honesty.

I wanted greatness, I found it in poverty.
I wanted lineage, I found it in virtue.

I wanted majesty, I found it in contentment.
I looked for peace, and found it in asceticism."

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...What became known as the 'Shia', was the political, warrior culture movement, which sought to put their shadow line of Caliphs in power, a shadow line of their own Caliphs, which started with Ali, son in law of Muhammad, then son Hasan, then grandson Husayn. This line was then continued onward, to a total of twelve Caliphs, the '*Imams*' of *Shia* which the Shia side of Islam, of course, considered the 'true Caliphs', the twelfth Iman of which lived in the second half of the 800's...and disappeared.

That *Twelfth Imam*, is to be the *Mahdi*, who *will return* (from his 800's disappearance) at the end of times. This is the belief of the majority of Shia today, including orthodoxy in Iran, and these Shia are called the "Twelvers" because of the twelfth Imam, who is to return as the Mahdi...

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...And the Fatamids would also have their notable exceptions to that tolerance, in situations like Caliph Al Hakim, who had Christians wear crosses, and Jews bells, in the early 1000's, but then, this same Caliph, reached to the Pope in Roman and the Holy Roman Emperor, Otto VI, to establish an official relationship between Islam and Christianity. (All three of these people then died quickly and mysteriously, perhaps through elements in Islam and in Christianity, which did *not want* to see better relations with the Sister spiritual traditions. Within fifty years of this hopeful attempt at respect, the Seljuk Turks would conquer Jerusalem from the Fatimids, and *close it* to all Christian pilgrimages, for the first time in the history of Islam, sparking the excuse for the Crusades.)

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...The Seljuk Turks brought sleeping Europe, beyond the Byzantine Empire, into this story, because the Seljuks decided to stop the Christian pilgrimages to Jerusalem. This quickly fired Catholic Europe into the insistence, that they needed to take *control* of the 'holy land'. For three centuries under Umayyad, Abbasid, Fatimid control of Jerusalem, that had never been an issue. Christian pilgrimages had continued, and were considered a good source of revenue for the Islamic authorities, through those centuries. Now, that had changed with the new Seljuk Turk policy, against pilgrimage.

The European Crusades would start in 1095, and would continue for over a hundred years. They would not conquer the Jerusalem area, but they would unseat two powers in the Islamic world. The Seljuk Turks lost control of the eastern Mediterranean to the Crusades, and left the Crusades to face a new Islamic force coming out of Egypt, which we will get to in a moment...

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...As the new ruler of the holy land, Saladin invited Jewish communities, who had been forced out of Jerusalem, to resettle. Saladin died at the end of the 1100's, a decade before the end of the European attempts that created the Crusades. His reputation in Europe for chivalry is remembered to today. In Egypt, that reputation established his Ayyubid family as the new power.

Under Saladin's control, his state treasury donated large sums to charity continually, to the point where there were not sufficient funds for his own burial, as a ruler. He obviously followed the tenets of his Quran and his Prophet, and to this end, he seems to have continued the practice of the Fatimid Islamic society, and the inclination of Fatimah, herself, Muhammad's daughter, who distributed money and food, to the People of the Bench...

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...It is estimated the population in Persia dropped from 2.5 million to 250,000 in the Mongol invasion, as cities were burned, irrigation systems destroyed, and whole populations put to death. By 1258, the Mongols reached Baghdad, and put the Abbasid Caliph to death. The Islamic libraries with the translations from the ancient world and the knowledge of their times, were burned by the Mongols, throughout the region.

The Mongols had no success in conquering India of the northern Ghaznavid Islamic state, so they continued west, taking control of part of Russia, and giving all Europe a scare. But then, suddenly, they are stopped and defeated by an army of the Cairo Ayyubids, Saladin's family's Mamluk slave army, in the valley of Megiddo (Armageddon), in 1258. The frightening force against civilization West, stopped its westward push of destruction, settled down, just as it had in China, and became civilization itself. And for these Mid East Mongols, Mongol society became Islamic...

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...In area of modern Romania, Mehmet II battled with a ruler, Vlad Dracul, for decades. Dracul would likewise, earn a special reputation for cruelty for constantly impaling Mehmet's Ottoman troops, after capturing them. He would, finally, himself, die on a battlefield, fighting against the Ottomans. (History tends to give Dracul [*Dracula*], not Mehmet II, the lead reputation for cruelty, and the fact that Vlad Dracul's tomb was eventually found empty, led to some stories of another ilk.)

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...So two empires, the Ottoman Turks and the Persian Safavids now spoke for empire Islam, in the 1600's, and this would continue from this point, right into the early 1900's. The Catholic Austrian Hapsburg Empire, which had been

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Nevertheless, a Turkish stimulant that became named '*coffee*', marched onward, westward into Europe, *undefeated*, beyond Vienna, creating coffeehouses, that would have their own influence on patterns of discussion about religion and politics in the coming 1700's. Another import from the Ottoman Empire, the tulip, in these times, reached Holland. It turned out to be a flower seed, which could find its way into a whole financial system...for a while...

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...The *unbalance* showed up quickly, right in Muhammad's Advent, with these three Sister Spiritual traditions. The refusal of Christians and Jews, to give him respect as a Prophet, was an immediate event. It was a clever Iblis phenomenon, which would be elected to roll on and on, through the centuries, to face us, eye to eye, in our times. That phenomenon, perpetuated by our mutual lack of Compassion, presents us with some decisions to be made in the 2000's century, a century which, hopefully, will see us through to some learning and some changes...that would be a win for all souls concerned, in humility, and in practicality.

5.A Wider View

It is said that Melchizedek from Jewish scripture, known in the Quran as Khidhr, and Ilyas in the Quran, and known in Jewish and Christian scriptures as Elijah, meet once a year...at the Qaaba... during the Hajj. Two well known Prophets from Jewish and Christian and Quran scriptures, have an annual reunion. How strange that sounds, when Jews and Muslims, today, are in many cases, not even allowed into each other's countries...

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...Khidhr/Melchizedek (who is in turn Metatron in the Jewish Book of Enoch), of all the pantheon of Jewish/Islamic Prophets is an interesting pick, in one way, for his hidden message in the Quran, which we will get to, shortly. In another way, Khidhr/Melchizedek is interesting, because he is attributed to have put in place the power extensions, on our globe, of what are usually called the Hindu-Platonic Shapes...

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...Our ancient theorizers did not make conclusions here. A shift in the Hindu-Platonic Shapes could, in fact, bring about an *elevation of mindfulness* in humanity, but we cannot be sure it will work out that way. And the events of the early twenty-first century, do not necessarily indicate our inclination toward 'elevation of mindfulness'. Nevertheless, Melchizedek (Khidhr) and Elijah (Ilyas) are said to be meeting every year at the Islamic Hajj... in hopefulness...

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“By the Fig,
And the Olive,
And the Mount of Sinai
And this City of Security
We have indeed created man in the best of moulds,

The we do debase him, to be the lowest of the low,
Except that he do righteous deeds: for they shall have a
Reward unfailing...

Quran 95 – 1 – 6

Calling on the work of the Spiritual traditions for God, that Sura says man is good... but he falls, except by the good Deeds he does...in which case, his

reward is unfailing. And, Man is created in the *best of moulds by*: the Fig (ficus indica: the bohdi tree of Buddha's enlightenment, and world tree of Hinduism), the Olive (the Mount of Olives where Jesus gave the great summation sermon of Christianity in Matthew 5), the Mount of Sinai (where Moses received his Commandments of teaching), the City of Security (Mecca)...

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...Then, Umar, the second Caliph of Islam, after the death of Muhammad, started discriminating against Christians, preventing inter-marriage, and took the Arabian Peninsula Khaybar city from the Jews, which Muhammad had given to them, as a place of refuge.

There has not been one decade of the past 1600 years of the co-existence of the three Spiritual traditions, in which mutual respect has been the norm, although the best attempts at this, as we saw, were in the Islamic empires of the early Umayyads, then of the Fatimids in Egypt, and then the Umayyad Cordoba spin-off in Spain. There were no Christian empire examples for tolerance for mosques, and we have to remember the Christian to Jewish coefficient of decency, was zero, for 1945 years of discrimination, that culminated in the German holocaust...before it finally changed...

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...Nevertheless, Christians, now, finally, in the last 50 years of 2000 years, since Jesus' advent, treat Judaism as a sister Spiritual tradition. Muslims who think Christians have always been the friends of Jews, need to check their history books. The Christian record of friendship toward Judaism is horrid, but at least, now in correction. Will a coming *elevated mindfulness* of Christianity, now extend to the Quran and its Prophet?

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...Is it conceivable that in the elevated mindfulness --- hoped by some (through Hindu-Platonic Shape morphing, or a general inspiration coming from the positive intrusion of the Spirit) --- will see Christian appreciation for the Quran scripture, as an event coming, in the course of the 2000's century?

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...Muhammad anticipated that, when asked about the future of the Islamic state, Muhammad said that it would follow the path of the Byzantines and Persians, that is to grow, then fall. When asked about the future of the organized faith, Muhammad shocked the questioner, by saying if Christians and Jews went down a lizard's hole, Muslims would follow. In fact, all the Wayshowers made some statement about their future organized orthodox Spiritual tradition, not working out so well. Buddha even put a date on it, saying it would end 2500 years after his time of 500 BCE...

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...Arab warrior culture, at the end of the day, was as much their calling, as was the teaching of the Quran, that their Prophet brought them. And so it was to become, for the orthodox Islam which these two early followers --- who actually sat with Muhammad --- would formulate. The early preference of these first followers, for an Islam that would serve the old Arab warrior culture, has ground out its particular insistent preference for Islamic society if-history, right through to Islam's jihad calls of the 2000's century...

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...Arab *warrior culture*, that Muhammad, as a young man, watched lead to blood feuds in a clan over a poem, would travel along with Islamic society, as comfortably as '*chosen superiority*' would travel with Judaism, and *intolerance* would travel with Christianity.

Our mutual history of civilization has, to date, witnessed some calamities, as a result of these unfortunate 'traveling companions', of these three Sister Spiritual traditions, but nothing like what the Quran predicted is coming... in our future...

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“Depart ye to a Shadow of smoke ascending in three columns
which yields no shade of coolness, and is no use against
the Blaze.

Indeed it throws about sparks huge as forts,

as if there were a String of Yellow Camels marching swiftly.”

Quran 77 – 30-33

The '*String of Yellow Camels*' has been much discussed, in the decades since Hiroshima. Muhammad of course knew, in his teaching years, that warrior culture would infiltrate Islam, as Buddha knew that his spiritual tradition would go off to idols, and Jesus knew what his Roman followers would be up to. They all, unfortunately, had their Teachings formulated by *Second Crews*. It is the nature of the history of our Wayshowers' Advents...

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...In fact, it is most likely Muhammad landed in Arab society, because they were the warrior culture that would have harmed God's civilization on earth, if they had not quickly --- because of Muhammad --- become Islamic. Then, as we saw, this Islamic warrior culture gave the Mongol horde, moving westward, burning cities and murdering entire populations, their very defeat, and their conversion to themselves becoming a 'People of the Book.' Muhammad did so much for everyone in civilization.

But the String of Yellow Camels has nothing to do with all that, and it seems to jump the time line, to the era of nuclear warrior culture, *our era*, after 1945. Islam, Christianity, and Judaism now live in a 2000's era of the proliferation of nuclear weaponry. We live in an age where parts of Islamic society that have carried out Muhammad's dire prediction, as Wahabbi Islam in Saudi (where the 9 – 11 attackers were raised), Ayatollah Islam in Iran, and Taliban Islam in Afghanistan and Pakistan, claim to hold the authority of true Islam, even though they seem to ignore both Quran and its Prophet's examples in his advent of Compassion...

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...The hallmark of that Arab warrior culture type of Islam is the treatment of women. Coming from a Spiritual tradition which, alone of all Spiritual traditions, which has scripture instruction for the protection of women, widows, divorcees, and from a Prophet who gave the demonstration of women independent at home, in society, in opinion (daughter Fatimah and wife Aisha) and in the mosque (where they came in prayer, in Muhammad's mosque), these modern 'Islam's' seem peculiar in their insistence's...

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...Surely a major story of the 2000's century, will deal with courageous Muslims ending the warrior culture violence justification, and the denigration of

women. Events like the 2009 execution of a 13 year old girl for adultery, after she was raped, in the name of Islamic law, should spur many Muslims of the 2000's century to stand up for Islam against the Arab warrior culture attitude in these matters...

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...If Hitler had done, what American society did, Germany probably *would have* dominated the world for the last half century. (And we would have a world reserve currency with a Swastika, but would not have the history of German death camps or World War II.) Palestinians, some of the poorest citizens of the Islamic world, could well become the richest, if they go to their neighbors, and put Israelis ingenuity to work for their own future, and the future of their new Palestinian state, becoming the business nexus into other Islamic economies. It is interesting that the Quran says to the 'Children of Israel':

“Dwell securely in the land of promise”

Quran 17 – 104

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...The Quran would here assure the children of Israel their security in Israel. But then, in the second half of the same verse, the Quran goes on to say:

“...but when the second of the warnings came to pass, we gathered you together in a mixed crowd.”

Quran 17 – 104

A '*mixed crowd*' may well be looking at an Israel and Palestine state, of citizens that stand before one God, as a 'mixed crowd', without animosity between the two states, and perhaps with some sort of future strong economic tie between the two states. Most important, this conversion of animosity to fellowship, and economic benefit, would be the best starting point for a larger fellowship between all these cousins, all the sons and daughters of Sarah and Hajar, our civilization's important children of Abraham.

If Palestine is not the spark for the String of Yellow Camels (because a state is born), it still may be that the original problem --- the lack of respect for Islam and Muhammad, by Jewish and Christian followers --- remains the reason for World War III.

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...If Christians and western culture people in general, do not feel the inclination to deal with this task of respect, as they are presently confronted with monthly situations of new attempts by Islamic terrorism, there is one hopeful event that has been going on for fifty years, and that event seems to get better as it goes. It could be *termed* a demonstration of 'Islam-in-the-Truth-that-is-not-rejected (from the Sura 77 above) in-respect-for-womanhood, and-in-tolerance-of-other-Spiritual traditions'. An alternate, less complicated, term, that could be used for all that, would be: *'Malaysia'*...

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...A sunset scene in an early evening of the fasting month in Malaysia, sees a modern working population in office, factory, service jobs, complete a day in the tropical heat, without food or water since sun-up, quietly waiting and watching food and drink that has been ordered, which sits on the table before them, for the appointed time, each day, for the end of the day's fast.

The boss from the backseat of a car, and his driver in the front, together, stop at roadside food stalls, and break fast together at that same appointed time. It is a scene that goes on for a month each year, done in humble discipline. For them, for their Islamic faith and their fasting Prophet, that scene should win respect, from a whole non-Islamic world...

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...A Christian leader in Malaysia told the author, that only recently he realized that the Malachi 1 Jewish scripture statement about God's name being exalted in the world may have a meaning, that he did not think of before. The Malachi 1 statement may very well refer to our world, that includes the Muslim human *voice calls*, through the East and the West, today, to prayer and to honor God, from mosques, (since Christians, earlier and today, use only bells in their church towers, for calls to worship, not the human voice, exalting God). Are we witnessing small steps in the early 2000's century, from some Christians, in the direction of recognizing the Sisterhood of Spiritual traditions, and respect for Islam's followers? It would be heartening, to conclude as much...

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...A weakening wall could be an influence toward the worst of alternate history, sponsored by souls who remain angry: the souls we decided not to help, while

they were with us. The answer to such a threat will not lie in the playbook of world political or economic solutions. We could have used that playbook better in the past, to prepare ourselves, with a mutual civilization of better fairness, and better *equal-access-enterprise* in our economies. From this point on, the only answer to a threat of increased influences of anger and evil, from beyond a weakening ‘wall’, will be our sincere practices, within our Spiritual traditions.

The Quran put the way things should be, in this way:

“The Society thus organized must live under laws, that would guide their everyday life, based on eternal principles of righteousness and fair-dealing, cleanliness and sobriety, honesty and helpfulness, one to another,

--- yet shaped into concrete forms, to *suit times and circumstances*, and the varying *needs of average men and women*...orphans to be protected; marriage, divorce, and widowhood to be regulated,

And the *rights of women*, apt to be trampled under foot, now clearly affirmed.

Quran 2 C50

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...If our Spiritual traditions are going to sort themselves out, and get out of the lizard hole, in which they have found themselves, then there is one important tool to which they could lead us, with the near and problematical dimensions on the other side, in the threat of a weakening dimension wall situation. It is a benefit that can come from the one communication link built into the created universe, which bridges the area from our perceivable dimensions of space and time, over to the better levels *beyond* the near problem dimensions of probable angry souls, that all spiritual physics tells us about.

As reviewed earlier, this link is called ‘Qi’ in Confucianism, ‘Subtle Spirit’ in Daoism, ‘Spenta Mainyu’ in Zoroastrianism, ‘Atman’ in Hinduism, ‘Buddha nature’ (or also ‘Atman’) in Buddhism. In Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, it is called the ‘Spirit’. Judaism has sometimes been active to ask followers to call on The Spirit (sometimes named the Shekinah). Within those three western Spiritual traditions, Christianity, has been most active in that calling out to the Spirit, particularly from the early 1800’s onward.

The Quran speaks of the Spirit, and tells of it strengthening Jesus, and of Muhammad. Will a new call to this long-available power, acknowledged by all three Spiritual traditions, now be part of a higher consciousness event for those three Sister Spiritual traditions of the West?

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...But what strikes particular notice, in the Light Sura verse here, is the luminosity of God's Light, is said to be lit from a blessed Tree, *the olive tree*. At the time of the 600's CE revelation, calling on the Spirit, in Christianity, (and for all of the past, in Judaism, Exodus 30: 25, although as we noted, the Spirit is called upon only by some of Judaism's leaders), was connected with a ritual of anointing with olive oil...only olive oil.

Rituals are part of the scheme of all Spiritual traditions in the past, something that should have little importance at all, if the 'elevated mindfulness' gets its main chance in our mutual civilization of the early 2000's century future. But still, the olive tree is a parable symbol for anointing, and this was a ritual *for calling* for the Spirit. (It is noted that Muhammad only anointed *once on record*, and that was at the marriage of his beloved Fatimah daughter, to Ali.) And the Olive Tree in the parable of the Light Sura is from *all* Spiritual traditions, that is 'neither of the East, nor of the West', as the Sura explains...

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...Will we, of the Spiritual traditions, in determination to carry out the care and love taught by our Prophets, *lead* in the hopeful process? Or will we follow along with those outside any Spiritual tradition, *in reaction and angry response* to uncomfortable events. It would be much smoother *if* Spiritual tradition Believers, Peoples of the Books, took the effort to be active *to lead* in a demonstration of Compassion for all followers of all Spiritual traditions, and all souls.

Whatever the answer is to all those questions, and whatever happens with our Hindu-Platonic Shapes, surrounding our planet, it seems, history-wise, that God's civilization of man, simply viewed right now in current event, is in a position, eerily similar to that just before the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand's nephew in 1914, a minor event of politics and terrorism within one (no-longer-existent) world power (the Austrian-Hungarian empire)...

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...Muhammad specifically warned about a time when that 'wall' would again become weak, and problems that could come to civilization, if the problem was met with 'increasing evil', on our side of the wall, not with goodness. Muhammad, in this instance (Bukhari Hadith 4 -56) said that there was a hole formed in the area of *Gog and Magog*, in his times, and it was only two-fingers wide, but it would increase and increase, and in time bring great problems, if humanity continued with evil / if it did not turn to goodness.

Historians try to trace Gog and Magog to specific peoples or nations, but it is more likely, Gog and Magog tie to a location on our globe which has something to do with the power grid system coming from the Hindu-Platonic Shape fields that surround the earth, Shape fields which are theorized to have an effect on us (and all life) when they morph. (That power grid system is the one that Melchizedek/Khidhr is to have arranged on the terrestrial earth.) In going back to his statement above, we should see that Muhammad not only spoke of a time in his future when the 'two-finger-width' hole in the dimensions would be large, and influential on us, but also spoke of *the solution*: the goodness of man...

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...The calling on the Spirit could be an aid to civilization...right now, when the breach in the wall, which Muhammad informed us about, seems, from our experiences in the last 50 years with 'E.T.', EPV's, ghosts, and various extra-dimensional phenomenon, seems to be growing larger. This century's problem with lack of respect between the three Western Spiritual traditions of large followings in humanity, and the situation of the increasingly 'weakening wall', are good reasons for this suggestion to emphasize the Spirit *now*. It could make this century different from, not the same as, the last...

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...And the Quran speaks of the phenomenon that Christians call the Rapture:

“Those for whom the Good Record from Us, have gone before, will be removed far there from.

Not the slightest sound will they hear of Hell. In what their souls desired, in that will they dwell.

The Great Terror will bring them no grief.”

The next verses after that speak of rolling up the heavens like a scroll, and a new creation. Then:

“Before this, we wrote in the Psalms, after the Message given to Moses: ‘My servants, the righteous, shall inherit the earth.

Verily this Quran is a Message for people who would truly worship God. We sent thee, not but as a Mercy for all creatures.”

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...Now there is *also* a ‘Two-horned one’ in the Christian text of Revelations. Here the Two-horned one seems to bring us problems. There are many theories in Christians writings about what this Two-horned one, in Revelations --- two horns: like a lamb, and yet speaks like a dragon, Revelations says --- really is. What seems important, is that the text says, he comes *up out* of the earth, as in across the dimension wall.

One Two-horned one, in the Quran, was long ago sealed with a barrier, a breach in the dimensions, in connection with the Gog and Magog phenomenon. The phenomenon, as mentioned, probably represents a location where the souls and interests of the hells in the nearby problematical dimensions, close to us, evidently can breach the wall, to harm us. (The Two-horned one is also referred to as the Beast, in Revelations, and the Quran also speaks of a Beast coming up from the earth, to face the unrighteous, in Sura 27).

So the Quran says a barrier was built, in the past, by a Two-horned one for our protection, ‘against’ Gog and Magog, that is to say, against a breach in the dimension ‘wall’. Then, Muhammad, in his 600’s CE advent time, tells us the barrier has been breached in a very small way, but that in the future, it is a breach, that will grow larger, if evil prevails on our side of the dimension wall...

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...Both Two-horned one’s obviously are not historic beings, as they seem to be a spirit from the other side of the dimension wall, which can deal with a breach in the dimensions between there and here. The first Two-horned one seals that breach, but only for a period, as Muhammad warned.

The second one emerges from the breach, in the form of something with inter-dimensional, miraculous power of the dark kind, perhaps appearing (on *our side* of the dimension wall) as a bio-form, an android-type machine, of world-connected, worldwide-net-type authority, authority which it somehow allots, *from us*, to itself. (It is a situation we may be unwittingly nurturing in our daily inter-lock economy, communication, and even electrical habits, as discussed in the Era Spirits book download.)

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The '*Junction of two seas*' would be a dimension crossing point, and sure enough, there they find Khidhr (Green)/Melchizedek, who is thought to be the establisher of power lines (like in leylines) on the earth grid, lines that take power from beyond our perceivable dimensions. They are lines which the ancients, in their own earlier 'weak wall time' of easier enlightenment, often tried to decipher. It would be logical to meet none other than Khidhr/Melchizedek, at such a dimension cross-over point...

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...Khidhr/Melchizedek here in this Sura 18 adventure, presents a story of good being done, by a well know Spirit or Arch-Angel of Islam, Christianity, Judaism. But the good being done, looks bad! The Sura goes on to show Two-horned helping us, with strengthening the barrier. But then Two-horned shows up, a second time, in end times, (in the Christian Book of Revelations), as a harmful entity, coming out of the barrier.

This difficult message, seen from the *widest viewing* point we can manage, seems to be emphasizing that the world as we see it, at all times, is a morality play, and the powers that we catch a glimpse of --- Khidhr/Melchizedek, Gabriel, Two-horned one --- are busy, doing various things, to bring our world to a course that will indeed see as its first purpose, the test of souls, the *test of us*. It is perhaps *not* the sort of message we want to hear.

“Verily we have created man for toil and struggle,

Thinketh he, that none have power over him?”

Quran 90 – 4,5

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...Islam today believes the Mahdi comes to have his influence before the return of Jesus, or at the same time. But the Ad Dajjal, in Islam’s prediction is slain, not by the Mahdi, but by Jesus. Jesus after that, leads Muslims in prayer and visits the Qaaba, in respect to Abraham, and Muhammad.

It is an unusual resetting of the second Advent of Jesus, for Christians to hear, but not in conflict with anything in the Christian projection. Rather, it

shows Jesus respecting the Brotherhood of Prophets, that Christians have to this date, chosen not to respect...

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...It is a happy ending, but an arduous path of turmoil to get there. If there are those in the Spiritual traditions, who say we cannot avoid this course, there need to be others, who say that it is the duty of anyone involved with any Spiritual tradition to speak up for the Compassionate care of humanity, prayer as practice, and search for guidance from our one God for good Deeds, that all of our scriptures call for. There can not be victory of *one* Spiritual tradition, for that would involve hurt, as Muhammad said:

“God will not be merciful, to those who are not merciful to mankind.”

Bukhari 9 – 93 – 473

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...The Quran, as always speaking when possible, to *all* the followers of all the Spiritual traditions, says:

“God is *our* Lord and *your* Lord: for us is the responsibility for our Deeds, and for you, your Deeds.

There is no contention between us and you.

God will bring *us* together, and to Him is *our* final goal.”

Quran 42 – 15

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...Do answers to those questions lie with the location? Where in the wide world of Catholicism, did the Mother Mary, or her Boss, choose to give her special event, with the three children, and leave her world-prophecy messages? *What* is Fatima?

Anyone, who has read this writing at hand, knows *who* Fatimah is. Portugal was ruled by ‘the Moors’ from Africa, through the Almoravid and Almohad period, when they took power from the Umayyads. The Fatima, for

whom, this Fatima village location took its name, was a princess, from a local ruling family, which had converted to Islam, under the Umayyad rule, then North African Almoravid and Almohad rule. Daughter Fatima then converted back to Christianity, after that rule, when the Spanish Christians re-conquered. Princess Fatima was born Islamic, hence her name, and died a Christian. Because of her life, she certainly was a person who understood, at heart, Islam *plus* Christianity...

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...What is the significance of this *Prophecy of Fatima*? Did Pope John Paul II and the Vatican read that *the problem*, possibly connected with a World War --- since we see a Pope walk through a ruined city, in the part of the prophecy, that we are allowed to view --- and then read that *the solution*, was --- finally --- *the respect* of the Prophet and Book of Islam, by the Catholic hierarchy, in the same way that the Jewish Prophets and Jewish Book are respected? Is that what made a Pope, on reading, pass out?

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...If the prophecy of Fatima did call on the Vatican to do something --- just as in the case of an atheist Commie Russia that disappeared overnight, a few years after one Pope did the prophecy's bidding --- one night, a positive miracle that would benefit all citizens of God's civilization, could be waiting, if one group of preachersmen, and one leader of preachersman, overcome their hesitation.

We observe that their hesitation , was just the problem for *seventy-over years waiting* with the second prophecy of Fatima (until 1984 when Pope Paul II finally did the deed). Will the Vatican finally, do the Mother Mary's third prophecy bidding? (It would certainly be a milestone for Vatican leadership, in the Christian world of Catholics and Protestants and Orthodox, if they did.)

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...In C 202, in the 38th Sura, the Quran speaks of a solution, parallel to what we guess here, is in the Mother Mary Fatima message. The C 202 says that the Gospel of Unity is the 'true *cure* for Evil, for it gives the *Good news* of God's Power supreme'. It is an amazing call to the three great Spiritual traditions.

If we have been determined for almost two millennia, to put such calls aside, let us hope that the billions of followers of Islam, Judaism, and

Christianity, today will take a moment, now in the 2000's century, to put their efforts into a new consensus of respect...for each other.