

WHAT MARTIANS THINK ABOUT MUSLIMS



From his spaceship an alien Martian scouts the Earth from orbit, reporting on what he sees to Mission Control on Mars. What would he say about what he sees from orbit? From orbit he sees big cities lit up at night! Large gatherings of humans in pop concerts! But the Martian notes that bigger than music is the power of religion over humans. Eclipsing pop concerts are even bigger crowds. Mars asks its scout: what happens in these mass gatherings, what attracts the humans - what religion is followed there? The scout says he has seen 3 locations on Earth over a year hosting the very biggest gatherings where millions come - in INDIA, and in the MIDDLE EAST.

MARTIAN: Every few years in India millions gather in what is called the KHUMBH MELA in the River Ganges, there is one going on this very year.

MISSION CONTROL: What happens in the Khumbh Mela and what religion do these humans follow?

MARTIAN: Humans bathe themselves in the Ganges believing it purifies them. Since these pilgrims worship the deities Shiva and Vishnu, and as these are deities sacred to a religion called Hinduism, these people must therefore be Hindus.

MISSION CONTROL: Now tell us of the Middle East.

MARTIAN: Two cities hold big gatherings here. One gathering is in a city called MECCA, it happens every year and millions gather - they call it the HAJJ.

MISSION CONTROL: What happens in the Hajj and what religion do these humans follow?



MARTIAN: After spending large sums of money travelling to Mecca, humans perform rituals over many days, done so seriously people die in stampedes. The rituals commemorate the trials and tribulations of the family of a prophet called Abraham. They orbit a black cube called the Kaaba, built by Abraham and his son Ishmael. Abraham's footprint is next to it. They run 7 times between 2 hills called Safa and Marwa, remembering Abraham's wife Hagar running for water to quench the thirst of their baby son Ishmael in the desert. A well called Zamzam appeared saving the baby's life, and to this day the pilgrims drink from it and take it to their homes across the world. The rest of the

Hajj is also about Abraham's family - when his son became a young man Abraham offered him in sacrifice to his god. Three times a devil, Satan, tried to stop the sacrifice but failed. The pilgrims throw stones at 3 giant pillars symbolising the 3 times Satan tried. The 1st pillar symbolises Satan whispering to Abraham to stop him from sacrificing his son. The 2nd pillar Satan whispering to Hagar to stop her husband sacrificing the young man. And the 3rd pillar Satan whispering to Abraham's son, to tempt him to run away from being sacrificed by his father. On the 10th day of Hajj these pilgrims remember Abraham offering his son in sacrifice, and their god replacing his son with a sheep which was sacrificed instead. In remembrance the pilgrims sacrifice an animal every year in the Hajj.

MISSION CONTROL: And what religion do these people in the Hajj follow?

MARTIAN: Unlike with the Khumbh Mela which was Hinduism I do not know which religion these humans in the Hajj follow. Abraham is a prophet of many Earth religions - a prophet of Judaism, a prophet of Christianity and a prophet of Islam. Therefore whether these people in Mecca represent Jews, Christians, Muslims, some or all of these religions, I cannot say - for all believe in Abraham.....but I have discovered one important thing. Remember I reported I have observed 2 cities where mass gatherings of humans happen in the Middle East every year?



MISSION CONTROL: Yes – what is this 2nd city and what religion do those gathering there follow?

MARTIAN: Exactly 1 month after the Hajj a group of humans from the Hajj go to a city called Karbala in Iraq, on a day called Ashura, the 10th day of a month called Muharram. They repeat this 40 days later, a day called Arba'een. They do this every year. Unlike Hajj I do know the identity of those humans who gather in Karbala. They are MUSLIM. For it is in Karbala where millions of pilgrims gather to remember the trials and tribulations of the family of a prophet called Muhammad. As Muhammad is a prophet not of Jews, nor of Christians, but only of Muslims, these people in Karbala can only be MUSLIM. From orbit I saw parallels. On Ashura pilgrims paced back and forth 7 times like both Hagar and Husain did, but unlike Ishmael, Husain's infant son was killed thirsty. Along with most of his family. Honouring Abraham's family's thirst the Hajj pilgrims walk in Mecca from Safa to Marwa 377 metres – identical to the distance pilgrims walk remembering the thirst of Muhammad's family from the grave of Abbas to that of Husain in Karbala's epicentre.



Conclusion: Something went wrong in the history of Islam. A group of Muslims emerged who commemorate with sincerity the suffering of the family of the prophet Abraham^s in the Hajj *but* refuse to commemorate the suffering of the family of their own prophet Muhammad^s in Karbala. So profound is this dichotomy that Martians cannot even recognise these people as Muslim. The insightfulness of the Martian Test lies in its objectivity: Martians are not Muslim. The Martians recognise as Muslim *only* those who, in addition to the Hajj in Mecca, commemorate the suffering of Muhammad's own family in Karbala. This is not a sectarian article. Shias and many Sunnis commemorate the suffering of the family of the Prophet Muhammad^s on the 10th Muharram, to varying degrees, Shias usually with more devotion. Yet the silence on the airwaves can be deafening. Some Muslim broadcasters remember *only* Abraham's family in the Hajj, refusing to report on Muhammad's family and the martyrdom of his grandson Husain^s in Karbala. Perhaps some Muslims are ignorant of what Hajj rituals signify – their scholars know it commemorates the sufferings of the family of Abraham^s. In history some Muslim scholars, often unwittingly, incorporated fabricated traditions advising their followers to ignore the suffering of the family of Muhammad^s, traditions manufactured by biased scholars/agents of the early Muslim caliph-kings who were themselves rivals of Muhammad's family to the leadership of the Muslims. In their hypocrisy they allowed the Hajj rituals to continue as it did not threaten their rule. These caliph-kings created a version of Islam which the Martians cannot recognise as Islam. The Martian Test exposes this double standard and hypocrisy.

There is light and good in Sunni Islam as Muhammad^s is light, but the early Arab kings who often shaped it brought darkness. These kings were rivals to the legitimate leaders of the Muslims – the 12 Shia Imams from Muhammad's family starting with Ali^s. The caliph-king Yazeed who killed Imam Husain^s on the 10th Muharram was but the most extreme example from many such kings who murdered the Imams. All prophets with close kin chose their successors from their holy families, as did Muhammad^s. God Himself exalts the sanctity of Muhammad's family to mankind several times in the Qur'an (some examples Qur'an 33:33; 3:61; 42:23). In his last Hajj in 10 AH (632CE) the Final Prophet Muhammad^s re-enacted the rituals commemorating Abraham's family's suffering then stated to over 100,000 Muslims that he was leaving this world and leaving behind guidance in the form of 2 inseparable things: the Qur'an and his own Holy Family [Tradition of 2 Weighty Things, Al-Hakim, Mustadrak Vol. 3 p124; Dhahabi in his Talkhis; also, many other works e.g. Sahih Muslim]. To this great crowd a few days later Muhammad^s declared his successor in the Ghadir Sermon, taking Ali's hand: "Of whomsoever I have been his Mawla (Master) henceforth this Ali becomes his Mawla" [Tradition of Ghadir – Sahih Tirmidhi Vol. 2 p298; Vol. 5 p63; innumerable other works]. Indeed the 2 most reliable traditions in all Sunni Islam are these 2 and endorse Ali^s as immediate successor to Muhammad^s. These traditions are admitted as authentic by the vast majority of Sunni scholars. Very shortly afterward Muhammad^s left this world. Politically ambitious men presented others as his successors, a process of ostracization of his family that continued leading to 2 sects: SHIA and SUNNI.

50 years later Imam Husain^s underlined his relationship to the Hajj, surprising 1000s of gathering Muslims by leaving Mecca just days before Hajj began. He left to fulfil his destiny at a pivotal point in the Religion's history on which hinged its survival: could Islam pass the test of generations which defines successful religions? Muslims who had known the Prophet^s were dying of old age - would the new Religion pass to later generations and hence into perpetuity or would it be corrupted or lost forever under impious, tyrant kings like Yazeed? All Muslims accept Imam Husain^s is sanctified by God in the Qur'an itself. At this critical juncture, with the survival of Islam on a knife-edge, Imam Husain^s refused to give allegiance to an irreligious caliph-king who was dismantling Islam. Husain^s and his family were martyred thirsty upholding truth against falsehood, becoming the greater sacrifice as ransom for Abraham's son, fulfilling the Qur'anic prophecy "We ransomed him for a greater sacrifice" (37:107). The greater sacrifice was by the greatest Prophet and his family.

"Husain is from me and I am from Husain" Prediction of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^s

This tradition of Muhammad^s is accepted as authentic by all Muslims [eg Sahih Tirmidhi 49(31) on Virtues of Al-Hasan and Al-Husain]. Imam Husain^s was from his grandfather. But how can a grandfather be from his grandson unless the grandson saves his grandfather's legacy? As his grandfather was Muhammad^s that legacy was Islam which he predicted would be saved by Husain^s. In its darkest hour Husain's martyrdom rekindled the dying flame of Islam in the young Muslim conscience, securing Islam *forever* for future generations.

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