No Muslim can deny the importance of Mohammed's night journey, because this flight determined the Islamic rituals of praying five times a day, and performing ablution - or washing before prayer. In other words Mohammed's night journey should impact the lives of 1.5 billion Muslims all over the world - five times - each and every day.

Sura 17.1 Glory to (Allah) Who did take His servant for a Journey by night from the Sacred Mosque to the farthest Mosque, whose precincts We did bless, - in order that We might show him some of Our Signs: for He is the One Who heareth and seeth (all things).

Mohammed's alleged overnight trip covered the 766 miles from Mecca to Jerusalem, a trip to heaven, and a return to Mecca, and is described in part as follows:

Sahih Muslim, Book 1, No. 0309: It is narrated on the authority of Anas b. Malik that the Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him) said: I was brought al-Buraq who is an animal white and long, larger than a donkey but smaller than a mule, who would place his hoof a distance equal to the range of vision. I mounted it and came to the Temple (Bait Maqdis in Jerusalem), then tethered it to the ring used by the prophets. I entered the mosque and prayed two rak'ahs in it, and then came out and Gabriel brought me a vessel of wine and a vessel of milk.

So Mohammed flew on al-Buraq to the temple in Jerusalem, tied it up to a ring "the prophets" had used, and went on in to the Temple to pray. Because of the fantastic nature of Mohammed's claims, some Muslims suggest that this was a vision or dream, but according to the most highly regarded narrator of Mohammed's life:

Sahih al-Bukhari, Volume 5, Book 58, Number 228: Narrated Ibn 'Abbas: The sights which Allah's Apostle was shown on the Night Journey when he was taken to Bait-ul-Maqdis (i.e. Jerusalem) were actual sights, (not dreams). And the Cursed Tree (mentioned) in the Quran is the tree of Zaqqum (itself).

Additionally, the rock enshrined in the Dome of the Rock on the temple mount, is supposed to be where Mohammed and Baraq launched from, for the leg of the trip up to heaven. So it would be untenable to suggest that Mohammed's journey was a dream or vision, while at the same time claiming that he launched from a very much physical and tangible rock, on the temple mount.

There were many skeptics when Mohammed recounted the fantastic details of his trip the morning after his supposed night journey and as a result many left Mohammed's religion. As Dr. Rafat Amari pointed out in the introduction to "Islam: In Light of History", Abu Bakr (the first assistant of Mohammed who became his first Caliph) confirmed Mohammed's descriptions of the temple he had visited, because Abu Bakr claimed he had once taken a journey to Jerusalem and had seen the temple himself, and remembered it to be just as Mohammed had described it.

There is, however, a little difficulty with their accounts. The temple had been torn down over 500 years before their claims of personal visits to it. Indeed if Mohammed had actually hitched his flying animal outside the Temple where, as he said "the prophets" had hitched theirs, at the time that his night flight occurred, he would have found that the temple mount was being used as a garbage dump. The Muslim's own Caliph Omar would have observed this when he marched into Jerusalem in 639 AD, not very many years, after Mohammed had offered his account detailed above.

While Mohammed and Bakr didn't need to be concerned about their largely illiterate followers traveling the 766 miles from Mecca to Jerusalem, to scrutinize their accounts, what excuse do today's Muslims have in this 21st century information age?
As our X-Muslim brethren at answering Islam.org also inquire,

"In light of all this, we ask the following questions:

* What Temple did Muhammad visit, enter and pray at before ascending to heaven?
* Seeing that the Quran mentions a journey to a Mosque that did not exist during the lifetime of Muhammad, how can you consider the Quran to be 100% the word of God?
* In light of the fact that both the Quran and the Islamic traditions contain this historical error, how can you trust either source to provide you with reliable information on the life of Muhammad and the first Muslims?
* Does not the fact that the Quran mentions a Mosque which was only erected in AD 691 prove that there were Muslims who unashamedly and deceitfully added stories to the Quranic text and passed them off as revelation from God?
* If you cannot find an answer to this historical problem within the Quran, why do you still remain a Muslim?"

Indeed, when Mohammed's story is seen in the light of the "History" of Mecca what we learn is that every Muslim on earth, bows toward and circumambulates, the very same black stone moon god idol that the pagan Star Family worshipers bowed toward and circumambulated before Mohammed, and now we learn that the reason that Muslims bow toward that black rock five times a day, and wash before doing so, is because Mohammed claimed to have taken a ride on a flying animal.

The real reason Muslims pray five times a day and perform ablution, is likely because Mohammed became deeply involved in the second century occult cult of the Sabians, by way of four of his relatives. This cult apparently had so much influence over Mohammed's daily life, that some in his own tribe referred to him as "the Sabian". In the Quran Mohammed lists Sabians right alongside Christians and Jews.

surah 2:62 Those who believe (in the Qu’ran), and those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Christians and the sabians... any who believe in Allah and the Last Day...

surah 5:69 Those who believe (in the Qu’ran), those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the sabians and the Christians...

It should then come as no surprise that the Sabians prayed five times a day and performed ablution.

Excerpt from "Occultism in the family of Mohammed" by Dr. Rafat Amari

"Waraqa was one of the founders of the group called Ahnaf. In the first narration of the life of Mohammed, written by Ibn Hisham in the 8th century A.D., we read:

The Honafa’, or Ahnaf, was a small group started when four Sabians at Mecca agreed. Those four were Zayd bin Amru bin Nafil, Waraqa bin Naufal, Ubaydullah bin Jahsh, and Uthman Bin al-Huwayrith.[xxxi][31]"

"The four founders of Ahnaf were all related to Mohammed."

"Ubaydullah Bin Jahsh was a maternal cousin to Mohammed. Mohammed married his widow, Um Habibeh. All this reveals the close connection between Mohammed and the founders of the group."

To our Muslim friends, the hour is growing late. You could die in the next five minutes. Are you prepared to meet our Creator, and the eternal consequences, of His Judgment?

Will you continue to reject ALL of the prophets and witnesses as revealed through the 1600 year record of God to mankind, to instead continue to follow the 23 year record of Mohammed and his rehashed fables, including a ride on a flying donkey-mule. A “prophet” with no fulfilled prophecy, who never performed a single miracle, and whom not a single person ever heard Allah or Gabriel’s voice give a “revelation” to? Continue to believe in Mohammed even though there is NOT A SINGLE SHRED of historical or archaeological EVIDENCE that suggests, that Mecca ever existed before immigrants from Yemen built it in the 4th century AD, or that the Kabba ever existed before the early 5th century?

Sahih Muslim Book 007, Number 3078: 'A’isha ... reported: Allah’s Messenger (may peace be upon him) said to me:... for when the Quraish had built the Ka’ba, they reduced its (area), and I would also have built (a door) in the rear. Please join us for much more at BrotherPete.com

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