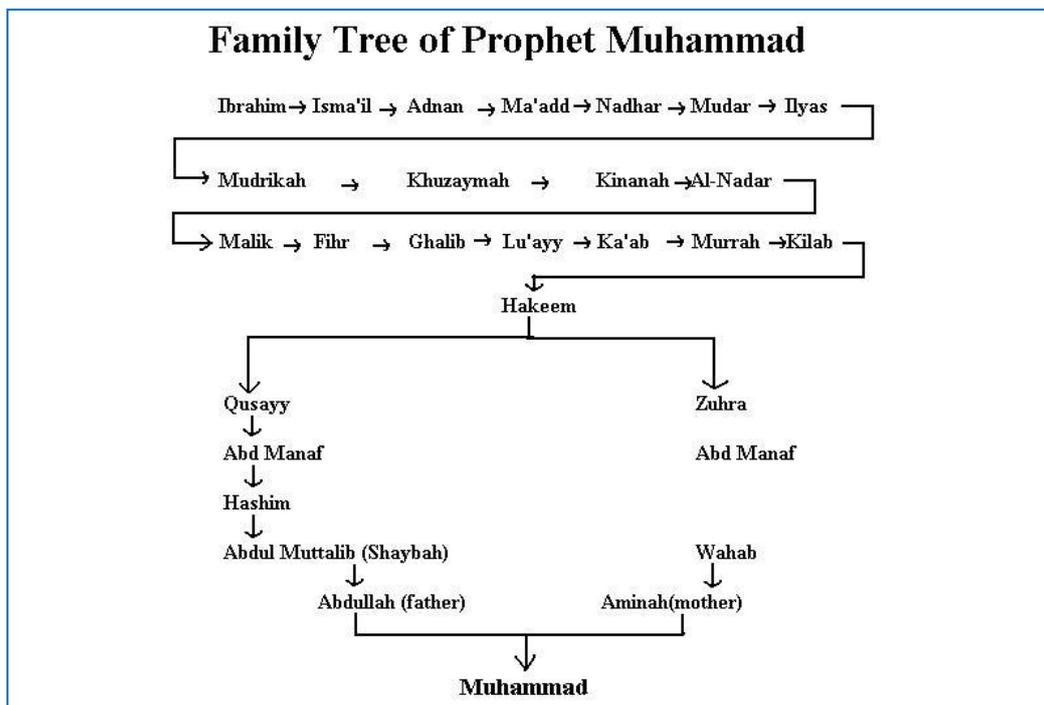


Appendix 5

Mohammed's Claimed Ancestry

Muslims believe Mohammed to be a descendant of Ishmael, Abraham's son by the maid Hagar. Many refer back to genealogies that were written by Ibn Ishak from AD 770-775. Here is an example of what is claimed to be Mohammed's decendency:



However, Ishmaelite tribes were nomadic and lived in the Sinai and Fertile Crescent deserts, and disappeared sometime after the 7th Century B.C.

Historians claim that Mohammed's origins were in a tribe that lived in Saba-Yemen. The 8th ancestor of Mohammed, Qusayy bin Kilab, is recorded as having gathered an alliance of many Yemeni families to form the Quraish, the tribe into which Mohammed was born. These families occupied Mecca in the 5th Century AD, the city having been built the previous century.

Therefore we can assert that Mohammed is not connected to any Ishmaelite tribe as the Quraish didn't leave Yemen until 1,000 years after the Ishmaelite tribes disappeared, in the 5th Century AD.

The fabrication of genealogies attempting to connect Mohammed with Ishmael occurred even in Mohammed's day and he rejected these out of hand – and placed limits on how far back one could make legitimate claims. He himself claimed his 17th ancestor as al-Nather bin Kinaneh, and that no one could make suppositions reaching back beyond him, whom many place as being over 500 years previously (2nd Century AD).

Muslims usually appeal to bogus genealogies written about AD 770 as proof of their claim to reach back to Ishmael. Such genealogies commonly gave lists similar to this table:

Abraham (AS) (Ibrahim)--- was father of
Ishmael(AS) (Ismail) --- was father of
Kedar (Qaydar) --- was father of
'Adnan --- was father of
Ma'ad --- was father of
Nizar --- was father of
Mudar --- was father of
Ilyas --- was father of
Mudrikah --- was father of
Khuzaimah --- was father of
Kinanah --- was father of
Al-Nadr --- was father of
Malik --- was father of
Quraysh (Fihir) --- was father of
Ghalib --- was father of
Lu'ayy --- was father of
Ka'ab --- was father of
Murrah --- was father of
Kilab --- was father of
Qusay --- was father of
'Abd Manaf --- was father of
Hashim --- was father of
'Abdul Muttalib --- was father of
'Abdullah --- was father of
MUHAMMAD (SAW)