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Nimrod, Abraham, and the Camel from the Rock

Nemrut the pharaoh once said to Hâlîl Abraham, "You say that you are a prophet. Well, if you really are a prophet, then have come from that rock over there a camel with curly hair and eyes tinged with kohl. Furthermore, let it come out with feet of ruby and foal the same way as birds do."<sup>1</sup>

Hâlîl Abraham prayed to <sup>Allah</sup> God. The rock split in half and out came a camel of the kind requested, and the camel foaled as a bird does. People ran to catch this unusual camel, but the camel stepped back into the rock, and the rock closed again.

Prophet Hâlîl Abraham said, "O my God, did you create that camel in response to my prayer?"

God answered him, "No, my Hâlîl. I created it many thousands of years ago, knowing that they would want to have exactly that creature produced by you. It has been waiting in there in the rock all that time

<sup>1</sup>The requirement that the camel "foal as birds do" does not make much sense. That, however, is what the text says literally.