

The Prophets Three

By

Andrew Lightfoot

EXT. PEARLY GATES - DAY

A large pearl white fence spans across a cloud like landing.

In the middle of these gates are two large gates of the same colour.

A man, THE GATEKEEPER, stands behind a pedestal. He has a cheerful smile as he closes up an extremely large book.

GATE KEEPER

It's so nice of you three  
to do this.

JESUS, MUHAMMAD, and MOSES are standing close by the pedestal.

GATE KEEPER

You are sure the father approves?

JESUS

Yeah, he's fine with it.

MUHAMMAD

Who better to welcome people  
into paradise?

The Gate Keeper takes a stern look at Muhammad

GATE KEEPER

You do realize what's going on  
down on earth right? The Middle  
East? I mean it's...

Muhammad starts escorting the Gate Keeper through the gates.

MUHAMMAD

Enjoy your time off my friend.

Muhammad returns to the group and they give each other subtle high-fives.

MOSES

Right, Jesus you get the chairs,  
I'll get the scoreboard... and Muhammad  
you get the drinks.

MUHAMMAD

... but I don't drink!

Moses and Jesus laugh, Moses gives Muhammad a playful shove.

EXT. PEARLY GATES - DAY

The three prophets are seated in lawn chairs facing the opening  
of a tunnel. Behind them is a scoreboard propped up high on a  
tripod.

On the scoreboard are the three prophets names, along with a  
fourth SATAN. Under each name is a series of check marks.

MOSES

Shall we go over the scores?

Jesus and Muhammad grumble and wave Moses's suggestion off.

MOSES

Doing it anyway, Satan is  
winning...

JESUS

Why do we even have him in this?

Moses ignores the interruption.

MOSES

I am in second place with twenty-five,  
Jesus has fourteen, and you Muhammad  
have twelve.

MUHAMMAD  
(QUIETLY TO JESUS )  
We'll see the scores after this week.

Jesus and Muhammad fist bump and chuckle.

MOSES  
Best of luck to you guys and...

A faint echoing sound coming from the tunnel cuts Moses off.

All eyes move to the top of the tunnel where four light bulbs are places. Each has a sign above MUSLIM, CATHOLIC, JEW, and ATHEIST.

The Muslim light pops on, Jesus nudges Muhammad excitedly.

JESUS  
First one today, wonder what he'll  
be like?

MOSES  
I bet it's a suicide bomber

MUHAMMAD  
Shut up.

Another burst of sound comes through, this time it's clear.  
ALLAHU AKBAR

Then SUICIDE BOMBER walks out of the tunnel, his clothing scorched and torn, but his body unhurt.

MUHAMMAD  
(PUTTING HEAD IN HANDS)  
Oh, for fuck sakes!

JESUS  
You called it! Nicely done Moses.

MOSES

Thank you.

MUHAMMAD

Alright... I'll deal with this.

He looks at his surroundings then to the three prophets, he raises a fist in celebration.

SUICIDE BOMBER

Allahu Akbar!

MUHAMMAD

Yeah, yeah...

He wraps an arm around the suicide bomber and guides him over to a second tunnel all the while talking with a soothing tone.

MUHAMMAD

You know when I said Islam to be a religion of peace...that's what I meant.

SUICIDE BOMBER

I have done good, I have killed infidels.

MUHAMMAD

No...no you didn't

SUICIDE BOMBER

I go to paradise now?

MUHAMMAD

Through here

Muhammad lightly pushes the suicide bomber into the tunnel then quickly pulls a lever. a rush of air enters the tunnel and sends the suicide bomber swirling further into the tunnel.

JESUS

I'm so glad they took that sign  
down, I was tired of hearing people  
cry and beg not to be sent to hell.

MOSES

...and the flushing idea from the  
humans is a nice touch too.

Muhammad walks disappointingly back to his chair.

JESUS

Cheer up bud, there's always next time

Jesus tries to hide his laughter but fails.

Suddenly the Catholic light pops on.

MUHAMMAD

Let's see what you get.

JESUS

A good soul

Jesus rise from his chair and moves to the opening of the tunnel with a welcoming smile.

A PRIEST stumbles out of the tunnel in amazement. He sees Jesus and immediately his the ground in a bow.

PRIEST  
It's an honor Jesus.

JESUS  
(SARCASTIC)  
Oh, no need for this get up  
my friend.

Jesus turns and gives Muhammad and Moses a cheeky smile.

The Priest rises.

PRIEST  
All my life I have dreamed of  
this mo...

The Priest loses focus as a BOY runs between him and Jesus, his eyes follow the boy who is running to the second tunnel.

JESUS  
What? What are you looking at?  
(REALIZES WHAT'S HAPPENING)  
Oh, no!

MUHAMMAD  
Uh oh! Looks like someone has a  
little problem.

JESUS  
Leave the boy alone...

Ignoring Jesus the Priest begins to follow the boy.

JESUS  
Stop!...the...the power of...me...  
commands you to stop following that boy!

The boy and the Priest disappear into the depths of the tunnel.

Jesus has his hands on his hips half in frustration and half in disbelief.

JESUS

Son of a bitch!

MUHAMMAD

I'd just like to point out that you didn't need to pull the lever...just saying.

JESUS

You know what Muhammad, you can...

MOSES

Guys!

Moses points towards the first tunnel where the Atheist light shines brightly.

JESUS

I'll save my anger for this jackass.

MUHAMMAD

That makes two of us brother.

all three prophets walk towards the tunnel opening with arms crossed.

A MAN walks out in utter bewilderment.



MAN

Am I in Heaven?

MUHAMMAD

No dumb ass you at the gates.

MAN

Oh my God...

MOSES

SHUT UP! You can't say the father name!  
you have no right!

MUHAMMAD

(WHISPERING TO MOSES)

Tone it down a bit man.

Moses stammers off.

MAN

I didn't think you guys were real!

MUHAMMAD

Oh yeah? Does this feel real?

Muhammad slaps the man in the face. The man eyes go wide and his mouth form a smile with joy.

MAN

Yes!

JESUS

...and this?

Jesus slaps the man with one hand then follows it with a slap from his other.

MAN

Yes!

MOSES

What about this!

Moses rushes back with a chair raised above his head and pure hatred in his face.

Muhammad and Jesus both jump in front of Moses, holding his arms still.

MUHAMMED

Moses, no!

JESUS

Calm down!

They push Moses away who begins to get choked up.

MOSES

I never believed in you anyways!

JESUS

Take it easy buddy.

MOSES

Oh and guess what? Your father in Heaven and he's ashamed of you!

(FORCED LAUGHTER)

HA! HA! HA! I was joking....he's not in Heaven!

JESUS

You see that tunnel there?

The man looks to where Jesus is pointing.

MAN

Yes?

JESUS

Go through that tunnel

MAN

...but what...

JESUS

Just go!

MOSES

...and hit that lever too!

The man exits through the tunnel, Moses relaxes but is still distraught.

Jesus looks at him in disbelief

JESUS

What was that Moses? Jesus Christ!

EXT. PEARLY GATES - MUCH LATER

The three prophets are sitting in their chairs still watching the tunnel.

The clearing of a throat makes them all turn around. The Gate Keeper is back, large book held by his side.

GATE KEEPER

Thank you so much for the time off you  
three, it was well needed.

MOSES

What? already?

GATE KEEPER

Yes, I am well rested and ready to get  
back to my duty.

Moses looks back to the tunnel

MOSES

Why has none of my followers arrived?

EXT. UNKNOWN - DAY

A large crowd of people stand at the opening of a tunnel, all  
talk heatedly amongst themselves.

Above them, pinned to a small wooden booth is a sign that reads  
FIVE DOLLARS FOR TUNNEL ENTRY.

EXT. PEARLY GATES - DAY

The three prophets enter through the gates. Jesus and Muhammad  
give a fist bump behind Moses's back.

THE END