

## The Dawn

Each surah we have reviewed has been incriminating. Let's hope Muhammad improves with practice. I for one would like to read something positive and uplifting for a change. *Qur'an 89:1* **"I swear by the dawn, and the ten nights, and the even and the odd, and the night when it departs."** This is not a very auspicious start. It's bad enough swearing by night and darkness. Swearing by odd and even smacks of numerology - another occult practice. *Qur'an 89:5* **"There surely is an oath for thinking man."** And I hope the Islamic god finds it before he drives us crazy.

*Qur'an 89:6* **"Saw you not how your Lord dealt with Ad, possessors of lofty buildings, the likes of which were not produced in all the land?"** I'm reasonably sure the grandeur of Rome, the beauty of Acropolis, the splendor of Ephesus, the Temples in Karnack, the pyramids along the Nile, the metropolis that was Babylon dwarfed the **"lofty buildings, the likes of which were not produced in all the land."** For variety's sake, the god of the Qur'an should try truth occasionally.

*Qur'an 89:9* **"And Thamud, who hewed out huge rocks in the valley? And with Pharaoh, who had the stakes (to torture men), who terrorized the region and multiplied mischief?"** If god is being honest about the Thamud, why haven't archeologists unearthed any of their huge cut stones? And why isn't there any evidence of Pharaoh terrorizing his people or being corrupt?

Muhammad returns to his favorite subject, providing a veritable smorgasbord of victims. It was so multi-cultural of him. *Qur'an 89:12* **"All made mischief so your Lord poured on them the disaster of His torment, a scourge of diverse chastisements."** I think we get the message. The Islamic god is a terrorist.

Reading the Qur'an causes me to wonder why the media is so protective, even supportive, of Islam. Page after page, it chafes against the values liberals hold dear. How has the media overlooked the religion's preoccupation with hate speech? There has been no talk of tolerance or peaceful coexistence in these pages. Surah after surah has been about scourges, disasters, and punishments. Sure, liberals tout diversity, but not when it defines a variety of torments.

Stealing a line from Zayd again, the dark spirit of Islam says: *Qur'an 89:14* **"Most surely your Lord is laying in wait, watching."** It's little wonder Communists and Muslims get along so well. Somebody is always watching. Step out of line and you get **"a scourge of diverse chastisements."**

*Qur'an 89:15* **"Now, as for man, when his Lord gives him gifts, he says all puffed up, 'My Lord has honored me.' But when He tries him, restricting his subsistence, he says in despair, 'My Lord has humiliated me; He despises me.' Nay, nay! It is because you don't honor the orphan. [Gee, I wonder who that might be? Do you know an orphan who needs to be honored?] And urge not the feeding the poor. And you devour inheritance - all with greed, and you love wealth."** If Muhammad wants us to believe that these are God's words, he's going to have to be a little less transparent. His childhood is showing, as is his greed. He's afraid his kin will devour the wealth he covets - the income

streams of the Ka'aba Inc. - before he can steal them.

*Qur'an 89:21* **"Nay, when the earth is made to crumble and the Lord comes, His angels rank upon rank, and Hell is brought face to face, man will remember, but how will that avail him? For His Chastisement will be such as no other can inflict. None punishes as He will punish! None can bind as He will bind."** Allah is number one in chastisements, punishments, and imprisonments. At least he's good at something.

*Qur'an 89:29* **"Enter then, among My devotees! Yea, enter into My Paradise!"** I'll take a pass. Thanks anyway.