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The Mantled One

Let's open our Qur'ans to the 73rd surah and see what Islam's spirit had to say. *Qur'an 73:1* **"O you who have been wrapped in your garments! Who said, 'Cover me, cover me. I'm afraid of the angel.' Keep watch all night except a little. And recite the Qur'an as it ought to be recited, in slow, measured rhythmic tones. Surely We will soon entrust you with Our weighty Word. Surely the night is the most devout way when the soul is most receptive and the words most telling. During the day you already have a busy schedule, an occupation with ordinary business duties."** Muhammad's spirit friend wants him to spend the night reciting the Qur'an. Since eighty words have been revealed thus far, that's a pace of eight words an hour. But that is trivial compared to nocturnal devotion. The Qur'an was revealed in darkness, and night is the best time to ponder its meaning. Satan is the Prince of Darkness, and evil loves the night. We have stumbled upon another clue.

Qur'an 73:8 **"But keep in remembrance the name of your Lord and devote yourself to Him whole-heartedly."** How can one remember the name of a Lord who has not yet been named? **"Lord of the East and West: there is no ilah but He: take Him therefore for (your) Disposer of Affairs. And bear patiently what they say and avoid them with a becoming avoidance."** That would make Muhammad the only messenger who was told to avoid his audience. A Hadith says: *Ishaq:115* **"Now Muhammad did not want his secret to be divulged before he applied himself to the publication of his message."** In other words, he needed time to create enough of these rhyming surahs to make his claim seem believable.

Qur'an 73:11 **"Leave Me (alone to deal with) the rejecters, the possessors of ease and plenty. I respite them a little. We have heavy fetters with Us (to bind them), and a roaring furnace (to burn them), and food that chokes, sticking in the throat and a painful torment."** While we haven't been introduced, Muhammad's spirit seems all too familiar. The Bible speaks of the Lord of the fire, of a spirit that chokes the life out of men, binding them to sin. Muhammad's Lord is the spitting image of Satan.

Before we press on, I'd like to bring your attention to the fact that nothing religious has been revealed thus far. The Qur'an is but a paragraph long and its prophet has been told to avoid discussing it. Therefore, Muhammad is being rejected, not his message. This rejection preceding **"possessors of ease and plenty"** tells us that the wannabe prophet is tormented by his relative poverty. Covetous of what belongs to others, his inward anguish turns sadistic. The heavy fetters, roaring furnace, and choking torments are a way of lashing out at those he envies. At this early juncture there is no other plausible explanation. Either Muhammad was deeply disturbed, wanting to torture men without justification, or his deity was unjust and perverted. As such, the "Enwrapped" surah unravels Islam's moral authority.

We have already reviewed the initial verses of the 73rd surah. They were allegedly "revealed" shortly after the three-year hiatus in revelation. Now, in the name of full disclosure, it's time to tackle the rest of the recital. Last time we heard the dark spirit say: *Qur'an 73:11* **"Leave Me alone to deal with the beliers (those who deny My Verses). Respite those who possess good things for a little while. Verily, with Us are heavy shackles (to bind them), a raging fire (to burn them), food that chokes, and a penalty (torment) of a painful doom."**

The 14th verse says: **"One Day the earth and mountains will be in violent commotion. And the mountains will become a heap of running sand. We have sent to you a Messenger (Muhammad) to witness against you, [not to you, but against you] even as We sent a messenger to Pharaoh."** By tying Muhammad to Pharaoh, the Qur'an is telling us why the Biblical story is being corrupted. **"But Pharaoh disobeyed the messenger; so We seized him and We laid on him a violent and grievous punishment. So then how can you avoid the punishment if you disbelieve on the Day (of Doom) that will make children hoary-headed? Whereon the sky will be cleft asunder? His promise must be accomplished."**

The last verse of the 73rd surah is a sore thumb - completely out of context and time. It's ten times longer than the next longest verse, and it speaks of life in Medina, not Mecca. It says there are many believers, and the Qur'an is too long to recite in one night. Muhammad speaks of travels, of fighting in Allah's Cause, of booty, the payment of the zakat, or religious tax, and of giving Allah a "goodly loan."