



## ANSWER

وَأَلْقَمِرِ إِذَا تَلَّنَهَا

*and by the moon when she follows him [91:2]*



## COMMENTARY

Allah swears by the objects and phenomena mentioned in verses [1-7] which gives these creations an added significance and draws man's attention to them. Man ought to reflect on these phenomena and try to appreciate their value and the purpose of their creation [...].

The second oath is taken by **(and by the moon when she follows him, ... 91:2)**. This signifies one of two things: [1] The moon following the sun is seen clearly during the middle of the lunar months when the full moon rises to dominate the sky with its radiance after sunset. [2] The phrase 'when she follows him' could signify just as the sun is seen in full in broad light, so does the moon, following the sun, becomes full.

### TAFSĪR IBN KATHĪR

(By the moon as it Talaha.) Mujahid said, "It follows it (the sun)." Al-Awfi reported from Ibn Abbas that he said, (By the moon as it Talaha.) "It follows the day." Qatadah said, "as it Talaha (follows it)' is referring to the night of the Hilal (the new crescent moon). When the sun goes down, the Hilal is visible."

**And Allah Ta'ālā knows best.**

[N.b there are other verses where an oath is taken by the moon. We *may* include them in upcoming commentaries.]

