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THE EMOTIONAL RHETORIC COMING FROM the Bush Administration on the necessity of removing Saddam from power includes very little clear and logical reasoning. A cynical mind might be tempted to think that Bush Jr. just wants to finish what Bush Sr. left undone. However, this is not enough reason to incite a war.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. HAS NO RIGHT to try to remove Saddam, even if he is a despot. Some of us have to work with people from all over the world. I have lived as a foreigner in Germany for nearly 30 years. Normal citizens of this world can get on well together, as my colleagues and I do at work, where there are no religious excesses or pseudopolitical strains. We are all equal.

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Stone-Age Sentencing

SO THE ISLAMIC LAW AGAINST ADULTERY demands that a Nigerian woman, Aminah Lawal, must be stoned to death because she made love to a man she cared about and bore his child [Sept. 2]. The human family will never make the journey to wisdom while chained to the dogma of zealots. If the compassionate and the god-free do not speak up soon, evil is going to win. But before it does, maybe someone will speak loud enough to save the life of one baby's mother.

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MUSLIMS KNOW IT, BUT THEY DON'T WANT to admit that something is wrong with Islamic law, Shari'a. They fear that if they voiced their opinion, it would endanger Islam as a whole. How else to explain the support for the Shari'a court that sentenced Lawal to death by stoning as punishment for adultery and allowed the man she was involved with to walk free? As Jesus said with regard to the woman caught in adultery, Any one of the executioners who has not sinned should be the first to cast a stone.

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Reasons to Be Fearful

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER'S ARGUMENT for invading Iraq in "The Terrible Logic of Nukes" [Sept. 2] is just that: terrible logic. Iraq wants nuclear weapons to balance Israel's, which built them to balance

Arab conventional superiority. Pakistan wanted to balance India, which had to balance China, which had to balance Russia, which had to balance the U.S. and its allies, which had to balance Russia's presumed European-theater superiority. Throughout this balancing act, the world has been no more than 30 minutes away from Armageddon. The only logical way to keep nuclear weapons out of the hands of madmen is to renounce them ourselves.

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KRAUTHAMMER'S LOGIC ESCAPES ME. IF the use of nuclear weapons is madness but the threat is logical, why target Saddam Hussein? Whom has he threatened? Anything might happen, but it doesn't follow that everything will. Krauthammer needs to be reminded that the U.S. is the only nation in the world that has used nuclear weapons.

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