



سورة الشعراء

The Poets

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After Surah Al-Furqan, and the coolness of the eyes, is this the end of the story? No. Now you need to go public, broadcast the message of Allah. Don't ever look at your achievements. Only your du'a will take you to the next level of Ash-Shu'ara', a garden of eloquence. The poets are inspired by different situations in life. They look for the most eloquent way to deliver the message, but this must be after An-Noor and Al-Furqan, otherwise they can create a mess. To what the the eloquence, you must pass through the journey of عباد الرحمن.

The word شعراء is plural for شاعر. It is derived from the verb شَعَرَ, to feel, and a strand of hair. The poets are so defined in expressing their feelings, it is as if they can feel even a single strand of hair. Even a little object, or a small incident, will inspire them to construct a poem, if they have the required state of mind and heart, and surroundings. The word الشعر also means كثرة الشعر, a garden with abundant trees, creating a beautiful scenery. The best poems are inspired by nature. شَعَرَ also means to be intelligent. The poet feels very strongly about something, so he creates a poem.

The عباد الرحمن are emotionally intelligent people, with heightened feelings. They are very caring to others, but their actions may seem as if they are uncaring. How can you be هونا and سلاما with all the troubles around you? This is because they have the criterion for all matters.

In Ash-Shu'ara', you learn to broadcast the message of your Rabb to the people. The public doesn't need to be told everything. They need words who touch the heart. So the message must be short, to the point, repeated several times. The same lesson can be learnt in different situations.

The شعر, a couplet, is suited to the Arabic language, which is the most expressive language, with one word having several meanings, and several shades of meanings. The شاعر or poet can touch the hearts of the masses. The main theme of the surah is the media, and how it can be used for the betterment, with short messages, hitting the target, each tiny hair. The media can cause a good and bad effect, according to the way it is used. The message must not be do and don't do, it must touch the heart, creating feelings of love, so they want to obey the command. The media works in this way, by putting ideas in the mind, in a way in which you are attracted to the products. The situation of the poet can be understood by his words. Not everyone can construct poetry.

The name of the surah, Ash-Shu'ara', is mentioned towards the end, in ayah 224, in a negative context, those who manipulate people with their words.

The حروف المقطعات, the Broken Letters, are a mystery and secret of the Qura'an. We have not been told of their meanings. They show the power and eloquence of the Qura'an. The combination of the letters used cannot be made into a word. However eloquent you are, you cannot make a word out of ط س م.

طسم
26:1

Only Allah can make sense out of a jumble of words. You may be an expert at manufacturing the words, but you cannot bring anything even remotely similar to the Qura'an. Everything is possible with the Qura'an. We don't know the meaning, but it doesn't matter. Allah challenged the Arabs with the Qura'an. At the time when the Qura'an was revealed, the Quraysh were very scholarly and well read, they had poetry competitions, and hung the best ones on the Ka'abah. So they were very impressed by the Qura'an, and it's elevated quality of words. They were very emotional, and the Qura'an is full of true feelings.

The Qura'an is described by the word تك, which is اسم إشارة للبعيد, used to show something far. So the Qura'an is higher than all the rhyming words used by the poets. No one can bring even one ayah which is similar to it.

The word آيات is plural for آية, which means علامة, visible signals or signs. If you don't have any signals, you will walk through life misguided. Every ayah of the Qura'an has a right upon you, and you will be questioned about it on the Day of Judgement. When the sahabah read the Qura'an, they didn't move forward until every ayah moved their heart, and they applied it in their lives. So it is not about completion, but about the quality. You see a sign, pause, and understand it, then move forward. It is like the traffic lights. Finishing the recitation of the Qura'an is not an achievement. Allah wants your heart to move with His words. Don't miss the signal, enjoy it, act upon it, then move on.

تلك آيات الكتاب المبين
These are the verses of the
clear Book
26:2

All the ayaat are written and preserved in a Book which is crystal clear. The ayaat tell you exactly what you must do. Be clear in all your relationships with the Qura'an.