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The concept of Firawn was that he was ilah. He worked to build love and respect in the hearts of the people, and create loyalty. But in the end, he threatened Musa عليه السلام. The media is dangerous if it doesn't have integrity, because it has the ability to mould the thinking of people. Firawn was a liar, but he told Musa to show him the signs if he was truthful. He was playing with the minds of people with his words. Musa was the most truthful, his vision was رب العالمين. Firawn was a liar, even though he knew the truth in his heart. But he was working on making people worship him.

فَأَلْقَى عَصَاهُ فَإِذَا هِيَ ثُعْبَانٌ مُّبِينٌ

وَنَزَعَ يَدَهُ فَإِذَا هِيَ بَيْضَاءُ لِلنَّاظِرِينَ

There were two miracles. Both are mentioned in the same pattern. Both the things were ordinary things, which Musa عليه السلام already had, but they were transformed. The ayaat are like Musa, before and after. The Rabb will not bring something new to impress you. It will be something normal, but

changed completely.

Musa عليه السلام lived in close proximity with Firawn for 30 years, but 10 years away transformed him, from fear to fearlessness, from stammer to eloquence. In the same way, the Qura'an is the same, but Allah changes your perspective regarding it, understanding and feelings for it.

This is the message of the signs. The staff of Musa changed into a snake, his dark skinned hand became pearly white. The same hand which killed a man now glowed. Musa called them شيء, their transformation was not amazing, the change in Musa was amazing, the sujood of the magicians was amazing. Truthful words change the hearts.

Musa عليه السلام habitually carried his staff, and used it to benefit his livestock and himself. He had done the rehearsal of throwing it and watching it become a snake before, which we are told about it Surah Taha. This stick actually changed into a snake, very clear and real; it was not an illusion. It was apparent to everyone. It was not magic, like what the magicians conjured. It was a very big snake, hissing and flicking its tongue, writhing. This was a fearful sign, like Firawn, a big snake, camouflaged as an ordinary stick, a benign leader.

Musa عليه السلام, from all the messengers, was black skinned, with black wiry hair, and distinct features. His white and glowing hand was a shock, and proclaimed his innocence. He would cover it with his shirt, and when he revealed it, it was a pure, glowing white. This was a pleasing ayah.

Allah showed them that the Rabb is the One who can change and transform everything. The snake ate all the other snakes, showing the truth. The hand which killed is now pure and peaceful.

قَالَ لِلْمَلَإِ حَوْلَهُ إِنَّ هَذَا لَسَاحِرٌ عَلِيمٌ
[Pharaoh] said to the eminent ones around him :
Indeed, this is a learned magician
26:34

As soon as Firawn saw the signs, he hastened to announce his verdict. He straight away went to rejection and denial. He addressed his chiefs, who were standing around the duo, looking and listening, spellbound. Firawn had to break the spell. He had to get his ministers back on his side. He declared his decision and conclusion, addressing Musa عليه السلام as هذا, in an effort to humiliate him. He declared Musa عليه السلام as an expert and learned magician.

Firawn was contradicting himself, because he had just called Musa a madman. Now he was saying that Musa was a learned magician. This is the job of the media, they send contradictory messages. They create trends and

passions, so that we see all the children playing the same game. They work on stripping identities, making clones. They play with the emotions of the people.

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه و سلم was called a madman, a sorcerer, a soothsayer, a poet....all false accusations. The Rabb brings the best feelings from you. The media moulds for falsehood, while رب العالمين moulds you for your good. Firawn had already moulded his chiefs, they were not advisors in the real sense,

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مُبِينٌ
So [Moses] threw his staff,
and suddenly it was a
serpent manifest
وَنَزَعَ يَدَهُ فَإِذَا هِيَ بَيْضَاءُ
لِلنَّاظِرِينَ
And he drew out his hand;
thereupon it was white for
the observers
26:32-33

they all spouted the same falsehood as Firawn.

Firawn even designated an intention for Musa عليه السلام, to make him appear dangerous and threatening. He ignited their nationalistic pride, saying Musa wanted to exile them. Actually, only Firawn was threatened by Musa, but he made them all into one entity, uniting them in falsehood.

What happened ultimately was exactly what Firawn said, they were taken out of their comfortable existence, they all drowned, when they pursued the Bani Israeel into the Red Sea. They left behind all their treasures and palaces and gardens. Allah showed His izzah by making it happen as Firawn said, but in a way that He wanted. Firawn threw words, and like the staff of Musa عليه السلام, they turned into a snake, and bit him.