



سورة الشعراء

The Poets

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Firawn wanted the public involved so that they would be affected by the magicians, and follow them, learn about the magic, and increase the amount of magicians in the land. This shows that the ordinary people did not have access to sorcery, it was an exclusive and honoured profession. So Firawn was marketing the magic. Sorcery was practiced and taught in temples dedicated to this evil, and the priests of these temples were very powerful.

Firawn played with words, to create a bond with his people. He wanted to control them. When people get involved in something useless, they are easier to hypnotize. How else would he bring them to a state where they would follow him into the sea? Magic makes people disconnect with reality. Firawn was very confident the magicians would win.

At the same time, this was a reward for the magicians, because it would give them more followers, making it easier to manipulate others. It was all a power play. We see this with film and pop stars, when they are marketed so that people idolize them; this is the role of the media. All their plays are mentioned in the Qura'an, which was revealed thousands of years ago.

فَلَمَّا جَاءَ السَّحَرَةُ قَالُوا لِفِرْعَوْنَ
أَتِنَّا لَنَا أَجْرًا إِن كُنَّا نَحْنُ
الْغَالِبِينَ

And when the magicians arrived, they said to Pharaoh : Is there indeed for us a reward if we are the predominant?

26:41

Firawn wanted them to be loyal to him. So he decided to not only give them a monetary payment, but also an emotional reward. This is always appreciated more. So he told them that if they were successful, they would be made close to him.

The messengers didn't want any reward, monetary or emotional, they had a mission for the truth. They didn't want the people to be close to them, they wanted the people to be close to Allah. They didn't want to serve themselves.

When your heart runs to Allah in every situation, He will make you close to Him. Don't strive for the closeness of people.

لَعَلَّنَا نَتَّبِعُ السَّحَرَةَ إِن كَانُوا هُمْ
الْغَالِبِينَ

That we might follow the magicians if they are the predominant?

26:40

The stage was set, the people gathered, the magicians came. Firawn, Musa and Harun took their places. Now the magicians talked business. They had some at the behest of Firawn, it was a privilege to be summoned by Firawn, because he was a powerful leader, but they were not going to work for free. This was a business deal, they wanted to know what they would get in return. They were very confident that they would win. At the same time, they were protecting their backs, by saying that they should be rewarded if they were successful, indirectly meaning that if they were defeated, they would not be harmed, only their reward would be withheld. They wanted all the terms and conditions clear before they began.

قَالَ نَعَمْ وَإِنَّكُمْ إِذَا لَمِنَ الْمُقْرَبِينَ

He said : Yes, and indeed, you will then be of those near [to me]

26:42