



سُورَةُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ

Surat al-'Ankabūt (29)

The Spider

COMMENTARY OF THE QUR'AN

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Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Review for Today



Session 21

Review for Today

Āyāt 48-49



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Introduction

God’s precedence in testing humans’ faith

Testing people’s faith at all times. (Verses 1-4)

4 Verses



Different groups going through Divine Trials. (Verses 5-13)

9 Verses



Consequences of disbelieving in Prophets sent by God. (Verses 14-44)

31 Verses



The trials which those who opposed the Prophets went through. (Verses 45-68)

24 Verses

Achievements of those who struggle in the way of God – Divine Mercy and Guidance. (Verse 69)

1 Verse



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 48 & 49

وَمَا كُنْتَ تَتْلُو مِنْ قَبْلِهِ مِنْ كِتَابٍ وَلَا تَخُطُّهُ بِيَمِينِكَ إِذًا لَا رِتَابَ
الْمُبْطِلُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾

You, O Muhammad, did not recite any scripture before it – before the Quran was revealed to you – such as what was given to the Jews or Christians – nor did you, O Muhammad, write it – meaning you have never written anything - with your right hand, for then the rejectors of Islam, your Prophethood and the Quran would have been skeptical about the Quran. (48)



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 48 & 49

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN **NOT** READING
AND WRITING AND **NOT BEING**
ABLE TO READ AND WRITE



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 48 & 49



LIMITED ABILITY TO READ IN WRITE IN MECCA



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 48 & 49

The Unschooled Prophet



Murtadha Mutahhari

Al-Islam.org

“According to the definite testimony of history, Qur'anic proofs and abundant indications deduced from the history of Islam, the Prophet’s ﷺ mind was untouched by human teaching. He was a man taught only in the Divine school and who received his knowledge from Him alone.”

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Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 48 & 49

بَلْ هُوَ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ فِي صُدُورِ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ وَمَا يَجْحَدُ
بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

Rather it is *present as* clear signs in the *spiritual* chests of those who have been given knowledge, and none deny Our signs except wrongdoers. (49)



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 48 & 49

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Rather it is *present as* clear signs in the *spiritual* chests of those who have been given knowledge...

- This verse shows that knowledge and wisdom **IS NOT** limited to what is contained in a book and what is learnt from a teacher. Rather, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the Imams of the Ahlulbayt have not gone to a school, however they have a Higher source of knowledge...



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 48 & 49

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Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 48 & 49

عَنْ أَبِي بَصِيرٍ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَبَا جَعْفَرٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ يَقُولُ فِي هَذِهِ الْآيَةِ بَلْ هُوَ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ
فِي صُدُورِ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ فَأَوْمَأَ بِيَدِهِ إِلَى صَدْرِهِ.

From Abu Baseer who said: "I heard Abu Ja'far عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ saying (indicating) regarding this verse [29:49]: 'But these are clear Verses in the chests of those who are granted Knowledge,' and he gestured by his hand towards his own chest'.

Reference: Al-Kafi, Volume 1, Chapter 23, Hadith 38



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 48 & 49

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ سَمِعْتُهُ يَقُولُ - بَلْ هُوَ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ فِي صُدُورِ الَّذِينَ
أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ قَالَ هُمْ الْأَئِمَّةُ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ خَاصَّةً.

It has been narrated from Abu Abdullah, that he (Haroun ibn Hamza) said: "I heard him saying: '[29:49] But these are clear Verses in the chests of those who are granted Knowledge,' they are the Imams عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ in particular."

Reference: Al-Kafi, Volume 1, Chapter 23, Hadith 41



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 48 & 49

Points for Reflection

1. We must never be proud at our “accomplishments” or “achievements” in life. Allah shows us that by His Will, one who had never studied or gone to school, meaning Prophet Muhammad ﷺ can still change the entire course of history.
2. Although some verses of the Quran may be ‘allegorical’ (*mutashabihaat*), however the overwhelming majority of the Quran is clear and understandable.
3. Although we must always strive and struggle in all areas of life, however we see that knowledge is a **GIFT** from Allah.

