

Sūrat Al-ʿAnkabūt: Review for Today





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 :hrough 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









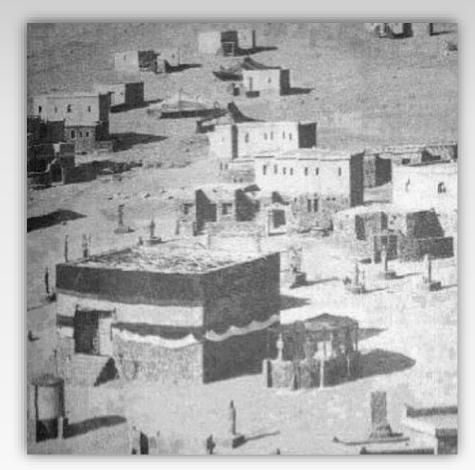
وَمَا كُنْتَ تَتْلُو مِنْ قَبْلِهِ مِنْ كِتَابٍ وَلَا تَخُطُّهُ بِيَمِينِكَ إِذًا لَارْتَابَ الْمُنْطِلُهِ نَ الْمُنْطِلُهِ نَ اللهُ عَلَى اللهِ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللّهُ ع

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)



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





LIMITED ABILITY TO READ IN WRITE IN MECCA





"According to the definite testimony of history, Qur'anic proofs and abundant indications deduced from the history of Islam, the Prophet's # 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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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)



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• 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 and the Imams of the Ahlulbayt have not gone to a school, however they have a Higher source of knowledge...



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From Abu Baseer who said: "I heard Abu Ja'far 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



عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَلَى قَالَ سَمِعْتُهُ يَقُولُ- بَلْ هُوَ آياتٌ بَيَناتٌ فِي صُدُورِ الَّذِينَ أَوتُوا الْعِلْمَ قَالَ هُمُ الْأَمَّةُ عَلَى 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 in particular."

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



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 acan 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.

