

**Al-Waleed ibn al-Mugheera** was the most eloquent and highly esteemed poet of Makkah at the time of the Prophet (SAW). He once passed by the Prophet (SAW), and heard him reciting the Qur'aan. This had a visible effect on him, and he went away shaken and startled by what he had heard. The news of this incident spread throughout Makkah. Abu Jahl, afraid that the people of Makkah might be affected by this news and convert to Islaam, rushed to Al-Waleed and told him, "O my uncle! Say something (against Muhammad) so that the people will know that you are against him and hate (his message)."

Al-Waleed replied, "And what can I say? For I swear by Allah, there is none amongst you who knows poetry as well as I do, nor can any compete with me in composition or rhetoric – not even in the poetry of the jinn! And yet, I swear by Allaah, Muhammad's speech (meaning the Qur'aan) does not bear any similarity to anything I know, and I swear by Allaah, the speech that he says is very sweet, and is adorned with beauty and charm. The first part is fruitful, and its last part is abundant (meaning that it is full of deep meanings), and it conquers (all other speech), and remains unconquered! It shatters and destroys all that has come before it (of poetry, because of its eloquence)!" Abu Jahl responded, "Your people will not be satisfied until you speak against him!" Al-Waleed therefore requested Abu Jahl, "Leave me for a few days, so that I may think of an appropriate response to give to the Quraysh." After the few days were over, Abu Jahl came back to him and asked him what he had prepared. Al-Waleed, during this time, could not think of any explanation to give except, "This (the Qur'aan) is a type of magic that has an effect on its listeners." In response to this Allaah revealed (74:16-26)

'Nay! Verily he (i.e. Al-Waleed) has been stubborn in opposing our verses and signs... Verily, he thought and plotted; So let him be cursed. How he plotted! And once more let him be cursed, how he plotted! Then he thought! Then he frowned and was irritated; then he turned back and was proud! Then he said, "this is nothing but magic from old; this is nothing but the word of a mortal!" I will cast him into the Hell-fire...'

'**Utbah ibn Rabee'** "O people! I have heard a speech the like of which I have never heard before. I swear by Allaah, it is not magic, nor is it poetry, nor is it sorcery. O gathering of Quraysh, listen to me. Leave this man alone, for I swear by Allaah, the speech I have heard from him (meaning the Qur'aan) will soon be news (among the other tribes)... " meaning that the Qur'aan will be the cause of some great event amongst the Arabs.

**Unays Al-Ghifaaree** "I have met a person in Makkah who claims to be sent by Allaah. The people claim that he is a poet, or a sorcerer or a magician. Yet, I have heard the words of sorcerers, and these words in no way resemble those uttered by a sorcerer. And I also compared his words to the verses of a poet, but such words cannot be uttered by a poet. By Allaah, he is the truthful, and they are liars!"

**Umar ibn al-Khattab** after listening to surah Ta-Ha, he said "how beautiful and eloquent is this speech!" and immediately went to the prophet (SAW) to announce his conversion.

**Ibn al-Atheer** scholar of islam (d. 606 A.H.) “If we begin to investigate into the wisdom and secrets of the eloquence of the noble Qur’aan, we sail into a deep ocean that has no escape from it!”