

## Aqeedah Corner

*This article is one in a series of articles dealing with those issues in the Islamic Aqeeda which require a rational proof. It therefore succeeds my previous three articles regarding the existence of the Creator, his attributes and the need for messengers. What follows is a proof that the Quran is the word of Allah (SWT).*

The Quran remains unique and unsurpassed in its expression and rhetoric. It is neither poetry nor prose. Its consistent eloquence is no less remarkable. Also, since the Quran is an Arabic speech with Arabic style, then it has only three possibilities to its origin. It can only be either from the Arabs (including whoever spoke Arabic), Muhammad, or Allah (SWT). Eliminating the first two will firmly establish the authenticity of the Quran as the word of Allah (SWT). It is invalid to say that the Quran was produced by the Arabs for the Quran challenged them to produce something similar to it. This challenge is made in spite of the fact that Arabs during the time of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) were great poets and extremely skillful in the Arabic language. This challenge put out to them is in several verses.

" And if ye are in doubt concerning that which we revealed unto our apostle (Muhammad), then produce a sura of the like thereof, and call your witness besides Allah if you are truthful."

(Al-Baqara : 23)

In Sura Yunus, verse 38, Allah says:

"Or they say : He has invented it? say : then bring a sura like unto it and call (for help) on all ye canbesides Allah if you are truthful"

Again the challenge is repeated in sura Al-Isra', verse 88,

" Say: verily though mankind and the Jinn should assemble to produce the like of this Quran, they could not produce the like thereof though they were helpers of one another."

The Arabs (and the rest of mankind) failed to produce anything similar in style to the Quran, and the challenge remains to this day. The recognition of the Quran's unique and unparalleled style is clearly found in the saying of one of the disbelieving Arab poets of the time, Walid ibn Al-Mughira:"By God: none of you is more conversant than I with poetry, melodious hymns, and sounds and by God never did I hear anything similar to what he says. It is so sweet, and so graceful that it remains at the summit with nothing to surpass it." Moreover, the Quran repeatedly and forcefully attacks the beliefs of the pagan Arabs, the Christians and the Jews and condemns their way of life. It considers them ignorant and stubborn without reservation. It is hard to imagine that Arabs who took extraordinary pride in their ancestors and practices would write the Quran and hence severely put down their own selves.

Hence, the failure to meet the challenge put forth in the Quran, their own recognition of the superiority of the Quran and the contradiction in the message of the Quran and what they hold in high esteem, are clear indicators that Arabs could not have written the Quran.

As for the claim that Muhammad (saaws) was a genius and the author of the Quran, it was never raised by the Arab disbelievers during this time. This accusation was raised in recent times by the enemies of Islam. Since a genius is hardly unnoticed among his people, this claim is a mere fabrication and impossible to substantiate. Furthermore, Muhammad (saaws) was an Arab, and the challenge of the Quran to the Arabs included him also. However, assuming that Muhammad (saaws) was a genius then his speech (Hadith) and the language of the Quran should be similar in style. This is contradicting to the fact. The Hadith is easily distinguished from the Quran and is not anywhere close to its literary style. Moreover, the work of any human cannot be free from variation and surly the Quran is consistent in its perfect elegance from the first verse to the last. And lastly Muhammad (saaws) did not stand to gain anything but persecution and torture by bringing forward the Quran. Therefore his insistence and commitment only points to the genuine (and unselfish) claim that Quran is from Allah.

In conclusion, then, the Quran is not from Arabs nor from Muhammad (saaws) and certainly not from anyone other than Arab (because the Quran is in Arabic, pure and clear), then it is from Allah (SWT) the Almighty.

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