

# MIRACLES OF THE HOLY QURAN



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## The Miracle of the Holy Qur'an

- The greatest sign of the prophethood of the Seal of Prophets, Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) is the Qur'an. In his session, Shaykh Elshinawy goes into how we can use the intellectual truth of the Qur'an, in tandem with our own personal experience, to increase our imaan.

## Uses of the Qur'an

- Two of the primary uses of the recitation of the Qur'an is to cure our hearts and to seek Allah's Mercy. It was sent as cure and mercy for those who believe in it.
- The Qur'an mentions that it is also a physical cure. Ibn Qayyim (may Allah have mercy upon him) concluded that this automatically means it is a cure for the heart.

- How do you know if you're rubbing the rust off of your heart, with that yaqeen (certainty)? Shaykh Elshinaway explains that "a weapon is only as strong as its wielder." We must know that this is Allah SWT speaking to us. This happens through devotion. But also, it is important to review why you believe Allah is speaking, so we renew our realization.

## Realizing the Gift from Allah SWT

- This conversation usually starts with the linguistic miracle that the Qur'an is, however, many of us are not versed in grammar or in Arabic to truly grasp the beauty of this.
- The Arabs at the time of the Prophet SAW had a strong emphasis on poetry. They would belittle other organizations with their poetry. These same Arabs, who are poets, reached for their swords instead of battling the linguistic miracle of the Qur'an with words because they were unable to match its glory.
- Some facts in the Qur'an were revealed 1000 years later. It would be physically impossible for the Prophet SAW to know the details within the Qur'an or to have gotten them from someone else.
- The Arabs then claimed he was a sorcerer, which ironically helped the Muslims claim that the book is supernatural and thus from Allah SWT.

- The Prophet SAW brought the greatest work of literature within the Arabic language. Orientalists took this and claimed that he was no different than someone like Shakespeare, who is generally concluded to have the foremost work in English.

## The Prophet SAW vs. Shakespeare

- There are few key differences between the two. Shakespeare was school taught with peers and mentors; the Prophet SAW was not. Shakespeare wrote plays for a living and continued to improve his craft as he lived. The Prophet SAW was always speaking the Qur'an; he could not do quality control, whether it be to Muslims or non-Muslims.
- The style of prose Shakespeare used (sonnet) was like other forms his peers used. The Prophet SAW, by bringing the Qur'an, completely broke off the style of poetry from within his time.
- Shakespeare would be crowned among his peers, a champion of sorts, but he would not be declared otherworldly like the Qur'an was.
- No book has had the impact on humanity that the Qur'an has on people. Shakespeare would be something to read to relieve oneself from cognitive dissonance or the problems of the world, while the Qur'an makes one uncomfortable and advises one to correct their condition.

- The Qur'an would be revealed over a period of 23 years. It would not evolve over time, but rather always be the same. Authors, like Shakespeare, build their works in a linear fashion usually, improving from each work to the next. The Qur'an never started a new wave of literature, like fashion does. Its appeal has never decreased over time, it has only increased.

## The Preservation of the Qur'an

- Our tradition was dependent on the memorized track of the Qur'an, not the written. The memorized Qur'an would confirm the written. Those that received the Quran, via verbal means, from the Prophet SAW took it to many different places in the world and taught their wives and children and the generations that came after. All the memorizations of the Qur'an in all the different places of the world were found to be the same. Allahu Akbar!

## FAQs

- What are two primary uses of the Qur'an?
- What are a few intellectual ways we realize the Qur'an is from Allah?
- How was the Qur'an preserved? Oral or written? How?