

Book 28: Kitab Al-Sh'ir (Book of Poetry)

Chapter 1 :

Hadith 5602: 'Amr b. Sharid reported his father as saying : One day when I rode behind Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him), he said (to me) : Do you remember any Poetry of Umayya b. Abu Salt. I said : Yes. He said: Then go on. I recited a couplet, and he said : Go on. Then I again recited a couplet and he said : Go on. I recited one hundred couplets (of his poetry). This hadith has been reported on the authority of Sharid through another chain of transmitters but with a slight variation of wording.

Hadith 5603: 'Amr b. Sharid reported on the authority of his father that Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) asked him to recite poetry, the rest of the hadith is the same, out with this addition : "He (that is Umayya b. Abu Sharid was about to become a muslim and in the hadith transmitted on the authority, of Ibn Mahdi (the words are) "He was almost a Muslim in his poetry."

Hadith 5604: Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: The truest word spoken by an Arab (pre-Islamic) in poetry is this verse of Labid: "Behold! apart from Allah everything is vain."

Hadith 5605: Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying : The truest word uttered by a poet is this verse of Labid: "Behold ! apart from Allah everything is vain," and Umayya b. Abu Salt was almost a Muslim.

Hadith 5606: Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying : The truest verse recited by a poet

is: Behold ! apart from Allah everything is vain, " and Ibn Abu Salt was almost a Muslim.

Hadith 5607: Abu Huraira reported Allah's Apostle (may peace be upon him) as saying: The truest couplet recited by a poet is : "Behold ! apart from Allah everything is vain," and he made no addition to it.

Hadith 5608: Abu Huraira reported: I heard Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying : The truest word which the poet stated is the word of Labid : "Behold ! apart from Allah everything is vain."

Hadith 5609: Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying : It is better for a man's belly to be stuffed with pus which corrodes it than to stuff one's mind with frivolous poetry. Abd Bakr has reported it with a slight variation of wording.

Hadith 5610: Sa'd reported Allah's Apostle (may peace be upon him) as saying : It is better for the belly of any one of you to be stuffed with pus rather than to stuff (one's mind) with poetry.

Hadith 5611: Abd 'Sa'id Khudri reported: We were going with Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him). As we reached the place (known as) 'Arj there met (us) a poet who had been reciting a poem. Thereupon Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) said : Catch the satan or detain the satan, for filling the belly of a person with pus is better than stuffing his brain with poetry.

Chapter 2 :

It is prohibited to play chess

Hadith 5612: Buraida reported on the authority of his father that Allah's Apostle (may peace be upon him) said : He who played chess is like one who dyed his band with the flesh and blood of swine.