

Partial Translation of Sahih Muslim, Book 27: Poetry (Kitab Al-Shi'R)

Book 27, Number 5602:

Narrated Ash-Sharid:

One day when I rode behind Allah's Messenger (peace_be_upon_him), he said (to me): Do you remember any poetry of Umayyah ibn AbusSalt. 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.

Book 27, Number 5610:

Narrated Sa'd ibn AbuWaqqa:

Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) said: 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.

Book 27, Number 5611:

Narrated AbuSa'id al-Khudri:

We were going with Allah's Messenger (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 (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.

Book 27, Number 5612:

Narrated Buraydah ibn al-Hasib:

Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) said: He who played chess is like one who dyed his hand with the flesh and blood of swine.

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