

In the book titled: **Foundations of the Sunnah of Imaam Ahmad ibn Hanbal – Published by Salafi Publications** on pages **78 – 81** is stated the following

... Sulaymaan said, 'He was then carried to the prison and the people departed, so I departed with them. Then when the next day arrived the people came (to the door of al-Mu'tasim) so I came with them and stood in front of the chair. Then al-Mu'tasim appeared and sat on the chair and said, **'Bring Ahmad ibn Hanbal.'** So he was brought and when he stood in front of him al-Mu'tasim said to him, **'How were you in your cell during the night, O son of Hanbal?'**

He said, **"In goodness, and all praises are due to Allaah."** Al-Mu'tasim said, **'O Ahmad, I saw a dream yesterday.'** He said, **"And what did you see, O Ameerul-Mu'mineen?"** He said, **'I saw in my dream as if there were two lions approaching me and they desired to tear me apart. And then two angels appeared and repelled them from me. They gave me a hook and said to me, 'This written (piece) is the dream that Ahmad ibn Hanbal saw in his cell.' So what is it that you saw, O son of Hanbal?'**

So Ahmad faced al-Mu'tasim and said, **"O Ameerul-Mu'mineen, is the book with you?"** He said, **'Yes, and when I awoke, I read what was in it.'**

So Ahmad said to him, **"O Ameerul-Mu'mineen, I saw as if the Day of Judgement had been established, and as if Allaah had gathered the first and the last (of people) in a single plain and He was calling them to account. Whilst I was standing, I was called for, so I proceeded until I stood in front of Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, and He said to me, 'O Ahmad, for what were you beaten?' I said, "On account of the Qur'aan."** He said, **"And what is the Qur'aan?"** I said, **"Your words, O Allaah, belonging to You."** He said, **'From where do you (derive and) say this?'** I said, **"O Lord, 'Abdur-Razzaq narrated to me."** So 'AbdurRazzaq was called for and he was brought, until he was made to stand in front of Allaah, the Mighty and Magnificent, and He said to him, **'What do you say about the Qur'aan, O 'Abdur-Razzaq?'**

He said, **'Your words, O Allaah, belonging to You,'** so Allaah said, **'From where do you (derive and) say this?'** He said, **'Ma'mar narrated to me.'** So Ma'mar was called for and he was brought, until he was made to stand in front of Allaah, the Mighty and Magnificent, and He said to him, **'What do you say about the Qur'aan, O Ma'mar?'**

He said, **'Your words, O Allaah, belonging to You,'** so Allaah said, **'From where do you (derive and) say this?'** He said, **'Az-Zuhree narrated to me.'** So az-Zuhree was called for and he was brought, until he was made to stand in front of Allaah, the Mighty and Magnificent, and He said to him, **'What do you say about the Qur'aan, O Zuhree?'**

He said, **'Your words, O Allaah, belonging to You,'** So Allaah said, **'From where do you (derive and) say this?'** He said, **"Urwah narrated to me.'** So 'Urwah was brought, and He said to him, **'What do you say about the Qur'aan?'**

He said, **'Your Words, O Allaah, belonging to You,'** so Allaah said, **'O 'Urwah, from where do you (derive and) say this?'** He said, **"Aa'ishah, the daughter of Aboo**

**Bakr as-Siddeeq, narrated to me.** So 'Aa'ishah was called for and she was brought, until she was made to stand in front of Allaah, the Mighty and Magnificent, and He said to her, **'What do you say about the Qur'aan, O 'Aa'ishah?'**

She said, **'Your words, O Allaah, belonging to You.'** so Allaah said, **'From where do you (derive and) say this?'** She said, **'Your Prophet Muhammad (swallallahu alaihi wasallam) narrated to me.'** He said, 'So Muhammad (swallallahu alaihi wasallam) was called for and he was brought, until he was made to stand in front of Allaah, the Mighty and Magnificent, and He said to him, **'What do you say about the Qur'aan, O Muhammad?'**

He said, **'Your words, O Allaah, belonging to You.'** so Allaah said, **'From where has this come to you?'** So the Prophet (swallallahu alaihi wasallam) said, **'Jibreel narrated to me.'** So Jibreel was called for and he was brought, until he was made to stand in front of Allaah, the Mighty and Magnificent, and He said to him, **'What do you say about the Qur'aan, O Jibreel?'** He said, **'Your words, O Allaah belonging to You.'** so Allaah said, **'From where has this come to you?'**

He said, **'Such did Israafeel narrate to me.** So Israafeel was called for and he was brought, until he was made to stand in front of Allaah, the Mighty and Magnificent, and Allaah, the Sublime, said to him, **'What do you say about the Qur'aan, O Israafeel?'**

He said, **'Your words, O Allaah, belonging to You.'** so Allaah said, **'From where has this come to you?'** He said, **'I saw that in the Lawhul-Mahfooz (the Preserved Tablet).'** So the Preserved Tablet was brought and stood in front of Allaah, the Mighty and Magnificent, and He said, **'O Lawh, what do you say about the Qur'aan?'**

And it said, **'Your words, O Allaah, belonging to You.'** Then Allaah, the Exalted said, **'From where has this come to you?'** And the Lawh said, **'Such did the Qalam (the Pen) inscribe upon me.'** Then the Pen was brought until it stood in front of Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, so Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, said to it, **'O Qalam, what do you say about the Qur'aan?'**

The Qalam said, **'Your words, O Allaah, belonging to You.'** So Allaah said, **'From where has this come to you?'**

The Qalam said — **'You dictated and I wrote.'**

Then Allaah, the Mighty and Magnificent, said,

**'The Qalam has spoken the truth.  
The Lawh has spoken the truth.  
Israafeel has spoken the truth.  
Jibreel has spoken the truth.  
Muhammad has spoken the truth.  
'Aa'ishah has spoken the truth.  
'Urwah has spoken the truth.  
Az-Zuhree has spoken the truth.'**

**Ma'mar has spoken the truth.**  
**'Abdur-Razzaaq has spoken the truth.**  
**Ahmad ibn Hanbal has spoken the truth.**

**The Qur'aan is My Speech, it is not created.'**

Sulaymaan as-Sijzee said, 'Al-Mu'tasim leapt upon hearing that and said, **'You have spoken the truth, O son of Hanbal.'** Then al- Mu'tasim repented, ordered the necks of Bishr al-Mareesee and Ibn Abee Duwaad to be beaten and revered Ahmadl ibn Hanbal and bestowed upon him, but (Ahmad) refrained from that. He was then ordered to be taken to his house and was taken.'...