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How the Shaytaan Finds His Way into Somebody's Heart

Question:

Through what avenues does the *Shaytaan* find a way to make suggestions to man?

Answer:

There are many avenues; he might try to incite someone to fornicate, for example. He first incites his victim to be alone with women, then to look at them, then to talk to them, then perhaps to listen to them sing, and so on until he achieves his end: when his victim fornicates. *Shaytaan* may attack a person through his stomach, by tempting him into eating what is unlawful, into drinking alcohol, or even into taking drugs. *Shaytaan* may find that a person has an inordinate love for owning things, so he biguiles him into gaining wealth through unlawful means: stealing, swindling, practicing usury, usurping, cheating. He may find that a person has a great deal of pride, so he will encourage him to belittle others, to be haughty with those inferior to him in society, and the list of *Shaytaan's* tricks is endless.

May Allaah send peace and blessings on Muhammad, his family, and his Companions.

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