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Ok, in this section we will explore the creation of jinn (invisible beings), their character, their vendetta against mankind, diseases of the human heart and other actions that make us more prone to fall prey to possession, sihr (magic), envy and low eman (faith).

In Watching for Satans Traps, Al Jumu'ah Vol. 15 Issue 05, says:

"Shun the Company of Satan's Disciples

Satan has human disciples, who sometimes surpass even him in evil.

The believers should avoid their company.

"And when you see those who engage in (offensive) discourse concerning Our Verses, then turn away from them until they enter into another conversation. And if Satan should cause you to forget, then do not remain after the reminder with the wrongdoing people."

[Quran 6:68]"

A good way to be able to shun satan is through undestanding his existence, goal, and his ways of trying to achieve his goal.

In interpretation of the Quran Allah says:

"He created man from clay like that of earthenware."

Ouran 55:14

"Indeed We created man from sounding clay made out of black smelly mud. And created the jinn before him, from smokeless fire."

Quran 15:26-27

"And created jinn from the flame of fire."

Ouran 55:15

"And I created the jinns and men, only for them to worship Me. I do not ask any sustenance from them, nor wish that they give Me food. Indeed it is Allah, Who is the Greatest Sustainer, the Strong, the Able."

Ouran 51:56-58

Allah says, "Every soul will taste death. And we test you with evil and with good as trial; and to Us you will be returned"

[Quran 21:35]

In his explanation of this verse, Ibn Katheer says, "It means 'We test you sometimes by bestowing bounty on you, sometimes by bringing you misfortunes; then We see who is

thankful among you, who disbelieves, who is patient, and who surrenders to despair'."

(Tafseer Ibn Katheer)

Of all trials, the greatest source of our misfortunes is from the Satan. Allah has warned us of this open enmity of the Satan times and again: "O mankind, indeed the promise of Allah is truth, so let not the worldly life delude you and be not deceived about Allah by the Deceiver (i.e. Satan)"

[Quran 35:5 - 6]

The Beginning Of Satans open animosity to mankind; our creation

"And recall when your Lord said to the angels, "I will create man from sounding clay made out of black smelly smelly mud. Therefore when I have properly fashioned him and breathed into him a chosen noble soul from Myself, fall down before him in prostration." Therefore all the angels, each and every one of them, fell prostrate. Except Iblis (*Satan*); he refused to be among those who prostrated. Said Allah, "O Iblis! What happened to you that you stayed apart from those who prostrated?" He answered, "It does not befit me to prostrate myself to a human whom You have created from sounding clay made out of black smelly mud." Said Allah, "Therefore exit from Paradise, for you are an outcast." "And indeed you are accursed till the Day of Judgement."

Quran 15:28-35

Describing Satan's eternal hostility to humans, Allah says, "(Satan) said, 'because You have put me in error, I will surely sit in wait for them (i.e. mankind) on Your straight path. Then I will come to (misguide) them from before them and from behind them and on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them grateful (to You)'."

[Quran 7:17-18]

Allah has warned His servants (us) against Satan saying, "He (i.e. Satan) promises them and arouses desire in them. But Satan does not promise them except deception"

[Quran 4:1 17-120]



In "What Are the Jinn?", www.islamweb.net writes:

"The Qur'an and Sunnah (Prophet's sayings) indicate that the jinn exist, and that there is a purpose for their existence in this life, which is to worship Allah Alone, with no partner or associate. Allah says (interpretation of the meanings):

"And I (Allah) created not the jinn and humans, except they should worship Me (Alone)."

[Quran Al-Thariyat 51:56]

"O assembly of jinn and mankind! Did there not come to you Messengers from amongst you, reciting unto you My Verses...?"

[Quran Al-An'aam 6:130]

The world of the jinn is an independent and separate world, with its own distinct nature and features that are hidden from the world of humans. Jinns and humans have some things in common, such as the possession of understanding and the choice between the way of good and the way of evil. The word jinn comes from an Arabic root meaning "hidden from sight".

Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"... Verily he (Shaytaan / Satan) and his qabeeluhu [his soldiers from the jinn or his tribe] see you from where you cannot see them..."

[Quran al-A'raaf 7:27]

Allah has told us in His Book the essence from which the jinn were created. He says (interpretation of the meaning):

"And the jinn, We created aforetime from the smokeless flame of fire."

[Quran Al-Hijr 15:27]
"And the jinn did He create from a smokeless flame of fire."

[Quran al-Rahmaan 55:15]

According to a hadeeth narrated by 'Aa'ishah, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

"The angels were created from light, the jinn were created from fire, and Adam was created from that which has been described to you (soil)." (Reported by Muslim, 5314).

Types of jinn

Allah has created different types of jinn. Among them are some that can take on different forms, such as dogs and snakes; some who are like flying winds with wings; and some that can travel and rest. Abu Tha'labah al-Khushani said: "The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

'The jinn are of three types: a type that has wings, they fly through the air; a type that looks like snakes and dogs; and a type that stops for a rest then resumes its journey." Saheeh (authentic).

The jinn and the sons of Adam

Every individual among the sons of Adam has a jinn who has been appointed to be his constant companion (qareen). Ibn Mas'ood said: "The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

'There is not one of you who does not have a jinn appointed to be his constant companion.' They said, 'And you too, O Messenger of Allah?' He said, 'And me too, but Allah has helped me and he has submitted (became a believing Muslim), so that he only helps me to do good.'" (Reported by Muslim, 2814).

Their powers

Allah has given the jinn powers that he has not given to humans. Allah has told us about some of their powers, such as the ability to move and travel quickly. An 'ifreet (genie) from among the jinn guaranteed to the Prophet Sulaymaan (Solomon), peace be upon him, that he would bring the throne of the Queen of Yemen to Jerusalem in a moment faster than that needed for a man to get up from where he was sitting. Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"An 'ifreet (strong genie) from the jinns said: 'I will bring it [her throne] to you before you rise from your place (council). And verily, I am indeed strong, and trustworthy for such work.' One with whom was knowledge of the Scripture said: 'I will bring it to you within the twinkling of an eye!' - then when Sulaymaan saw it placed before him, he said, 'This is by the Grace of my Lord...'"

[Quran al-Naml 27:39-40]

The food and drink of the jinn

The jinn eat and drink. Ibn Mas'ood said: "The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

'Someone from among the jinn called me, and I went with him and recited Qur'an for them.' He took me and showed me the traces of where they had been and the traces of their fires. They asked him for food and he said, 'You can have every bone on which the name of Allah has been mentioned that comes into your possession, as meat, and all the droppings as food for your animals.' The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, 'So do not use [these things] for cleaning yourselves [after relieving oneself], for they are the food and provision of your brothers.'" (Reported by Muslim, 450).

The believing jinn may eat any bone on which the name of Allah has been mentioned, because the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did not permit them to have anything on which Allah's name has not been mentioned - those are for the kuffaar (disbelievers) among the jinn.

The beasts of the jinn

According to the hadeeth narrated by Ibn Mas'ood, that we have quoted above, the jinn asked the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) for provision, and he said to them:
"...and [you can have] all the droppings as food for your animals."

The dwelling-places of the jinn

The jinn live on this earth where we do. They are mostly to be found in ruins and unclean places like bathrooms, dunghills, garbage dumps and graveyards. Hence the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) taught us to take precautions when entering such places, by reciting the athkar (prayers) prescribed by Islam. One of these was reported by Anas ibn Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him), who said:

"When the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) entered the toilet, he would say,

'Allahumma innee a'oothu bika min al-khubuthi wa'l-khaba'ith (O Allah, I seek refuge with You from the evil ones, male and female).'''

(Reported by al-Bukhaari, 142; and Muslim, 375).

Some jinns are Muslims and some are kaafirs (disbelievers)

Allah tells us that some of the jinn said (interpretation of the meaning):

"And some of us are Muslims, and of us some are al-qaasitoon (disbelievers - those who have deviated from the Right Path). And whosoever has embraced Islam, then such have sought the Right Path. And as for the qaasitoon, they shall be firewood for Hell."

[Quran Al-Jinn 72:14-15]

The Muslims among the jinn are of different levels as regards righteousness and taqwa (Godconsciousness). Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"[Some jinn said:] "There are among us some that are righteous, and some the contrary; we are groups, each having a different way (religious sects, etc.)"

[Quran Al-Jinn 72:11]

The story of how the first jinn of this ummah (nation) became Muslim was narrated by 'Abd-Allah ibn 'Abbaas, who said: "The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) went out with a group of his Companions heading for the marketplace of 'Ukaath. This was when the shayaateen (devils) were prevented from getting any news from heaven, and shooting stars had been sent against them. The shayaateen went back to their people, who said, 'What is the matter with you?' They said, 'We cannot get news from heaven, and shooting stars were sent against us.' Their people said, 'Nothing is stopping you from hearing news from heaven except some new event that must have happened. Go and look in the east and the west of the earth, and see if you can find out what it is that is stopping you from hearing news from heaven.'

Those who went out in the direction of Tihaamah came upon the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in Nakhlah, when he was on his way to 'Ukaath, and found him leading his Companions in Fajr prayer. When they heard the Qur'aan, they listened to it and said, 'By Allah, this is what is stopping us from hearing news from heaven.' When they went back to their people, they said,

'O our people, we have heard a wonderful Recital (the Qur'an). It guides to the Right Path, and we have believed therein, and we shall never join (in worship) anything with our Lord (Allah).

[QuranAl-Jinn 72:2 - interpretation of the meaning]

Then Allah revealed to His Prophet (peace be upon him) the words (interpretation of the meaning):

"Say (O Muhammad): 'It has been revealed to me that a group of jinn listened (to this Qur'an)

[Quran al-Jinn 72:1], and Allah revealed to him what the jinn had said." (Reported by al-Bukhari, 731).

Their reckoning on the Day of Resurrection

The jinn will be called to account on the day of Resurrection. Mujahid (May Allah have mercy on him) said, concerning the ayah (verse) (interpretation of the meaning):

"... but the jinn know well that they have indeed to appear (before Him) (i.e., they will be brought to account)"

[Quran al-Saffat 37:158]
"They will be brought to judgement."

[Saheeh al-Bukhari]



Protection from the harm of the jinn

Because the jinn can see us while we cannot see them, the Prophet (peace be upon him) taught us many ways to protect ourselves from their harm, such as seeking refuge with Allah from the accursed Shaytaan, reciting Soorat al-Falaq and Soorat al-Naas (the last two Soorahs of the Qur'aan), and reciting the words taught by Allah in the Qur'an (interpretation of the meaning):

"Say: 'My Lord! I seek refuge with You from the whisperings (suggestions) of the shayateen (devils). And I seek refuge with You, my Lord, lest they may attend (or come near) me.'"

[Quran Al-Mu'minoon 23:97-98]

Saying Bismillah (in the Name of Allah) before entering one's home, before eating or drinking, and before having intercourse will also keep the Shaytaan from entering the house or partaking with a person in his food, drink and sexual activity.

Similarly, mentioning the name of Allah before entering the toilet or taking off one's clothes will prevent the jinn from seeing a person's 'awrah (private parts) or harming him, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) said,

"To put a barrier that will prevent the jinn from seeing the 'awrah of the sons of Adam, let any one of you say 'Bismillah' when entering the toilet."

(Reported by al-Tirmidhi, 551; Saheeh al-Jaami', 3611).

Strength of faith and religion in general will also prevent the jinn from harming a person, so much so that if they were to fight, the one who has faith would win. 'Abd-Allah ibn Mas'ood (May Allah be pleased with him) said: "A man from among the Companions of Muhammad (peace be upon him) met a man from among the jinn. They wrestled, and the human knocked down the jinn. The human said to him, 'You look small and skinny to me, and your forearms look like the front paws of a dog. Do all the jinn look like this, or only you?' He said, 'No, by Allah, among them I am strong, but let us wrestle again, and if you defeat me I will teach you something that will do you good.' The human said, 'Fine.' He said, 'Recite:

'Allah! None has the right to be worshipped but He, the Ever-living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists...'

[Quran Aayat al-Kursi - al-Baqarah 2:255 - interpretation of the meaning].

The human said, 'Fine.' He said, 'You will never recite this in your house but the Shaytan will come out of it like a donkey breaking wind, and he will never come back in until the next morning.'"

(Reported by al-Darimi, 3247)."

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"So O men and jinns! Which favour of your Lord will you deny?"

Quran 55:40

"We have indeed adorned the lowest heaven with stars as ornaments. And to protect it from every rebellious devil. They cannot listen to the speech of those on higher elevations and they are targeted from every side. To make them flee, and for them is a never-ending punishment. Except one who sometimes steals a part, so a blazing flame goes after him."

Quran 37:7-10

"And they have appointed a relationship between Him and the jinns; and indeed the jinns surely know that they will be brought forth."

Quran 37:158

<u>In The Exorcist Tradition</u> Bilal Philips writes:

"The angels were created from light and the Jinn from a flame of fire. However, it is the view of most Suni Scholars, past and present that the relation of the Jinn to fire is like the relation of man to earth. Although man's origin is from the elements of earth, man himself is not composed of earth. Similarily, Jaann (Father of the Jinn)was created from the elements of fire, but neitrher he nor his descendents are any longer composed of fire. According to some scholars proof of this can be found in the Prophets statement:

"Satan appeared before me in my prayer and I chocked him and felt the coldness of his saliva on my hand.."

[Collected by Ahmed disagreed over isnaad possibly weak]

They argued that if satan was himself a fiery being, then how could his saliva be cold or how could he even have saliva?" [Ahkaam al-Jaann, p.27]

It is generally held that the Jinn, like the angels, were created before mankind. This belief is based upon the apparent meaning of the following Quranic verse:

"Indeed We created man from sounding clay made out of black smelly mud. And created the jinn before him, from smokeless fire."

Ouran 15:26-27

This amy be deduced from the following Quranic text in which the creation of the Jinn is mentioned before man:

"And I created the jinns and men, only for them to worship Me."

Quran 51:56

Ibn Kathir narrates [1300-1373] quotes a narration from the Prophets companion, 'Abdulla ibn Umar [d 693 CE], wherein the Prophet (saw) stated that the Jinn, descendents of jaann, were on earth two thousand years before the creation of Adam.

[Tafseer al- Qur'aan al-'Atheem, voli, p.108]

The Jinn are created beings, consequently they die as do humans. Evidence for this belief may be found in the general statements from the Qur'aan which indicate that all of creation will cease to exist:

"Everything [that exists] will perish except His [i.e.,Allah's] face."

Ouran 28:88

"Everything in the world will vanish..."

Quran 55:26

Furthermore there is a verse which addresses the issue directly

"It is these upon whom the Word has proved true, among the nations that passed away before them, of jinns and men; indeed they were losers."

Ouran 46:18

Al-Aaloosee said, "The statement of [Allah], Most Great and Glorious, '....among the previous generation of jinn and men that have passed away,' is used to prove that the Jinn die generation after generation, like humans."

[Rooh al-Ma'aannee, vol.26, 9.21]

Proof can also be found in authentic traditions of the Prophet (s)

"I seek refuge in Your power. There is no god beside You, [You are the One] who does not die, while the Jinn and mankind die."

[Bukhari vol.9, p.357, no.480]

Satan [Arabic Shaytaan]

This term is equivelent in meaning to the words "devil" or "demon" when used indefinitely or in the plural, but with the definite article "al," it specifically refers to the Devil, i.e. Satan.

Arabic English Lexicon, vol.2, p. 1552.

It is clearly apparent from the authentic hadeeths that satan was a jinnee and not an angel, When taken by themselves some verses of the Quran imply that he might have been an angel; however, there are also many others which infer that he was a jinnee, an done that explicitly states that he was a jinnee:

"And indeed We created you, then designed you and then ordered the angels, "Prostrate before Adam"; so they all prostrated, except Iblis (*Satan*); he did not become of those who prostrate."

Quran 7:11

The above verse iondicates that Iblees (personal name of satan) was among the angels. Iblees is derived from ablasa, which means, he despaired or gave up hope for the mercy of Allah."



Relationships with Humans

Like blood, Satan flows through man's veins. One of his most lethal weapons is false hopes. As we know from our father Adam's story, Satan knows our weakness and attacks us on the most vulnerable point. Allah says,"... and Satan made attractive to them that which they were doing."

[Quran 6: 4]

Safiyyah reported that the Prophet (s) said:

"Verily, Satan flows in the blood stream of Adams descendents."

[Bukhari vol. 3, pp.142-3]

The Jinn are able to affect the subconscious human mind, according to the Prophets statement,

"Verily, the dreams which a man sees in his sleep are of three types: a dream from the most Merciful (Allah), a sad dream from satan, and a subconscious dream."

[Muslim, vol. 4, p. 1224, and no 5621]

Thoughts

"Satan will come to one of you and say, 'Who created this and that?' Until he asks, 'Who created your Lord?' When he comes to that, one should seek refuge in Allah and stop [such idle thoughts]."

[Bukhari, vol. 4, p.320, no.496]

Birth

Muhammad (saw) said:

"Satan pricks with his finger every newborn child of Adams descendents. They all begin screaming from Satans jab, except Mary and her son Jesus (Esa)."

[Bukhari vol. 4, p.426, no.641]

Abu Hurayrah narrated:

The reason for their protection is the supplication made by Mary's mother at Mary's birth . [Bukhari vol. 4, p. 426, no. 641] It is recorded in the Quran

"So when she gave birth to it, she said, "My Lord! I have indeed given birth to a girl!" And Allah well knows what she gave birth to; and the boy she had prayed for is not like this girl; "And I have named her Maryam and I give her and her offspring in Your protection, against Satan the outcast."

Quran 3:36

Sickness

Some physical human sicknesses are caused by the effects of jinn.

Prophet Muhammad (saw) said:

"[One of the causes for] the destruction of my nation of followers will be [assassination by] stabbing and the plague, which is harassment from you enemies among the jinn. [Death] by

either way is martyrdom."

[al-Albaanee Saheeh al-Jaami' as Sagheer, vol 2, p. 779, no 4231]

"Can you not see that We (Allah) have set the devils on the disbelievers, excitedly prodding them [to sin and disbelief]."

Quran 19:83

The fact is that the Jinn fear those who are strong among the righteous and therefore avoid them.

Prophet Muhammad (saw) said:

"Surely I can see the devils among the Jinn and mankind fleeing from 'Umar (Ra)."

In Watching for Satans Traps, Al Jumu'ah Vol. 15 Issue 05 says,

"Find Tranquility in Remembering Allah

Allah has urged His servants to remember Him, ask His forgiveness, and to show patience in way of observing His Deen (Religion).

"Those who have believed and whose hearts are assured by the remembrance of Allah. Truly, it is in the remembrance of Allah that the hearts ever find peace."

[Quran 13:28]

The Best Defense: Supplications

The Prophet (SAWS) has taught us the best defense against the Satan, and that is consistent remembrance of Allah with the help of beautiful supplications for every occasion. These awraad (Supplications) bring us abundant reward and high ranks with Allah. This technique has been time-tested by the Prophets and the pious people in overcoming the Satan.

The Prophet (SAWS) being so merciful to his Ummah (Society), explained the supplications, Salah (prayer) and rules in all situations, times, and places; in deeds and in words, when eating, drinking, answering nature's call, and when misfortunes strike, when going to bed and even when having intercourse with one's spouse. The Prophet (SAWS) says, "If one wants to make love to one's spouse, and says, I seek refuge in your Name, 'O Allah, protect us from Satan, and save what you have bestowed upon us from Satan,' Allah will protect his offspring from Satan all his life." (Bukhari)"



In The Exorcist Tradition, Bilal Philips wrote,

Ibn al-Qayyim said:

"Evil spirits mostly gain control of those having little religous inclination and those whose hearts and tongues faith has deserted; those whose souls are desolate of the remembrance of

Allah and of the formulas for strengthening faith. When evil spirits meet a man who is isolated, weaponless and naked, they are easily able to attack him and overcome him." [Zaad al-Ma'aad, p.69]

Ibn Taymeeyah suggested the following three circumstances to be main reasons why Jinn may possess humans:

- 1. "The occasional possession of man by the Jinn may be due to the sexual desires on the part of the Jinn...or even love, just as it may be among humans."
- 2. "Demonic possession sometimes also occurs as a result of horseplay, jest or plain evil on the part of the jinn, just as eviland mischief occurs from among humans for similar reasons."
- 3. "However, possession is most often a result of the Jinn being angry because some wrong has been done to them. Thus, the jinn punish those who wronged them. For example, when humans accidentally harm or hurt them by urinating on them, pouring hot water on them or by killing some of them, the jinn think that they have been intentionally harmed. Although humans may not realize what they have done, the jinn by nature are very ignorant, harsh and volatile in their behavior, so they may vengefully punish humans much more severly than they deserve."

Thus, in the view of Ibn Taymeeyah, possession may occur with relative frequency to practising Muslims as well as to weak and non practising Muslims.

Partial Possession

Ibn Taymeeyah says:

"The Jinn usually communicate by either visions or voices with those seeking information among the idol worshippers, Christians, Jews and heretical Muslims driven astray by the devils....The devils will often respond while taking the form of one besought, whether dead or alive....This frequently happens to Christians (survivorsareus.com note: or heretical Muslims like Sufi's and so on and so forth) who call upon those whom they edify, whether dead or alive...." Elsewhere he said, "And among them (i.e., disbelievers, pagans, magicians, ect..) are those who believe that when someone dies he can return and communicate with them, pay their debts, retrieve their lost items, and advise them. Images of those who who die come to them [doing these things], but they are actually devils taking their forms."

According to Islamic beliefs one of the many ways the devils lead humans astray is to appear to them in images which reinforce their false beliefs. They become visible as apparitions or visions.

In Majmoo' al Fatawaa, Ibn Taymeeyah said:

"The devils may appear to those who worship them in forms which humans mistakenly identify as heavenly spirits.... Jinn may also make humans hear the voice of those whom they call upon who are far away. Such cases are frequent among idolaters, Christians, Jews, and ignorant Muslims who seek refuge in those whom they consider Holy.""

You may be wandering why devils cause so much mischief so I will now give you some of the reasons why.

Interpretation of the Quran

"Iblis said, "Give me respite till the day when people will be resurrected. Said Allah, "You are given respite. Iblis said, "Hence I swear by the fact that You sent me astray, I will certainly lay in wait for them on Your Straight Path. Then I will certainly approach them -

from their front and from behind them and from their right and from their left; and You will find most of them not thankful. Allah said, "Exit from here, rejected, outcast; indeed whoever among them follows your bidding, I will fill hell with all of you."

Quran 14-18

"The one whom Allah has cursed; the devil said, I swear, I will certainly take an appointed portion of Your bondmen. And I will surely lead them astray, and I will certainly arouse desires in them, and I will definitely order them so they will pierce animals' ears, and I will definitely order them so they will alter Allah's creation; and whoever chooses the devil for a friend instead of Allah, has indeed suffered a manifest loss."

Quran 4:118-119

"And indeed We (Allah) sent to every nation a Noble Messenger (proclaiming) that "Worship Allah and beware of the devil; therefore Allah guided some of them, and error proved true upon some of them; therefore travel in the land and see what sort of fate befell the deniers! If you (O dear Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him) desire for their guidance, then indeed Allah does not guide one whom He misleads, and they do not have any aides. And they swore by Allah most vehemently in their oaths that, Allah will not raise up the dead; yes He will, why not? A true promise obligatory upon Him, but most men do not know. In order that He may make clear to them the matter in which they differed, and the disbelievers may realise that they were liars."

Quran 16:36-39"



Shaykh Saleem Al-Hilaalee in <u>Protection against the plots of Shaytaan</u> wrote:

"These ayat (The above) prove that shaytaan is on the onslaught of a firce war holding arrogance and malice against man and inciting people to manifest their evil. Allah has permitted him to do this, oblivious of the threats of Allah and with no regards, for His slaves. Allah, glorified is He, has not left man unprotected. He has made faith and abundant remembrance of Him means to protect our selves and weapons for our defense.

Allah has uncovered the plots of shaytaan for man so that if he becomes negligent about his protection and incabable of knowing shaytaans schemes, then fortune will turn against him, There Is No Might Nor Power Except with Allah.

This old enemy of the children of Adam (as) in his pursuit of trickery and schemes, is determined to embark boldly in the battle against the course of time. He plots and plans in organized stages and continues in this way, one fight after another. He executes his polices with man step by step. Allah says in interpretation of the Quran:

"...do not follow the footsteps of the devil; undoubtedly he is your open enemy."

Quran 2:168, 208 and 6:142

Shaytaan invades the human soul at a moment of neglect and weakness

"And if shaytaan causes you to forget, then sit not in the company of those people who are the wrongdoers."

Quran 6:68

Shaytan's pace is swift and harmful as he affects man with speed. He searches for ways to take complete control over the way in, therefore man should take precaution against him.

Shaytaan luring into destruction by persuasion

In interpretation of Quran Allah says,

"Indeed those of you who turned back on the day when the two armies met - for as it was the devil who caused them to waver, because of some of their deeds; and undoubtedly Allah has forgiven them; indeed Allah is Oft Forgiving, Most Forbearing."

Quran 3:155

These ayat describe what happened in the mind of the archers, imagine the whole of mankind and their state of mind when they commit a sin. The confidence of Allah's pardon and pleasure are reduced.

In interpretation of Quran Allah says,

"And do not be like those who came out from their houses proudly, and to be seen by men, and they prevent people from Allah's way; and all their actions are within Allah's control. And when Satan made their deeds seem good in their sight and said, This day no one can overpower you, and you are under my protection; so when the two armies came face to face, he scrambled back and said, "I am unconcerned with you - I can see what is not visible to you - I fear Allah; and Allah's punishment is severe."

Ouran 8:47-48

The cores of satanic beautification are false promises and glimmering hopes. Just as Adam (As) was promised eternal life and rule likewise were the poytheist promised victory;

"The devil promises them and arouses desires in them; and the devil does not give them promises except of deceit. "

Quran 4:120

Iblees establishes the courtyard of his battle using his tools of beautification-beautification of ugliness.. the gullible see his false attraction and it leads them to sin. So the people should be warned that whenever a matter appears beautiful to them or whenever they find a longing desire in themselves, shaytaan will already be there.

In "Watching for Satans Traps," Al Jumu'ah Vol. 15 Issue 05 writes:

"Satan intercepts us in every path of righteousness, dissuading us from good and persuading us to do evil. This struggle is depicted in a hadeeth [Tradition of Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam (SAWS) / peace be upon him)]. "Satan sat in Man's paths," the Prophet says. "He sat for him in the path of Islam and said, 'How could you embrace Islam and discard your religion and the religion of your forefathers?' But man, disobeying Satan, embraced Islam. Then Satan sat for man in the path of hijrah (emigration) and said, 'How could you emigrate and leave your land and sky?' But man, however, disobeyed Satan and emigrated. Then Satan sat for man in the path of Jihad (Actions in the way of Allah) and said, 'How could you perform jihad sacrificing yourself and your money? You could be killed; your wife may re-marry and your money may be divided among inheritors.' However, man

still disobeyed Satan and went out for Jihad. He who has done this verily deserves to enter paradise. He who gets killed has the right to enter Paradise; he who drowns has the right to enter Paradise, and he who falls off his horse has the right to enter Paradise," the Prophet concluded. (Ahmed and Nasa'ee)

To protect ourselves against the Satan and his party, we must cling to Allah's Book and follow the example of the Prophet (SAWS). Innovations in matters of religion, arguments about Allah's verses without proper knowledge are the time-tested traps of the Satan."



""It is the devil who threatens with his friends; so do not fear them and fear Me, if you have faith."

Quran 3:175

In <u>Shaytaan Causing Fear and Terror</u>, Tareeqah Al-Jannah writes:

"Thus when one has fear, fright and apprehension it is due to the shaytaan. Indeed shaytaan tries to make his enemies become a source of fright and he takes away their power and awe.

"And Satan will say when the matter has been decided, Indeed Allah had given you a true promise - and the promise I gave you, I made it untrue to you; and I had no control over you except that I called you and you obeyed me; so do not accuse me, blame only yourselves; neither can I help you, nor can you help me; I have no concern with your ascribing me as a partner (to Allah); indeed for the unjust is a painful punishment."

Quran 14:22

"The example of the devil - when he said to man "Disbelieve"; so when he has rejected faith, he says, "I am unconcerned with you - indeed I fear Allah, the Lord of The Creation."

Quran 59:16"

In <u>The Seven Tricks of Shaytaan Against You</u>, Tareeqah Al-Jannah writes:

"As for the tricks of Shaytaan against you they are seven:

1. He obstructs you from doing acts of obedience. Repel him by

realizing that you are in need of these acts of obedience in order to gather provision from this life for the next life, which will have no ending.

- 2. He commands you to procrastinate in acts of obedience. Repel him by realizing that your appointed time is not in your hands and that you could die at any moment.
- 3. He commands you to rush in acts of obedience by suggesting to you, "Hurry! In order that you can do so-and-so!" Repel him that realizing that few acts of obedience done with perfection is better than many done incompletely.
- 4. He commands you to perfect your worship in order to be seen of men. Repel him by realizing that the sight of Allah is enough for you over the sight of men
- 5. He whispers arrogance and pride in your heart by saying, "Who is greater and more precise than your obedience?" Repel him by realizing that your acts of obedience to Allah is a blessing from Allah, not from yourself. If it were not for the bounty of Allah, you would not be able to establish any act of obedience, which are nothing next to the blessing of Allah Ta`ala.
- 6. This is the greatest of his tricks, he says to you, "Make strenuous effort in keeping your obedience of Allah secret. Soon He will make your acts manifest before the world!" Repel him that you are a slave of Allah and that He alone is your Master. If He wills, He will manifest you and if He wills He will keep you concealed. If He wills, He will make you important and if He wills He will make you insignificant. That is for Him to decide, and you should not care whether He manifests your good deeds to people or not, because there is nothing in their hands worth seeking after.
- 7. He suggests in your heart, "There is no need for you to perform acts of obedience to Allah. Truly, if you were created and destined to be among the people of bliss, then there is no danger in you neglecting the acts of worship. And if you were created and destined to be among the people of wretchedness, then there is no benefit in doing them. Repel him that realizing that you are a slave. And that it is the duty of a slave to obey the commands as is the rights to slaveness (`ubuudiyya).

Allah is the Rabb (Lord), and He knows the rights of Lordship

(rubuubiyya). Thus these acts of obedience will benefit you in every way if you were created and destined to be among the people of bliss. It will benefit you by increasing your reward. And if you were not created and destined for bliss, then in no way Allah will punish you for acts of obedience. These acts of obedience will not harm you. For to be entered into the fire while you are obedient to Allah is more precious to you than you being entered into the fire while you are disobedient.

And how is it possible for you to enter the fire when the Promise of Allah is true and His Words are Truthful for He has promised a tremendous reward for acts of obedience? Whoever meets Allah Ta`ala while he has faith and obedience will never enter the fire and he has duly earned the Paradise by the Promise of Allah the Truthful and not by any act. It is in that Allah has informed us by His saying,

"Allah's praises are due to Allah who made good to us His Promise and has made us inherit the earth and we may abide in the Paradise whenever we please. Excellent is the Reward of those who work."

(Quran 39:74)

Therefore my brothers (and sisters), wake up! It is as He said. So seek the aid of Allah alone and seek refuge with Him. All matters are in His hands and from Him alone is success. And there is neither power nor might except with Allah the Exalted the Great."

[From: Tareeqah Al-Jannah - Bab Muhaarabatush-Shaytaan (On the War with Shaytaan)



Reasons for possession

Some of the prominent reasons for people to suffer harm from devils through possesion and or magic is due to their lifestyle and sinful habits. Many Muslims for example are not fulfiling their religous obligations such as: worshipping correctly, seeking authentic Islamic knowledge, supplicating daily sunnah dhikr, protecting their eyes and private parts from temptation, covering their private parts (awrah), living according to Islam by adhering to what is halal (permissable) and staying away from what is harram (forbidden) and what could be harram for fear that it is harram (forbidden).

"Say: Allah has power to send punishment upon you from above you, or from under your feet; or to cover you in confusion with party strife; and make you taste the inter-fighting and violence of one another. See how We variously explain the Aayat (proofs and signs), so that they may understand."

Quran 6:65

One benefit of the above ayat:

It shows the great power of Allah, the Exalted, in that whenever the Muslims abandon judging by the Sharee'ah (Divinely Prescribed Law) of Allah; but rather take to man made laws that oppose the Law of Allah - which, with deep regret, is happening now - then Allah causes the Ummah to split-up into sects and parties, and makes them fight one another.

[The above taken from Not Judging by the Book of Allah: A Cause for Calamities to Strike the Ummah By: Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Jameel Zaynoo]

"So do they not ponder the Qur'an deeply, or are there locks on some of their hearts?"

Quran 47:24

"Not at all – but rather their earnings have heaped rust upon their hearts."

or translated as

"Nay! But on their hearts is the covering of sins (ran) which they used to earn."

Quran 83:14

<u>In Disease of the Hearts and their Cures</u> Ibn Taymiyya writes:

"The hearts are of three types:

- (1) The correct heart is secure that is secure from all desires that oppose the command of Allah and His prohibitions and it is also secure from doubts that contradict what He (Allah) informs. Just as it is secure from worshipping anything else besides Allah and from seeking judgement from any person other than His (Allah's) Messenger.
- (2) The dead heart, this being the opposite of the correct heart containing no life, neither knowing it's Lord nor worshipping Him.
- (3) The Heart that has some life but also has a defect. So it contains love of Allah, faith in Him, sincerity and trust towards Him from those things that are essential to it remaining alive. It also contains the love of vain desires and preferences to them, despicable morals and manners from those things that cause it to die, and it continously wavering between those two conditions.

So the first type of heart is the living, humble, soft and gentle heart. The second is the dry, harsh, and dead heart. The third is the heart which is diseased, it can either be made secure or have its destruction sealed.

All of the diseases of the heart can be founded upon desires and doubts. The life of the heart and its illumination is the cause of all good to be found in it and its death and darkness is the cause of evil to be found in it. The heart can be perfected through purification of the heart, repentance, and the relinquishing of all types of false love and despicable manners. This can be attained through striving hard against ones soul that incites towards evil and bringing it to account and combatting the satans from among the Jinn by holding fast to Allah; knowing their plots and objectives, and safeguarding onself against them through remembrance of Allah, the exalted and seeking refuge in Him from them.

The heart becoming defective and weak revolves around two basic matters: the corruption of knowledge and corruption of intent. These in turn lead to two destructive illnesses -anger and

-misguidance

Misguidance being the end result of the corruption of intent. So these two diseases are the lords of all the ailments that afflict the heart. It's cures lies in guidance based upon knowledge. Guidance based on knowledge is to know the truth and to follow it. The whole of the

Qur'an is a cure for these two diseases, others and in it contains perfect guidance."



In interpretation of the Quran Allah says:

"He will heal the breast of a believing folk."

Quran 9:14

"And when I become sick, He (Allah) heals me."

Quran 26:80

"....There has come from unto you an exhortation from your Lord, a healing for that which is in your breasts, a guidance and mercy for the believers."

Quran 10:57

"And we reveal of the Quran that which is a healing and a mercy for the believers..."

Quran 17:82

"It is a guidance and a healing for those who believe."

Quran 41:44

"There has come to you good advice from your Lord and a healing for that which is in the hearts, a guidance and a mercy for believers."

Quran 10:57

"...and heal the breast of a beleiving people and removes the anger of their hearts..."

Quran 9:14-15

So now you should have a very good understanding of shaytaans plots and the need to properly protect your self. Establishing in you heart firm belief and practise of Islam is a good way of achieving the desired outcome. Prayer is not something that should be taken lightly by any means. Prayer is Islams second pillar and it is to be performed a minimum of five times a day. Prayer is so important that one should even read books from the scholars that properly instruct you on how to pray like the Prophet Muhammad (saw) (I have in my <u>free e books</u>) and that is not enough. You should practise the movements so that you do them correctly not just thinking that in doing them in your obligatory prayers as enough because that is not enough. The following will aid you in some of your prayer and supplications, insha Allah.



For further information please read <u>Spiritual Warfare Prayer</u>

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