

Prophet Muhammad and upon his Companions.

Is Iblis an Angel?

Q Is Iblis, may Allāh curse him, an angel or from other than them? And if he is from other than them what is the type of seclusion in Allāh's Words:

﴿فَسَجَدَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ كُلُّهُمْ أَجْمَعُونَ ﴿٧٦﴾ إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ﴾

﴿All the angels prostrated themselves, except Iblis.﴾^[1] ?

A It should be known that the angels are creatures of Allāh. He created them from light, they never disobey Him, and do as He says. As for Iblis (Satan), Allāh mentioned that he was amongst the Jinn, Allāh says:

﴿وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ كَانَ مِنَ الْجِنِّ فَفَسَقَ عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِ﴾

﴿... and when We said to the angels, prostrate yourselves to Adam, they all did, except Iblis who was from the Jinn, who transgressed the command of his Lord.﴾^[2]

Allāh mentions in the Qur'an what Iblis said when He commanded him to prostrate himself to Adam. He said:

﴿خَلَقَنِي مِنْ نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ طِينٍ ﴿٧٦﴾﴾

﴿You created me from Fire, and You created him from clay!﴾^[3]

As for the type of seclusion, in His Words:

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[1] Al-Hijr 15:30-31.

[2] Al-Kahf 18:50.

[3] Sad 38:76.

﴿All the angels prostrated themselves, except Iblis.﴾^[1]

It is a separate seclusion, as one may say: "Everyone came except for a donkey." There are some people of knowledge who say Iblis, may Allāh curse him, is an angel, except that he disobeyed Allāh, the Exalted, and insisted on being disobedient. Iblis deserved the curse of Allāh till the Day of Requital.

The Permanent Committee

Asking the Soothsayers and Sorcerers is Unlawful

Q My father was mentally ill, and the period of his sickness lengthened, which included going back and forth from the hospital. Some of my relatives told me to go to a woman who knew a cure for mental illnesses. They also said: "Give your name only, and she will tell you what his sickness is and what the appropriate medicine is." Is it lawful for us to go to this woman?

A This woman and her like, are unlawful to go to, ask, and believe in, because she is of the soothsayers, and sorcerers, who claim the knowledge of the unseen, and use the Jinn to help them in the cures and their claims. It is authentically reported that the Prophet ﷺ said:

«مَنْ أَتَى عَرَّافًا فَسَأَلَهُ عَنْ شَيْءٍ لَمْ يَقْبَلْ لَهُ صَلَاةٌ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً»

«He who visits a fortuneteller and consults him, no prayer of his would be accepted for forty days.»^[2]

It is also authentically reported that the Prophet ﷺ said:

«مَنْ أَتَى عَرَّافًا أَوْ كَاهِنًا فَصَدَّقَهُ بِمَا يَقُولُ، فَقَدْ كَفَرَ بِمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ ﷺ»

[1] Sad 38:73-74.

[2] Muslim no. 2230, Ahmad 4:68 and 5:380.