

know any proof of this assertion.

The Permanent Committee

Did the Prophet ﷺ meet the Jinn?

Q Is it authentically reported that the Prophet ﷺ met the Jinn?

A Yes, it is authentically reported that the Prophet ﷺ told this to his Companions and showed them their tracks. Read what Ibn Kathir wrote in his *Tafsir* in his comment on *Surah Al-Ahqaf*.

﴿وَإِذْ صَرَفْنَا إِلَيْكَ نَفَرًا مِّنَ الْجِنِّ يَسْتَمِعُونَ الْقُرْآنَ﴾

﴿And remember when We sent to you a party of the Jinn to listen to the recitation of the Qur'an.﴾^[1]

In *Surah Ar-Rahman* and *Surah Al-Jinn*, you will find the answer in detail.

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Iblis lives among Us till this Day

Q Is *Iblis* - may Allāh curse him - still alive? Or did he die? Do the Jinn bury their dead like humans?

A Allāh mentions in the Qur'an that *Iblis* (Satan) asked Allāh for respite, and Allāh has given to him. Allāh quotes *Iblis*' request saying:

﴿قَالَ رَبِّ فَأَنْظِرْنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ قَالَ فَإِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنْظَرِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْوَقْتِ الْمَعْلُومِ ﴿٢٧﴾﴾

﴿O Allāh keep me alive until the day they will be resurrected. Allāh said, "Verily you are of those who will

[1] *Al-Ahqaf* 46:29

until the known Day."﴾^[1]

Therefore, he will live until the known Day, which is the Final Day when he will die.

As for the Jinn, they are spirits that do not need bodies, and they die too and are buried accordingly. We do not know how they look, how they die, nor how they are buried. They are not like humans. Allāh knows best.

Ibn Jibreen

What is Sorcery

Q Is sorcery real?

A Yes it is real. The sorcerers worship devils and obey them, and the latter help them accomplish what they want. Allāh has given the devils the ability to do strange things.

Ibn Jibreen

Tawassul^[2] to Allāh through Pious People

Q Is it permissible for a Muslim to seek nearness to Allāh through Prophets and pious people? I have read an opinion of some scholars that there is no harm in *Tawassul* through to Allāh. And I read contradicting opinions by other scholars. What is the ruling of Islamic law on this issue?

A *Al-Waliy* is he who believes in Allāh and fears him by fulfilling his commands and refraining from his prohibitions. Allāh says:

[1] *Al-Hijr* 15:36-38.

[2] *Tawassul*, gaining access to, or a means of nearness.