

Do Jinn know the unseen?

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Do the Jinn (creatures created from fire) know the Ghayb (the Unseen)?

Answer: Knowledge of Ghayb is one of the exclusive attributes of Ruboobeeyah (Lordship); no one knows the Ghayb of the heavens and the earth except Allaah. Allaah (Exalted be He) says: [And with Him are the keys of the Ghayb (all that is hidden), none knows them but He.]¹ He (Exalted is His Majesty) also says: [Say: "None in the heavens and the earth knows the Ghayb (Unseen) except Allaah"]² The Jinn do not know the Ghayb, which is proven by His Saying (Exalted be He): [Then when We decreed death for him [Sulaimaan (Solomon)], nothing informed them (jinn) of his death except a little worm of the earth, which kept (slowly) gnawing away at his stick. So when he fell down, the jinn saw clearly that if they had known the Unseen, they would not have stayed in the humiliating torment.]³ Therefore, anyone who claims to know the Ghayb is a Kaafir (disbeliever) and anyone who believes in this claim is a Kaafir as well, for they are denying the Qur'aan.

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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¹ Soorah an-An'aam (6:59)

² Soorah An-Naml (27:65)

³ Soorah Saba' (34:14)