

## Interpretation of the Quran- Surat Al-A'raf (7)- Lesson(12): Satan has no Influence on Mankind- Some Characters of Jinn

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of Creations, and Peace and blessings be upon our prophet Muhammad, the faithful and the honest.

Oh, Allah, we know nothing but what You teach us. You are the All-Knowing, the Wise. Oh Allah, teach us what is good for us, and benefit us from what You taught us, and increase our knowledge. Show us the righteous things as righteous and help us to do them, and show us the bad things as bad and help us to keep away from them.

O Allah our Lord, lead us out from the depths of darkness and illusion, unto the lights of erudition and knowledge, and from the muddy shallows of lusts unto the heavens of Your Vicinity.

Dear brothers, we will start lesson 12 of Surat Al Araaf interpreting the Ayah (verse) 27:

**"O Children of Adam! Let not Shaitan (Satan) deceive you, as he got your parents [Adam and Hawwa (Eve)] out of Paradise, stripping them of their raiments, to show them their private parts. Verily, he and Qabiluhu (his soldiers from the jinns or his tribe) see you from where you cannot see them. Verily, We made the Shayatin (devils) Auliya' (protectors and helpers) for those who believe not."**

[Surat Al-A'raf 7, verse 27]

### Kinds of Objects in Terms of Methods of Perception

Dear brothers, it is a revelation matter in regard of Jinn, while all the materialistic objects that have entity and trace, are perceived by the five senses or their extensions such as Telescopes and Microscopes.

Whereas objects, with no entity yet they have traces that can be sensed, are comprehended by the mind, and the third kind in Islam is the matters of revelation which can't be perceived by senses nor comprehended by the mind, and they are revelation news like what we have in Quranic Ayahs and Prophetic Hadith..

### The Universe Proves the Existence of Allah

When you ponder on the creation of the heavens and the earth, the first constant fact in your path to faith is that the universe proves the existence of the Oneness and the Perfect Allah. The perfection of creation proves the perfection of existence and actions, and out of perfection, Allah The Great sends Messengers and noble books to His servants (Mankind) in order to discover themselves and to be aware of the tasks assigned by Allah to them.

While he who was sent (Mohammad PBUH) with this book (Quran) says: "I'm Allah's Messenger", this Book needs Allah's testimony that the Ayahs are His words and that testimony occurs, firstly by the miraculous inimitability of the Quran and, secondly, by the fulfillment of the Quranic promises and menaces.

### The Role of Mind and information in faith:

Hence, we have three rational reasons to believe in Allah, in His Messenger and in the Holy Quran; we believe in the existence of the Oneness and Perfect Allah through the universe, and we believe that the Quran

is His perpetual words through its miraculous inimitability and the fulfillment of its promises and menaces, and we believe in Allah's Messenger through His Quran.

Those are the three rational reasons needed for faith through which the greatness of Allah was indicated either through the universe, His book (Quran) and its miraculous inimitability, or through His eloquent and inflatable messenger (Muhammad PBUH) and at this point the mind stops and the role of revelation and reporting starts without which we would never have known the existence of Jinn's world.

### Issues in Belief in Terms of Religious and authentic reporting:

Through revelation not mind's analysis we believe in Allah, His best Attributes, His miraculous inimitable Quran, the fulfillment of Allah's promises and menaces, the noble Prophet PBUH, and in Jinn, and in all these cases the mind stops and the authenticated reporting starts.

The authenticated news (through Quran and Hadith) told us that there is an eternal life for which we were created, that we will be held accountable for our deeds, and that there were so many prophets that Allah sent before the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH):

**" Of some of them We have related to you their story and of some We have not related to you their story "**

[Surat Ghafer 40, verse 78]

We were told about Al Barzakh (a form of man's existence after death and before the hereafter) that extends to the Day of Judgment, we were told about a paradise of everlasting bliss and a hellfire of everlasting torture, and we were told through this Ayah the following:

**" Truly, We did offer Al-Amanah (the trust or moral responsibility or honesty and all the duties which Allah has ordained) to the heavens and the earth, and the mountains, but they declined to bear it and were afraid of it (i.e. afraid of Allah's Torment). But man bore it. Verily, he was unjust (to himself) and ignorant (of its results). "**

[Surat Arrahman, verse 72]

And in other Ayah the Jinn and man claimed the trust:

**"O assembly of jinns and men "**

[surat Arahman, verse 33]

**" We shall attend to you, O you two classes (jinns and men)! Then which of the Blessings of your Lord will you both (jinns and men) deny? "**

[Surat Arrahman, verses 31-32]

### The Issue of Jinn is authenticated news:

The issue of jinn with all its details is authenticated news and has nothing to do with mind, senses, or deviation

Your belief in Jinn is absolute when your belief in The Great Allah through His universe is absolute alike, in addition to your belief that this Prophet PBUH, according to Quran, doesn't speak of his own desire.

That was the first fact, and dear brothers, I want to advise proselytizers not to use authenticated texts

(Quran or Hadith) when they address persons with shaken faith in Allah, because they don't have any concrete evidence that is comprehended by mind or perceived by senses yet all they are using is an authenticated text (Quran or Sunnah) such like believing in angels, Jinn, path of the hereafter and origin of the universe:

**"I (Allah) made them (Iblis and his offspring) not to witness (nor took their help in) the creation of the heavens and the earth "**

[Surat Al-Kahf 18, verse 51]

Allah told us about the origin of mankind from Adam and Eve and about the belief in after-death life and all these issues are of authenticated reporting (Quran and Hadith).

Only Ibn Al Qayyem believes – and I agree with him- that the belief in the hereafter is comprehended by the mind, while the belief in its details depends on authenticated reporting. He thinks so because we see on earth the tyrant and the tyrannized, the rich and the poor, the healthy and the sick people and the long-lived people and the short-lived ones. It's unreasonable and impossible to believe that life will end with all these contradictions; this even doesn't fit the perfect creation that indicates the Perfect Creator.

Therefore dear brothers, the entire issue of jinn, including all its details, is authentically reported.

### People's Stance on the Issue of Jinn

With regard to this issue people are divided into two groups: the first group, among which are most Muslims who didn't seek knowledge, gave jinn super powers, the knowledge of the unseen, and the power to make man happy or astray. This is all falsehood.

The other group, the materialistic people, denies the existence of jinn.

Actually the truth is between these two extremes.

Here is a clarification of some facts:

### Facts about Jinn

#### 1- The jinn really exist:

Jinn do exist, as we believe in Allah's Book which says:

**"Say (O Muhammad) "It has been revealed to me that a group (from three to ten in number) of Jinns listened (to the Qur'an "**

[Surat Al Jinn 72, verse 1]

#### 2- Among Jinn there are righteous and bad:

The jinn are mentioned in the Holy Quran in several Ayahs, and they are of different kinds as some of them are good and some are bad:

**"There are among us some that are righteous, and some the contrary; we are groups each having**

**a different way (religious sect, etc.)"**

[Surat Al Jinn 72- verse 11]

Among the jinn there are righteous believers and there are some who went astray and lead others astray. The holy Prophet (PBUH) didn't see them; he was only told about their attending his session. There are among them corrupt, liars, foolish and naïve.

**"And that the foolish among us [i.e. Iblis (Satan) or the polytheists amongst the jinns] used to utter against Allah that which was wrong and not right "**

[Surat Al Jinn 72, verse 4]

They used to lie:

**"And verily, we thought that men and jinns would not utter a lie against Allah"**

[Surat Al Jinn 72, verse 5]

Some of them lie and some believe lies and believing lies is a kind of naivety. This is all was mentioned in the noble Qura'n.

Regarding the issue of jinn, none of us can express his opinion, because it is authentically reported; we can't add or delete anything from these new s.

### **3-The jinn are inclined to guidance:**

**"They said: 'Verily! We have heard a wonderful Recital (this Qur'an)! It guides to the Right Path, and we have believed therein "**

[Surat Al Jinn 72, verses 1-2]

So they have the aptitude for guidance and righteousness.

**"And indeed when we heard the Guidance (this Qur'an), we believed therein (Islamic Monotheism), and whosoever believes in his Lord shall have no fear, either of a decrease in the reward of his good deeds or an increase in punishment for his sins "**

[Surat Al Jinn 72, verse 13]

Another noble Ayah:

**"And of us some are Muslims (who have submitted to Allah, after listening to this Qur'an), and of us some are Al-Qasitun (disbelievers those who have deviated from the Right Path) "**

[Surat Al Jinn 72, verse 14]

### **3- Seeking the help of the jinn will never benefit Mankind:**

This is the most serious fact in this lesson.

**"And verily, there were men among mankind who took shelter with the masculine among the jinns, but they (jinns) increased them (mankind) in sin and disbelief "**

You can never benefit from the jinn, on the contrary you'll increasingly be sick, worried and afraid and you'll be deeply ashamed of yourself, and you will be disgraced by Allah's sight.

#### 4- The jinn don't have the knowledge of Ghaib (unseen):

The other serious fact is that they don't have the knowledge of Ghaib (unseen).

Allah-the All-Mighty- told us the story of our master Solomon (the prophet-PBUH) who assigned the jinn to hard tasks. When this noble Prophet died, nothing indicated his death:

**"nothing informed them (jinns) of his death except a little worm of the earth, which kept (slowly) gnawing away at his stick, so when he fell down, the jinns saw clearly that if they had known the unseen, they would not have stayed in the humiliating torment "**

[Surat Saba 34, verse 14]

**" Then when We decreed death for him [Sulaiman (Solomon)],"**

[Surat Saba 34, verse 14]

Dear brothers! Depending on these five facts you can refuse and deny a million of made-up stories. The jinn don't know Ghaib; even Allah's beloved- the Prophet Mohammed-PBUH- doesn't know the Ghaib:

**"If I had the knowledge of the Ghaib (unseen), I should have secured for myself an abundance of wealth, and no evil should have touched me"**

[Surat Al-A'raf 7, verse 188]

**"Say: "It is not in my power to cause you harm, or to bring you to the Right Path "**

[Surat Al Jinn 72, verse 21]

Even the master of the creation and Allah's beloved (The Prophet) has no power to benefit or hurt himself:

**"Say: "I fear, if I disobey my Lord, the torment of a Mighty Day "**

[Surat Al An'am 6, verse 15]

**"And if he (Muhammad) had forged a false saying concerning Us (Allah), We surely should have seized him by his right hand (or with power and might), And then certainly should have cut off his life artery (Aorta), And none of you could withhold Us from (punishing) him."**

[Surat Al Haqqa, verses 44-45-46-47]

That's why the jinn are incapable of doing anything.

**" And Shaitan (Satan) will say when the matter has been decided: "Verily, Allah promised you a promise of truth. And I too promised you, but I betrayed you. I had no authority over you except that I called you, so you responded to me. So blame me not, but blame yourselves. I cannot help you, nor can you help me. I deny your former act in associating me (Satan) as a partner with Allah (by obeying me in the life of the world). Verily, there is a painful torment for the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.). "**

[ Surat Ibrahim 14, verse 22]

In the light of these facts you can simply refuse and deny a million of made-up, invented and aimless stories.

### Superstitions and myths are Common among Muslims:

If I don't know for sure that a large number of Muslims, among who is the educated persons with high university degrees, believe in superstitions, myths, black magic, voodoo and other trifles, I wouldn't have raised this point. People believe in superstitions and black magic though the sorcerer blackmails them and sometimes rapes women.

When you feel that a devil is trying to tempt you or is whispering evil's ideas into your mind, you can simply say: I seek refuge in Allah from Satan the outcast and the devil will burn.

**"And if an evil whisper comes to you from Shaitan (Satan) then seek refuge with Allah. Verily, He is All-Hearer, All-Knower. Verily, those who are Al-Muttaqun (the pious - see V.2:2), when an evil thought comes to them from Shaitan (Satan), they remember (Allah), and (indeed) they then see (aright). "**

[Surat Al-A'raf 7, verses 200-201]

Seeking refuge in Allah is a lethal weapon in your hands. You don't need that sorcerer who wants a black rooster or a specific sheep or a thousand liras (the Syrian money) in order to get the genie out of you after he writes meaningless sentences and utters meaningless words. And if the person seeking aid is a woman, she might be raped by the sorcerer. This is happening everyday and I have real stories about this. Dear brothers! Stop these superstitions and divination. Stop illusions, mistakes and false creeds.

### This verse clarifies the core of this issue:

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[Surat Ibrahim 14, verse 22]

Satan doesn't know the Ghaib and can never harm you. Brothers! Denying all these stories, superstitions and lying and not caring about them at all are signs of your wise mind, deep creed and profound faith.

And I had no power over you

This verse is enough for you to feel safe and secured. Be the slave of Allah and the jinn can never do harm to you.

**"Certainly, you shall have no authority over My slaves "**

[Surat Al-Hijr 15, verse 42]

**"... but they could not thus harm anyone except by Allah's Leave ..."**

[Surat Al-Baqarah 2, verse 102]

There're psychological illnesses, strong dominant obsessions, fear, anxious, Jinn and blackmailing.

Dear brothers, in regard of the Ayah 27 in Aaraf, Allah The Almighty created Adam and Eve and ordered them to worship Him. If He had created them directly on earth where no paradise exists, they would have lacked the Satanic-related experience. But a valuable lesson was given to Adam, Eve and to all their descendants till the Day of Judgment:

**"Surely, Shaitan (Satan) is an enemy to you, so take (treat) him as an enemy ..."**

[Surat Fatir 35, verse 6]

Satan frightens you off in order not to spend your money in charity. Satan makes you hate your wife and long to another woman that has a husband and children, and there are innumerable stories on the subject.

**"It is only Shaitan (Satan) that suggests to you the fear of his Auliya' [supporters and friends (polytheists, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah and in His Messenger, Muhammad)], so fear them not, but fear Me, if you are (true) believers."**

[Surat Aal-'Imran 3, verse 175]

Satan justifies sins to you.

**"... surely I will sit in wait against them (human beings) on Your Straight Path. Then I will come to them from before them and behind them, from their right and from their left, and You will not find most of them as thankful ones (i.e. they will not be dutiful to You)"**

[Surat Al-A'raf 7, verse 16-17]

Some people keep complaining although they have their own houses, wives, children, cars and high incomes

**" and You will not find most of them as thankful ones (i.e. they will not be dutiful to You)."**

[Surat Al-A'raf 7, verse 17]

But the believer always praises Allah for everything; he praises Allah for the piece of bread that he eats before sleeping, for his well-being and for dwelling in a house. How many homeless are there?! We should all praise Allah for the safety and security we enjoy in our country particularly comparing with what is going on around us.

I shall come upon them from before them and from behind them

We hear about globalization and it is said that women are half the society and they call it advancement but actually this is backwardness;

**" Then I will come to them from before them and behind them, from their right and from their left "**

[Surat Al-A'raf 7, verse 17]

As if we're moving backwards to the age of the Aramaic people, to the pagan peoples and to the Pharaoh of ancient Egypt, yet, we neglect Islam-Allah's religion on earth-

**"and from their right hands"**

by Allah, hundreds or maybe thousands of Muslims repeat their wudu( ablution) over and over again and repeat their prayer many times fearing that their wudu( ablution) or prayer wasn't true! This is possessive compulsive and it is from Satan.

Satan stops you from doing good deeds for the fear of hypocrisy; he says: you want to do this good deed



just to show off, so don't do it. Tens of Muslims naively stop doing good deeds in order not to be hypocrites!  
Who told you that? This is:

### **"and from their right hands"**

When Afghanistan was bombed in Ramadan, The World's Greatest Hero was asked: How could you bomb it in this sacred month? He replied: but Ghazwat Badr (the battle in early Islam) was also in Ramadan. The devil stays in the delicate details of our religion.

### **"and behind them, from their right and from their left"**

The simple good believer sometimes is carried away by obsessions such as: Who created Allah? I answer this question saying: any idea that comes to your mind and upsets you isn't from you-don't worry and never mind- it's from Satan and you won't be held accountable for it as you were upset by the idea. If it's your idea, you won't get upset; on the contrary, you'll be pleased with it and talk about it.

One more comforting thing, Allah won't hold you accountable for your thoughts but for your deeds only, so calm down.

## **1. Battle between truth and falsehood is eternal:**

### **"O Children of Adam"**

[Surat Al-A'raf 7, verse 26]

Adam- peace be upon him- was admitted to the earth's Paradise (similar to the heaven's Paradise), he had no private parts, and no food needed for the body that was surrounded by the soul. Anything the soul wished was served immediately. But when Adam ate from the forbidden tree, he was in need for a digestive system, excretion, urine, feces, potential and limits. You can't continue eating that apple.

Hence, Allah the Almighty wanted Adam, while he was in Paradise, to learn a valuable lesson that the battle between the truth and the falsehood is eternal and everlasting.

**"(Allah) said: "Get down, one of you an enemy to the other [i.e. Adam, Hawwa (Eve), and Shaitan (Satan), etc.]."**

[Surat Al-A'raf 7, verse 24]

Allah allowed this eternal hostility on earth due to a great wisdom, that the truth doesn't consolidate except by challenge and the people by the truth side will never deserve Paradise, unless they sacrifice.

These are two lessons that Allah has wanted Adam and his descendants to learn.

The first one is that the battle between the truth and falsehood is eternal and everlasting

The second is:

**"Surely, Shaitan (Satan) is an enemy to you, so take (treat) him as an enemy"**

[Surat Fatir 35, verse 6]

## **Difference between Earth's Paradise and Heaven's Paradise:**

The earth's Paradise for Adam was before mandate (before he was assigned as a human being to a divine method) but the heaven's Paradise that the righteous were promised with, is granted after mandate. Iblis (



Satan) may never enter the heaven's Paradise. Also, whoever enters it, will never leave it and there is a precise difference here. Now, we (as human beings) have mandate of do's and don'ts in addition to the awareness of the seducing part that the devil played on our father Adam that results in uncovering his private parts.

Any disobedience of Allah uncover our shortcomings:

This is a rule of thumb that any disobedience of Allah results in uncovering our shortcomings (as a figure of speech that resembles the uncovering of Adam's private parts when he disobeyed Allah). If you earn unlawful money, you'll be accused of being a thief- Allah forbids-.

There are mental shortcomings and body's private parts so to speak, and both resembles in the result of shame when they are uncovered.

For example betrayal is a shame and that is why the traitor almost dies of contempt as he betrayed his nation. Thigh is not allowed to be exposed, in comparison, deceiving is a mental shortcoming.

Therefore and disobedience to Allah that you commit uncovers your shortcoming, exactly like when Adam's disobedience to Allah uncovered his private parts.

### In the previous lesson:

**"O Children of Adam! We have bestowed raiment upon you to cover yourselves (screen your private parts, etc.) and as an adornment, and the raiment of righteousness, that is better. Such are among the Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah, that they may remember (i.e. leave falsehood and follow truth)."**

[Surat Al-A'raf 7, verse 26]

If we said that Adam was tested only, that will give a different meaning from saying: he was tested and he didn't pass the test as the latter will indicate the negative meaning of the test, i.e. that's to say a person is seduced, if you say he experienced seducing but he managed to pass it; it's equivalent to saying he was tested and he passed the test (as a positive meaning though it is seducing we are talking about here).

Our master Moses was tested and passed the test; he joined the people of the truth though he was tyrannized and he didn't join the powerful people of Pharaoh, so when he was tested and passed the test he was honored by Allah the Almighty.

Therefore if we say: a person is tested and we stop, that indicates that he failed the test, and Allah the Almighty said:

**"... And Al-Fitnah is worse than killing ..."**

[Surat Al-Baqarah 2, verse 191]

In the pre-Islamic time, some fathers, who were merciless with ruthless hearts, used to dig a hole in the ground and bury their angelic innocent daughters alive beneath the dust. We consider such fathers as criminals and such acts welled up the eyes of the Prophet PBUH with tears. Nowadays, we see some fathers who are keeping their daughters on a loose leash; they wear tight, transparent, flesh revealing, short or long clothes and they wear make-up and wigs to seduce lads at roads

**"... And Al-Fitnah is worse than killing ..."**

[Surat Al-Baqarah 2, verse 191]

It is a contradiction to consider the fathers who buried their daughters alive as monsters yet we turn a blind eye to These fathers who allow their daughters to show all their beauties, seduce men, arouse their desires and consequently make them frustrated because they have to wait to be old enough for marriage.

## **"... And Al-Fitnah is worse than killing ..."**

[Surat Al-Baqarah 2, verse 191]

O brothers! It's a mercy that Allah the Almighty taught us this valuable lesson, then send us to the earth so the lesson came before mandate.

He warned us from Satan and from quarrels, for it is the access for Satan to us.

The delicate truth is that any disobedience to Allah's orders uncovers man's shortcomings, and even if you do a good deed and then you brag about it, your fault will be manifest. It was said that: "virtue danced and boasted about its favors, as a result its fault was manifest"

If you say to a person: I did you many favors, you owe me everything and you start reminding him of your generosity, your shame will be manifest.

Having a sense of superiority over others, reminding them of your favors and bad mouthing them, are all examples of faults.

Believe me, dear brothers, when someone's private part is manifested before the doctor, he almost dies of shyness, but he never feels shy when he disobeys Allah and returns Allah's blessings by hurting other creatures.

It was mentioned in the Prophetic narration that: shame will stick to the man on the Day of Judgment until he says, though he doesn't know how painful the torture is in Hell: "O Lord, verily sending me to Hell is easier than the shame that I feel"

### **Man Can't See the Jinn:**

To conclude: There are two kinds of fault: the first is concrete fault which is private parts of the body that shouldn't be revealed, and the second is moral fault, which is the sins.

Sins manifest faults, whereas devils or jinn can't be seen. You hear someone says: I saw the devil coming and sitting here. This is untrue and an illusion. The Prophet-PBUH- didn't know that the jinn attended his session, till he was informed by His Lord:

**"He and Qabiluhu (his soldiers from the jinns or his tribe) see you from where you cannot see them. Verily, We made the Shayatin (devils) Auliya' (protectors and helpers) for those who believe not."**

[Surat Al-A'raf 7, verse 27]

Allah is the Protecting Guardian of the believers whereas the disbelievers' guardians are the devils. One devil embellishes adultery, the second embellishes usury, the third embellishes mingling between men and women and another causes domestic conflict. Every sin is assigned to a specific devil. There are a lot of them while the protecting guardian of the believers is one, Who is Allah.

**"... it was Shaitan (Satan) who caused them to backslide (run away from the battlefield) because of some (sins) they had earned ..."**

[Surat Aal-'Imran 3, verse 155]

When man makes mistakes, Satan, who looks for sins, comes to him like the flies and mosquitoes when they come to his house if he doesn't clean it.

**"... it was Shaitan (Satan) who caused them to backslide (run away from the battlefield) because of some (sins) they had earned ..."**

[Surat Aal-'Imran 3, verse 155]

## Satan calls unto you but he has no power over you:

O brothers! Satan can't do anything except calling unto you. I'll give you this perfect example- that I repeatedly give- to elaborate the idea:

A man was wearing beautiful white clothes then he fell in a hole of stagnant black water. His appearance was unbearable. He went to a police department to file a complaint.

- The detective said: against whom will you file complaint?
- (he mentioned a name)
- Did he push you into the hole?
- Actually no, he didn't. I don't want to wrong him.
- Did he do that at a gun point ordering you to go down the hole?
- No, no
- Did he carry you and throw in the hole?
- By Allah, no
- Why then are you filing complaint against him?
- Because he said "go down" and I did.

Actually this man needs to go to a mental hospital.

**"And indeed, We shall make you dwell in the land after them. This is for him who fears standing before Me (on the Day of Resurrection or fears My Punishment) and also fears My Threat." "**

[Surat Ibrahim 14, verse 14]

Dear brothers, we will carry on with interpreting the Ayahs next meeting if Allah wills.

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