

# COMSATS University Islamabad, Virtual Campus HUM110 Islamic Studies

# **Lecture 32 Handouts**

# Belief in the Unseen - Reality of Jinn and Black Magic

#### Introduction

Allah (SWT) says, "There are those who believe in the unseen" (Al-Baqarah). One of the articles of faith is about the unseen, Jinns are one of them. Allah (SWT) mentioned, "I have not created the jinn or mankind for any reason except that they worship Allah (SWT)" (Alzariyat). There is a complete Surah in the Quran about this creature known as <u>Surah Al-Jinn</u>. They are known as with different terms like supernatural, paranormal, parapsychological and metaphysical. There is fully developed department named as 'Department of Paranormal Sciences' in the University of Virginia to conduct research to know the truth about these creatures and variety of research papers have been published in this regard. In Hollywood, a number of movies have been made to unravel the mysteries of these creatures, but most of them are fake and bogus but a few of them are based on the true stories like The Conjuring, The Exorcism of Emily Rose, The Exorcist and The Omen etc.

## **Case Study: Anneliese Michel**

Anneliese Michel was a young lady from Germany. She was in her last ten years when faced psychological problems. Her parents naturally consulted to the psychiatrists and psychologists, but they did not relieve her from her issues. She was very practicing Christian and had basic education. But she happened to speak very fluent Latin when she was possessed. She underwent Catholic exorcism rites in 1975. She died in the next year due to lack of medical care. Her family and the priests who performed the exorcism were convinced that she had been possessed by 6 demons. This is one of the most documented cases that can be found on the internet. This was the last exorcism performed in the world because the community blamed the priests of her death and the priests set demons responsible for her death. This case is the opening for the new researcher to conduct their research in this direction. This case has many unanswered questions.

#### **History of Shaitan**

Allah (SWT) had created the jinn before the creation of Hazrat Adam (AS). According to the Tafseer of Hazrat Abdullah Ibn e Abbas (RA), There was a lot of bloodshed on the earth. Iblees was a pious jinn who was sent back to Earth to stop the fight. Iblees stopped the fight with the help of angles because of he so pious to sit in the company of angels. He returned back to Allah (SWT) victoriously. Allah (SWT) said, I am going to make My Khaleefa/ruler of the Earth who will ring peace on the Earth. Iblees thought of himself, of being the khaleefa/ruler of the Earth. But Allah (SWT) announced by Adam (AS) who was another creature made of clay. Angles inquired about the matters of bloodshed on the Earth about this creature with free will. Allah (SWT) replied, "What I know you do not know". Allah (SWT) breathes soul into Adam (AS) and ordered creature to prostrate to Adam (AS). All of the angles bowed before

Hazrat Adam (AS) except jinn named Iblees. Allah (SWT) asked him about it, he replied I am better than Adam (AS) and superior to Adam (AS). Due to his arrogance, he disobeyed his Lord. Allah (SWT) banished him at that time. He asked for a favor to give him time for the day of judgment. Allah (SWT) questioned what would you do till them? Iblees said! 'My Lord! Because you have put me in error, I will surely make (disobedience) attractive to them on Earth, I will mislead them all!' (Al-Hijra 15: 39). Further, he said, I will wait for them on the Siraat-e-Mustaqeem (straight path) and come to misguide from the front, back, left and right to them.

Mankind is at a great risk and under the lethal attacks of Shaitan. Shaitan is the greatest enemy for generations of mankind with a simple plan to disobey Allah (SWT) and to mislead us and to take us to hellfire along with him. We must always strive hard not to listen to his whispers and always try to remain in the shelter of Allah (SWT).

### Jinns- A Creation of Allah (SWT)

Jinns are another creature of Allah (SWT), which are similar to humans in many respects like they eat, have families, eat, live, die, males and females, fall in love, anger, live in groups etc. They can be Jews, Christians, and Muslims

The stars have three purposes to serve, they are to beautify the sky, they are guided to navigate in the Earth and the hitting stars to kill the shayateen. Since these shayateen steal information from the angles about the commands of Allah (SWT) about the Earthly affairs. Actually, the soothsayers get assistance and information from this shayateen. Therefore, the stars are sent to kill them. The Messenger (PBUH) said: a soothsayer tells 99 lies with 1 truth and sells it to others. Therefore, soothsaying is completely haraam (forbidden) in Islam. A Hadith from Hazrat Abu Huraira (RA), "He caught a thief committing theft from bait-ul-maal twice and released him, but on the third term he caught him and wanted to take him to The Messenger (PBUH). He narrated Hazrat Abu Huraira (RA) a hadith to recite Ayatul Kursi every night gets in the safety of angles for the whole night. Hazrat Abu Huraira (RA) told all of this event to the Messenger (PBUH). The Messenger (PBUH) said: Although he was a liar but he spoke the truth about Ayatul Kursi and indeed he was among the shayateen".

At the time of Hijra-tul-Madina Shaitan came down as an old man and advised mushrakeen about the (God-forbid) killing of the Messenger (PBUH), He advised them all of the forty tribes to attack and stab Him (PBUH) and His (PBUH) blood would be spilt everywhere and nobody would be blamed. Therefore, they would have to attack all of the forty tribes in order to take the revenge which would be impossible. However, Hazrat Ali (RA) slept on the bed of the Messenger (PBUH) in His (PBUH) place and the plot of Shaitan went all in vain.

The jinn is not as bright as human, they may have an IQ level of a 7-8 years child probably. Human is the most intelligent creatures and Ashraful makhlouquat. Prophet Suleman (AS) had been bestowed with the powers of animals, the wind and the jinns. At one time a Jinn said, I can bring the throne of the queen of Sheeba before you stand on your seat, which was of several tons' weight placed at a distance of two thousand kilometers; when replying a

question to Prophet Suleman (AS). Jinns live happily in solitude and in abandoned places usually.

### **Types of Jinns**

The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: "The jinn are of three types: (a) a type that has wings, and they fly through the air; (b) a type that looks like snakes and dogs; and (c) a type that stops for a rest then resumes its journey."

Some scholars say they are the largest in numbers those who fly in the air.

[REF: Reported by al-Tahhaawi in Mushkil al-Athaar, 4/95, and by al-Tahaaani in al-Kabeer, 22/214. Shaykh al-Albaani said in al-Mishkaat (2/1206, no. 4148): al-Tahhaawi and Abu'l-Shaykh reported it with a Saheeh isnaad]

In the Battle of Badar, one of the shayateen took the form of Saraka Bin Malik, he went with the Quraysh and told that they will be victorious, but when he saw the 1000 angels descending in the battlefield, He said I fear the God who is beneficent of all worlds and ran away. And when the Mushrikeen lost the battle, they want to Saraka Bin Malik, who said that I was in my home all day long.

### **Supernatural Powers**

Jinns have invisibility, super-strength, the jinn is usually being five times more powerful than a human. In spite of this strength, humans are more powerful because of their intellect and knowledge. Jinns are afraid of humans because of their knowledge. Similarly, a bull can outrun a fast runner, but a small child can take it with a small stick. The humans have killed thousands of humans in wars, but a rat had never killed one of its kind. Jinns are physically strong while the human has the power of knowledge. Angles take the humans into their wings who leaves his house to seek knowledge. Every fish in the sea prays for the one who tries to seek knowledge. It depends on the path you follow that may lead to making you higher then angles and also those who followed the wrong path and made them lowered then animals. Even the strongest animals afraid of human due to his knowledge, rationality, and faculties of intellect.

#### The Reality of Black Magic

The magic comes only in one color which is black. Although there are optical illusions which usually a magician plays within a magic show this is not the real magic, but illusions. Its purpose is to amuse you or make you fool. The real magic is actually can hurt and harm a person, it is done with the help of a jinn.

Allah (SWT) said,

"And verily, there were men among mankind who took shelter with the males among the jinns, but they (jinns) increased them (mankind) in sin and transgression". [Al-Jinn:6]

To communicate with Shayateen (Jinn) is haram. To perform magic, one has to disobey Allah (SWT). Some of the Jinns are very pious and inhabitants of Jannah but shayateen and bad jinns are synonyms. Haroot and Maroot (two angles), came down to the Earth and taught magic to the people.

Allah (SWT) said,

"And indeed, they know that the buyers of it (magic) would have no share in the Hereafter. And how bad indeeds was that for which they sold their own selves, if they but knew". [Al-Baqarah:102]

Magic is a contract between a man and jinn which is signed with the higher level of commitments. The jinn perform some duties for humans and in return human harms himself for the jinn. A magician starts by humiliating himself and the deen of Allah (SWT). Even humiliating the sacred divine scriptures. They cut their body parts to attract the shayateen. They may do homosexuality and pedophilia to please their commanding jinns. Apparently, they may look pious with a long beard, but they actually are not. They may have sexual relations and in the same condition, they go to pray in the mosques just to show disrespect to deen and to please the shayateens. This is the major degradation of deen. Allah (SWT) said they have ruined their deen and Dunya. The punishment in Islam for a magician is to behead him.

We can identify magician who is asking for your mother's name, asking for your blood sample, the piece of clothing, reciting Quran in backward style, etc. There are three types of magicians, one who does everything by a guesswork. The second one is the one who is selling taweez etc.

#### How to Spot a Magician

It is very easy to spot a magician e.g. If someone is claiming to spiritually cure us and asking for our hair, nails, blood sample and clothes or anything like that then he/she must be the magician.

Similarly, if someone asks for your mother's name, then it is a sign that this person must be trying to get access to shayateen (devils). As usual for the treatment, mother's name is not required and cure can be done with simple azkaar. Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) used to recite three Quls Surah Ikhlas (Tauheed), Surah Falaq, Surah Naas and blow on his hands and wipe it on his face and everywhere his hands reach, every time before going to sleep.

One of the ways to cast a magic is to recite ayahs of Quran backward. So, we should not rely on the appearance of people even if their appearance seems to be very pious.

#### The Fortune Teller

Narrated Aisha (RA): Some people asked Allah's Messenger (PBUH) about the Foretellers. He (PBUH) said, "They are nothing." They said "O Allah's Apostle! Sometimes they tell us of a thing which turns out to be true." The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said, "A Jinn snatches that true word and pours it into the ear of his friend (the foreteller/magician) (as one puts something into a bottle). The foreteller then mixes with that word, one hundred lies." [Sahih Bukhari 7.657]

Imam Ahmed Ibn Hanbal is a fourth-grade imam. In his time, once some students came to him and said that there is a person who claims to be a Wali of Allah (SWT) and this person has made a challenge to everyone saying that go to your houses and in a packet, bring anything that can be counted like chickpeas or dates, etc. And without opening that packet, he just asks the name of a person and his mother's name and tells the quantity of that thing in their packet. Hence, he is claiming to have the knowledge of unseen. So, Imam Ibn Hanbal also went to him. He took a packet and put some dates in it and asked that person who claims to be a Wali Allah telling the count of dates in his pocket. That person said, "I don't know". Imam Ibn Hanbal said, "I challenged you, the enemy of Allah (SWT), tell me how many dates are in it?". He again said that "I don't know". Imam Ibn Hanbal said, "I challenged you, the enemy of Allah (SWT), tell me how many dates are in it?". He again said that "I don't know". Then Imam Ibn Hanbal asked him, "get out before I expose you, you are a magician". That person quickly packed his bag and left the place. People asked Imam Sahib, how did you manage to do this? He said when you guys went home and brought the packet of anything which you have counted, and as you were counting it, you Kareen was also counting it. So, when this guy asked his Jinn to talk to your Jinn then this information was shared with him through Kareen. So, he said that I didn't count the dates, I just put them in a bag and tied it with reciting Bismillah. So, my Kareen also couldn't count it. So, when magician's jinn asked the count to my jinn, He told "I don't know".

This is how magician comes to know the past incidents of a person but they have no clue about one's future.

Allah (SWT) has bestowed Hazrat Suleman Ibne Dawood (AS) the power over the Jinns, ants, animals, birds and even the wind. Allah (SWT) explicitly mentions in the Quran that Suleman did not do Kufr with Allah (SWT), which means that he never did magic. Jews believe that Hazrat Suleman (AS) did magic while Muslims don't believe it as magic is Kufr and Allah (SWT) mentioned that he has been bestowed with powers and he didn't do kufr.

If one keeps himself clean and always stays in waddu (ablution), prays five times a day, recite the daily azkaar and stays away from Haram, obeys Allah (SWT) and whose belief in Allah (SWT) is strong then such a person cannot be harmed by devils and shayateen. So, the stronger we are, the lesser would be their effect.

# **Signs & Effects of Magic or Possession**

A possessed person used to cringe or show a violent reaction when ayahs of Quran are being recited in front of them. This shows that a person might have some supernatural problems.

# Case Study: "Pazuzu" Algarad

- Pazuzu Illah Algarad, aged 35, named himself after the devil who possessed the girl in "The Exorcist"
- Amber Nicole Burch, aged 24, described as his wife, also charged
- They believe the victims, both of them male, were killed and buried in 2009
- One person claimed Algarad said he ate part of the victims and burned them
- If convicted Algarad could face the death penalty

#### The Antidote

The antidote starts with Quran when we recite taooz (Aoozu Billah).

- 1. Know your Aqeedah We need to strengthen our faith on the oneness of Allah and avoid all types of Shirk.
- 2. Establish Salah There is no protection If you are not offering salah.
- 3. Make your daily Azkaar
- 4. Recite Quran in your house
- 5. Do tawbah from sins Astaghfaar is the best zikr to remove the difficulties from our lives.
- 6. Remove pictures
- 7. Say good bye to music
- 8. Often try fasting
- 9. Use black seeds & honey
- 10. Cupping therapy (Hijama)
- 11. Eat seven Ajwa dates
- 12. Perform Rugyah
- 13. Make dua & trust Allah

#### Fear Allah, Not Shaytaan

Allah says in the Quran,

"It is only Shaytan (Satan) that suggests to you the fear of his Auliya' (supporters and friends); so fear them not, but fear Me, if you are (true) believers."[Aal-e-Imran:175]