

Fruits for the Week

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CHARACTERISTICS OF SHAITAN

Allah (SWT) said: “*O you who believe! Follow not Shaitan’s footsteps. And whosoever follows the footsteps of Shaitan, then, verily, he commands what is indecent and wrong. And had it not been for the grace and mercy of Allah on you, not one of you would ever have been pure from sins. But Allah purifies whom He wills, and Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower.* (An-Nur: 21)

The above verse warns us that *Shaitan* is very smart and intelligent. He uses very sweet words. He tries his best to convince people with logic and common sense. He is a sneaker; he is neck-to-neck with all those individuals who do not remember Allah (SWT), with those who do not pray, with those who do not fast, and with those who do not read the Qur’an. He even tries his best to be close to those who believe, to those who pray, fast and read the Qur’an. As a sneaker, he tries to distract their thinking, block their understanding, and whisper to them while they are performing their religious duties. He makes sure that they should be busy with this world, that they should love the glamour of this life, and that they work hard to earn better life through every possible channel.

Shaitan makes sure that people are to understand that everything in this world is *halal*. There is nothing called *haram*. Allah (SWT) created everything to be *halal*. Allah (SWT) is *Ar-Rahman, Ar-Rahim, Al-Ghafoor, Al-Wadood*, that is, The Most Merciful, The Most forgiving and The Most Gracious. *Shaitan* can convince people with these beautiful names of Allah (SWT), and will make sure that they should not worry about the heavy penalty of Allah (SWT). He can convince them that Allah (SWT) will never ever penalize them as long as they believe in Him. They can do whatever they want, and Allah (SWT) will forgive them. He will take care

of them because He is The Most Merciful.

Shaitan knows how to entice people to drink all varieties of alcohol, eat all types of food, dance, mix with the opposite sex, get involved in sex, raping, gambling, stealing, beating, lying, cursing, killing, etc. He knows how to convince them to join the caravan of these activities. He presents these activities as *halal* for them. All those who say that such activities are *haram* do not know what they are talking about. They do not know how to enjoy life, and they do not know what they are missing. All those who claim that such activities are *haram*, have fabricated these terminologies to forbid people to enjoy life. After all, people are to enjoy life to its maximum. No one should stop anyone from his/her lust. Otherwise why in the world Allah (SWT) created them. As long as Allah (SWT) created this world with all its lust and enjoyment, people should not deny themselves the beauty of this life.

Since *Shaitan* is a sneaker, he will do his best to distract people from the right path. It is understood that he is a sneaker and at the same time an enemy to each and every human being. It is therefore, recommended not to listen to him. If and when any believer is attacked or approached by a sneaking *Shaitan*, he should say: “*A’uzubillahi minash-shaitanir rajim*” (I seek refuge in Allah from the outcast *Shaitan*).
Wallahu A’lam

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