

# Fruits for the Week

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## ACTIVITIES OF SHAITAN

Allah (SWT) says: “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.”(Annur: 21)

*Shaitan*’s activities are too many to be counted. Some of his major activities are listed below.

He gives orders to people, and they have to listen and follow as closely as possible. He gives false promises, but people should take these promises seriously. He scares people if they do not follow him. As long as they do not obey Allah (SWT), it is easy for *Shaitan* to scare them. He invites people to follow him and to commit all types of activities. He knows no *halal* or *haram*. Everything is *halal*. He incites animosity among people. He enjoys seeing them being enemies to one another.

He makes people forget Allah (SWT) by keeping them busy with the affairs of this world. The more they are preoccupied with this world, the more they forget Allah (SWT). He pretends to be a good friend to people, otherwise they will not listen to him. He also pretends that he is the best advisor to them.

*Shaitan* also whispers regularly to them in a sneaking way. He has no courage to come to them face to face. He makes sure that he does not reveal his identity, otherwise people may shy away from him or even run away. His name scares many people. Hence it is better not to identify himself as *Shaitan*, *jinn*, ghost, spirit, etc.

*Shaitan* acts as a sneaker. He waits for the moment when people forget Allah (SWT), to jump forward, and sneakingly acts as an

advisor. He lets people down because he has nothing under his property to offer except false hopes and illusions. He makes sure that people are to worship him. He pushes people to commit all types of *haram* acts, immorality and vulgarity. He makes sure that people are to do vice privately as well as publicly, and at the same time they should think and believe that these activities are all *halal*.

*Shaitan* makes sure that people should not be shy, timid, or having any type of shyness. They should be bold and strong to do all types of vice without feeling ashamed. On top of that, it is those who commit immorality, should accuse and blame those who do not get involved in vice. The immoral activities are to be publicized and popularized as noble acts. They would have enough supporters in society.

In family life, the main role of *Shaitan* is to create dissension between husbands and wives. In so doing, he will make sure that they hate one another. They end up in divorce. Children of broken families with single parents will not be raised properly. They will be unstable in their personality. *Shaitan* finds it easier to enter their hearts and minds. He will lead them to wrong places. Hence, he makes them criminals in society. That is how, when families disintegrate, the cornerstone for the foundation of society is destroyed.

May Allah (SWT) protect us from these activities of *Shaitan*. Wallahu A’lam

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