

APPENDIX A

IBLEES AND SATAN

As mentioned in the introduction, there are two facts that we have to keep in mind in order to get the correct information about ALLAH's creation. The first fact is that the Holy Qur'an is the main and the primary source of such information and that the correct and true sayings (*Ahadeeth*) of Prophet Mohammad (ppbuh) are the supplementary sources. None other than these sources could provide reliable and true information. The second fact is that all the verses in the Holy Qur'an regarding a certain phenomenon must be studied and analyzed collectively in order to extract the intended meaning. Interpretation of a single verse or a sequential group of verses in one *Surah* only might lead to an incorrect conclusion. Unfortunately, many scholars have given misleading information by doing just that.

In this Appendix we are going to show beyond any shadow of doubt, who is Iblees and who is Satan. Although in Chapter 4, it was concluded that Iblees is a jinn, more evidence is presented in this Appendix to substantiate such conclusion.

The controversy of whether Iblees was a jinn or was an angel stems from looking at some verses such as cited verses #(4-24) and other similar verses and neglecting other verses such as cited verses #(4-15) and #(A-1). In cited verses #(4-15), it is mentioned clearly and without any ambiguity that Iblees was a jinn. There are some stories saying that Iblees was an angel before he disobeyed the order of ALLAH (SWT). This is WRONG and here is why. In cited verses #(4-14) as well as in other verses in the Holy Qur'an, ALLAH (SWT) Tells the substances from which the humans and the jinns were created. The humans were created from clay (dust from the earth plus water) while the jinns were created from fire of scorching wind. In all the Holy Qur'an, ALLAH (SWT) never Mentioned what substance the angels were created from, because they were created from something the human mind could not understand or comprehend. This is The Holy

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 إِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ اِنِّىْ
 خَلِقُ بَشَرًا مِّنْ طِيْنٍ ﴿٧١﴾ فَاِذْ اَسْوَيْتُهُ وَاَنْفَخْتُ فِيْهِ مِنْ رُّوْحِىْ فَسَقَعُوْا
 لَهٗ سَجْدًا ﴿٧٢﴾ فَسَجَدَ الْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ كُلُّهُمْ اٰجْمَعُوْنَ ﴿٧٣﴾ اِلَّا اِبْلِيسَ
 اَسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكٰفِرِيْنَ ﴿٧٤﴾ قَالَ يٰٓاِبْلِيسُ مَا مَنَعَكَ اَنْ تَسْجُدَ
 لِمَا خَلَقْتُ بِیْدِیْ اَسْتَكْبَرْتَ اَمْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الْعٰلِيْنَ ﴿٧٥﴾ قَالَ اَنَا خَيْرٌ
 مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِیْ مِنْ نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ طِيْنٍ ﴿٧٦﴾ قَالَ فَاخْرُجْ مِنْهَا فَاِنَّكَ
 رَجِيْمٌ ﴿٧٧﴾ وَاِنَّ عَلَیْكَ لَعْنَتِىْ اِلٰى یَوْمِ الدِّیْنِ ﴿٧٨﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ فَاَنْظِرْنِیْ
 اِلٰى یَوْمِ یُبْعَثُوْنَ ﴿٧٩﴾ قَالَ فَاِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنْظَرِيْنَ ﴿٨٠﴾ اِلٰى یَوْمِ الْوَقْتِ
 الْمَعْلُوْمِ ﴿٨١﴾ قَالَ فَبِعِزَّتِكَ لَا اُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ اٰجْمَعِيْنَ ﴿٨٢﴾ اِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمْ
 الْمُخْلِصِيْنَ ﴿٨٣﴾

الجزء الثالث والعشرون سورة ص

Cited Verses #(A-1)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Behold, Thy LORD Said to the angels, "I am about to Create a human being from clay. When I Have Fashioned him and Breathed into him from My Spirit, fall down in obeisance unto him". So the angels prostrated themselves, all of them together. Except Iblees, he was haughty and was among the unbelievers. Said, "O Iblees, what prevented you from prostrating yourself to whom I Have Created with My Hands, Are you haughty or you were from the mighty ones. Said, "I am better than he is, You Have Created me from fire and him You Have Created from clay". Said, "then get out of it, for you are to be shot at and My curse shall be on you till the day of judgment". Said, "O my LORD, give me respite to the day when they will be resurrected". Said, "Respite then is granted till the day of the appointed time". Said, "then by Thy power, I will indeed entice all of them (to the wrong path), except Your servants among them who are truly loyal".

(part 23, Surat Saad "The Arabic letter, Saad")

Wisdom of ALLAH (SWT). He Knows what our minds are capable of understanding. When there is something beyond our mental capabilities, ALLAH (SWT) either Does not Mention it or explicitly Tells that we will not be able to understand this particular issue. As an example, cited verse #(4-23). In this verse, ALLAH (SWT) literally Tells that the human mind is incapable of understanding what the spirit is.

In verse #76 of cited verses #(A-1) Iblees said to ALLAH (SWT) “I am better than he (Adam) is, You Created me from fire and You Created him (Adam) from clay”. Cited verses #(4-14) show that only the jinns were created from fire.

From the above it is seen that the angels and the jinns are two completely different species (creatures). One could not be transformed to the other. Therefore, when ALLAH (SWT) Says that Iblees was a jinn, cited verses #(4-15), he was a jinn ever since he was created.

In cited verses #(4-24), ALLAH (SWT) Says “ And We Have Said to the angels “Bow down to Adam”, they bowed down except Iblees, he refused and he was haughty and was among the unbelievers”. The angels are the purest creatures that ALLAH (SWT) Has Created. They are the closest creatures to ALLAH (SWT). The meaning of this verse is that when ALLAH (SWT) Orders His Purest and Closest creatures to bow down to Adam, the inferior creature, Iblees must have also followed suit and executed the order.

Cited verses #(A-1) give the sequence of events that led to the solemn promise that Iblees took upon himself to entice and to corrupt the human race. Such sequence of events shows that Iblees’ promise was taken after the creation of Adam. In cited verses #(A-2), ALLAH (SWT) Has Advised Adam that Iblees is his and his spouse’s enemy, and Warned Adam against Iblees’ enticement which could get him and his spouse out of the paradise. Then Satan whispered evil to Adam.

Looking closely at these verses we notice that ALLAH (SWT) Warned Adam against Iblees, then Satan whispered evil to Adam which caused him and his spouse to get out of the paradise. This indicates that SATAN IS IBLEES. Does this mean that Iblees has the two names, Satan and Iblees?. The answer is YES.

In cited verse #(A-3), ALLAH (SWT) Says, “Do not eat from which ALLAH’s name has not been pronounced, that would be impiety and so the devils ever inspire their constituents to argue with you, and if you obeyed them, you would indeed be pagans”. The two words “*Devil*” and “*Satan*” are translated to one word in the Arabic language. The singular of this word is “*Shaytaan*” and the plural is “*Shayateen*”. In this verse the word “*Shayateen*” is mentioned. This means that there are many Devils or many Satans.

In cited verse #(A-4), ALLAH (SWT) Says, “ And so, We Have Made for every Prophet an enemy, devils of the humans and of the jinns, inspiring each other with flowery discourses by way of deception, and if thy LORD Has so Planned, they would

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وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَى ۗ (١١٦)
 فَقُلْنَا يَا آدَمُ إِنَّ هَذَا عَدُوٌّ لَكَ وَلِزَوْجِكَ فَلَا يُخْرِجَنَّكَ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ
 فَتَشْقَى ۗ (١١٧) إِنَّ لَكَ أَلَّا يَجُوعَ فِيهَا وَلَا تَعْرَى ۗ (١١٨) وَأَنَّكَ لَا تَظْمَأُ فِيهَا
 وَلَا تَصْحَى ۗ (١١٩) فَوَسَّوَسَ إِلَيْهِ الشَّيْطَانُ قَالَ يَا آدَمُ هَلْ أَدُلُّكَ عَلَى شَجَرَةٍ
 أَخْلَدُ بِهَا وَمُلْكٍ لَا يَبْلَى ۗ (١٢٠) فَأَكَلَا مِنْهَا فَبَدَّتْ لَهُمَا سَوْءَاتُهُمَا وَطَفِقَا
 يَخْتَصِمَانِ عَلَيْهِمَا مِنْ وَرَقِ الْجَنَّةِ وَعَصَى آدَمُ رَبَّهُ فَغَوَى ۗ (١٢١)

الجزء السادس عشر سورة طه

Cited Verses #(A-2)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

And We Have Said to the angels, “Prostrate yourselves to Adam”, they prostrated their selves except Iblees who refused. So We Said, “O Adam!, verily, this is an enemy to you and to your spouse, so let him not get you both out of the paradise, where you will be in misery. In it never you be hungry or naked. And in it you never become thirsty or feel the heat. So the Devil (Satan) whispered evil to him, said “O Adam!, shall I lead you to the tree of eternity, and a kingdom that never decays”. So they (Adam and his spouse) ate from it, so their nakedness appeared to them, they began to sew together for their covering, leaves from the paradise, And Adam disobeyed his LORD, and allowed himself to be seduced.

(part 16, Surat Taha “Taha”)

not have done it, so avoid their outrageous lies”. In this verse ALLAH (SWT) Says, “the devils (*Shayateen*) of the humans and of the jinns”. That is, there are human *Shayateen* and jinns *Shayateen*. The devils or the *Shayateen*, whether humans or jinns are those who strongly advocate the wrong doings by disobeying the rules of ALLAH (SWT).

From the above it is seen that the word “Satan” or “Shaytaan” may be considered an adjective rather than a name. The following may therefore be concluded:-

SATAN IS IBLEES AND HE IS A JINN. HE NEVER WAS AN ANGEL. WHENEVER THE WORD SATAN IN ITS SINGULAR FORM “SHAYTAAN” IS MENTIONED IN THE HOLY QUR’AN, IT IS MEANT TO BE IBLEES. ON THE OTHER HAND THERE ARE MANY HUMAN SATANS AND JINNS SATANS. THOSE ARE WHO STRONGLY ADVOCATE THE WRONG DOINGS BY DISOBEYING THE RULES OF ALLAH (SWT).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا مِمَّا لَمْ يَذْكُرْ أَسْمُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَإِنَّهُ
 لَفِسْقٌ وَإِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لِيُوحِيَ إِلَىٰ أَوْلِيَآئِهِمْ لِيُجَدِّدُوا لَكُمْ وَإِنْ
 أَطَعْتُمُوهُمْ إِنَّكُمْ لَمُشْرِكُونَ ﴿١٢١﴾
 سورة الأنعام الجزء الثامن

Cited Verse #(A-3)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Eat not from which ALLAH's Name has not been pronounced, that would be impiety, and so the devils ever inspire their constituents to argue with you, and if you obeyed them, you would indeed be pagans.

(part 8, Surat Al An'aam "The domestic animals")

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 وَكَذَٰلِكَ جَعَلْنَا لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ
 عَدُوًّا شَيْطَانِ الْإِنْسِ وَالْجِنِّ يُوحِي بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَىٰ بَعْضٍ زُخْرُفَ الْقَوْلِ
 غُرُورًا وَلَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّكَ مَا فَعَلُوهُ فَذَرَّهُمْ وَمَا يُفْتَرُونَ ﴿١١٦﴾
 سورة الأنعام الجزء الثامن

Cited Verse #(A-4)

In The Name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

And so, We Have Made for every Prophet an enemy, devils of the humans and of the jinns, inspiring each other with flowery discourses by way of deception, and if thy LORD Has so planned, they would not have done it, so avoid their outrageous lies.

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