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SATANIC TRICKS AND TRAPS TO MISLEAD HUMAN

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Abstract: Satan is a title given to worst enemy of Bani Adam. As it is mentioned in Quran: “Indeed, Satan is ever, to mankind, a clear enemy.¹” When Allah created Adam and asked angles to prostrate him. All of them obeyed except Iblees. He became proud and denied. When Allah asked him the reason, he replied that he would never prostrate to a human created out of black mud. Then Allah ordered him to expel. This was unbearable for him and made him furious. So, he decided to take revenge from Adam because he thought it all happened because of him. This is the starting point of conflict between them. In this article I will try to show that what strategies he uses to misguide human from the right path and leads us to swamp of sins and how Allah exposed him and told us his tricks and traps through verses of Quran. I hope this piece of research will clearly show animosity of Satan and love of Allah for us.

Keywords: Satan, Bani Adam.

Introduction:

Satan is the title given to an evil, disbeliever and disobedient one. Their leader is Iblees (Azazeel). He and his aliens are worst enemy of man that's why Allah warned us and ordered to take them seriously.

"Indeed, Satan is an enemy to you; so, take him as an enemy."²

A renowned Islamic scholar **Taha Ibn Jalil** said that never underestimate your enemy and study them hard so you can fight to them with complete preparation by knowing his strengths and strategies. Shouldn't we need to know about our enemy who flows in our body like blood and we are even unable to see them? ³

Background:

Allah ordered him to expel because of rebellion. So, he challenged that he will mislead humans.

"My Lord, then relieve me until the Day they are resurrected."⁴

Moreover, he started blaming that Allah had put him in error.

"My Lord, because you have misled me, I will surely make attractive to them on earth, and I will mislead them all."⁵

Also said

"Because you have put me in error, I will surely sit in wait for them on your straight path. Then I will come to them from before them and from behind them and on the right and on the left."⁶

Purpose:

He wants to be a god on earth and tries to make human beings worship him and obey him to defy the sovereignty of Allah. His aim is to insecure us from the source of security⁷, stop the preaching and teaching of oneness of Allah and lead ban e Adam to fire. So, he never wastes single opportunity to mislead human.⁸

As it is mentioned in Quran that Allah have made for every prophet, an enemy devil, from human and jinn.⁹

"Satan only desires to create enmity and hatred between you, and to turn you away from the remembrance of Allah and from Prayer."¹⁰

Target:

He is very experienced and knows how to trap any sort of man. His main target is those who believe and put their trust only in their Lord (as he has no power over them), but also, he keeps disbelievers in darkness.

- His power is only over those who obey and follow him (Shaitan) ¹¹means for those take him as their protector instead of Allah.
- Also, on those who neglect remembrance of merciful (Allah)¹²
- Those who deny after receiving clear guidance as it is mentioned in Surah

Muhammad:

“Certainly, those who have turned their backs on the True Guidance after it became manifest to them, Satan has embellished their ways for them and has buoyed them up with false hopes.”¹³

Attacking methodology

For Disbeliever:

To keep the misguided one in error is comparatively easier to mislead the guided one. He controlled the mind of disbelievers in such a way that some of them deny the existence of their creator, some are confused, while those who believe in God are misguided by Satan in such a way that they believe the creation as God e.g. worshipping of sun. Other worship the idols as Hindus worship their idols and Arabs used to worship idols before the arrival of Islam. Satan keeps them astray as he misguided Bani Israel by making the sound from calf of Samari.

Satanism is of three types:

1. Aesthetic or philosophical Satanism
2. Theistic or religious Satanism
3. Reactive Satanism¹⁴

Satan made his aliens including both human (freemasons and illuminati) and Jins (qareen etc.), who not only obey him but also worship him properly. For this purpose, they sold their souls to Satan and perform different sexual and destructive satanic rituals. They also wrote different books including **The Satanic Bible, The Satanic Rituals, The Satanic Witch, The Devils Notebook** and **Satan Speaks** etc.

For Believers:

To mislead the guided one is the difficult and major target for him and he is so patient and tries his best to be successful in his aim. A renowned scholar and motivational speaker **Muhammad Ali** said that “The best strategy to defeat enemy is to weaken their will power and cut the connection to their sources.” and the Satan is doing same to us. He weakens our will power by inserting negative thoughts and cuts our sources by distracting us from religious duties¹⁵

- He orders you to do evil and immorality and to say about Allah what you do not know¹⁶
- One of his method, mentioned in Quran, is to induce dissension among people.¹⁷
- He also tries to keep us in temptation as he removed our parents from Paradise, as Allah mentioned in Quran:

“O children of Adam, let not Satan tempt you as he removed your parents from Paradise”¹⁸

Entrance gate of Satan:

The paths through which Satan enters into man

1. To look at women who lead to lust.
2. Fame and showing off.
3. Prejudice for sect, clan, tribe and country.
4. By spreading non-verified news.
5. Mistrust of people.
6. Backbiting and gossip.
7. Excessive eating.
8. Envy and concern for the world¹⁹

Tricks:

There are several tricks which a Satan uses to make his victim fall in his traps. These tricks fall in two categories.

1. Psychological tricks
2. Evil tricks mentioned in Quran

Psychological Tricks:

Muhammad Ali describe these psychological tricks in his lecture²⁰

Systematic desensitization:

Consider a foul smell coming from specific area but when u stayed over there, for a while, your nose become desensitized. Similarly, when a man commit sin, he takes it as an evil thing but he feels pleasure and become use to of it then he doesn't even consider it as a bad deed and Satan beautifies that sin for them. For example, in this era, we don't consider any fault to see or talk a lady because we are used to of mix gathering functions, co-education, lady news anchors, women ads posters etc. These all sources made our mind desensitize and man gradually explore to a big sin through smaller sins and this is how a person gets involved into profanity etc.

Dissonance reduction:

The term cognitive dissonance is the state of mind in which a person gets involved when he does something contrary to what he knows. In such state, dissonance occur when his inner self is contrary of outer self. In this situation he adopts defense mechanism and finds excuses. This process of justifying and minimizing dissonance is called dissonance reduction. For example

A person gets involved in adultery and he knows how intense this sin is but he start interpretation just to reduce this dissonance. Allah told us that

"Satan made fair-seeming to them that which they used to do"²¹

In Quran this dissonance is called نفس اللوامه and Satan give defense mechanism to it and leadstowards نفس العمارة

"Satan made their deeds fair-seeming to them and turn them away from the right path"²²

Block the consequences and justify:

Islamic scholar **Omar Suleiman** said what Satan tries block consequences of your action and we don't think about the devastation of our faith, family and life. It is the easiest trick he makes when we commit sin. Then we start justifying our behavior and blaming others.²³

For example, a man gets into haram relationship. Satan will definitely block the consequences in his mind, increase his interest by beautifying the sin to him and when he has to face its consequences, he starts justifying by blaming his spouse not to fulfill his needs.

Evil Tricks mentioned in Quran:

Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah wrote that Satan tries to find out in the heart of man whether the power of good is dominant or the power of evil.²⁴

- ***Fear of poverty:***

Satan threatens you with poverty and orders you to immorality, while Allah promises you forgiveness from him and bounty. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing²⁵

And we can see newspapers are full of suicide and murder cases, because of poverty. Through this fear Satan urge people to do prohibited deeds either professional or personal. That's why whenever you ask people about their haram jobs, they will reply that they are doing it for sake to erase their hunger, in the world of un-employment.

- ***Prove him as a mentor and leave at end:***

And he swore [by Allah] to them, "Indeed, I am to you from among the sincere advisors."²⁶

It is mentioned in Quran that Satan ask man to disbelieve, when he does, he (Satan) says I am not with you as I fear Allah who is lord of world.²⁷ He played same game with pious man who committed adultery because of his seduction, then he (Satan) asked him to Prostrate and then left him for punishment.²⁸

- ***Doubts about religion:***

He trying to prove that Islam is not practicable and insert in one's heart, such ideas, that if god created everything then who created god?²⁹ Basically his mission is to insecure us from the source of security. That's why we see people doubting about the teachings and compare it with science and philosophy.

- ***Beautifying the sins:***

Satan had made pleasing to them their deeds and averted them from the path³⁰

Satan makes sins attractive and easy for us and inserts such ideas in our mind that it will be profitable for you.³¹ Today, most of us are doing metaphoric worship of Satan by not obeying commandments of Allah.

- ***Gradual exposure to a big sin: (small footsteps)***

“So, He made them fall through deception”³²

Satan will never ask you directly to commit a sin rather he forces you to delay the good deeds through laziness, and ask you not to involve in clearly haram matters but at least go near to it. This eventually leads a man to a big sin. For example, he seduce us by such ideas that’s drinking alcohol is haram but hanging out with friends who drink is not prohibited etc.

- ***Ignorance:***

“Their hearts became hardened and Satan made pleasing to them what they were doing”³³

Today we see people stick to their wrong paths and they don’t follow even they know the truth. For this, Iqbal said that most difficult task for nations is to not resist on style of their ancestors and accept new constitution.

- ***Arose the desire for them:***

“I will command them so they will change the creation of Allah”³⁴

Plastic surgeries, hair extensions and injections of fair complexion used by today’s youth are clear evidence of this trick.

- ***Fake hopes and Promises:***

“He said “no one can overcome you today among people and indeed I am your protector”³⁵

He himself fears Allah but misleads man by such tricks.

- ***By scaring people:***

“This is only Satan who frightens you from his supporters”³⁶

For this purpose, he makes mind distract and injects fear in it. This fear is inversely proportional to Faith.

- ***Arrogance:***

He said “I am better than him, you created me from fire and created him from clay”³⁷

Satan was the first racist and concept of proudness on basis of superiority belongs to him which is common in today’s era.

Traps of Satan:

By using these tricks (strategies), the devil tries to engage a man in his traps. According to Ibn e Qayum, he has seven main traps.³⁸

Shirk:

The first and the main objective of Satan is to entangle a man in trap of polytheism, weather it relates to god or his attributes. Today most of us are doing shirk through the metaphoric worship of Satan, as we obey ourselves rather than commandants of Allah. e.g. grave worship, asking something from Allah through a source, raising status of religious person more than they deserve and their blind imitation has become a common practice now a days.

Bidah:

If he became unsuccessful in his first trap, he tries to make him fall in trap of innovation which eventually leads to shirk, in order to make a person think that he is performing a good deed but he basically goes against the teachings of Islam. Sacrifices for other than Allah and innovations related to month of Rajab etc. are few examples of it.

Major sins:

His third trap is major sins which includes murder of Muslim, practicing magic, porn addiction, drugs, committing suicide, denying the commandments of Allah, interest and adultery etc. which are very common now a days.

Minor sins:

His fourth trap is minor sins such as bullying, cursing, flirting, keeping an eye on other, listening music and abusing etc.

Wasting time:

If he becomes unable to make people fall in all the above categories, he tries to entangle them in acts which are permissible but do not earn him any reward. For example, excessive use of social apps such as Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp for sake of pleasure is most common example of it.

Convert from major to minor good deeds:

If a man doesn't even waste time, he tries to make him fall in lessor rewarded deeds. For example, he tries to make a man involve in non-obligatory good deed and becomes negligent toward obligatory acts.

For example, often worshipping Allah but refrains from the family sustenance.

Physical harm:

If he becomes unsuccessful in all traps, then he leaves him discourage and tries to harm him physically through his allies, which can either be his close relatives or unknown who keep

discourage him, mock him, laugh at him and making troubles and hurdles in path of his faith.

How a man can avoid from satan:

Ibn Qayum al-Jawziyya wrote 10 ways by which a person can avoid following Satan

1. By seeking help from Allah.
2. By reading Surah Al-Nas and Surah Al-Falaq.
3. By reading Ayat Al Qursi.
4. By reading Surah Al-Baqarah.
5. By reading last verses of Surah Al-Baqarah.
6. By reading Surah Fusilat.
8. By reading لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له، له الملك وله الحمد وهو على كل شيء قدير 100 times.

9. By remembering Allah.
10. Ablution with prayer.
11. Resisting the curiosity of looking, talking, eating, and mixing with people³⁹

Conclusion:

Quran already exposed him and told us about tricks and traps of our enemy and forbade us to even follow his footsteps, because he leads us to such a swamp of sins through which no one can bring him back except Allah. So, we should fulfill all orders of Allah and become humble and thankful to Allah for every blessing we have. Also, we should continue our prayer and show concern about end which will keep us on right path lest he become successful in his mission

O turner of hearts makes my heart steadfast on your religion. (Ameen)

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