

HALLOWEEN: A TRICK OF SHAYTĀN

Upon the creation of Ādam 'Alayhis Salām, Allāh Ta'ālā ordered the Angels and shaytān to prostrate to Him. The Angels complied. However, shaytān refused and said, after being granted respite: “By the oath of Your Honor (O Allāh), I will most definitely misguide all of them!” (Qur'ān Karīm, 38/82). This set into motion a continuous battle between shaytān and Man. In multiple Āyāt of the Qur'ān Karīm, Allāh Ta'ālā warns us regarding shaytān. He is our avowed enemy, and his only mission is to lead us to hellfire.

Mutarraf Rahimahullāh says: “The most deceptive towards the slaves of Allāh is shaytān!” (Ibn Kathīr 1/566). He will use every trick in the book to lead mankind astray.

One may not realise that his actions are a result of the promptings of shaytān until it is too late – may Allāh Ta'ālā protect us! Shaytān will abandon one at this juncture, happy at achieving his goal. Allah Ta'ālā says: “And shaytān will say (when the matters are decided): “Verily, Allāh made a promise of truth to you, and I (also) promised you, but I reneged (on these) to you. I had no power except that I invited you (to sin, to worship me), and you accepted. So do not blame me (today) and (rather) blame yourselves!” (Qur'ān Karīm, 14/22)

Music, television, and the media are some of his favourite ways of misleading mankind. On top of these, shaytān's great effort has always been to get people to worship him. Allāh Ta'ālā says in the Qur'ān Karīm: “Did I not enjoin upon you, O children of Ādam, that you do not worship shaytān? Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy. And (did I not enjoin) that you worship Me? This is the straight path.” (Qur'ān Karīm, 36/60,61)

Through the recent cult of Satanism, shaytān has caused many to turn away from the worship of

Allāh Ta'āla. Muslim countries and homes have also been affected. May Allāh Ta'āla protect us and our progeny. Āmīn

Part of this cult is the celebration of Halloween. Even though it's recognized as a secular holiday, its roots and activities are steeped in paganism and satanism. Dressing up in scary and devilish costumes, trick-or-treating, and other rituals have pagan and satanic backgrounds.

Nowadays, this day has become an excuse to dress immodestly, party, and unashamedly mix with the opposite gender.

Together with its evil roots, celebrating this day is also a custom of the disbelievers. As Muslims, we have a characteristic dislike for any foreign celebration. We have been commanded to disassociate ourselves from these. Sharing or participating in any of these rituals may endanger our Īmān.

The famous Sahābi, Hazrat 'Abdullāh ibn 'Amr Radhiyallāhu 'Anhu adds: “Whoever resides in the lands of the non-Arabs and then celebrates their religious occasions (such as Nairuz and Mihrajan – Persian holidays), emulates their practices and after that dies in such a condition, he shall be raised with them on the Day of Judgement.” (Bayhaqi 392/9).

May Allāh Ta'ālā protect us and our progenies from the ploys of shaytān, and may He raise us with the righteous, Āmīn!

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