

* Qataadah said: "The children of the *Shaytaan* produce offspring just as the children of Adam produce offspring, but they are greater in number."³⁵

(3) The claims of some scholars that the jinn do not eat, drink or get married

Some people claim that the jinn do not eat or drink, or get married. This view is proven false by the evidence that we have quoted above from the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Some of the scholars suggested that the jinn are of different types, some of whom eat and drink and some do not. Wahb ibn Munabbih said: "The jinn are of different types. The pure jinn are spirits who do not eat, drink, die or produce offspring. And there are other types who do eat, drink, produce offspring, get married and die. These are the female demons, ghouls, and the like." This is narrated by Ibn Jarer.³⁶

* || What Wahb mentioned requires evidence, but there is no evidence.

Some of the scholars have tried to discuss how the jinn eat, whether that involves chewing and swallowing, or sniffing and inhaling. Discussing such matters is wrong and is not permissible, because we have no knowledge of how they do that, and Allah and His Messenger ﷺ have not told us anything about that.

(4) Marriage between humans and jinn³⁷

We still hear that so and so among mankind has married a female jinni, or that a woman from among mankind has married a male jinni.

* || Al-Suyooti mentioned reports from the *salaf* and the scholars which indicate that marriages between humans and jinn may take place.³⁸

Ibn Taymiyah says: "Humans and jinn may get married and may produce children; this happens often and is well known."³⁹

³⁵ *Laqt al-Marjaan*, p. 51.

³⁶ *Lawaami' al-Anwaar*, 2/222.

³⁷ If you want to know more about this topic, see *Aakaam al-Marjaan*, p. 66.

³⁸ *Laqt al-Marjaan*, p. 53.

³⁹ *Majmoo' al-Fataawa*, 19/39.

Assuming that this could happen, a number of scholars ruled it to be *makrooh*, such as Al-Hasan, Qataadah, Al-Hakam and Isha'iq. Imaam Maalik (may Allah have mercy on him) did not find any evidence to forbid marriage with the jinn, but he did not approve of the idea, and he gave his reason for that as follows: "I fear that this may lead to a situation where if a woman is found to be pregnant and is asked, 'Who is your husband?' she may reply, 'He is from among the jinn.' This would cause much mischief."⁴⁰

Some people thought that this is not permissible, and they quoted as evidence the fact that Allah has blessed His slaves among mankind by giving them spouses of their own kind:

﴿وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً ۗ﴾

«And among His Signs is this, that He created for you wives from among yourselves, that you may find repose in them, and He has put between you affection and mercy.» [Qur'an 30:21]

Even if such a marriage happened, it would be impossible to achieve love and harmony between them, because they are of different types, so the reason for marriage is not there, because they cannot attain the repose and love referred to in the *aayah*.

Whatever the case, this is something which some people claim happens now and has happened in the past. If it does happen, then it is an aberration. It is very rare that one who does this would ask about the *shar'i* ruling concerning that, for the one who does that may be forced to do so and may not be able to get out of that situation.

Another indication that it is possible for there to be marriages between humans and jinn is the *aayah* in which Allah says of *al-hoor al-'ayn* in Paradise:

﴿لَمْ يَطْمِئِنَّ عَنْ قِصَابِهِمْ وَلَا جَانَّ ۝﴾

⁴⁰ Aakaam al-Marjaan, p. 67.

«with whom no man or jinni has had *Tamth* [sexual intercourse] before them.» [Qur'an 55:56]

This *aayah* indicates that they are suited equally for humans and jinn.

5 - The lifespan and death of the jinn

Undoubtedly the jinn – including the devils – will die, because they are included in the *aayah*,

﴿كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ ۝ وَيَسْفَىٰ وَجْهُ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ ۝ فَإِنِّي ءَالَهُ رَبِّكَ ۝﴾

«Whatsoever is on it [the earth] will perish.

And the Face of your Lord full of Majesty and Honour will remain forever.

Then which of the Blessings of your Lord will you both [jinn and men] deny?» [Qur'an 55:26-28]

In *Ṣaḥeeh al-Bukhaari* it is narrated from Ibn 'Abbaas that the Prophet ﷺ used to say: "*A'oodhu bi 'izzatika, alladhi laa ilaaha illa anta, alladhi laa yamoot, wa l-jinn wa l-ins yamootoon* (I seek refuge in Your Glory, for there is no god except You, Who does not die, but men and jinn will die)."⁴¹

With regard to how long their lives are, we do not know, apart from what Allah has told us about the accursed *Iblees*, who will remain alive until the Hour begins:

﴿قَالَ أَنْظِرْنِي إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ ۝ قَالَ إِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنظَرِينَ ۝﴾

«[*Iblees*] said: 'Allow me respite till the Day they are raised up [i.e. the Day of Resurrection].'

[Allah] said: 'You are of those respited.'» [Qur'an 7:14-15]

But with regard to other jinn, we do not know how long their lives are, but they live longer than humans do.

⁴¹ Narrated by Muslim in his *Ṣaḥeeh*, 4/1906, no. 2451.

Question:

Is it true that the Jinn can possess humans?

Can there be sexual intercourse between a human and a Jinni?

Answer:

We have already mentioned that some Jinn can take the form of humans (men or women) and have intercourse with them. The solution to this problem is by seeking protection from the Jinn by supplications and prayers and reading the Qur'anic verses containing elements of protection and guarding against them by Allah's permission.

Evidently, a male Jinni can possess a woman and dominate her soul, and a female Jinni can possess a man and dominate his soul. Such is the domination that if beaten, the possessed human

does not feel the beating, but the possessor does. When the possessor leaves, the human does not remember what has been said or heard or even the beating, nor does he / she feel any pain resulting from the beating.

Some Raqis can kill the possessor by means of Qur'anic recitations or medications. They can identify its location in the possessed human body. Such matters are known to those Raqis who have had long experience in treating possession as well as other cases. ¹

4.4 Making the Jinn Possess a Human, But Exit with Conditions

Question:

Is it possible to control a Jinni and command it to possess a human and not to exit without the fulfillment of certain demands dictated by the sorcerer?

Answer:

It is well known that the sorcerer does devilish things by which he can control some Jinn and employ them to cause harm. This can be explained by the fact that many Jinn, during Shar'i treatment and torture to drive them out of humans, confess they have been under the control of such and such a sorcerer and they cannot exit without his permission. Some of them are so reluctant to exit that they die from the effect of Ruqya, beating or medications. They say that the sorcerer has controlled them and made them possess humans, and that he has hundreds of Jinn under his control; whenever one of them dies, another is brought to replace it. The sorcerer appeals to them by slaughtering sacrifices and does satanic things till he controls them.

Therefore, when the sorcerer dies, the effect of his sorcery stops. If proven to be a sorcerer and proven to have practiced it, the