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Who is our Real Enemy?

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Alhamdulillah, Surely all Praises and Thanks are for Allah for His numerous Bounties and Favours which He has bestowed upon us. Allah has indeed been very kind to us and He continues to be very kind and merciful to us every day of our lives. In many places of the Holy Quraan, Allah has warned us time and time again about our greatest and most open enemy. Allah says: "Certainly shaitaan is an enemy to you therefore take him as your enemy".

We must all know that satan's main objective is to misguide us and to cause us to be involved in sinful and forbidden actions which will lead us to Jahanam. Satan wants all of us to go in Jahanam with him on the Day of Judgement and so everyday he is trying his utmost to misguide and mislead the believers. He is not too concerned about the kuffaar because if they die in a state of kufr (disbelief), they will go straight to Jahanam.

We must all remember that when shaitaan was expelled from Jannah, he made a promise to Allah that he will beautify (evil) for mankind and misguide them, as Allah Himself informs us in the Glorious Quraan: "he (shaitaan) said O my Lord, because you have misguided me I will beautify (evil) for them and I will misguide them all.

My dear readers, shaitaan is very smart and he knows how to trap us. He knows our weaknesses and he uses our weak points to get us involved in sinning. Sometimes he comes so secretly to us and whispers evil in our hearts that we follow him without even realizing it. The Holy Prophet (S.A) mentioned in a hadith that shaitaan flows through mankind just as the flowing of blood.

This hadith indicates to us that shaitaan is always there with us looking for any opportunity to trap us. Even when we are in the greatest act of worship (Salaat), he comes and tries to distract us as the Prophet (S.A) says that shaitaan comes to one of you in his Salaat and whispers in his heart 'remember this' and 'remember that' and the man starts to remember everything until he forgets how many rakaats he has performed.

We are supposed to be opposing and fighting shaitaan but sometimes we do the opposite and we obey shaitaan and take him as our friend and we oppose and fight our Muslim brothers. Sometimes we may say that we do not follow shaitaan but our actions often indicate otherwise. My dear readers Allah Ta'la informs us in His Glorious Book "Whoever, shaitaan becomes his companion/friend, then what an evil companion he is".

Shaitaan is an evil companion because he insights man to be involved in committing evil and disobedience to Allah, and then on the Day of Judgement when the transgressors see the Blazing Fire and the punishments which are in store for them, they will start to blame shaitaan but he will say to them "don't blame me but blame your own selves for I cannot help you today and you cannot help me". My dear readers, let us realise who is our real enemy and May Allah through His infinite Grace and Mercy protect us from him and his followers Ameen.