



Question:

Please explain what a human Satan is.

Answer:

The word "Satan", which is derived from the root of "شطن", means being distanced. Since Satan has been distant from good deeds and has been distanced from Allah's mercy, he is called by this name. "Satan" is a general word and "Iblis" is a specific one. In other words, "Satan" refers to any deviating, misguiding and disobedient creature, whether it is human or not, while "Iblis" is the name of the Satan that tricked Adam and is still lies in ambush of humanity at this moment along with his army. The book Sihah al-Lughah says: "Any stubborn being that turns away from truth is a Satan, whether it is human, animal or Jin." It is also understood from how this term is used in the Quran that it refers to any harmful creature, a creature that has gone astray and plans to bother and annoy others, as the Quran says: {إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُفَوِّعَ بَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ} (Indeed Satan seeks to cast enmity and hatred among you...)

In the Quran, the word Satan does not refer to a specific creature, instead it has even been used for wrongdoing and deviating humans. {وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَا لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ عَدُوًّا شَيَاطِينَ الْإِنْسِ} (That is how for every prophet We appointed as enemy the devils from among humans and jinn)

The reason why Iblis is also referred to as a Satan is because of his corruption and mischief. The word "Satan" has even been used for microbes:

لاتبیتوا القمامة في بیوتکم... فانها مقعد الشیطان

. (Do not keep trash in your house during the night, because trash is the place of Shay tans.)

Since the trash is a place for harmful animals and flies, the term Satan has been used in the hadith. In addition to above, Allah has considered the act of adhering to one's ego, envy, anger, pride and the hypocrites as Satan in many Quranic verses. Therefore, it seems that Satan has many different meanings and Iblis and his army are one of its most prominent examples. Corrupted and deviating humans are also an example of Satan and it can also have the meaning of microbes as mentioned above. In other words, the true meaning of "Satan" is a descriptive one, meaning the mischievous and wicked and has been used for this meaning in the Quran. However, sometimes this word has been used for Iblis in particular and other times for any corrupted creature that corruption is part of his character. Therefore, Satan can be from among humans or Jins, though there is a Satan from among the Jins named Iblis that is renowned for causing great corruption. However, there is a dispute about whether Iblis is an angel or Jin:

It is understood from the apparent meaning of Quranic verses that Iblis is from among the Jins. {وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ...} (And when We said to the angels, "Prostrate before

Adam...).

It is mentioned in another verse that: {فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ كَانَ مِنَ الْجِنِّ فَفَسَقَ عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِ} (They prostrated, but not Iblis. He was one of the jinn, so he transgressed against his Lord's command...) Therefore Iblis is a Jin, but due to his many years of worshipping Allah he accompanied the angels and that is why he was also addressed by this command that was originally for angels.

Conclusion:

The term "Satan" refers to any stubborn and disobedient creature that is also misguiding and deviant. A Satan can be a human, Jin, animal or any other creature. Finally, what are meant by "The Satan of Humans" are humans that have such a character.

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