

The Quran and its Message

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SUPERSTITIONS - A SATANIC WEAPON

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There are numerous beliefs and practices that form part of everyday Muslim life which find no evidence or support from the Quran. However, they find much resonance in Muslim thought carrying the guise of legitimacy. Those that inherit their beliefs and practices from their forefathers seldom question them in light of the scripture of God and continue to blindly uphold them.

It is a duty on all true believers to attempt to understand the message of God for themselves. To wrestle with its arguments, to reflect, study and ponder (tadabbur) on its guidance to the best of their abilities.

Satan's threat of assault on the human psyche is immense. It is sustained and threatens to penetrate from every direction. The intent is clear. To lead mankind off the straight path. His proficiency has led whole nations to complete misguidance, in cases so severe, that these nations were subsequently utterly destroyed by the wrath of God.

007:016-17 (Part)

"...I will certainly lie in wait for them in Thy straight path. Then I will assault them from before them and behind them, from their right and their left: Nor will you find, **in most of them, gratitude** (for thy mercies)"

This is a very powerful verse which underscores the commitment of Satan to lead mankind off the straight path. His approach is well documented in the Quran with numerous verses warning mankind.

SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEFS

The Quran consistently argues against beliefs and practices which are based on a lack of evidence, vestige of knowledge or sound reason. We note from the following verse a clear commitment by Satan to introduce alien doctrines and practices as part of his attack. The threat of assault is immense and sustained till the Day of Judgment.

004:118-119 (Part)

"...and he said "Most certainly I will take of Your servants an appointed portion: **I will surely mislead them, and I will create in them false desires; I will order them to slit the ears of cattle, and to deface the creation of God...**"

The Quran conveys many examples of alien practices for which there was never any warrant.

006:136

"And they set apart a portion for God out of what He has created of crops and cattle, and say: This is for God - so they assert - and this for our associates; then what is for their associates, it reaches not to God, and whatever is (set apart) for God, it reaches to their associates; evil is that which they judge"

God leaves mankind to make a choice between guidance and misguidance. People often choose to continue to peddle their blind practices despite lack of evidence. In the following verse we note that some of these heinous practices from antiquity even led to the slaughter of their own children.

006.137

"And thus their associates have made fair seeming to most of the polytheists **the killing of their children**, that they may cause them to perish and obscure for them their religion; and if God had pleased, they would not have done it, **therefore leave them and that which they invent"**

INVENTED PRONOUNCEMENTS

006.138

"And they say that these cattle and crops are forbidden, and none should eat of them except those whom - so they say - we wish and cattle forbidden to yoke or burden (their backs), and cattle on which they mention not the name of God (as) inventions against Him. Soon will He requite them for their inventions.

006.139

"And they say: "What is in the wombs of these cattle (is) exclusively reserved (for food) for our males, and forbidden to our spouses; but if it is still-born, then all have share in it. For their (false)

attribution (of superstitions to God), He will soon recompense (punish) them: for He is full of wisdom and knowledge"

006:142-143

"And of cattle (He created) beasts of burden and those which are fit for slaughter only; eat of what God has given you and do not follow the footsteps of the Shaitan; **surely he is your open enemy.** (Take) eight (head of cattle) in (four) pairs: of sheep a pair, and of goats a pair; say, has He forbidden the two males, or the two females, or (the young) which the wombs of the two females enclose? **Tell me with knowledge if you are truthful**"

SOMETIMES INVENTIONS ARE MADE IN THE NAME OF PIOUS PRACTICE

Unwarranted practices can also take the guise of pious religious tradition. One must remain vigilant of such practices though having no support from scripture are nevertheless instituted as part of God's 'religion'. With regards some followers of Christianity we note a striking example in the Quran.

057:027

"...**but the Monasticism which they invented for themselves, We did not prescribe it for them:** (We commanded) only the seeking for the good pleasure of God; but that they did not foster as they should have done. Yet We bestowed, on those among them who believed, their (due) reward, but many of them are rebellious transgressors".

WERE YOU THERE WHEN GOD ORDERED THESE PRACTICES? WHAT IS YOUR PROOF?

006:144

"And of the camels a pair, and oxen a pair; say, has He forbidden the two males, or the two females, or (the young) which the wombs of the two females enclose? - **Were you present when God ordered you such a thing?** But who does more wrong than one who invents a lie against God, to lead astray men without knowledge? For God guides not people who do wrong"

DID YOU WITNESS WHAT YOU ALLEGE FOR YOURSELF? - THE ABSURDITY OF THE ALLEGATIONS

043:019

"And they make into females angels who themselves serve God. **Did they witness their creation?** Their **evidence** will be recorded, and they will be called to account!"

The absurdity and irrationality of unwarranted beliefs are further exposed by the Quran by holding its adherents to account by their own failed logic. On the one hand they attribute females to God and on the other they themselves despise the birth of females in their households.

037:149

"Now ask them their opinion: Is it that thy Lord has (only) daughters, and they have sons?"

016:057-59

"And they assign daughters to God, glory be to Him; and for themselves (they would have) what they desire. **And when news of a female** is announced to one of them his face becomes darkened and he is full of wrath. With shame does he hide himself from his people, because of the evil of what he has been given news! Shall he retain it on (sufferance and) contempt, or bury it in the dust? Ah! what an evil (choice) they decide on?"

LEAVE UNWARRANTED BELIEFS AND PRACTICES ASIDE AND THOSE WHO DO NOT FOLLOW THE QURAN'S MESSAGE

053:027-28

"Indeed they who do not believe in the hereafter name the angels with female names. But they have no knowledge therein. **They follow nothing but conjecture; and conjecture avails nothing against Truth**"

053.029

"Therefore withdraw from those who turn away from Our Message / Reminder and he desires nothing but the life of this world"

FINAL THOUGHTS

Where religious prescriptions are often imparted without scriptural support, where words often abound mixed with half truths and lies where discernment becomes almost impossible, believers should rely on a Word which is untouched by inspirations of evil. Satan is committed to instill beliefs and practices which will lead mankind astray from the straight path and amount to nothing but superstitions.

What is better than to rely on a true word from God (Quran) which will protect and grow like the tree and whose message remains protected by God Himself?

014:024-5

"Have you not considered how God sets forth the example of a good word (being) like a good tree, whose root is firm and whose branches are in the sky, it brings forth its fruit at all times, by the leave of its Lord. So God sets forth parables for mankind so that they may remember"

045:006

"These are the verses of God that We recite to you with truth. Then in what 'Hadith' (statement / narrative) **after God and His 'Ayat' (verses)** will they believe?"

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