



Seek Refuge With Allah from Shayṭān¹

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A'ūdhu billahi min ash-shayṭāni-rajīm

Bismillahi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm

Lā ḥaula wa la quwwata illā billahi l-'Alīyyi l-'Aẓīm

Say: “*A'ūdhu billāhi min ash-shayṭān ir-rajīm!*”

Not everyone can go against shayṭān – like Sayyidinā ‘Umar from whom shayṭān was escaping. Don’t say that you are strong enough against him! In reality shayṭān has no power. But, for example, even a small virus can kill a tall man who is strong as a tree. And there are insects that sit on every form of filth and then land on you to pass on that filth. Don’t say that you are stronger! No! It can destroy you. If you don’t pay attention, even shayṭān, whose plans against mankind are weak, can still harm you and make you lose your way, like he has done to all the people of the 21st century. With what they do, they follow him, they don’t go against him, because they don’t use: “*A'ūdhu billāhi min ash-shayṭān ir-rajīm*” They forgot it – starting from the presidents and the generals. Nobody who gives a talk in the Islamic world starts with these words anymore. In the non-Muslim world they don’t use “*A'ūdhu billāhi min ash-shayṭān ir-rajīm*” anyway, but there are 40 to 50 Islamic states and they don’t say it either. They became proud and puffed up like balloons – the inside is empty, full only of air, and one needle can make it to explode. Megalomania and egoism has grown up everywhere, but greatness and glory, ‘*Aẓamat* and *Kibriyā*’, are only for Allah...

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Man is born into the world as a baby of 5 kg, then grows up to one or two meters, but after that, how much can he grow? And the Holy Prophet – *ṣallaLlahu ‘alayhi wa sallam* – was astonished at mankind’s arrogance saying, “Man is between urine and excrement, two channels that excrete filth – how can he be proud, when all the time filth emerges from him?” The Holy Prophet – *ṣallaLlahu ‘alayhi wa sallam* – said, “I am sitting like a slave and eating like a slave.”

These words should be enough to transform people into true human beings, not to give themselves any importance in the Presence of Allah. In the *Shahāda* we say: ‘*Muḥammadan ‘abduhu*’ (Muḥammad is His Servant) first, and then ‘*wa rasūluḥ*’ (and His Prophet).

But people don’t work for Allah, they work only for their egos, and they say that they don’t have time for worshipping. For what were you created? But they have time to sit in the coffee-houses... And if they go to the mosque, they are always looking at their watch...

Whoever is able to control his ego, will rise. For this purpose all Saints made associations, *suhba* – to transform people into human beings. If not, man is nothing but a speaking animal.

Whoever does not follow Prophets – ‘*alayhim as-salām* – will remain in the state of an animal, no matter what clothes he adorns his body with. Clothes do not change a man’s characteristics. So many people will appear before the Almighty with their animalistic attributes, because they didn’t change. Then the veils will be taken from their eyes and they will be shown the film of their life and they will be asked “are you viewing the life of a human being or an animal?”

Man is created to become a perfect human being, *Insān Kāmil*, and to arrive like that in the Divine Presence! Nowadays everyone has turned against Islam, because it transforms men into

human beings and strengthens their souls. Without strengthening your soul, you will not become a human being, because the character of animality is enveloping you.

There are no holidays in Islam. A Muslim is always on duty. Even on a Friday, after the congregational prayer, Muslims work. Everyone else takes one or two days off each week. But that means that after the second day you have to start afresh to catch up to where you had reached before. You spend up to Wednesday to catch up, and by Thursday you are ready to prepare yourself for the weekend... No – in Islam there is continuity. Only at Bayram, 'Īd, there are three days holiday. Without continuity also the children do not learn anything at school...