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abandoning prayer (cont'd)

Allah created you and gave you everything. *“It is He who has created you and endowed you with hearing and seeing and hearts, little are you grateful.”* Qur'an 67:23

The Prophet's feet would swell because he would stand in prayer for lengthy periods. When asked about this, he replied, **“Should I not be a grateful servant of my Lord?”**

You are being lazy

What excuse will you give your Creator, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, on Judgement Day? The One Who blessed you with 24 hours in a day, yet only commanded that you pray five times a day - a command that takes approximately 30 minutes to fulfill!

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, **“The son of Adam will not be dismissed from before his Lord on the Day of Resurrection until he has been questioned with five things: his life and how he spent it, his youth and how he used it, his wealth and how he earned it and how he disposed of it, and how he acted upon what he acquired of knowledge.”**

You will be miserable

Allah says, *“And whoever turns away from My remembrance - indeed for him is a life of hardship. And We will raise him on the Day of Resurrection, blind. He will say, “My Lord, why have you raised me blind while I was (once) seeing?” (Allah) will say, “Thus did Our signs come to you, and you forgot (disregarded) them; and thus will you, this Day, be forgotten.”*

Qur'an 20:124-126

You are only harming yourself

Allah doesn't need your prayer or anything from anyone - Glory be to Him! It is you that stands in need of His Mercy.

“Give thanks to Allah, and whoever gives thanks, it is only for his own soul's good, and whoever is ungrateful, surely Allah is Free of all needs, Worthy of all praise.” Qur'an 31:12

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You are flirting with disbelief

Many Scholars of Islam hold the opinion that if you do not pray, you are a disbeliever, quoting the following hadith:

“The covenant which distinguishes between us and them (i.e., between believers and disbelievers) is the prayer, and whoever neglects it has disbelieved.”

Additionally, the Prophet's companions (may Allah be pleased with them) did not consider the abandonment of any act as disbelief, except for prayer.

common excuses

No time (work, study, busy, etc): Pure and simple deception. You haven't given prayers priority. Allah will bless your time and make you more effective, efficient and successful.

My heart is clean: Allah judges who has clean hearts, and He wants you to pray! Actions will reflect what is in your heart. No one has a cleaner heart than Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) who used to pray regularly.

My alarm: It's hard for your alarm to go off, if you don't SET it!!! Purify your intention and sleep according to the Sunnah.

My family/spouse/parents/friends prevent me: The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, **“There is no obedience to anyone in disobedience to Allah.”** You will be judged alone.

I'm sinning too much: In time, your prayers will prevent you from committing these sins - just pray! You are sinning *because* you are not praying.

Contemplate over this hadith, **“If they knew the merits of the 'Isha and Fajr prayers, they would come to them (in the mosque) even if they had to crawl.”**

What excuse for abandoning prayer do you honestly have when you face your Lord on that difficult Day?

the importance of prayer



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Sadly, many Muslims do not pray or fulfil the conditions of the prayer, despite its importance. The purpose of prayer is to strengthen your relationship with God; to be grateful for all His blessings; and to remind yourself of His Greatness. Just as the body requires physical needs, such as food and water, the soul requires spiritual needs, nourished by acts of worship, the most important of which is prayer. It could be that the body of a person is healthy but the person is spiritually dead.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, **“The comparison of one who remembers Allah and one who does not, is like that of the living and the dead.”**

Allah says, **“O you who believe! Respond to (the call of) Allah and His Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life.”** Qur’an 8:24

its importance

Direct communication with Allah

“The closest a person is to His Lord is when he is in prostration.”

Prayer connects you with Allah. The Arabic word for prayer (As-Salah) is actually derived from the Arabic word meaning “connection”. Allah’s Messenger (peace be upon him) said, **“When any one of you stands to pray, he is communicating with his Lord, so let him pay attention to how he speaks to Him.”** Don’t sever this relationship with your Creator.

A pillar of Islam

Prayer is the second most important pillar of Islam, and is the most regular compulsory action in a Muslim’s life. Prayer is an act that must be fulfilled daily, regardless of the circumstance. In fact, Allah did not even exempt the Muslims from praying during battle! He says,

“Guard strictly your (habit of) prayers... If you fear (an enemy), pray on foot, or riding.” Qur’an 2:238-239

Such is the case during war. What then during peace?

Success lies in the Prayer

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, **“The first of his deeds for which a man will be called to account on the**

Day of Resurrection will be the prayers. If it is found to be perfect, he will be safe and successful. But if it is defective, he will be unfortunate and a loser.”

its benefits

Shields against evil

Without seeking Allah’s help, it is impossible to refrain from evil.

Allah says: **“Verily, prayer restrains (oneself) from shameful and unjust deeds...”** Qur’an 29:45

How can sins be committed if you’re willingly standing before Allah 5 times a day?

Enriches your soul

Prayer satisfies your spiritual need to be in contact with your Creator. This gives your soul peace and contentment, especially with your busy lifestyle.

Allah says, **“Without doubt, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction.”** Qur’an 13:28

Makes you humble

Pride and arrogance is rid by realising Allah’s greatness and your dependence on Him. In the prayer, the Muslim puts the highest part of his body and source of intellect, his head, on to the ground and says, **“How perfect is my Lord, The Most High.”**

He says, **“Successful indeed are the believers, who are humble in their prayers.”** Qur’an 23:1-2

Of course, this can only be achieved when you understand what is recited and concentrate with humility.

Washes away sins

Everyone commits sins, however, Allah has provided, through prayer, a way to wipe out those sins.

Allah says, **“And perform prayer... surely the good deeds remove the evils deeds.”** Qur’an 11:114

The Messenger gave a beautiful example when he said to his companions, **“Consider if one of you had a river by his door in which he bathed five times a day. Would any filth remain on him?”** They said, **“No.”** Then the Prophet replied,

“Likewise, Allah wipes away sins with the five daily prayers.”

Solves your problems

If you strengthen your relationship with Allah, Allah will strengthen your relationship with the rest of the creation. Through prayer, He, who is All-Powerful, will rectify all your problems.

Allah says, **“Seek help in patience and prayer.”** Qur’an 2:153

Unites the Muslims

Congregational prayer cultivates brotherhood, equality and humility between Muslims. The worshippers stand in rows and as one body, shoulder to shoulder, without any distinction of race, nationality, colour, wealth, family or status. This act of unity helps demolish all barriers which stand between people.

abandoning prayer

“O Mankind, What has deceived you concerning your Lord, the Most Generous?” Qur’an 82:6

You are disobeying your Creator

The whole purpose of your existence is to worship Allah, yet daily, you are disobeying your Creator.

“Then, there has succeeded them a generation who have given up prayer and have followed their desires. So they will be thrown in Hell. Except those who repent and believe, and work righteousness.” Qur’an 19:59-60

“(The people in Hell will be asked:) What has caused you to enter Hell? They will say: We were not of those who used to pray...” Qur’an 74:42-43

You are being ungrateful

Refusing your Creator’s invitation to establish this close relationship with Him is the ultimate ingratitude.

what if I'm *desperate*?

In Islam, one is forgiven for performing a forbidden act in times of desperation. Therefore, if one is forced to use riba, otherwise risk extreme hardship or death, it becomes temporarily permissible, until that hardship is overcome. Keep in mind that enduring the hardship caused by refraining from riba, for the sake of Allah, will gain reward. A person of Islamic knowledge and understanding of one's personal situation, must be the one to determine if a person is indeed in difficulty. Otherwise, this exception to the rule may be taken advantage of, and many people may wrongly consume riba and suffer the consequences laid out by Allah.

There is a common misconception amongst Muslims with regards to buying a first house using riba. Some claim that it is permissible, a "necessity". The fact that one can easily rent a house instead of buying, disproves this claim. If the theory were true, would that then mean that drinking the first bottle of alcohol is permissible, even though water is available? Or eating pork when there is a permissible substitute? While it may be easy to fool others into believing this, we must remember that:

*"... Allah knows all that you reveal and all that you conceal."
Qur'an 5:99*

Paying rent in order to support oneself and their family is not "wasted money". InshaAllah, Allah the Most Appreciative, will reward this like charity: **"When someone spends on his family seeking his reward for it from Allah, it is counted as a charity from him."** (Bukhari and Muslim)

success in this life & the hereafter

When examining this issue of riba, we should remember that true success lies with the help of Allah alone. If we abide by that which is lawful, and avoid that which is haram, our wealth will be blessed and beneficial in this world and the Hereafter. What good is extra money earned through riba if there is no blessing in it, and it is cursed - a source of misery?

On the Day of Resurrection, people will rise from their graves quickly, except those who engaged in riba. They will stand up and then fall down like epileptics because:

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*"Those who consume riba cannot stand (on the Day of Resurrection) except as one stands who is being beaten by Satan into insanity. That is because they say, 'Trade is (just) like riba.' But Allah has permitted trade and has forbidden riba..."
Qur'an 2:275*

Such is the punishment for those who consume riba and do not sincerely repent from this great sin.

As for those who strive toward success by earning Allah's pleasure, they take comfort from the following verse:

*"O you who believe! Do not devour Riba (e.g. interest), making it double & redouble, and be careful of (your duty to) Allah, that you may be successful."
Qur'an 3:130*

We are also shown how to be successful in the Hereafter:

*"The only saying of the faithful believers when they are called to Allah (His Words- the Qur'an) and His Messenger, to judge between them, is that they say: "We hear and we obey."
And such are the successful (who will live forever in Paradise)."
Qur'an 24:51*

conclusion

None can doubt that riba is haram and a major sin, and no disobedience to Allah is worth the risk of His punishment. We must remember that the life of this world is short and fleeting, and that the purpose of our existence is not to lust after beauty and wealth, but rather to worship Allah correctly and live by His rules. Just because riba is widespread and common, it does not make it permissible.

*"And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty), and will provide him sustenance from where he never even imagined. And whosoever puts his trust in Allah, Allah is sufficient for him."
Qur'an 65:2-3*

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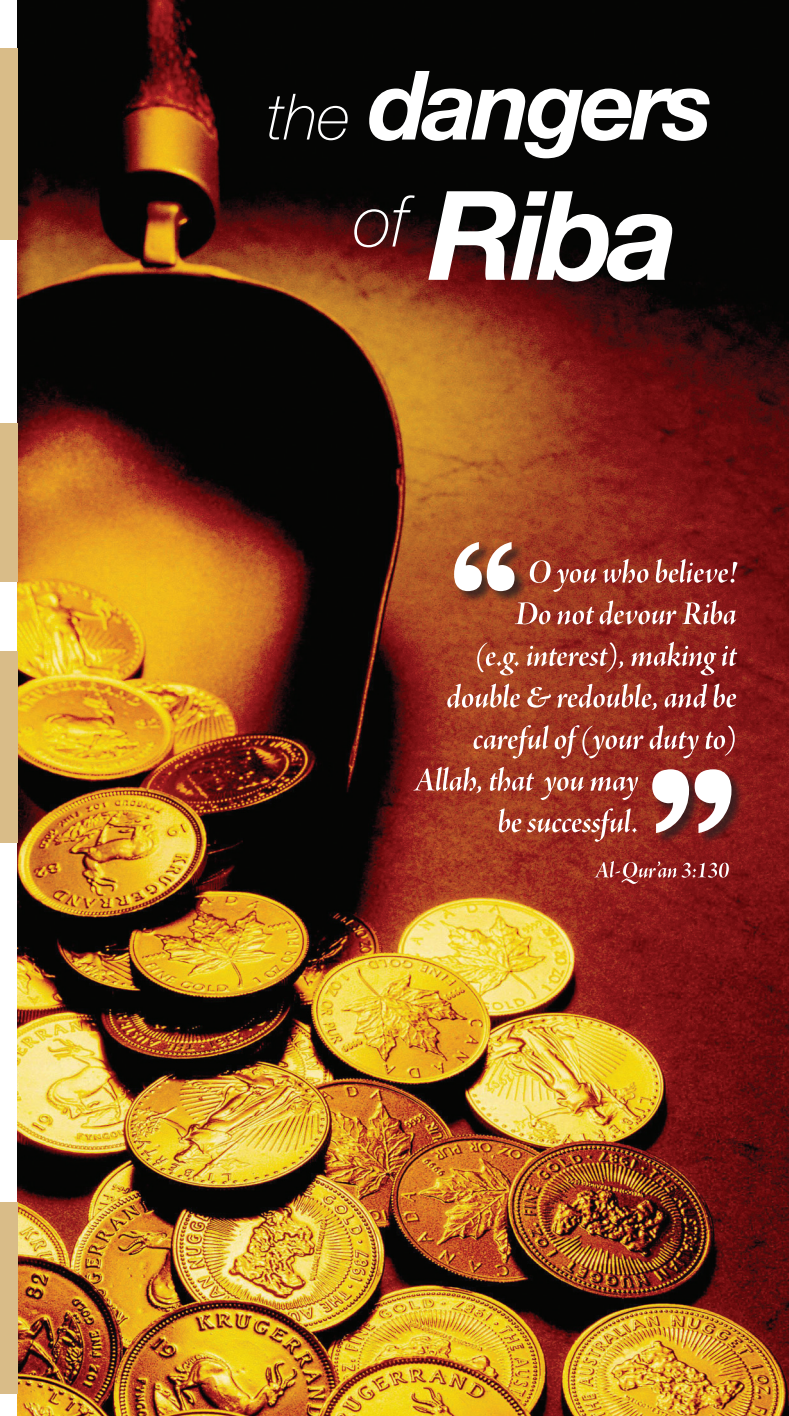
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the dangers of Riba

“ O you who believe!
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Al-Qur'an 3:130



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introduction

Is it not amazing that a Muslim will never eat pork because it is haram (unlawful); never marry his mother or sister because it is also haram, yet that same person has no problem devouring riba (e.g. interest, usury)? Did you know that engaging in riba is a major sin which could lead you to Hell?

“...but whoever returns (to dealing in riba), such are the dwellers of the Fire — they will abide therein.” Qur’an 2:275

If dealing in riba is so punishable, why do many Muslims fall into this sin and take the issue so lightly?

the meaning of **Riba**

Riba is an Arabic noun derived from the verb Raba, meaning ‘to increase’, ‘to grow’, and ‘to exceed’. It includes interest which is paid by banks or on loans such as car loans, home loans or credit card debt.

proof that **Riba is Haram**

There are many proofs showing that riba is haram and one of the most serious sins in Islam!

For those with true faith in Allah and the Qur’an, this clear verse prohibiting riba is sufficient:

*“...Allah has permitted trade and has forbidden riba.”
Qur’an 2:275*

In the Qur’an, Allah does not declare war on anyone except those who deal in riba:

*“O you who believe, fear Allah and give up what remains of your demand for riba, if you are indeed believers. If you do it not, take notice of war from Allah and His Messenger.”
Qur’an 2:278-279*

Would you like Allah, The Almighty, to wage war against you after He has made it abundantly clear that riba is haram?

The Prophet (peace be upon him) warned that consuming riba is one of the seven sins that doom a person to Hell. (Bukhari and Muslim)

Riba is haram in all of its aspects, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) said (Muslim),

“Allah has cursed the one who consumes riba, the one who gives it, the one who witnesses over it, and the one who writes down the transaction.”

Do not be of those whom Allah has cursed!

why is **Riba** haram?

The first and foremost reason riba is haram is because Allah declared it so. It is based on Allah’s infinite wisdom that He deems an action to be obligatory or prohibited, prescribing matters in man’s best interests, in this life and in the Hereafter, as He is the All-Wise, All-Knowing. The scholars of Islam have suggested the following reasons as to why riba is haram:

❌ Whole nations, dozens of them, large and small, have foreign debts so large that their riba payments on these debts are a crushing burden on the entire country. Debt kills. Some 11 million children die each year around the world due to conditions of poverty and debt. Former President Obasanjo, commented on the debt Nigeria faces:

*“All that we had borrowed up to 1985 or 1986 was around \$5 billion and we have paid about \$16 billion yet we are still being told that we owe about \$28 billion. That \$28 billion came about because of the injustice in the foreign creditors’ (lenders) interest rates.
If you ask me what is the worst thing in the world, I will say it is compound interest.”*

- Jubilee 2000 news update, August 2000

- ❌ Riba conflicts with the spirit of brotherhood and sympathy, and is based on greed, selfishness and hard heartedness.
- ❌ Riba is one of the major contributors towards inflation.
- ❌ Riba causes trauma and depression due to mounting debts.
- ❌ Riba is a sure gain without any possibility of loss, hence all the risk is taken by the borrower, rather than sharing the risk and the profits with both parties.
- ❌ Riba creates a monopoly in society, where the rich are rewarded for being wealthy, while those who are not are forced to pay extra!

During the global financial crisis in 2008 and 2009, the Daily Vatican newspaper, L’Osservatore Romano, reported the Vatican as saying that the Islamic finance system may help Western banks in the crisis as an alternative. The Vatican advised: *“The ethical principles on which Islamic finance is based may bring banks closer to their clients and to the true spirit which should mark every financial service.”*

Where a riba-based market fails, Islamic financial institutions do not suffer the same consequences since the risk is shared by both parties. Lenders will be more careful, as they also share the risk of losing money if the borrower cannot pay back the original sum.

Given all the problems that riba creates, it is no wonder Islam prohibits such a detestable act.

how can I avoid **Riba**?

Living in a capitalist society makes it difficult to completely avoid riba. However, this should not be used as an excuse to freely indulge in it. An obvious way to steer clear of this evil is to not take out a loan which involves paying riba. Other solutions include:

- ✔ Opening up riba-free bank accounts.
- ✔ Not entering into contracts which stipulate riba penalties, even though one intends to pay on time.
- ✔ Making bill payments on time so as not to incur a late penalty.
- ✔ Meeting any conditions required to continue trading without the use of riba.
- ✔ Borrowing money from family or friends where possible.
- ✔ Dealing with Islamically compliant banks.
- ✔ Renting if you cannot afford to buy a house without riba.
- ✔ Accepting/organising a “goodly loan” (al-qard al-hasanah), which is a loan by means of which one intends to show kindness to another, which does not involve taking riba.

With regard to the interest that the bank has given you, do not return nor consume it. Rather, spend it on charitable causes, such as giving it to the poor, buying disposable items (like toilet paper) for Islamic centres and mosques, and helping debtors. However, do not expect reward for this.

The most effective way to avoid riba and determine which transactions are permissible, is by consulting Islamic scholars and utilising their knowledge.

wasting time

If Satan cannot trap someone into sinning, he keeps them busy with trivial acts which have no benefit. Instead of using our time wisely, fulfilling our priorities and reaching high goals, Satan occupies us with useless actions.

how to defeat **satan**

“Indeed, Satan is an enemy to you; so take him as an enemy...”

Qur’an 35:6

The first step is to recognise Satan as our enemy: if you know your enemy, you can defeat him. Satan’s power consists principally in his ability to deceive, so we need to understand his cunning tactics and approach, in order to better protect ourselves.

seek help with **Allah**

To ask Allah for His protection and to rely on Him alone for help, is a tool in defeating Satan. Surah Al-Falaq and An-Nas of the Qu’ran may be used to regularly seek protection from Satan and we should recite them. We must realise that as long as we are alive, Satan will never give up attempting to mislead us. We must always be on our guard and constantly ask Allah for guidance and protection.

seek forgiveness

If we succumb to Satan’s plots, by the Grace and Mercy of Allah we still have the opportunity to rectify our mistakes by acknowledging our wrongdoings and repenting to Allah.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, “He who repents from sin is like one without sin.”

Ibn Majah

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, **“Satan said to the Lord of Glory, ‘By Your Glory O Lord, I will keep trying to misguide Your slaves so long as their souls are in their bodies.’ The Lord said, ‘By My Glory and Majesty, I will continue to forgive them so long as they ask My forgiveness.’”** Ahmad

For repentance to be accepted, it must be sincere, with the intention of never committing that same sin again.

avoid sinful environments

When Allah forbade Adam from one particular tree, He did not say, **“do not eat from this tree”** but rather, **“do not come close to this tree.”** Qur’an 2:35. We must therefore distance ourselves from anything that may lead to committing sin.

keep good companionship

The company you keep strongly influences your decisions and actions. Good companions will remind you about Allah and encourage you to do good, whereas bad company will lead you into the arms of Satan.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) advised, “A person is on the path of his close friend, so be careful whom you befriend.”

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do good **deeds**

Keeping busy with religious deeds, especially prayer, is an excellent means of defeating Satan. If one occupies their time with good, they are less likely to be influenced by Satan’s tricks.

“And if an evil suggestion comes to you from Satan, then seek refuge in Allah. Indeed, He is Hearing and Knowing.”

Qur’an 7:200

conclusion

The battle against Satan can only be won if we are aware of his traps, and if we apply the strategies to defeat him. On the Day of Judgement, Satan will confess to his sins and mischief. He will declare before all of creation that Allah is the One who tells the truth and that he (Satan) is a liar.

We ask Allah the Almighty, by His most beautiful Names and sublime Attributes, to forgive our sins and grant us refuge from the traps of Satan.

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traps of **satan**

“Indeed Satan is an enemy to you, so take him as an enemy...”

Qur’an 35:6

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The wise person is he who studies his enemies' strategies and takes the precautions and measures to defeat them. Your Lord has warned, **"Indeed Satan is an enemy to you, so take him as an enemy..."** Qur'an 35:6

history of **satan** (iblis)

Satan was created from smokeless fire. Though he was not an angel, he was present amongst them in Heaven due to his obedience to Allah (God). When Allah created Prophet Adam (peace be upon him), He commanded those in Heaven to prostrate before Adam, but Satan refused out of pride and arrogance, saying, **"I am better than him [Adam], You created me from fire, and created him from clay."** Qur'an 7:12

Allah cursed Satan and banished him from Heaven. Satan requested an opportunity to mislead mankind, and Allah granted this request.

"[Satan] said, 'Because You have put me in error, I will surely sit in wait for them [mankind] on Your straight path. Then I will come to them from before them and from behind them and on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them grateful [to You].'"
Qur'an 7:16-17

the traps of **satan**

disbelief in the oneness of **God**

The foundation of Islam is the belief in the Oneness of God - having no partner, equal, son or rivals. Conversely, the greatest sin is to ascribe partners or equals with Allah.

Examples include:

- Directing worship to other than God (e.g. prostrating or supplicating to other than God).
- Delegating some of God's attributes to other objects or beings (e.g. idols/lucky charms).
- Claiming that God has a son, mother or any other partner.

Thus, tempting mankind into disbelief is Satan's main focus. However, if Satan cannot mislead people to commit clear acts of disbelief, he resorts to more subtle means, such as the belief in superstitions, good luck charms, astrology and fortune telling. Such beliefs contradict the fact that Allah alone has power and knowledge over all things, and is the Only One Who can bring benefit or harm.

innovation in the religion

Satan will lure a person to invent wrong beliefs and practices into Islam which were neither ordained by God nor the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). In fact, the belief that Islam is incomplete or imperfectly revealed by God, thus requiring innovation, is considered disbelief; because it is a rejection of what Allah has revealed.

Many innovations are implemented with the same meticulous care as a religious observance, and viewed as being just as significant as what God revealed. Herein lays danger, as the people who follow innovations believe their acts are accepted, although in reality they are committing a sin. These innovators will feel no need for repentance, as they do not recognise their wrong doing.

neglecting obligatory deeds

"...Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrongdoing..."
Qur'an 29:45

Satan wants to **"...avert you from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer."** Qur'an 5:91

Allah has made certain actions obligatory on every Muslim, the most regular of which is the five daily prayers. Therefore, Satan seeks to make us neglectful of prayers so that we fall further into sin.

gradual deception

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) explained to us how idol worship originated, which highlights the gradual and patient approach of Satan. After a group of righteous people died, Satan inspired those around them to erect statues in their honour and as reminder of their righteousness. When that generation passed away and the people had forgotten why the statues were erected, Satan deceived them into believing that their forefathers used to worship them, and that through them, the rains were brought forth. People then began worshipping these statues.

"...I have perfected for you your religion..."
Qur'an 5:3

This gradual deception is used in many ways. For example, Satan tricks people into committing forbidden sexual acts: it begins with a look, which leads to a thought, then a smile, then a seemingly innocent conversation, then seclusion and eventually, the sin itself.

Similarly, in desiring to make people cease their obligatory religious acts, Satan initially convinces people to give up their optional acts of worship, which leads them to become lazy with the obligatory ones. He also tries to trivialise small sins, which eventually leads them down a slippery slope to major sins.

beautifying evil deeds

Satan presents sins to people in a favourable light, such as how he deceived Adam and Eve into eating from the tree.

Satan whispered to Adam, saying, **"O Adam! Shall I lead you to the Tree of Eternity and to a kingdom that will never waste away?"** Qur'an 20:120

"Your Lord did not forbid you this tree except that you become angels or become of the immortal... Indeed, I am to you from among the sincere advisors.' So he made them fall, through deception. And when they tasted of the tree... their Lord called to them, 'Did I not forbid you from that tree and tell you that Satan is to you a clear enemy?'" Qur'an 7:20-22

Although Adam was surrounded by many permissible foods, Satan convinced him to eat from the tree which was forbidden. Similarly, Satan tricks people into forbidden acts instead of those which are permitted, such as fornication over marriage, music over the Qur'an, haram income over halal, and into the small percentage of prohibited food and drink over the vast majority that is wholesome and pure.

arousing desires

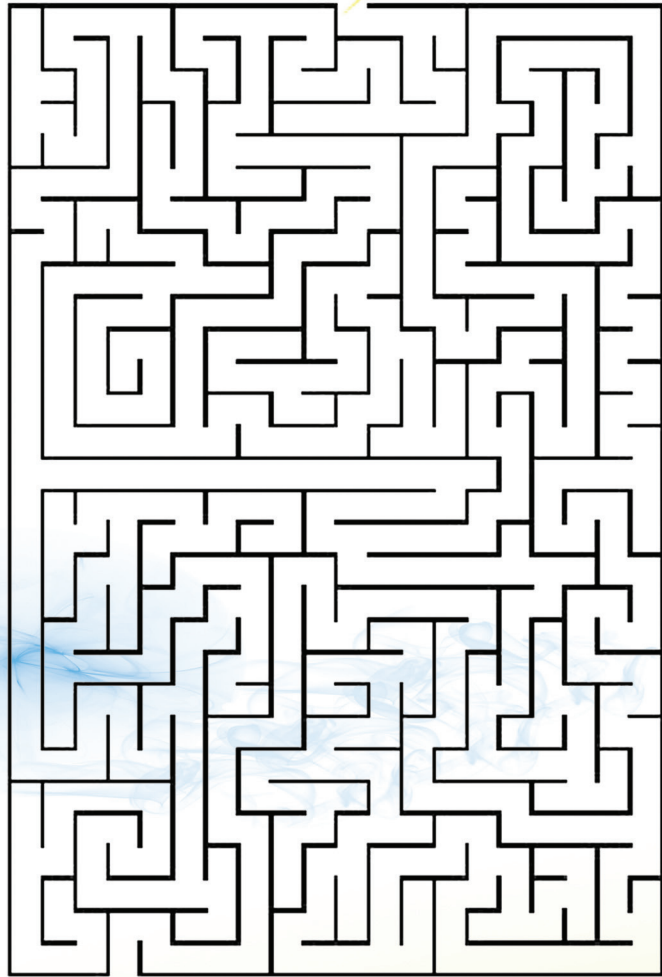
Every human has desires and temptations. Satan plays on this and convinces man to indulge in instant gratification without considering the consequences. This inevitably leads to regret and humiliation, either in this life or on the Day of Judgement.

"Satan promises them and arouses desire in them. But Satan does not promise them except delusion."
Qur'an 4:120



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Join the words

When certain things happen, there are Islamic words we should say so that we remember Allah. Link the words on the left with the words on the right.



Assalamu Alaykum
(Peace be upon you)

When we do something wrong



Allahu Akbar
(God is Great)

Before we do anything



Insha-Allah
(If Allah Wills)

For thanking Allah or
When we sneeze



Bismillah
(In the name of Allah)

Meeting a Muslim



Jazak Allahu khayran
(May Allah reward you with good)

When we begin to pray



Alhamdulillah
(Praise be to Allah)

When we want to say thank-you



Astaghfirullah
(I beg Allah for forgiveness)

When we want to do something in the future



Well done on completing all of the activities! Now get your parents to check the answers for you and to help you with anything you did not understand. Remember to always obey Allah, be good to your parents, pray on time and be a good Muslim, so that Allah will be happy with you and allow you to enter Jannah, inshaAllah.

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kids' corner

Mr Hasan had three sons: Faruq, Abdullah and Qasim. He loved them very much and wanted to see them grow up as good Muslims.

Mr Hasan himself was a good Muslim and did his best to obey Allah at all times. One day, Mr Hasan wanted to test his sons. He gave each of them some sweets and said, "Eat the sweets in such a place where no one can see you, and when you have done so, come back to me."

Faruq took the sweets and went to his room. He locked the door from the inside, said "Bismillah" and then ate the sweets thinking that no one could see him there.

Abdullah went to the basement of the house and he was sure that nobody was there. He said, "Bismillah," and then ate the sweets in the darkness of the room.

Qasim thought and thought about a place where he could eat the sweets without anyone seeing him. He could think of no such place. Every time he considered a place, he remembered that Allah could see him there, and so he did not eat the sweets.

Faruq and Abdullah came back and told their father about what they had done. Qasim came and returned the sweets to his father saying, "There is no place which is secret from Allah, and so I did not eat the sweets."

Mr Hasan was very pleased with Qasim. He told Faruq and Abdullah to learn a lesson from their brother.

Mr Hasan also said, "My dear sons, always keep in mind that Allah knows everything and He sees everything. He can see us wherever we are. So we should not do anything bad - even in secret - because Allah knows and sees everything."

Questions (circle the correct one)

- Mr Hasan wanted his children to grow up to be:
 - good hidiers
 - good Muslims
 - good eaters
- Mr Hasan did his best to:
 - buy the best sweets
 - teach hide and seek
 - obey Allah
- What should we say before eating?
 - Mmmm!
 - This smells good!
 - Bismillah
- Where can't Allah see us?
 - In a locked room
 - in a basement of a house
 - Allah sees us everywhere

Y	U	S	G	T	M	U	S	A	H	D
K	O	E	E	K	B	E	R	R	V	T
K	B	E	M	E	R	C	I	F	U	L
N	S	L	O	V	I	N	G	E	P	E
O	D	W	V	O	G	A	K	O	A	O
W	I	K	I	D	F	A	R	I	E	X
I	E	O	X	S	G	B	D	C	N	I
N	N	E	D	R	E	N	P	U	N	D
G	T	A	T	F	N	A	Z	O	J	L
L	I	Z	H	U	L	Y	U	B	C	A
D	B	E	A	H	M	F	A	E	A	D
H	R	A	N	W	U	S	E	D	R	X
G	A	M	K	C	H	P	U	I	I	H
F	H	Y	F	A	A	A	C	E	N	E
M	I	S	U	N	M	H	N	N	G	A
U	M	E	L	D	M	M	L	T	I	R
I	P	E	S	A	A	K	N	H	W	I
O	M	I	W	T	D	D	S	D	V	N
G	M	N	T	L	E	E	A	N	I	G
S	Q	G	R	Y	S	O	I	M	U	E
U	C	G	E	N	T	L	E	S	G	H
P	O	W	E	R	F	U	L	R	A	R

Allah is...		To their parents, a Muslim should be..	Names of some Prophets (peace be upon them)
The All	Powerful	Kind	Adam
The All	Knowing	Gentle	Nuh
The Most	Merciful	Loving	Ibrahim
The Most	Wise	Caring	Musa
The All	Hearing	Obedient	Isa
The All	Seeing	Thankful	Muhammad

To find the secret message hidden in the word-search, write every fifth letter into the spaces below.

Secret Message: T h e _____

Thank You Allah

Thank You Allah for all that You give,
 I know sometimes I'm naughty, so please forgive.
 Please teach me to be good every single day,
 And let my heart be ready and willing to pray.
 Thank You Allah for Prophet Muhammad whom I love,
 Please raise him in rank in Paradise above.



Why do we Worship Allah?

Fill in the gaps!

Choose the right words below to go into one of the spaces. Can you put them in their right place? (Note: 4 words will be left over)

- pray Jibreel eat Allah Hajj like Qur'an
 Muhammad Shawwal 'Asr right Jannah drink
 Ramadan charity worship Ibrahim Maghrib

Muslims worship God alone and His name is _____. Allah created us and He wants us to _____ Him so that when we die we go to _____. To help us worship properly, Allah sent a great Prophet and his name was _____. Angel _____ was sent by Allah to teach the Prophet a great book called the _____. By following the Qur'an we are taught what is _____ and what is wrong. We must learn the Qur'an and teach it to others.

One great way to worship Allah and gain a lot of reward is to fast in the month of _____. In this great month we are not allowed to _____ or _____ anything from Fajr until _____. Other ways to gain reward is to _____ 5 times a day or to give _____ to those who need it. Muslims must also perform _____ once in their lifetime. When we perform this properly inshaAllah, Allah will forgive us all of our sins!

