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Proof of The Jinn Entering a Person's Body

Question:

Is there any proof that supports the claim that jinn can possess human beings?

Answer:

Yes, there is proof in the Book and the Sunnah that jinn enter humans. In the Qur'aan, Allaah Almighty Says:

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Those who eat Riba (usury and interest) will not stand (on the Day of Resurrection) except like the standing of a person beaten by Shaytaan leading him to insanity [Al-Baqarah 2:275]

Ibn Kathir, may Allaah have mercy upon him, commented: "They will rise from their graves like a person rises who is possessed by the *Shaytaan*."

Regarding proof from the Sunnah, the Messenger of Allaah *Salallaahu alayhi wasallam* said, "*Indeed, Shaytaan flows through the son of Adam like the flow of his blood.*" (Al-Bukhaari no.2039 and Muslim no.2175)

In *Manqalat Ahl As-Sunnah wal-Jamma'ah*, Al-Ash'ari said that they -meaning *Ahl As-Sunnah*- say that the jinn enter into the body of the possessed as proven by the preceding verse.

'Abdullaah, Imaam Ahmad's son, said, "I said to my father that a group of people claimed that jinn don't enter into the bodies of human beings. He said, 'O my son, they are lying; don't you see that it is they who are speaking upon their tongues.'"

In a number of *Hadiths* from the Messenger of Allaah *Salallaahu alayhi wasallaam*, recorded by Imaam Ahmad and Al-Bayhaqi, it is reported that he met a boy who was possessed. So the Prophet *Salallaahu alayhi wasallaam* began saying, "*Come out, O enemy of Allaah. Come out, O enemy of Allaah.*" (Ibn Majah no.3548)

In some versions he said, *Come out, O enemy of Allaah. Come out, O enemy of*

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Allaah." (Ahmad 4/171, 172)

Then the boy healed and became normal.

Here we have mentioned one proof from the Qur'aan and two from the Sunnah; what people witness everyday serves as tangible evidence, not to mention that this is the view of *Ahl As-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah*. Nevertheless, we do not deny that some people are insane due to some other defect in their mind.

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