



# THE JINN



# Introduction

- Form a world other than the world of mankind and angels
- Similar to mankind in that they possess reason and understanding
- Can choose between good and evil
- Origin/composition of Jinn is unique

# The name “Jinn”

- Called “Jinn” because they conceal themselves (*ljtinaan*) from people’s sight
- The word “*janeen*” = fetus comes from the same root
- The word “*mijaan*” = shield is so called because it conceals the fighter in war
  - *Verily, he [satan] and “Qabeeluhu” [his soldiers from the jinn or his tribe] see you from where you cannot see them (7:27)*

- Arabic lexicons provide - meaning of Jinn not only for spirits, but also for anything concealed through time, status and even physical darkness



# Mankind, angels and Jinn

<b>Being</b>	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Creation</b>	<b>Attributes</b>
Mankind	Yes	Clay	Eat, drink, procreate, seen
Angel	No	Light	No, unseen
Jinn	Yes	Fire	Eat, drink, procreate, unseen

# Origin and creation

- *“And indeed, We created man from dried clay of altered mud. And the jinn, we created aforetime from the smokeless flame of fire” (15:26-27)*

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- Allah tells us they were created from fire
- Came before creation of Adam

# How the Jinn were created

- We know little about their creation
- We know that they have hearts, sight, ears
  - *“And surely, We have created many of the jinn and mankind for Hell. They have hearts wherewith they understand not, and they have eyes wherewith they see not, and they have ears wherewith they hear not [the truth].....”(7:179)*

وَلَقَدْ ذَرَأْنَا لِجَهَنَّمَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْجِنِّ وَالإِنسِ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ لَّا يَفْقَهُونَ بِهَا وَلَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ لَّا يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا وَلَهُمْ آذَانٌ لَّا يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا أُولَئِكَ كَالْأَنْعَمِ بَلْ هُمْ أَضَلُّ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْغَافِلُونَ

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- Also have a voice (17:64)

# Various types of Jinn

- In general terms – “Jinni”
- If they live with people – “aamir” (haunter)
- If they attach to children – “arwaah” (souls)
- If evil and tries to cause harm – “shaytaan” (devil)
- If it is worse – “maarid” (demon)
- If it is even worse – “ifreet” (strong)

# Evidence in Quran of existence of Jinn

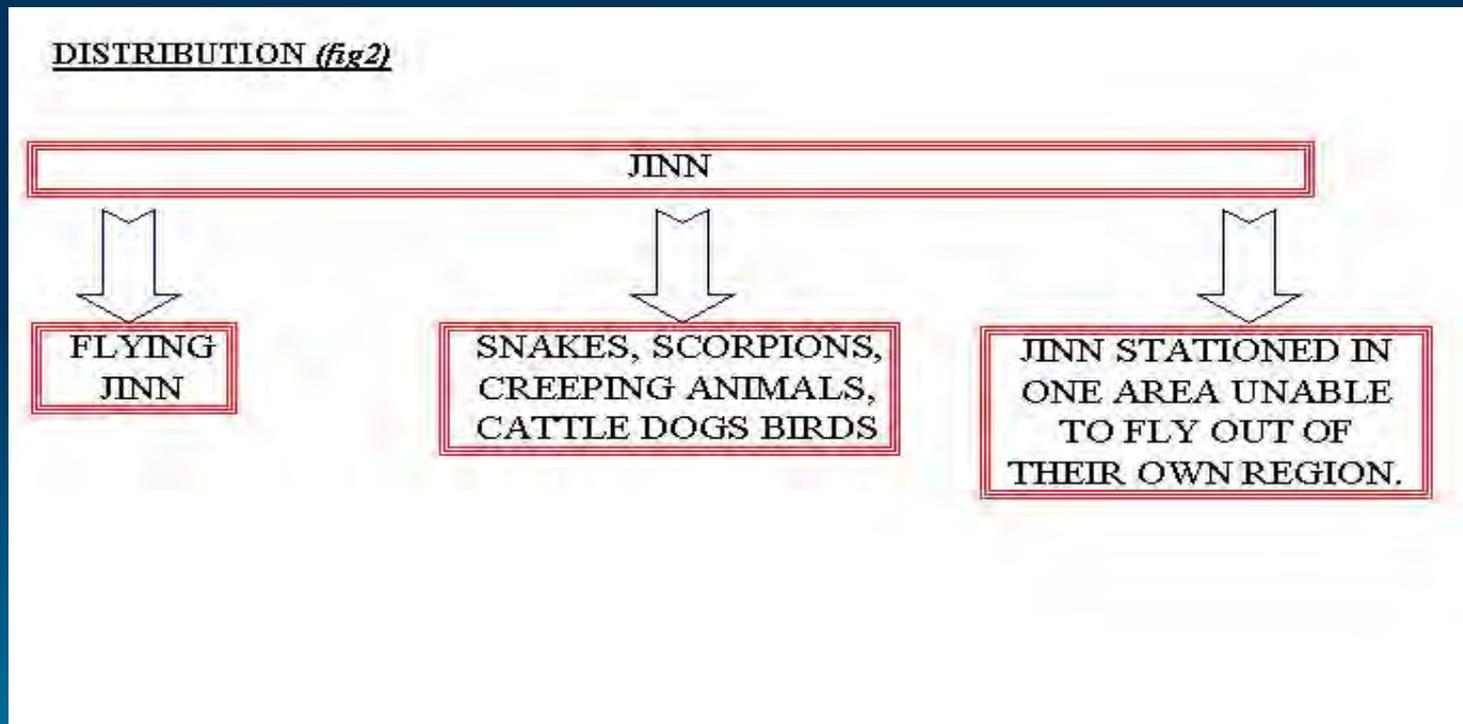
- *Say [O' Muhammad]: It has been revealed to me that a group of jinn listened [to the Quran]. (72:1)*
- *And verily, they were men among mankind who took shelter with the males among jinn, but they [jinn] increased them [mankind] in sin and transgression. (72:6)*

# Mankind, Animals and jinns

- Hadith indicates that
  - The Shaytaan [satan] flows through the children of Adam like blood (Bukhari and Muslim)
- Another Hadith indicates that donkeys and dogs can see jinn



**There are also a number of prophetic teachings telling us about the types of Jinn. He has said, “There are three types of jinn. One type flies through the air. Another type consists of snakes and dogs. A third type is based in one place but travels about”**



# Who is “Shaytaan” – Satan?

- From the realm of the Jinn
- In the beginning he use to worship Allah
- Dwelt in heaven with Angels and entered paradise
- Disobeyed his Lord when commanded to prostrate to Adam, out of arrogance and pride
- **Means - one who is cast out from the mercy of Allah**
- Term in Arabic is applied to every rebellious one

# Physical features

## ➤ Ugly appearance

- Quran mentions the heads of devils - similar to a plant that grows in bottom of hell fire

## ➤ Has two horns

- Sun worshippers used to prostrate to sun rise and sunset and devil positioned himself so that sun sets between his 2 horns so that when they worship they would be worshipping the devil

# Food, drink and marriage

- Eat and drink – bones which have flesh when they reach jinns
- Devil eats and drink with left hand
- Muslims commanded to eat with the right
- Marry and have offspring
  - *Will you then take him and his offspring as protectors and helpers rather than Me while they are enemies to you (18:50)*

# Lifespan and death

- They will die as everything and everyone
- Satan will live until the last hour
- (Satan) said: Allow me respite till the Day they are raised up. (Allah) said: You are of those respited.
- Other Jinns – unknown how long but longer than humans

# Dwelling places

- Inhabit the earth
- Gather in greater numbers in ruins and deserted places, bathrooms, graveyards, valleys, marketplaces, garbage dumps, camel barns



# Abilities and weaknesses

- Ability to move quickly from one place to another – story of Solomon and throne of Queen of Sheba (27:39-40)
- Eavesdrop in the lower heavens
- Knowledge of building and handicrafts
- For Solomon – mined, made high rooms, images, basins, [cooking] cauldrons fixed (34:12-13)
- Ability to change shape to animals or humans – even people you know.

# Believers and nonbelievers

- Both kind exist – chapter in Quran called “The Jinn” explains
  - *There are among us some that are righteous, and some the contrary; we are groups having different ways (72:11)*
  - The devils fear those of mankind strong in faith
- Created for purpose of worshipping Allah
- Held accountable for their actions
- Were sent messengers
  - *O’ you assembly of jinn and mankind! Did not there come to you messengers from amongst you. (6:130)*

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# Can Devils submit to Allah?

- Term used for those who submit is “Muslim”
  - And of us some are Muslims.. (72-14)
- Ability to believe or disbelieve
- The greater Satan, i.e. *“iblees”* – cannot submit to Allah because Allah has said he will remain a “disbeliever”

# Aim of the devil

- Allah warns against the devils
- Surely, sataan is an enemy to you, so take him as an enemy
- Striving to lead mankind to hell
- Long term goals
  - *He only invites his followers that they may become the dwellers of the blazing fire (35:6)*
- Short term goals
  - Causing people to commit “shirk”, sins, acts of disobedience, innovation of new matters in religion,

# Other activities of satan

- Disturbs people at point of death and newborns
- Prophetic teachings
  - He prayed “*..I seek refuge with You from being disturbed by shaytaan at the point of death..*”
  - “*Every baby is touched by the Shaytaan on the day when his mother gives birth to him, except for Mary and her son*”
- Has the ability to make a person have a bad dreams, i.e frightening dreams – we are to seek refuge with Allah from satan and not to mention to anyone

# Demonic possession

- Can cause a fit and person speaks in another language
- Exorcism done by Quran (Ayatul Kursi -2:255) and “ruqyah” – seeking refuge with Allah
- Every person has a “qareen”
  - “There is no one among you but there has been appointed for a him a qareen (companion) from among the jinn and qareen from among the angels”
  - Make falsehood appear attractive and calling forbidden things by attractive names
    - *Then satan whispered to him, saying: O’ Adam! Shall I lead you to the tree of eternity and to a kingdom that will never waste away? (20:120)*

Tarot reading, sorcery, witchcraft,  
psychics, astrology, soothsayers

- Handiwork of satan
- Muslims are warned to stay away!
- Can't even observe