

## First Kutba

Allah mentioned in the holy Quran what the devil said when he disobeyed Allah's order to prostrate for Adam, as he said

Verse AlA3raf: 14-18

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14. He said: "Give me respite till the Day They are raised up."

15. ((Allah)) said: "you are of those who have respite."

16. He said: "Because you have sent me astray I will set in wait against them on your straight way:

17. "Then will I assault them from before them and behind them, from their right and their left: and you will not find most of them as thankful as ones."

18. ((Allah)) said: "Get out from this, disgraced and expelled. if any of them follow you,- Hell will I fill with you all."

As we can see B&S, the devil pledged and even swore by Allah to do his best to move us from the righteous way that Allah wanted us to follow, and verily if he succeeds, the only losers will be us, and he will deny all the promises he made us before, and eventually let us down.

Verse Ibrahim: 22

يَعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يَحْكُمِ اللَّهُ بِهِمْ فَهُوَ لِذَلِكُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۚ  
فَقَالَ اللَّهُ لِمَ يُعَذِّبُهُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ إِذْ جَاءُواكَ بِالْبَغْيِ أَتَقْتُلُونَ ۚ أَمْ لَهُمْ حَقُّ ۖ ۞ أَمْ لَكُمْ حَقُّ ۖ ۞ أَمْ لَكُمْ حَقُّ ۖ ۞  
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22. and the satan will say when the matter has been decided " Verily Allah promised you a promise of truth. And I too promised you, but I betrayed you. I had no authority over you except that I called you, and you responded to me. So blame me not, but blame yourselves. I cannot help you, nor you can help me. I deny your former act in associating me (Satan) as a a partner with Allah (by obeying me in the life of the world). Verily, there is a painful torment for the polytheists and the wrong-doers"

Allahu also said

Verse Fater: 6

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَآئِمٌ ﴿٦﴾ وَسُوِّدَ لَكُمْ فِي عُرْوَةٍ مُّذْ بَدَأَ الصُّفُوفَ ﴿٧﴾ إِنَّهُ يَدْعُكَ إِلَى الْعُرْوَةِ الْمَعْنُوقَةِ ﴿٨﴾ لِيَاخُذَكَ فِيهَا ﴿٩﴾ وَلَوْ لَمْ يَأْمُرْكَ اللَّهُ فَعَلْتَهُ ۚ إِنَّكَ كَافٍ بِنُذْرِهِ ﴿١٠﴾﴾

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَآئِمٌ ﴿٦﴾﴾

6. Verily Satan is an enemy to you: so treat Him As an enemy. He only invites His adherents, that They may become companions of the Blazing Fire.

Accordingly B&S, the devil is our main enemy in this life, and in order to defeat our enemy, we should learn his tricks because he has nothing but to try to deceive us with his misleading words, and by no means, he does not have the power to enforce you to behave falsely and disobey Allah, except if you accept it yourself. As Allah says:

Verse Al-7ejr: 42

﴿لَا أُقْبِلُ مِنْكُمْ شَيْئًا ۚ لَوْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾﴾

42. "For over My servants no authority shall you have, except those who put themselves In the wrong and follow you."

Ibnul Kaiim “Ra7emahu Allahu”, one of the greatest Islamic Scholars, mentioned in his magnificent book titled “مدارج السالكين” “roads for the seekers” 7 obstacles or doors the devil tries to break through so as to deviate us from the way of Allah. For those 7 obstacles, the devil starts with the highest priority obstacle and does not move to the next except if he fails in the current one. We will try to have some insights on these doors ISA.

**1-Disbelieve in Allah “الكفر بالله”**

This is the ultimate goal for the devil, whether starting by it or by lower priority goals, he seeks to eventually make you renounce Allah or his true religion or any thing that gets you out of Islam, just to stay immortal with him in the hellfire, as Allah said about those unbelievers:

Verse Ala7zab: 63,64

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَلِكٌ مُّتَعَبَّدٌ لِلنَّاسِ ۚ إِنَّهُ خَلَقَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا ﴿٦٣﴾﴾

64. Verily Allah has cursed the unbelievers and prepared for them a Blazing Fire,-

So, if the devil could initially achieve this goal, this will be the best for him. Otherwise if you kept yourself firm on Islam, he will move to the next obstacle and will try to eventually get you up to the top level of the stack and then out of it.

So B&S, we should all know that the devil will not give up until he achieves this goal, to make you disbelieve Allah or his religion even if he started from the very low level he will try and try to pass form one barrier to the next to reach this final point.

**2-Innovation in Islam “البدعة”**

Albed3a means “as said by Ibnul Kaiim” to believe in things different from the truth that was sent by Allah AWG through his Messenger (PBUH) or revealed in his Holy

Quran (بدعة قولية أو إعتقادية), or to worship Allah in a way that has no origin in Islam and Allah did not permit us to worship him with such deeds (بدعة فعلية). Prophet Mohammad PBUH warned us from this kind of changes as he said:

حديث "من أحدث في أمرنا هذا ما ليس فيه فهو رد"

“Whoever adds to our religion things that have not been initially or originally existed in it, his added deed will not be accepted from him”

تزوجت بدعة الأقوال ببدعة الأعمال فاشتغل الزوجان بالعرس فلم يفجأهم إلا وأولاد الزنا يعيئون في بلاد الإسلام تضح منهم العباد والبلاد إلى الله تعالى. وقال شيخنا تزوجت الحقيقة الكافرة بالبدعة الفاجرة فتولد بينهما خسران الدنيا والآخرة.

So B&S the way to survive this obstacle is to seize on the Sunna and try sincerely to reach the truth by asking trusted scholars whenever we get confused about something asking Allah always to lead us to the truth.

Allah’s messenger PBUH said:

حديث "تركت فيكم ما إن اعتصمتم به فنن تزلوا أبدا كتاب الله وسنة نبيه"

“I left you what if you seized and kept following you will never get astray, it is the Quran and my Sunna”

### 3-Big Sins “الكبائر”

The third obstacle is the Big sins “Al-Kaba2er”, in which the devil embellish those big sins for you such that you think it is nothing as long as you are Muslim, and as long as you intend “hopefully” not to do it again.

He may say to you “you need some refreshment, why don’t you go have some drink, it is just for the moment and certainly you will not do it again, OR why don’t you spend some nice time with a girlfriend just for fun she is just a friend, you did not compel her to do it, you may do it and then repent”, And of course he is a liar. This is only the beginning and he won’t let you go till he rides you to a bad end “و نعوذ بالله من الخذلان” unless you remember and resist his seduction.

Verse Ala3raf : 201,202.

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201. Those who fear Allah, when a thought of evil from Satan assaults them, they bring Allah to remembrance, and indeed they see the right way.

202. But their brother (the evil ones) plunge them deeper into error, and never relax (Their efforts).

Here B&S you may notice an important thing. IbnulKaiim mentioned Albed3a just after Disbelieve in Allah and before committing big sins, meaning that for the devil, pushing you to initiate a Bed3a or follow a bed3a has more priority for him than pushing you to commit a big sin like Zena (committing adultery) or abusing your parents etc..

So, why do you think the reason for that?

This is due to it great danger of a Bed3a on the Ummah if it is spread out between Muslims, because such small changes or drifts in the pure Shriaa sent to us may extend generation after the other (like a rumor) till we find our selves in a complete different religion other than the original one. In addition, this may also lead the Ummah to division

into small groups each of which with different set of thoughts instead of being together as a whole building stand and still as we really need nowadays.

So, leading the whole Ummah astray is of course more valuable for the devil than misleading one person.

Now B&S, if the devil could get you from any of the above doors, he will go to the next one, and you will notice that the more we go deeper into the stack the more his ways become trickier and you may find this intuitive.

#### 4-Small sins “الصغائر”

The forth obstacle B&S is much like the third one, yet it is more tricky. Here, the devil will use another reference to release you from feeling guilty upon doing such small deeds. He may say “as long as you avoid doing big sins and always ask for forgiveness for those small things, you are safe, and he may use evidences from Quran and Sunna for that, for example: Allah says describing ALmotakeen

Verse Alnajm :32

مَن ذَا الَّذِي يَدْعُنَا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَن نَّهْمِيهِمْ أَجْرًا وَإِذْ يَدْعُونَ إِلَىٰ تَوَكُّفٍ عَلَىٰ الْآرَائِكِ وَيُنَادُونَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَتَدْرُكُونَ

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﴿الأنجم﴾

32. Those who avoid great sins and shameful deeds, only (falling into) small faults,- Verily Allah is ample In Forgiveness. He knows you well when He brings you out of the earth, and when you are hidden In your mothers' wombs. Therefore justify not yourselves: He knows best who it is that guards against evil.

And the authentic hadeeth

الصلوات الخمس ، و الجمعة إلى الجمعة و رمضان إلى رمضان ، مكفرات لما بينهن إذا اجتنبت الكبائر  
“the five prayers and the Gom3a to the next Gom3a, and Ramadan to the next Ramadan, give forgiveness for all sins between each of them except for big sins”

So he try to push you to do small sins like “looking freely at women in the street, using bad words in your speech, etc..” and he will keep making it easy for you to do such small thing until it becomes a habit for you and you can’t escape it.

You may also find yourself asking forgiveness for such small deed with only you tongue not with your heart, missing sincerity, and eventually you will stop asking for forgiveness and find difficulties to stop such small bad things.

Actually B&S the aforementioned evidences are true, but it a truthful word wanted to be incorrectly applied “كلمة حق يراد بها باطل”. So, what do you think he is missing or actually trying to let you miss? Listen carefully to this vers:

Verse Allmran: 135

فَأَعْوِزْهُمْ بِالْحَطَبِ فَجَعَلَ هَذَا يَجِيءُ

عَلَى الْعَبْدِ وَهُوَ يَسْتَهِينُ بِشَأْنِهَا حَتَّى تَهْلِكَ

135. And those who, having done something to be ashamed of, or wronged their own souls, earnestly bring Allah to mind, and ask for forgiveness for their sins,- and who can forgive sins except Allah.- **and are never obstinate In persisting knowingly In (the wrong) They have done.**

And the 7adeeth

إياكم ومحقرات الذنوب ثم ضرب لذلك مثلا بقوم نزلوا بفلاة من الأرض فأعوزهم الحطب فجعل هذا يجيء بعود وهذا بعود حتى جمعوا حطبا كثيرا فأوقدوا نارا وأنضجوا خبزتهم فكذلك فإن محقرات الذنوب تجتمع على العبد وهو يستهين بشأنها حتى تهلكه

“I warn you from disregarding sins, then he (prophet Mohammad PBUH) gave an analogy for a people who were in a desert and they needed to get some firewood, so every one went and came back with a small rod till they got a lot of firewood, and they cooked their food. Such alike, those excuses that disregard sins, they gather together on one of you and he does not care about them till eventually they ruin him”

So B&S, insisting on doing small things is considered a big sin, and even worse than the sin itself. And eventually a man who does a big sin with fear and regret after it is even better that who does the smalls and does not care about them.

So B&S, pay extreme attention to this barrier the devil tries to penetrate, because it may lead to destruction, just remember the possible bad consequences and ask Allah refuge from the devil.

## Second Kutba

### 5-The free deeds “المباحات”

So B&S, if you survived obstacle of small sins, you may find another tricky one, which is the free deeds. We mean by Free deeds are those deeds which if you did you will get more rewarded but if you left, you will not be guilty.

So, now the devil has become desperate of pushing you to commit sins. So he will now try to deduct your good points instead of increasing your bas points, and this is also beneficial for him. So, for example, he may urge you to leave the Sunnas after the prayers (the optional prayers) or Sadaka (giving charity), etc..

Once you left those deeds that gives you more additional rewards, you became much vulnerable to leave to obligatory deeds like the prayer itself or the zakat, etc.. and even if you kept your obligatory deeds, the least he will let you miss the additional rewards.

So please be careful from that door B&S, and always keep some sort of guard area for your self.

Allah AWG says

Verse Allsraa: 53

عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْأَقْسَرِ وَأَجْزَلِ أَلَا تَرَوْنَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْضَلُ مَا يَشَاءُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

﴿الأنفال﴾

53. Say to My servants that They should (only) say those things that are best: for Satan does sow dissensions among them: for Satan is to man an avowed enemy.

### 6-Preferring the less preferred deeds for the most preferred deeds “ الانشغال بالمفضول عن الفضل ”

B&S, if you survived this obstacles, you are now facing a more trickier one, you may notice that the deeper we go inside the stack the more trickier obstacles we face, and of course this is natural, because even in human perception when you get defeated in a battle you will prepare better and more effective weapons to defeat your enemy in the next battle.

Now, what is meant by preferring the less preferred deeds for the most preferred deeds? As we have just seen the devil now is trying to lessen your reward, so for example if you are gonna now choose between two alternatives both are good, but there is one of them is better than the other (meaning will give you more reward form Allah AWG), he will try to let you do the less rewarding one.

For instance, one may prefer to continue doing his work (Note: perfecting your working is a kind of worshipping Allah) to attend the payer with the group (if he can) (assuming that you will pray in time but lately).

Another example, you may prefer to recite a soura of Quran in your home than to attend the prayer early in masjid and catch a place in the first row or catch the first Takbeera (which both have a high reward from Allah).

So B&S, the more level of faith you reach the more the obstacles become trickier. And for this particular obstacle, Feqh is very important to choose the best choice. If you want to survive this obstacle you should learn your religion carefully.

Verse Fater:28

ٱللَّهُمَّ اِنِّى اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْغَمِّ وَالْحَزَنِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْكِبَرِ وَالْعَجْزِ وَالْجَبْنِ وَالْجَبْنِ وَالْجَبْنِ

**Allah, among His servants, who have knowledge: for Allah is Exalted In Might, Oft-Forgiving.**

**7-The seventh and last obstacle B&S**, The devil tries break though is an obstacle that no messenger or prophet could escape it, but they were patients and firm in front of it.

Here, the devil lost all his ways, and has no means but to push others to push you away from the right way, and of course we mean humans. He will delegate his soldiers to harm you in many ways; by tongue, by hands, or even by their hurts.

So, whenever you do more good deeds and practice Dawaa correctly, the more difficulties and problems you may find in your way such like people who try to undermine your efforts and urge others not to listen to you and even attack your efforts.

So my dear B&S, if you reached this level of work and you are certain of what you are doing, just remember what happened with your prophet PBUH in his way to deliver to us this crystal pure Shriaa that will ISA lead us to Allah's satisfaction and to the Janna. And remember what Allah said to his prophet PBUH in the holy Quran:

Verse Al-An3am : 10

كَمْ نَبِيٍّ مِّمَّنْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ

10. Mocked were (many) prophets before you; but their scoffers were hemmed in by the thing that They mocked.

So, if you would like to take his way, you will have to bear it and just be sure that Allah will NEVER leave you alone, and that it is just a small life we live in this world and then we go to our God Allah AWG and get his eternal rewards ISA.

B&S, always remember that you are stronger than the devil, and that he is very weak as Allah says

Verse Al-Nesaa 76

سَيُفِيءُ ٱللَّهُ سَآءِلَ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ وَٱللَّهُ سَآءِلُ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟  
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﴿ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ وَٱللَّهُ سَآءِلُ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟﴾

76. Those who believe Fight In the cause of Allah, and those who reject Faith Fight In the cause of Evil: so Fight against the friends of Satan: feeble indeed is the cunning of Satan.

And that if you struggled for the cause of Allah, Allah will certainly provide you help and support.

Verse Alankabout 69

﴿وَٱلَّذِينَ سَارُوا۟ فِى سَبِيلِنَا ۖ لَنُهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا ۚ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ مَعَ ٱلصَّٰدِقِينَ﴾

69. And those who strive In Our (cause),- we will certainly guide them to Our paths: for Verily Allah is with those who do right.

Do3aa

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