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Q: From what is known is that the jinn and mankind are from the creations of Allah (God), The Most High. And He ordered them to worship Him in His, The Most High's, saying:
'And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me (only)' (51:56)

My question is: do the jinn harm mankind? And how, or in what way? And what exposes a person to harm? And what is the cure for that when it happens?

A: The jinn are a tremendous creation. Allah (God, The Creator) created them to worship Him (alone, without partners). “And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me (only).” (51:56). And it is correct that they are the children of Iblees (Satan). They are called 'jinn' and he (Iblees) is their father just like Adam is the father of mankind. And among them are disbelievers and Muslims¹ and among them are the disobedient ones, just like in the children of Adam. Among them are the good and the bad and Allah has commanded them to worship only Him and to obey Him (above all others). Allah has made obligatory upon them the obligatory matters. So it is upon them to hear and obey and to submit to (and obey) the command of Allah and to honor His sanctities.

They are of different types and forms, they eat and drink, get married and have children, they are of different types and forms. They may harm the children of Adam just like the children of Adam harm each other. The jinn may harm humans sometimes with rocks, by starting fire in some of their possessions, by annoying speech, or other than that. They may also harm them by possessing them. Most of the time, this is for some reason caused by humans. Either because he threw something heavy without saying Bismillah², or he poured some hot water and didn't say Bismillah, or what is similar to that from things that can harm the jinn.

So they seek to harm because of the harm they received from a person, so the jinn possesses him. However, when the noble verses of Allah – Lofty and High is He – are recited, seeking to expel it and fearing Allah, The Most High, The One Free from all deficiencies and defects, and the one reciting upon him possesses strength in the religion of Allah and strong faith, then indeed he will come out if he has some religion and good. He will come out, remember, and be admonished.

But he may not come out (right away) if he is sinful or a disbeliever, just like the sinful ones of mankind. They may oppress and transgress and they may not pay any heed to the advice (given to them) about their disbelief or sinning. So they (the jinn) are like mankind, among them are the sinful one, the thief, and the oppressor and among them are the good and the bad.

Allah has legislated for us that we protect ourselves from their evil with the ta'awudhaat (various ways of seeking refuge with Allah in the Quran and authentic hadeeth). So its legislated for man that he says

1 Muslims : those who worship God only and no one else and follow the final Messenger to mankind – Muhammad son of Abdullah son of Abdul Muttalib – Allah praise him and raise his rank

2 Bismillah : With the Name of God (I seek help)

in the mornings and evenings 3 times:

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ

“I seek refuge with the Perfect Words of Allah from the evil of what He has created”³

(and also) 3 times :

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَضُرُّ مَعَ اسْمِهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

3 Some ahadeeth regarding saying this expression:

A. Khawla bint Hakeem narrated from the Prophet (sallallahu alayhe wa sallam) that he said :
لو أن أحدكم إذا نزل منزلاً قال : أعوذ بكلمات الله التامة من شر ما خلق ، لم يضره في ذلك
المنزل شيء حتى يرتحل منه

“If one of you stops at a place (on a journey) and says: 'I seek refuge with the Perfect Words of Allah from the evil of what He has created', nothing will harm him in that place until he leaves it.”

Shaikh Albaanee declared it saheeh in Saheeh al Jaamee

B. Abu Hurairah narrated from the Prophet (sallallahu alayhe wa sallam) that he said:
من قال حين يمسي ثلاث أعوذ بكلمات الله التامات من شر ما خلق لم يضره حمة تلك
الليلة

“Whoever says 3 times when it becomes evening: 'I seek refuge with the Perfect Words of Allah from the evil of what He has created', no poisonous creature will harm him that night.”

Shaikh Albaanee declared it saheeh in Saheeh at-Tirmidhee

(حمة was defined as a poisonous creature like a snake or scorpion on www.alifta.com -

(.والحمة: سم ذوات السموم كالعقرب والحية ونحوهما)

C. Ibn Hajar al Asqalaanee collected a hadeeth, narrated from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet (sallallahu alayhe wa sallam) said:

من قال حين يصبح أعوذ بكلمات الله التامات من شر ما خلق ثلاث مرات لم تضره عقرب حتى
يمسي ، ومن قالها حين يمسي لم تضره حتى يصبح

“Whoever says when it becomes morning: 'I seek refuge with the Perfect Words of Allah from the evil of what He has created' three times, no scorpion will harm him until the evening. And whoever says it (3 times) when it becomes evening, it (scorpion) won't hurt him until it becomes morning.”

Ibn Hajr said this hadeeth had an origin (له أصل) – as opposed to a hadeeth which has no origin
(لا أصل له) – as for a more specific grading – Allah knows best)

Find a hadeeth and its grading: <http://www.dorar.net/enc/hadith>

“With the Name of Allah, with Whose Name nothing in the earth or the samaa (sky, space) can harm (or in Whose Name nothing is harmed), and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing”⁴

All of this is from the causes of being safe from (the harms of) jinn and men. Likewise, reciting Ayatul Kursi after every salaah and when going to sleep – this is from the causes of Allah preserving one from the devils (from jinn and men). Likewise, reciting the last 3 surahs of the Quran (Ikhlas, Falaq, and Naas) after every salaah and reciting them three times after maghrib and fajr – all of these are causes for safety from the devils from mankind and jinn. And it is appropriate for the believer that he is far from the causes of harm to men and jinn together. And whoever holds onto⁵ (the rope of) Allah has taken the legislated causes for Allah to protect him from the evil of men and jinn together. And whoever is slack (in holding onto the rope of Allah – The Quran and Sunnah the way the Companions understood and implemented them), then it is possible for men and jinn to have power over him because of his slackness, his transgression, or his oppression. We ask Allah for safety (from that).

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4 From the hadeeth in which Uthman ibn 'Affaan narrated that the Prophet – sallallahu alayhe wa sallam – said:
من قال صباح كل يوم و مساء كل ليلة ثلاثا ثلاثا : بسم الله الذي لا يضر مع اسمه شيء في الأرض و لا في السماء و هو السميع العليم ؛ لم يضره شيء

“Whoever says every morning three times and every evening three times: 'With the Name of Allah, with Whose Name nothing in the earth or the samaa (sky, space) can harm (or in Whose Name nothing is harmed),

and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing', nothing will harm him.”

Shaikh Albaanee declared it 'Hasan Saheeh' and collected it in Saheeh al Adab al Mufrad

5 The verb that comes from the root of معتمص is used in this verse: “And whoever holds firmly to Allâh, (i.e. The Quran and Sunnah the way the Companions understood and implemented them), then he is indeed guided to a Right Path.” (Aali Imran 3:101). Also see 3:103