

Email Last Day 4 – the Dajjaal

QUESTION: Who or what is the Dajjaal (the Anti Christ)?

ANSWER: The Anti Christ, as most people will know, is mentioned in religions other than Islam – for example in Christianity. Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) spoke about him in some detail, so that the Muslims might beware of this great trial and tribulation that would occur towards the end of time.

Dajjaal in Arabic means 'trickster' or 'liar' and this is an appropriate name for someone who will spread lies and corruption throughout the Earth. He will emerge from Khurasan in north east Iran during the time of the Mehdi – who was discussed in the last email.

Muslims know other facts about this man from authentic hadeeths as well. ¹

He will be followed by ignorant people.

Many people will follow him and will be tempted and misled by him.

He will be one eyed, meaning his right eye will be deformed.

He will prevail over all countries and towns with his armies except for two cities: Mecca and Medinah, in modern day Saudi Arabia.

He will stay for forty days on the earth, one of these days being like a whole year, another being the like of a month, a third being as long as a week and the rest of the days being like our normal days.

Allah will give him the ability to carry out seemingly miraculous acts as a test for the people.

He will seem to cause the sky to rain and the crops to grow for those misguided people who think that he is really Allah.

He will seem to cause famine and drought for those who oppose him.

The people who are firm upon Islam and Tawheed will see him for what he really is – a liar and a oppressor.

He will be killed by Jesus, may peace be upon him, who will strike him with a spear in Jerusalem.

The difficulties associated with the Dajjaal will be very severe for all humans.

The seriousness of this issue can be seen in the statement of Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him):

'Indeed there was no prophet after Noah who did not warn his nation about the Dajjaal, and I am warning you against him.'

So Islam teaches that this man will come, and that he will be a man – and not a computer, or the internet, or the Brotherhood of Freemasons, or the World Bank, or other such twisted interpretations which people, both Muslims and non Muslims, give to him. Muslims know that he will be a human being, and they know about his appearance and his actions – and they know that they must remain firm upon Islam in order to be spared from the devastation which he will wreak across the globe.

Indeed Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) told Muslims to seek refuge with Allah from four terrible afflictions at the end of each prayer they offer:

The punishment of the Fire, and from the punishment of the Grave, and from the trials of life and death, and from the trial of the Anti Christ.

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NEXT TIME: Does Islam teach that Jesus will return before the Last Hour?

¹ Refer to *al irshaad ilaa saheeh il i'tiqaad* of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan p228 - 231 for more information