

MSA Meeting #5: Jinns  
November 9th, 2011

3:45 - 3:55 : MSA gathers in room 214

3:55 - 4:00 : Announcements

- Date on Islamic calendar (13th of Dhul Hijjah)
- Club dues
- 3-on-3 bball game (Nasha & MSA only. Mid-December at Queens HS of teaching)
- Hoodies? Eid party?
- Potential chill day for sisters
- Chill day event next Fri at St. Johns (Repentance: A beacon of hope)
- MIST sign up sheet

4:00 - 4:05 : Qur'an recitation [Surah Al-Jinn]

4:05 - 4:10 : Fear activity

- Everybody writes down their fear as a Muslim. These are collected and shared.

4:10 - 4:15 : What are jinn? Existence of jinn proved in the Qur'an (Alvi)

- Etymology of "jinn:" to hide, conceal
- Some righteous and some are not

### **Proof of Existence**

- "And I (Allaah) created not the jinns and humans, except they should worship Me (Alone)." [al-Dhaariyaat 51:56]
- "And the jinn We created before from scorching fire." [al-Hijr 15:27] (as opposed to the angels having been created from light)
- "Indeed, We have made the devils [jinns] allies to those who do not believe." [al-Araf 7:27]
- Most are non-Muslim, some are Muslim

4:15 - 4:25 : Abilities and habits of jinns (Tania and Shahara)

- Able to take on any physical form & move/travel quickly
  - ifreet (strong jinn) could bring throne of Queen of Yemen to Jerusalem before a person could finish standing up from sitting.
- Jinns eat and drink, like humans
- They eat bones: Abu Huraira (Allah be pleased with him) related, that the Prophet (Allah bless him and give him peace) said to him: "Seek me out some rocks so I may clean myself (make istinja) with them, and do not come to me with a bone or animal stool." So I came to him with some rocks I was holding in the side of my garment, until I placed them next to him (Allah bless him and give him peace) and left. When he had finished, I walked over to him and said, "What is the matter with bone and animal stool?" He said, "They are the food of the jinn." [Sahih al-Bukhari]
- the good jinn can eat any bone in which the name of allah has been mentioned bc Messenger did not permit them to do otherwise.
- Possession

- Usually done by evil jinn. For the purpose of keeping someone from the path of Allah, to worship others

- They aid in fortune-telling, witchcraft, magic, ouija boards

- The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "That is a word from the jinn that the jinni snatches, and he cackles it into the ear of his familiar as a hen cackles, but they mix more than a hundred lies with it." [Bukhari]

- They can whisper/deceive -- "He will gather them together [and say], 'O company of jinn, you have [mised] many of mankind!'" [al-'An'am 6:128]

4:25 - 4:40 : Stories of jinns (Muaz)

4:40 - 4:45 : Protection from jinns (Samad)

- "There is none amongst you with whom is not an attached from amongst the jinn (devil). They (the Companions) said: Allah's Apostle ﷺ with you too? Thereupon he said: Yes, but Allah helps me against him and so I am safe from his hand and he does not command me but for good." [Sahih Muslim]

- "And if an evil whisper from Shaytaan (Satan) tries to turn you away (O Muhammad) (from doing good), then seek refuge in Allaah. Verily, He is the All Hearer, the All Knower." [Fussilat 41:36]

- Examples of verses from Qur'an for protection include...

- Surah al-Fatiha, Ayat al-kursi, last three surahs of Qur'an (al-Ikhlās, al-Falaq, an-Nas)

- Because they are found in unclean places (bathrooms, garbage dumps, graveyards), the Prophet SAW taught us to take precautions by reciting a du'a: "O Allah, I seek refuge with You from the evil ones, male and female."

4:35 - 4:45 : Stories of jinns from MSA members