

Ḥadīth Ten

Every person has a jinn commanding them to do wrong

His [devil] companion will say: Our Lord, I did not make him transgress, but he [himself] was in extreme error (50:27).

قَالَ قَرِينُهُ رَبَّنَا مَا أَطَعَيْتُهُ وَلَكِنْ كَانَ فِي ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿٢٧﴾

There is a jinn (qarīn) assigned to every one of you. They (the Companions) said: Allāh's Messenger, with you too? He said: Yes, but Allāh helped me against him and so I am safe from him, and he does not command me but for good.

مَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ إِلَّا وَقَدْ وَكَّلَ بِهِ قَرِينُهُ مِنَ الْجِنِّ قَالُوا وَإِيَّاكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ وَإِيَّايَ إِلَّا أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَعَانَنِي عَلَيْهِ فَأَسْلَمَ فَلَا يَأْمُرُنِي إِلَّا بِالْخَيْرِ

Recorded in Muslim.

Points of benefit:

1. This jinn (qarīn) knows your expressed and enacted defects and sins, and it encourages you to repeatedly commit them.
2. The pure souls, noble men and women, have this jinn with them. However, everyone has the strength through ēmān, tawḥīd, 'ibādah and tawakkul to either neutralise it or make it so weak that it does not command evil.
3. It is reported that magicians worship devils and jinn to enquire from this qarīn information about a person. That is how they know about his past, and that is why the magicians ask for a person's and his mother's names; firstly to identify him and then to enquire about his personal information from the qarīn. This is near enough agreed upon by the expert Rāqīs (exorcists or ruqyah practitioners). And Allāh knows best.
4. Every person has an angel encouraging, inspiring and commanding them to preform accordingly to their positive character and strengthened deeds.