



Minor Signs Before The Day Of Judgement

No one can know when the Day of Judgment will occur. However, Allah has mercifully taught His messengers some of the signs that alert one to the fact that the Hour is approaching. These signs play a very important role, especially as we live at a time distant from the Prophet (peace be upon him) and have not experienced his teaching and example first-hand. These signs reinforce one's belief in the Prophet. More importantly, these signs, if one takes the time to reflect upon them, are a reminder of the Day of Judgment. They should revive the heart of the person and make him recall what he is doing on this earth and to where all this is heading.

The signs of the Hour can be divided into two types. First are those that occur as part of the changes in everyday life. These are known as the "minor signs." The second are the extraordinary or supernatural events that will occur just before the actual Hour. These are known as the "major signs." It is worthwhile to make a few points concerning the minor signs.

I would like to include a few points about the "minor signs," since they are often neglected as people concentrate on the more "sensational" major signs. Minor signs are those signs that may occur long before the actual Last Day and, in general, they are related to day-to-day changes that occur in worldly events. The number of minor signs is numerous. Many have already occurred and many others continue to occur. Thus, minor signs can occur repeatedly around an individual yet many remain oblivious to them and to their importance. In fact, in the famous hadeeth of the Angel Gabriel, when the Prophet (peace be upon him) offered to tell Gabriel - in front of his Companions - some of the signs of the Hour (after the Prophet was informed about them previously), he mentioned only some "minor signs." Perhaps, God

knows best, this is because these are the signs that have much more of an effect on one's everyday life and worship, although the recognition of these signs are sometimes more difficult or subtle.

When one witnesses these signs around him, they should be clear reminders of God and one's future meeting with God. They should also fortify one's belief in God and, in particular, in the truthfulness of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). These signs that the Prophet spoke about years - even centuries - before they ever occurred should, in addition to all of the facts concerning the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), work to strengthen an individual's belief about the truth of Islam.

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Thus, they have a great role to play if the individual makes himself alert and awake to what is going on around him.

In addition, these signs should be a reminder that God has foreknowledge of everything that is occurring in this world - this is how He could convey those signs to His messenger. Therefore, God also has knowledge of everything the person is doing. God is watching and aware of every act of His creatures. At the very least, this consciousness, which comes about through witnessing the Signs of the Hour, should make the person worship and fear God knowing full well that He is seeing him. This is the superior level of faith known as *ihsaan*.

Only a couple of minor signs will be mentioned here, while the reader is greatly encouraged to research this topic further.

The Prophet stated: "*From among the signs of the Hour is the common appearance of lewd acts, working to bring about lewd acts, the cutting off of the ties of relationship and the trusting of deceivers.*" (At-Tabarani)

The manifestation of this hadeeth can be seen daily in a person's life, especially the first two or three aspects mentioned. One needs only leave one's house, turn on a television or surf the Internet to see how prominent lewd acts - those acts which are considered lewd by Islamic Law - are today. Indeed, great effort and expense is exhausted in producing and presenting them to as many people as possible.

The Prophet also said: "*From among the signs of the Hour is the abundance of wealth, increasing of ignorance, numerous tribulations and widespread trading and business.*" (Al-Hakim)

Capitalist economists boast about the amount of wealth there is in the world today.

Indeed, it seems as if business and trade are the most important agendas in the world today, outstripping any moral values or even the sanctity of human lives. When this is accompanied by ignorance - especially ignorance of the religion of God - and an increase in trials, tribulations, fighting and wars, the result for humankind is nothing short of disastrous. Yet this is what can be seen throughout the world today.



Strangeness - A prophecy for the future.

Abu Hurayrah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "**Islam began as something strange and will revert to being strange as it began, so give glad tidings to the strangers.**" [Muslim]

When the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) called people to Islam, very few responded and accepted the truth. At that time it was something strange because its people were like strangers amongst others and they were few in number and weak, in contrast to the great numbers and strength of their enemies who persecuted the Muslims. Then some of them migrated to Abyssinia, fleeing for the sake of their religion from tribulation and to save themselves from persecution and oppression, and

the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) migrated at Allah's command to Madeenah, after suffering intense persecution and in the hope that Allah would give him people to support him in his call and support Islam. Allah fulfilled his hopes, granted victory to his troops and supported His slave. The Islamic state was established and Islam spread, with the help of Allah, throughout the land; Allah made the word of *kufr* lowest and the word of Allah is (always) uppermost, for Allah is Almighty, All-Wise, and honour, power and glory belongs to Allah, His Messenger, and to the believers' [63:8]. This continued for a long time, then division and dissent spread among the Muslims and weakness and failure increased gradually, until Islam once again became something strange as it was

in the beginning. This strangeness was not due to small numbers however, rather it is because they do not adhere to their religion or cling to the Book of their Lord and the teachings of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), apart from those whom Allah wills.

So who are the strangers?

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said "**so Tooba (a tree in paradise) for the strangers.**" It was asked, "Who are those strangers, O Messenger of Allah?" He (peace be upon him) replied, "**Those that correct my Sunnah which has been corrupted by the people after me.**"

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EDITORS NOTE

Asalaamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatu! The 4th issue of the IslamNewcastle Newsletter looks at the theme of The Signs of Day of Judgement.

In an age where we get bombarded with so many different issues and situations, we tend to lose sight on many of the important things in this life and the things that will lead us to success in the next life. In essence, with so many distractions, we lose sight of the realities of The Day of Judgement.

So we've chosen the topic of The Signs that lead to the Day of Judgment as a means of reminding us of what is to come. This was the same during the time of the Companions of the Prophet (Peace be upon him and May Allah be pleased with them)

As narrated by Hudhayfah (may Allah be pleased with him) 'One day the Holy Prophet stood before us (Sahaba) and told us about every single event that was going to occur until the day of judgment. He who remembered these facts remembered them and he who forgot them forgot them. These friends of mine (Sahaba) know this. Whenever any of these events occur (about which the Holy Prophet had informed us) which I had forgotten, then on seeing it taking place, I immediately remember it in the same way as a person recognizes someone immediately, whom he has not seen for a long time, upon seeing him again.' [Bukhari and Muslim]

I also want to introduce our beloved brother Abu Imraan as a regular contributor to the articles on the newsletter. Look out for his articles and I hope you benefit inshaAllah!

We pray that Allah makes this issue a means of raising awareness of these signs, in order for us to be more conscious towards the Day of Judgement.

Abu Asiyah, Editor

Points of Belief: Fear of Shirk (Polytheism)

Allah the Almighty said: "**Verily, Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with Him in worship, but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He pleases.**" (4:48)

Ibn Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated that Prophet

Muhammad (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) said: "*Whoever dies while ascribing partners to Allah, enters the Hell-fire.*" (Al-Bukhari)

Jabir (May Allah be pleased with him) that Allah's Messenger (May the

peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) said: "*Whoever meets Allah (on the Day of Judgement) not having associated anyone with Him (in worship), shall enter Paradise; and whoever meets Him having committed Shirk in any way will enter the Hell-fire.*" (Muslim)

Conveying the Message: Jesus will return.

The Prophet of Allah Jesus son of Mary (peace be upon him) will descend at the end of time and judge among the people with justice, following the Law of our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). He will break the crosses and kill the swine. He shall put an end to the payment of the tax. He will only accept Islam from the people. The People of the Book (the Jews and Christians) will all believe in him before his death, after he descends at the end of time. Allah has stated, "There is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him (as only a Messenger of Allah) before his death. And on the Day of Resurrection, he (Jesus) will be a witness against them." [4:159]

Allah has stated that all of the People of the Book will believe in Jesus son of Mary (peace be upon him) before his death - that is, before the death of Jesus. That will be when he descends at the end of time as a judge and first caller to Islam, as shall be noted in the hadith describing his descent.

"...There is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him (as only a Messenger of Allah)"

Abu Hurayrah reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "By the One in whose hand is my soul, soon the son of Mary will descend upon you as a just judge. He will break the crosses, kill the swine and will put an end to the jizya. And wealth will spread to the extent that no one will accept it." Then Abu Hurayrah said, "Recite if you wish, 'There is none of the

People of the Book but must believe in him (as only a Messenger of Allah) before his death. And on the Day of Resurrection, he (Jesus) will be a witness against them.'" [4:159] [Al-Bukhari & Muslim]

This hadith demonstrates that he will descend at the end of time and that he will judge according to the Law of our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). It also shows, without doubt, that there will be a leader for this nation at that time. Furthermore, there is no contradiction between his descending and the fact that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the seal of the prophets. This is so because Jesus will not be descending with a new law. To Allah belongs the decree, first and last. He does what He wills and rules as He wills. There is none to come after His Rule. He is the All-Mighty, All-Wise.

Prophet Isa will return during the trials of the anti-christ. According to the narration in Sahih Muslim, The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "...He will descend at the white minaret on the eastern side of Damascus, wearing two garments lightly dyed with saffron and placing his hands on the wings of two Angels. When he lowers his head, there will fall beads of perspiration from his head, and when he raises it up, beads like pearls will scatter from it."

(The Permanent Committee, *Fataawaa Islamiya*, vol. 1, p. 141)

The Major signs

The major signs are those signs that will occur relatively close to the Day of Judgment and involve matters that can be considered, in general, "out of the ordinary" or which are sensational.

There are a number of hadeeth in which the Prophet (peace be upon him) mentioned the greater signs of the Day of Judgment together. These hadeeth include the following:

Hudhaifa narrated, "*God's Messenger came to us all of a sudden as we were (busy in a discussion). He said, 'What are you discussing?' They (the Companions) said, 'We are discussing the Last Hour.' Thereupon he said, 'It will not come until you see ten signs before it.' And (in this connection) he made a mention of the smoke, Dajjaal, the beast, the rising of the sun from the west, the descent of Jesus son of Mary (may God praise them), Gog and Magog, and landslides in three places, one in the east, one in the west and one in Arabia, at the end of which a fire would burn forth from the Yemen and drive people to the place of their assembly.*" [Muslim]

Also, The Messenger of God said, "*The Last Hour would not come until the ten signs appear: a landslide in the east, and a landslide in the west, and a landslide in the peninsula of Arabia, the smoke, the Dajjaal, the beast of the earth, Gog and Magog, the rising of the sun from the west and the fire which would emit from the lower part of Aden.*" [Muslim] Shu'ba said that 'Abd al-'Aziz b. Rufai' reported on the authority of Abu Tufail who reported on the authority of Abu Sariha a hadeeth like this that God's Apostle did not make a mention of (the tenth sign) but he said that out of the ten one was the descent of Jesus Christ, son of Mary (peace be upon him), and in another version it is the blowing of the violent gale which would drive the people to

the ocean.

There are a couple of other hadeeth in which the Prophet mentioned some of the same events as above. In these hadeeth, he did not mention them as explicitly being signs of the Hour. Instead, the Prophet gave a very strong admonition and warning that people must perform their good deeds before these events occur, as these events directly herald the ending of the time for deeds and the beginning of the time of reckoning.

Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of God said: "*Hasten to do good deeds before six things happen: the rising of the sun from the west, the smoke, the Dajjaal, the beast and (the death) of one of you or the general turmoil.*" (Muslim)

Note that in this hadeeth the Prophet mentioned, "*the death of one of you.*" This is also a type of "hour." Although it is interesting and important to learn and know the major signs of the Hour, for those who will not witness the events of the Last Days, it is their hour—their death—that they must prepare for and concerning which many are negligent. Thus, when a Bedouin came to the Prophet and asked him, "When is the Hour?" the Prophet pointed to a young boy and said, "*If this boy lives, by the time he is old and decrepit, your hour would have already taken place.*" (Al-Bukhari)

The Order of Appearance and the Nature of the Major Signs

Yoosuf al-Waabil notes that he has found no explicit texts that mention the order of appearance of the major signs of the Day of Judgment. The hadeeth which mention the signs in a group, like those just quoted above, either use the conjunction "and" or "or." In neither case do these conjunctions give any positive

indication as to the time ordering of the events. In fact, as al-Waabil notes, some of the same hadeeth mention the events in different orderings.

Ibn Hajar, however, has divided the major signs into two main categories, one definitely occurring before the other. The first set of signs is those that occur on this earth, without the nature of this earth changing completely. These are signs that should clearly awaken the people and drive them to repent to God. During those signs, there is no ultimate distinguishing between the believer and the disbeliever nor is there any unquestionable occurrence in this creation that makes it clear that the Resurrection is at hand. The signs of this category include the coming of the Dajjaal, the return of Jesus, Gog and Magog and the landslides.

The second category of these major signs leaves no doubt as to the actual occurring of the Resurrection and the end of this Creation as humans know it now. In addition, there will be a distinguishing of the believer from the disbeliever. Hence, during and after these signs, there will be no question of repentance or returning to God. At that time, it would be too late for any repentance to be accepted by God. The signs in this category would include the appearance of the beast, the smoke and the rising of the sun from the West.

It also seems to be true that when these signs begin to occur, one will be following up the other at a relatively fast pace. The Prophet said:

"The signs shall appear one after the other like the beads on a string follow one another." [al-Tabaraani]

Clarifying the misconceptions: Sit and wait?

The signs of the Day of Judgement are there because we have no knowledge of when it will come, only Allah does. But Allah the Most High has given us certain signs to know when it is approaching, like we find in the hadeeth of Jibreel (peace be upon him) when he came to the Prophet (peace be upon him) to ask about the religion of Islam and asked him about the Hour. Upon hearing that the one questioned, i.e. the Prophet (peace be upon him), was no more knowledgeable about when the Hour would come than the questioner, he asked (and in some narrations he was told) about the signs of the Day of Judgement. The scholars of Islam have divided those signs into 2 main groups: major (like the coming of Mahdi, the coming of Eesa, the Sun rising from the West and others) and minor (like the ones mentioned in the hadeeth of Jibreel and others), with the minor ones preceding the major ones. And many of the minor signs of the Day of Judgement have come to pass and can be observed even in our time, like many children mistreating their mothers, people who were previously very poor competing in the construction of expensive tall buildings, etc. As Allah says "Do they then await (anything) other than the Hour that it should come upon them suddenly? But some of its signs have

already come..." [47:18]. Even the fact that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was sent as the Last Prophet is a sign of the Day of Judgement.

But what should our stance be as Muslims towards these signs? Should we feel happy? angry? maybe nothing at all? Should we not care and at all and just sit and wait for them to pass?

The correct stance from our point of view is to first know them. Secondly, when we know them, we must prepare for that Day, when people will not care about anyone but themselves, when they will regret they did not do more good deeds and abstain from more evil deeds, when even the Prophets' dua (supplication) will be: "O Allah, save us, O Allah, save us!"

Just like when we see road signs telling us how far or near we may be to our destination, we start preparing for the arrival, the same way, or even more, we must use these signs to prepare as much as we possibly can for the coming of the Hour, because whether people like it or not, it is approaching with every year, every month, every day and every hour that goes by. Many signs are negative and go against the law and the spirit of the Islamic Sharee'ah, so we must dislike them and reject them when we see them, but

still believe in them. The worst thing anyone can do is to disbelieve in them or be indifferent to them. We, Muslims, believe in them and use them to spur us on in our efforts to prepare for when we stand in front of Allah, the Lord of the worlds, on the Day of Reckoning.

Abu Imraan



Drink from the fire!

The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: 'I know what the Dajjaal will bring with him: he will have two rivers flowing. One will clearly look like water and the other will clearly look like blazing fire. If any one of you sees that, let him choose the river which looks like fire, then let him close his eyes and lower his head and drink from it, for it will be cool water.'" [Muslim]

Practical Islam

Welcome to this issue's Practical Islam. I am pleased to receive many comments about the practical issues that we have set. I urge brothers and sisters to give feedback/ comments or even suggestions for the IslamNewcastle issues.

SMART Practical Islam Target 1

Memorise the first 10 ayats of Surah Kahf as a means of protecting yourself from Dajjal.

This is based on the hadith, "Whoever commits (to memory) ten verses from the beginning Surat al-Kahf will be protected from the Dajjal." [Muslim]

Comment: Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) has informed us that The Dajjal is amongst the greatest fitnah that Allah has created. But Allah has not just left us without protection! Sura Kahf - first 10 ayahs.

SMART Practical Islam Target 2

Say Bismillah when eating food and entering the house.

This is based on the hadith, "Jabir (may Allah be pleased with him) said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) saying, "If a person mentions the Name of Allah upon entering his house or eating [to say "Bismillah], Satan says, addressing his followers: 'You will find no where to spend the night and no dinner.' But if he enters without mentioning the Name of Allah, Satan says [to his followers]; 'You have found a place to spend the night in', and if he does not mention the Name of Allah at the time of eating, Satan says: 'You have found a place to spend the night in as well as food.'" [Muslim]

Comment: This is quite a easy sunnah that many people forget about, albeit unintentionally. However the benefits of saying

this are illustrated above, therefore extremely important to do in order to rid your homes of devils and evil ones.

In relation to the etiquettes of saying bismillah, many people say "bismillahi-rahmaani-rahem" before they eat. However the sunnah is simply to say bismillah, as narrated from the Prophet, "Say **Bismillah** and eat with your right hand the food that is in front of you." [Bukhari, Muslim, Tirmidhi] If there were more blessings in saying "bismillahi-rahmaani-rahem" surely Allah's messenger would've told us. This may seem as something small and trivial but I'm sure we would all agree that the words of the Prophet (peace be upon him) are not small or trivial!

If we were to look for more rewards before we eat, why don't we also recite ayatul kursi also? The answer is simply, "if the Prophet told us to, we would!" But the sunnah is clear and so sticking to the sunnah is what is best for us. The sunnah here is: say **Bismillah**.

Features of the Month

Shaykh Bilal Philips - The Dajjal (audio lecture)

This months feature is a lecture entitled The Dajjal by Shaykh Bilal Philips. Shaykh Philips goes into great detail on the description of The Dajjal and goes through the many events that take place during his reign! An excellent lecture that should be listened by all! You can listen to it / download this lecture from the islamnewcastle website (www.islamnewcastle.co.uk) or watch the video on google video!



Yacine Helali (Progressive Filmmaking)

IDC's very own filmmaker, Yacine Helali has appeared on ITV promoting his latest short film 'Down the Road'. The film is a positive portrayal of Muslims in

Newcastle and shows how Yacine has brilliantly captured some of the fantastic work that is being done by two individuals' in particular. Check it out for yourself at www.progressivefilmmaking.blogspot.com

Du'a of the Month

Du'a when leaving the house.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ، تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ
وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ.

Bismillah, tawaqaltu 'alallahu wa la hawla wala quwatta illah billah.

'In the name of Allaah, I place my trust in Allaah, and there is no might nor power except with Allaah.'

Islamic Circles and Events

Monthly Lecture by Abu Imraan

November's Topic: Hajj - The Story of Ibrahim.
Date: Sunday 16th November.
Time: After Isha (8pm)
Language: English.
Venue: Masjid at-Tawheed, Grainger Park Road.

Weekly Study Circle: Arabic language

Date: Every Monday
Time: After Isha (8pm)
Language: English & Arabic.
Venue: Masjid at-Tawheed, Grainger Park Road.

Weekly Study Circle: Advanced Tajweed

Date: Every Wednesday.
Time: After Isha (8pm)
Language: English & Arabic.
Venue: Masjid at-Tawheed, Grainger Park Road.

Weekly Study Circle: Beginners Tajweed

Date: Every Friday.
Time: After Isha (8pm)
Language: English & Arabic.
Venue: Masjid at-Tawheed, Grainger Park Road.

Weekly Sisters study circle: Basic Foundations of Islam.

Date: Every Sunday.
Time: 2pm - 4pm.
Speaker: Various teachers (strictly segregated via video & audio link.)
Language: English.
Venue: IDC (Islamic Diversity Centre) 136 West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9RA

Weekly Study Circle: Beginners Tajweed

Date: Every Sunday.
Time: After Zuhr (1pm)
Language: English & Arabic.
Venue: Masjid at-Tawheed, Grainger Park Road.

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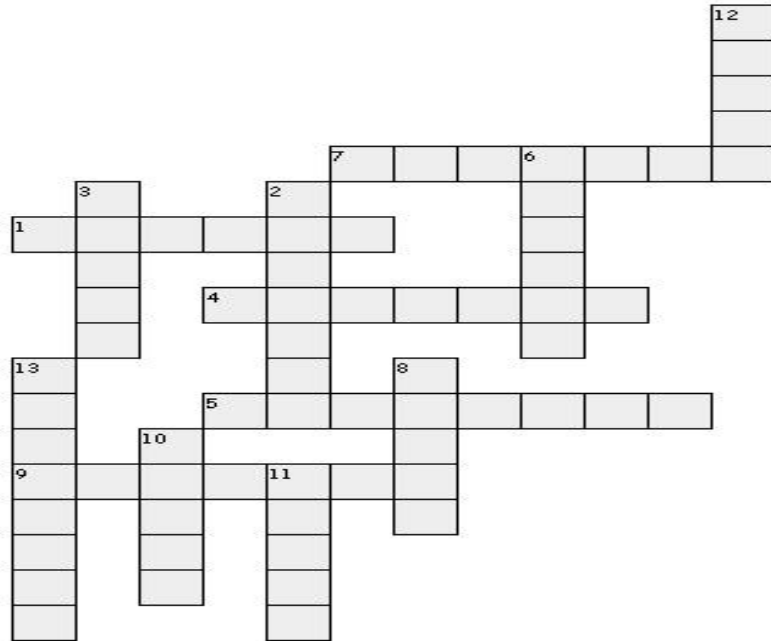
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Kid's Corner

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Across:

- Muslims follow 2 sources of guidance. One of them is the _____ of the Prophet (peace be upon him) (6)
- The angel who was sent to reveal the Quran to the Prophet (7)
- The first pillar of Islam (8)
- The Prophet made hijrah from Makkah to _____ (7)
- The Prophet's best friend (7)

Down:

- The greatest surah of the Quran (7)
- The Holy Book of Muslims (5)
- The book revealed to Isa (peace be upon him) (6)
- The only sin that Allah will never forgive (5)
- The greatest ayah of the Quran is Ayat-ul-_____ (5)
- He knows when the Day of judgment will be. (5)
- The second pillar of Islam (5)
- The Prophet of Islam (8)

The Hadith of Al-Jassaasah

It was narrated that Faatimah bint Qays (may Allaah be pleased with her) said: I heard the voice of the caller, the caller of the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), saying: Al-salaatu jaami'ah (prayer is about to begin), so I went out to the mosque and I prayed with the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him). I was in the women's row that was closest to the people. When the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) had finished his prayer, he sat on the minbar and he was smiling. He said: "Let each person stay in the place where he just prayed." Then he said: "Do you know why I called you together?" They said: "Allaah and His Messenger know best."

He said: "By Allah, I did not call you together for an exhortation or for a warning. I have called you together because Tameem al-Daari was a Christian and he came and swore allegiance and became Muslim, and told me something which agrees with what I was telling you about the Dajjaal (false messiah)."

He told me that he sailed in a ship with thirty men of Lakhm and Judhaam and they were tossed by the waves of the sea for a month. Then they came to an island at sunset. They sat in a small rowing-boat and landed on that island. They were met by a beast with a great deal of hair and they could not distinguish his face from his back because he was so hairy. They said: 'Woe to you, what are you?' It said: 'I am al-Jassaasah.' They said: 'What is al-Jassaasah?' It said: 'O people, go to this man in the monastery for he keen to know about you.' He (the narrator) said: When it named a man for us we were afraid of it lest it be a devil. Then we set off, rushing, until we came to that monastery, where we found the hugest man we had ever seen, bound strongly in chains with his hands tied to his neck and his legs bound from the knees to the ankles with iron shackles. We said: 'Woe to you, who are you?' He said: 'You will soon find out about me; tell me who you are.' They said: 'We are people from Arabia who embarked on a ship, but the sea became wild and the waves tossed us about for one month, then they brought us to this island of yours. We took to the rowing-boats and landed on this island. We were met by a beast with a great deal of hair and we could not tell his front from his back because he was so hairy. We said: Woe to you, what are you? It said: I am al-Jassaasah. We said: What is al-Jassaasah? It said: Go to this man in the monastery for he is keen to know about you.'

So we came rushing to you and we fled from it because we could not be sure that it was not a devil.' He (that chained person) said: 'Tell me about the date-palm trees of Baysaan.' We said: 'What do you want to know about them?' He said: 'I am asking you whether these trees bear fruit.' We said: 'Yes.' He said: 'Soon they will not bear fruit.' He said: 'Tell me about the lake of Tabariyyah.' We said: 'What do you want to know about it?' He said: 'Is there water in it?' They said: 'There is a great deal of water in it.' He said: 'Soon it will dry up.' Then he said: 'Tell me about the spring of Zughar (which is in the south of Syria).' They said: 'What do you want to know about it?' He said: 'Is there water in the spring and do the people grow crops with the water of the spring?' We said to him: 'Yes, there is plenty of water in it and the people grow crops with its water.' He said: 'Tell me about the Prophet if the unlettered; what has he done?' We said: 'He has left Makkah and has settled in Yathrib (Madeenah).' He said: 'Do the Arabs fight against him?' We said: 'Yes.' He said: 'How did he deal with them?' We told him that he had prevailed over the Arabs in his vicinity and they had shown obedience to him. He said to us: 'Has it really happened?' We said: 'Yes.' He said: 'If it is so that is better for them that they show obedience to him. Now I will tell you about myself. I am the Dajjaal and soon I will be given permission to emerge. So I will come out and travel in the land, and will not spare any town but I will stay for forty nights, except Makkah and Taybah (Madeenah). They are both forbidden to me; every time I try to enter one of them, I will be met by an angel with a sword in his hand, who will bar my way, and on every route there will be angels guarding it.'

She said: Then the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) struck the minbar with his staff and said: "This is Taybah, this is Taybah," meaning Madeenah. "Did I not tell you this before?" The people said: Yes. [The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "I liked the story of Tameem because it agrees with what I used to tell you about him and about Makkah and Madeenah. But he is in the Syrian Sea (Mediterranean) or the Yemeni Sea (Arabian Sea). No, rather he is in the east, he in the east, he is in the east," and he pointed towards the east with his hand.

She said: I memorized this from the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him). [Sahih Muslim]