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Mohammed Protects Man from Satan

While our Prophet--salâvati sallâllahü aleyhi vessellâmi¹
--was once at the mosque door, Satan passed by carrying three
bowls. One of these bowls was full of water, one was full of
honey, and the third was full of soil. Our Prophet asked
Satan, "Where are you going?"

Satan answered, "There is a battle going on nearby at
such-and-such a place. I am going there."

Our Prophet asked, "Why are you going there?"

Satan said, "I shall put some honey in the mouths of the
fighters in order to make them even more ferocious."

Prophet Mohammed then asked, "Of what use is the bowl of
soil?"

Satan answered, "Whenever I sprinkle this soil on the
worshippers in a mosque, they begin to feel very sleepy.
After a while they fall asleep, and they cannot then listen
to what the hoca² is preaching about."

¹ We do not have an exact translation of this expression

² A hoca is a Moslem priest.

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Prophet Mohammed then asked another question: "And what is the use of the water in the third bowl?"

Satan said, "That is not exactly water, but I pretend that it is. In that bowl I put whatever spittle I find and the slimy materials from latrines. I take this to the deathbeds of people who have but a few minutes to live. I to such dying people, "Give me your soul, and in exchange I shall give you a drink of this water." They usually turn their heads to the other side, but then I go quickly around to that side too and there repeat my question. The family attendants think that the patient is dying at that very moment and that that is his reason for rolling his head back forth. But that is not the reason the patient is doing this. The reason is my presence. He is trying to avoid me. If the person gives his soul to me, then he dies as an infidel."

Prophet Mohammed was greatly concerned about the salvation of people. He advised them, "Whenever a person is dying, be certain to have plenty of water at hand to give to him if he seems to be at all thirsty."

Prophet Mohammed then prayed to God. He said, "O my beloved God, if Satan does such evil things even while I am here on earth to thwart him whenever I can, what may he do to people after my death? I ask that you make him invisible so

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that he will not be able to appeal to people so easily
(As you know, Satan once walked about everywhere, just like
any other creature, and could be seen by everyone.)

God accepted the prayer of Prophet Mohammed and made
Satan invisible, and that is the way he has remained ever
since that time