

## Satan Worshipers in The Arab World Risks and Ways to Deal with Them

Mohamed El Sayed Mohamed Abdou<sup>1</sup>, Mohammed Ebrahim  
Sakr<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Kulliyyah Bahasa Arab, Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam  
Shah (UniSHAMS), <sup>2</sup>Sultan Ahmad Shah Pahang Islamic University (UNIPSAS)

To Link this Article: <http://dx.doi.org/10.6007/IJARBSS/v13-i6/17467> DOI:10.6007/IJARBSS/v13-i6/17467

**Published Date:** 06 June 2023

### Abstract

God Almighty created man and his instinct pure from deviations and delusions, and then made him free to choose between good and evil, and between immorality and piety, until he made him in a permanent test, so his resting place will be Paradise if he follows the orders of God Almighty and avoids his prohibitions, and his resting place will be fire if he disobeys him and disbelieves in him, and one of the reasons for his disobedience and disbelief is to follow the devil who wants to bring them with him to hell. The problem of research. Those who called "worshippers of demons" excelled in their worship, and invented rituals dictated to them by the devil - God curse him - and this satanic band was since ancient times, but there were no books written for them in this matter showing what they do, but it subsided in some ancient times, but it appeared strongly in the modern era led by Jews and Christians Freemasons, have books, beliefs and rituals. This reflects the importance of this type of study, because it is the first thing concerned with revealing the plans of Satan and his followers on earth, to warn people of his traps and dangers, especially since this phenomenon has become an organized group, calling for its ideas, and spreading its corruption among people, in ancient and modern times. The research aims, Showing this sect to the owners of moral values and principles in general and to Muslims in particular so that they can prevent it. Looking at the history of Islam, and knowing how Islam dealt with Satanism. The challenges facing the nation are very serious, so did the street leave the nation without specifying a method for it to meet these deviations at such times. methodology: The researcher used the descriptive analytical approach, where the ideas and beliefs of the various sects, religions and sects that worshiped Satan were studied, analyzed and traced throughout history according to the historical method, depending on reliable sources and references available to serve the purpose of the research.. Among the expected search results, Studying the ideas and beliefs of the different sects, religions and sects that have worshiped Satan, analyzing and tracking them throughout history according to the historical method, relying on reliable sources and references available to serve the purpose of research.

**Keywords:** Satan, Worship, Arab World

### **Definition and Origin**

Definition of Terms of: "Worship" and "Satan"

- The Word Worship "aleibada" in Arabic Language Linguistically

The Arabic word "aleibada" is linguistically derived from the origin "abada", "yaebud", "aleibada"; which has several meanings:

Man, in general; whether free or slave, every human being is a servant of the God "Allah". The word also comes in the sense of a slave who is "Mamluk" – which means owned or possessed: it is said: I enslaved so-and-so; if you take him as a slave. Among of these meanings; the Almighty's saying; "And this is the favour with which thou dost reproach me, - that thou hast enslaved the Children of Israel!"; i.e. You took the Children of Israel as slaves; or you have enslaved the Children of Israel.

The word, as well, comes in the sense of obedience and submission, groveling and submissiveness (Manzoor, 1979)

### **The Word Worship "aleibada" Terminologically**

Imam Ibn Taymiyyah defined it by saying; "Worship is a comprehensive designation for everything that the God "Allah" loves and is pleased with of words and deeds; whether in public or private. (Taymiyyah, I., 1398) Whereas, it is the practical expression of faith and obedience, by fully responding and submitting to the commands of the Almighty God "Allah" in what is assumed and loved of deeds."

### **The Word Satan "alshaytan" in Arabic Language Linguistically**

The Arabic word "alshaytan" rhymes with "faelan"; which its derivation was reported by linguists on several meanings:

A- From "Al-Shattan" – Twisting: It is a tightly twisted rope. Indeed, "Al-Shattan" means straying from the right path; it is, thus, close to the meaning of rebellion.

B- From "Shatta" – Blacken something by burning: i.e. decayed and burned.

C- From "Al-Shattat" – Infringement: It is the transgression, straying from the truth, injustice and extremism.

### **The Word Satan "alshaytan" Terminologically**

The word "Satan" denotes a specific, well-known creature, created from fire; the Almighty said; "And the Jinn race, We had created before, from the fire of a scorching wind." (Surah Al-Hijr: Verse 27.)

So, Satan, as reported by Ibn Katheer on the authority of Al-Hassan Al-Basri, is "the origin of the jinn, just as Adam is the origin of humans"( IBN Katheer, 1990).

thus, he is a creature of real and true existence, and not just a symbol of evil, as depicted by atheists and philosophers Therefore, the specific definition of Satan is the defenseless abstract enemy; except for the weapon of "waswasah" insinuations, seduction, fomentation, and incitement; so, it conquers people with the power of their lusts, and subjugates them with the power of their selfishness, and he sees people from where they do not see him (Al-Zoubi, 1997)

Accordingly, the Concept of "Satanism" – the Worship of Satan means to take Satan himself as a God, who is worshiped – instead of the God "Allah", obeyed and sanctified, and being offered certain rituals and specified forms that the worshiper imagines to please Satan.

### Second: The Historical Roots of this Sect

It is believed that the beginning of this notion was in the First Century AD among the "Gnostics" who viewed Satan as equal to the Almighty God "Allah" in power and dominion.

- The idea of worshipping and sanctifying Satan appeared in a number of ancient religions, and some of them had many gods representing evil. With reference to these ancient religions, we find that:

First: Satanism – as a phenomenon that reflects the extent of doctrinal deviation and religious decline in ancient civilizations – has its roots in the depths of history, with what it requires of rituals and ceremonials by which they draw closer to him, even if there is alongside it worship of other gods; as shown in Gnostic doctrines; including the Zoroastrianism or the ancient Pharaonic religion. This is attributed to the fact that Satan suffices the son of Adam to lead him astray from monotheism and to lead him to the reality of polytheism, for this is his goal. Even if the goal of what he wants is to disbelieve in the God "Allah" and worship Satan alone; the Almighty said; " Like Satan when he said to the human, 'Disbelieve'; then as soon as he disbelieved, he said, 'Indeed, I am innocent of you, surely, I fear Allah, the Lord of all the Worlds" (Surah Al-Hijr: Verse 27)

Second: The linkage between the worship of Satan with the worship of other gods and the defeat of the evil god (Satan) – as is the case with the defeat of (Ahriman) for the Zoroastrians and the defeat of the god (Set) for the ancient Pharaohs – reflects the recognition of the adherents of those religions of the weakness of the evil god versus the good god; even if they considered him a symbol of strength, as evidenced by their worship of him, in order to avoid his evil and to escape from his revenge. However, this worship was coupled with his hatred; as evidenced by the Egyptians' celebration, for example, of the defeat of the evil god (Set) and the belief of the Zoroastrians in the end of the evil god (Ahriman) and his defeat in his struggle with the god (Alshubaki, 2003).

### **The Middle Ages**

In the Middle Ages, several groups appeared in Europe that took Satan as a god and an idol; including the "Knights Templar" group that appeared in France. They had closed night meetings in which they supplicated to Satan and claimed that he was visiting them in the form of a woman. This sect insults Christ, his mother, and his apostles, and calls on its followers to desecrate everything that is sacred.

The Knights Templar members were distinguished by wearing a black shirt, which they called the "Kemisiyya". This sect spread in France, England and Austria, and then the church discovered it and burned a group of its followers and killed its leader between the years 1310-1335 AD. One of the female members of this sect said before she was burned; "God is the king of the heaven and Satan is the king of the earth; they are two equal rivals; they debate victory and defeat and Satan is the only one in victory in the present age."

After that, several similar sects appeared; some of them began to torture and kill children, and for this purpose they kidnapped hundreds of children between the years 1432-1440 AD., while others began to poison wells and springs; such as the Rosicrucianism. In the seventeenth century, a society called "Yaqin" appeared, practicing the same rituals, and more

than thirty individuals were executed from it. Later, other societies appeared such as: the Bavarian Flame, the French Flame, and the Asian Brotherhood.

In 1770, the German Adam Weishaupt founded a similar doctrine under the name of the "Satanic Light Bearers", and the Bavarian government closed the forums of this doctrine in 1785, and prohibited any activity of it. (Al-Sahmarani, 2007) Then, these ideas disappeared to reappear in the mid-forties of the twentieth century.

### **Modern Appearance**

In 1948, the British Aleister Crowley (1875-1941) – who graduated from Cambridge University – wrote a book called "The White Devil" in which he defended eroticism and sexual desires, and gave lengthy lectures on sex in Britain. And then, he became the first teacher of the Satanists, which also spread in the United States.

In 1900, Crowley left the "Golden Testament" group and founded his own group; called the "Silver Star", and traveled around the world calling for his ideas. However, the Italian authorities expelled him, after he was known to promote and use drugs and to offer sacrifices and oblations. Crowley remained traveling between the countries, preaching his beliefs and searching for forbidden pleasure, until he was found dead among bottles of liquor and injections of drugs.

"Satanism" entered the significant stage of its history at the hands of an American Jew, Antone Chethleivy, nicknamed the Black Pope. Leavy grew up in California, in 1966, he announced his band, and in 1969, founded a temple called the Church of Satan (COS). Moreover, He wrote several philosophical books to promote Satanic Notions; including the book "The Devil Says" which contains the nine phrases of Satan and the eleven rulings of the earth, and the book of "The Black Bible" which aimed to denigrate the rites and rituals of Christianity and to show how to practice worship and is considered an essential reference for guiding followers.

### **Transmission to Islamic Communities**

Islamic communities remained immune for a period from this "Devilish Religion", but some factors led to its entry into some Islamic countries, the most significant of which are:

1- The development of means of communication, especially since the Internet is the most significant means of spreading their ideas and communication between followers. As well, they have more than eight thousand addresses on this network.

2- The acceleration of normalization between the Jewish State and many Arab and Islamic countries led to an increase in the mixing of the citizens of these countries with the Jews, especially in Egypt, to which many Jews come, especially through the Taba Border Crossing, which has turned into a significant meeting point between the Jews and the Egyptians. It is hidden from no one that the Jews are keen to corrupt Muslims, divert them from their religion, and spread deviant ideas among them; including the ideas of Satanism. Especially since Satan, according to the Jewish faith, is a symbol of absolute power that matches the power of the Almighty God "Allah", just as they do not put the responsibility on Satan for seducing Adam and expelling him from Paradise (Al-Bash, 2003).

3- Leftist writers promoting deviant ideas within Islamic communities: Among the precursors of the thought of Satanism in our countries, the lecture delivered, in Beirut, by the Syrian Communist Dr. Sadiq Jalal Al-Azm, in 1996, entitled "The Tragedy of the Devil"; in which he called for the rehabilitation of Satan, and to stop insulting him, seeking refuge from him, pardoning him and to ask for forgiveness for him. That is the lecture that led him to the trial and before which he retreated to escape punishment, which is a false retreat, and he included it later in his book "The Critique of Religious Thought".

4- Harnessing all media, culture and art to spread the ideas of Satanism and make them palatable to Muslims. This includes the Western media's publication of films about vampires and people with magical abilities, to entice young people to own them, if any; such as the movie *The Crow*, the series *Buffy*, *Angel* and others, and unfortunately many Arab satellite channels contribute to the dissemination of such works.

One way to promote this idea is some types of music; such as Black Metal music, which is loud music that relies on the electronic guitar. Among the most famous bands that sing about the greatness of Satan and call for his thoughts are *Dimmu Borgir Band* and *Slayer Band*. The most famous singer calling for this idea is Marilyn Manson, who wrote the book "The Long Hard Road out of Hell." He produces his songs in a philosophical style that stimulates the instincts of young people and invites them to admire this thought. Psychologists say that Black Metal music creates a kind of mindlessness.

The followers of this sect also wrote many books to call to their falsehood; including: "The Silence of the Devil", written by Dr. Lawrence Pazder, and "Satan's Underground", "He Came to Free the Captives", "The Satanic Rituals", "Book of Satanic Magic" and "The Devil's Notebook" (Al-Mufti, 2004).

### **Places of Spread in the Arab World**

Satanism emerged in many Arab countries about two decades ago. The first appearance of Satanists goes back to 1986 in Lebanon. In the middle of the last decade of the last century, the existence of some groups of Satanists was revealed in Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, and some other Arab and Islamic countries.

1- Egypt: The first appearance of Satanists in Egypt dates to the end of 1996 AD. It is said that the phrase "Satan Worshipers" was heard by Egyptians for the first time on January 27, 1997, when Egyptian newspapers published controversial news about the arrest of 86 young men and women who worship Satan. It was found that the ages of this group ranges between 15 and 24, and that they are graduates of foreign schools and children of the rich class.

2- Jordan: The problem of Satanism appeared in Jordan in the mid-nineties. Authorities at that time tried to reduce its intense until they arrested a group of them in September 2002, in one of the celebration halls in the upscale Abdoun Area in Amman, while practicing strange rituals, wearing indecent clothes, putting gold chains on, and dancing in an exciting way to the tunes of Western raucous music (Haredi, 2007)

Some private universities had witnessed gatherings of these young men and women; which caused some clashes with students and teachers. In some universities, incidents of contamination of mosques with dirt have been repeated. This also happened in the Zaid bin Haritha Mosque in Al-Jabal Al-Akhdar Area in the city of Amman.

3- Lebanon: At the beginning of 2003, the Lebanese Minister of the Interior – at the time – Elias Al-Murr launched a warning cry about the youth of Lebanon, due to the spread of the phenomenon among them, calling for strict application of laws against Satanists. The Minister also announced the suicide of 11 people, in 2002, fell into the clutches of this sect, which had witnessed a spread in the past years and was still penetrating the cities. He also announced his ministry's intention to establish an office to combat "Satanists". The Lebanese inform that Satanists appeared in their country back to the period of the civil war, specifically to 1986, when the security forces raided a hotel in Jounieh, north of Beirut, and arrested a group of them (Fadia, 2003)

4- Bahrain: The UBI agency quoted the Saudi Al-Watan newspaper on 12/04/2005 as saying that the Bahraini authorities were about to arrest the head of a Satan-Worshipping Group in Bahrain, after obtaining information about him, after discovering gay parties in a hotel in the capital, Manama (Gamri, 2005)

5- Morocco: The idea began to spread in tourist cities; such as Casablanca, Rabat, Marrakesh, Fez, Agadir and Essaouira. They began to organize parties periodically and their regular meetings took place in cases where they met secretly; moreover, people might see them isolated in a corner, wearing black clothes that symbolize the demonic worlds and talking about death while smoking hashish (Fadia, 2003)

### **Their Ideas and Beliefs**

#### **Their Belief in the Almighty God "Allah"**

Undoubtedly, the issue of deity is the basis upon which religions and beliefs are based, as it is their origin and basis. Satanists view this issue as differing in the existence and attributes of the Almighty God "Allah"; as they never have a firm belief; whereas:

- There is a group of them believes in the existence of the Almighty God "Allah", but, nevertheless, it also believes that Satan has a great and prestigious position and deserves sanctification, which is confirmed by Antone Leivy in The Satanic Bible; as he says; "there is a group of Satanists called Yazidis, who believe that God is the source of all power; however, he is very forgiving. So, they believe that Satan is the one who deserves the Esperance, for being the entity who manages their affairs on earth (Lafi, 1969)

- There is another group; those who completely deny the existence of the Almighty God "Allah", and they say that there is no god for this universe and that the idea of God is made by humans. They represent Satanists in the modern era. It is stated in the Satanic Bible that; "Man has always created his gods instead of being created by the gods as well, Fix was repeating; "There are no gods, no heaven and no fire (Lafi, 1969)

Leivy believes that man is himself a god, that all gods are man-made, and that "the worship of an external deity is, in fact, the worship of the one who made this god, but by proxy.

Lafi (1969) Satanists cite many arguments due to which they tend to follow this path and consider them valid to deny the existence of the Almighty God "Allah", and among those arguments:

1- The multiplicity of man definitions of God, their differences and the multiplicity of his names; and sometimes he has no name; which means – according to their claim – that this stems from the human soul, especially, since for some God is benign; however, for others he



is such a frightening entity. Accordingly, they say that the idea of God for man is generally something mysterious (Lafi, 1969). So, whoever reviews this argument knows certainly that what they said is just a matter of argument; whereas, at a time when they made the multiplicity of definitions of God and His names a valid reason for denying Him; for their ancestor brothers, they had made the call to one God a reason for denying Him; as the Almighty God "Allah" told about them in his saying; "And the disbelievers say, "This is a magician and a liar" \* "Has he made the gods [only] one God?"

2- Leivy claims that the universe operates according to action and reaction, and no one appears to be leading or caring for it. This claim is clearly false; because if Leivy did not see in this universe; including wonders, ordering and perfection – whoever leads or manages it, this is evidence that he obliterated his instinct and disrupted his mind; for belief in the existence of the Almighty God "Allah" something people have innate. However, that instinct "may be obscured in the souls of those people who exaggerate deviation with an immoral motive to satisfy something in themselves; so, there might be a covering over the mirror of his pure instinct and tight bonds of ignorance and stubbornness over his luminous sense. Thus, the mirror of instinct in man may be darkened by the smoke of the fire of desires and some of the violent psychological and arrogant instincts, or by clouds of material doubts; so, some of the apparent facts in the universe will be hidden from it (Al-Maidani, 1992). Indeed, there is no truth more apparent than the existence of the Almighty God "Allah" and doubting it is a defamation of the soundness of the doubter's instinct and his mind, and not in that fact. This is what made the callers to God Almighty marvel at those who deny the existence of God Almighty or who doubt it. This is what made the callers to the Almighty God "Allah" marvel at those who deny the existence of the Almighty God "Allah" or who doubt it; Allah said; "Their messengers brought them clear proofs, but they returned their hands to their mouths and said, "Indeed, we disbelieve in that with which you have been sent, and indeed we are, about that to which you invite us, in disquieting doubt."

#### Second: Their Thoughts, Rituals and Practices

The Satanists sect has thoughts, principles, and beliefs that it believes in during their lives; including what follows herein

1- They believe that Satan was wronged by the God "Allah" – Allah forbid – when he expelled him from Heaven at the time he refused to prostrate to Adam; therefore, they consider Satan worthy of appreciation and is a symbol of strength and determination. Moreover, they consider Satan the superpower that drives life and people.

2- They give free rein to sex, lust and drug and alcohol abuse; as it was stated in some of their commandments; "Unleash your whims, indulge in pleasure, and follow the Devil, for he will only command you with what confirms your own self and makes your existence a vital one." Crowley, who was previously mentioned, was always saying to his followers; "Take from the sex what you want, how you want and with whomever you want, and the other must surrender to you."

3- Among their rituals: wearing black clothes, lengthening their hair, tattooing a swastika on their chests and arms, or a six-pointed star, and wearing a black necklace consisting of a five-pointed star with a devil's head in the middle with two horns twisted back.

4- They prefer to meet to perform their rituals in deserted or remote places sometimes, and draw on their walls frightening shapes; such as snakes and skulls, or strange forms that incorporate more than one animal or body.

5- They are accompanied in these sessions by Hard Rock music, and they repeat some words in the form of songs in which they chant for death and suicide, in addition to the radical use of drugs and intoxicants. In such cases, they may lick each other's blood, or tear apart a cat, dog, or rooster, and they choose the black color in animals, and tear it apart while it is alive and messing with its blood.

6- They consider that morals perpetuate weakness and protect the vulnerable; as they only want relationships between people to be established according to pleasure and benefit. They consider morals to be a hindrance factor, not a push or promotion one.

### **The Nine Commandments**

It is a group of commandments and principles that are considered among their constants:

- 1- Unleash your whims and indulge in pleasure.
- 2- Follow the Devil, for he will only command you with what confirms your own self and makes your existence a vital one.
- 3- The Devil represents undistorted and untainted wisdom and vitality; so, do not deceive yourself with false ideas of a deceitful-purpose nature.
- 4- Thoughts of the Devil are tangible, material, visible, tasteful, and act upon the soul and body as an antidote, and acting upon them is the cure for all diseases of the soul.
- 5- You should not get involved in love, for love is weakness, abandonment, and incoherence.
- 6- The Devil represents pity for those who deserve it instead of wasting love for others and ungrateful.
- 7- Take away your rights from others, and whoever hits you on the cheek, hit him with all your hands on his whole body.
- 8- Do not love your neighbor, but treat him like an ordinary person.
- 9- Do not get married, do not have children, and get rid of being a biological means of life and continuing in it, and be for yourself only (Al-Bash, 2003).

### **Dangers of this Sect on the Muslim and Non-Muslim Community**

Satanists posed a danger at all levels in communities in which this malicious sprout grew, for their beliefs and ideas herald the corruption and destruction of the world.

- In terms of their danger to religions and human values: Satanists posed a grave danger to religions and human values, as they were hostile to them and worked hard to fight them; rather, they tried to eliminate and undermine it, and this was represented in the following: First: Denial of Divinity: Satanists deny the existence of the Almighty God "Allah" and that He is the true God and there is no god but Him and that He is deserving of worship and obedience; rather, they take Satan as their god and they obey his command and desist from his prohibition. Moreover, they derive their beliefs – in addition to "The Satanic Bible" – from Darwin's theory and Nietzsche's philosophy; which are based on atheism and denial of the Creator, Glory be to Him. They also call for the ultimate freedom of the individual in what he believes and declare that their ideas are based on three principles:

1. Disbelief in the God "Allah"
2. Denial of Divinity; and
3. Contempt of the Monotheistic Religions (Hanafi, 2005)

There is no doubt that these thoughts represent a magnificent danger; because the disbelief in the Almighty God "Allah" is the common feature of all periods of ignorance throughout



history, and all deviations in perception and behavior result from it, as reality becomes subject to whims, tyrants, and desires. This is the issue that brings nothing but corruption, destruction and desolation, when the God "Allah" becomes the last deity to be worshipped. (Qutb, 1398)

There is no doubt that this denial brings the wrath of the Almighty God "Allah" and a warning of His punishment in this world before the Hereafter. Allah says; "Do then those who devise evil (plots) feel secure that Allah will not cause the earth to swallow them up, or that the Wrath will not seize them from directions they little perceive?"

These are the most significant dangers of denying the divinity of the Almighty God "Allah". However, they will certainly be more intense and harmful if Satan – who is an enemy of the God "Allah", an enemy of the children of Adam and a symbol of evil and corruption – is made a god and an idol.

Likewise, among their dangers is undermining religions: The God "Allah" has sent down to us a religion based on values that correct our conditions and are compatible with our instinct; Allah says; "Say: "Verily, my Lord hath guided me to a way that is straight, - a religion of right, - the path (trod) by Abraham the true in Faith, and he (certainly) joined not gods with Allah. (Surah Al-An'am: Verse 161.) However, this did not please the people of misguidance on earth; Allah says; "It is never the wish of those without Faith among the People of the Book, nor of the Pagans, that anything good should come down to you from your Lord. (Surah Al-Baqarah: Verse 105) Thus, they announced their hostility and war against religion. At the forefront of those, stand Satanists who declare that their main goal is to undermine religions and eliminate them and their followers, because they claim that religions established themselves a throne of lies and prevented the freedom and progress of the individual.

- Among their dangers is the waste of human values: Satanists seek to waste values and morals by all means; as "The Satanic Bible" declares that there is no sanctity for moral rules, and they take Crowley's sayings, which call for the absolute freedom of the individual in what he thinks or does, as their principle. They believe that religion and moral advocates have corrupted and restricted life and put-up roadblocks in front of man; therefore, it is necessary to get rid of religion and morals– as they claim (El-Hefny, 2005). Thus, they do not acknowledge offences, sins, and iniquities, and they do not see anything wrong with committing abominable sins on the one hand, and on the other hand, they make sins and misdeeds acts of devotion (Lafi, 1969)

Based on the foregoing; and in compliance with those instructions, Satanists worked on the practical application of them in their daily lives and devotional rituals, which can only be described as a guillotine for human values and an altar for normal norms. They were controlled by those instructions and became famous for murder, rape, sex and perversion – even with dead bodies – kidnapping women and children, exhumation, stealing, and all forms of violence. Moreover; there is no place in the satanic thought for love and tolerance; rather, they are is weakness and baseness in their custom Lafi (1969) – as relationships among people – in their view – are based on the principle of pleasure and benefit, devoid of any other sense, and there is no place for equality and justice as well, because survival is for the fittest in the doctrine of Satan (Ali, 2008)

- Also, among their dangers, especially to the individual: Satan worshipping represents a clear threat and an imminent danger to the life and existence of the individual; as the individual – under the Worship of Satan – is threatened with death at any moment through several cases; such as:

a- Suicide; and

b- Human Sacrifice: It has been proven that Satanists offer human sacrifices to please the Devil.

- The danger of worshipping Satan also goes beyond to reach the health of the individual; either physical or psychological.

- Likewise, among their dangers is the threat to the Social Fabric and Family Bonds: If deviant ideas spread in a community; this threatens its social fabric; representing in the division of its members into supporters and opponents, defenders, and opponents. So, how about if those ideas are based on the consideration that community is a herd that must be distinguished from and not care about the family or respect for the neighbor, as is the case with Satanists? (Hanafi, 2005)

### **Ways to Confront This Satanic Sect**

It is notorious that prevention is better than cure; therefore, integrated education is the only safeguard against slipping into this dangerous delusion; whether with its atheistic religious or destructive moral dimensions. The duty – thus – is to carry out the process of rooting for the youth in numerous fields; such as:

1- Faithful and Spiritual Rooting: Where young people are brought up on great faith and eternal spiritual value and we offer them ideals; whether in our ancient history or our daily lived reality, point out the dangers of ideas that contradict our Islamic faith, and point out their incoherence and falsity as well; Allah says; “Thus do We explain the signs in detail: that the way of the sinners may be shown up.”

One of the means that helps spiritual rooting is to reactivate the role of the mosque in community; as the mosque was an educational center in which people were raised on virtue, brotherhood, and all meanings of goodness; which had the greatest impact on the life of the community, strengthening the spirit of belonging to it, and preventing intellectual and doctrinal deviation. The progress of peoples is not through material and science alone, but also through spiritual values; altruism, giving, love, and purity... are those that give the soul peace, tranquility, and reassurance.

2- Mental and Cultural Enlightenment: An enlightened, open-minded mind, familiar with the various human sciences; such as education, psychology, and sociology, is a conscious mind that can distinguish between the worthless and the worthless. It is also a mind capable of controlling the body, instincts, trends, habits, and emotions. Therefore, we must encourage constructive reading and culture, just as we encourage logical thinking and the use of the balance of reason to weigh all matters. Hence, care must be taken in this area in order to protect members of community from deviant ideas, especially Satanism, through the following steps:

1. Increasing interest in religious education and taking care, in particular, of teaching the correct belief in the various stages of study, increasing religious classes in quantity and quality, approving books that contain the correct belief, and avoiding the books of deviant and

innovated sects Ashour (2006) in order to ensure the inculcation of religious values in the hearts of students. This, in turn, is a great immunity for students from sinking into the mire of deviant ideas.

2. Purging educational curricula at all stages of teaching of all thoughts and beliefs that contradict the principles of our true religion or diminish the importance of religion and morals in the life of the individual and community, as well as those that disdain religion and morals; for how is it possible that the ideas of Darwin, Marx, and Freud should be studied in Muslim schools and presented as correct scientific theories Al-Raqab (2005), even though they do not amount to being a hypothesis, due to the emergence of their insignificance and falsehood, in addition to being inconsistent with the fundamentals of the Islamic faith.

3. The need to include moral concepts and values in educational curricula and inculcate them in the hearts of our children; for when the Almighty God "Allah" praised and lauded His Prophet Muhammad – May the Blessings and Peace of Allah be upon him – He – Glory be to Him – said; "And thou (standest) on an exalted standard of character." And this gesture indicates the glorification of the moral element in the balance of Allah and the authenticity of this element in the Islamic reality. Indeed, the beholder of this belief, like the beholder of the biography of its Messenger, finds the moral element prominent and authentic in it, and on which both its legislative and its disciplined principles are based (QUTUB, 1993). Likewise, our Prophet Muhammad – May the Blessings and Peace of Allah be upon him – the holder of great morals, was sent to perfect morals and this was the most important goals of his mission – May the Blessings and Peace of Allah be upon him – where he says; "I have been sent to perfect good character" (Ibn hanbal,2009). because good morals are among the most important factors for self-righteousness and self-virtuous; thus, Ahmed Shawqi had got a point when he said; "The righteousness of your command is to be referred to morals; so, straighten the soul with morals (Shawqi, 2007)

3- In the Social Field: The social field is a significant field due to its connection to everything that affects the members of community, within all their lives. Therefore, attention must be paid to it through the following

a- Restoration of the sublime status of the family and the prestige, respect, and importance of familial relations, building those relationships on the basis of religious teachings that recommend children to the devotion to parents and fathers not to waste their dependents because they are responsible for them. This guarantees the upbringing of children in a sound environment. It also guarantees self and moral control over individuals and closes an outlet from which people of misguidance feed; as the disintegration of families means the children driving-away; which makes them prey for those with misguided ideas, who lie in wait for people like these to seduce them (Al-Zoubi, 1998).

b- Facilitating marriage; by reducing dowries and not exaggerating in them, providing material assistance to those wishing to marry and finding them housing; as marriage is a human nature and a social interest because it preserves the human kind, as it preserves bloodlines, and protects community from moral deviation, as well as from diseases; in addition, it achieves tranquility for the soul and self. (Alwan, 1996) By this way, one of a dangerous door from the doors of immorality and taboos is closed, which is one of the most important reasons for Muslim youth joining deviant satanic sects; as many of them stated that they had only joined Satanism to satisfy their sexual desires. (Al-Zoubi, 1998) The matter becomes even more

urgent if we know that the number of those who want to get married but cannot do it, due to financial reasons, is in the millions.

c- Creating job opportunities for young people and limiting the exacerbation of the unemployment problem that millions of youths of the nation suffer from, because unemployment and lack of financial resources are direct causes of many intellectual and behavioral deviations.

4- Establishing sports clubs and opening athletics halls, swimming pools, public libraries and other institutions, associations and centers that deal with youth, work to unload their energies, refine and develop their talents and exploit those energies and talents for the benefit of their owners and the entire community with goodness and righteousness; otherwise, those energies are directed in the other direction; thus, Imam Al-Shafi'i had got a point when he said; "If you don't concern yourself with the truth, it will occupy you with falsehood."

Moreover, there is a therapeutic approach; since many members of the Muslim community – and in more than one Islamic country – have already embraced the thought of Satanists and joined these sects; therefore, some tasks must be done to develop the appropriate therapy for this dangerous disease, in order to ensure that they return to their senses and the infection of these misguided ideas does not spread to others. This therapy can be summarized in several points without elaboration:

a- Repentance: i.e., repentance from resorting to this dangerous slippery slope and not going back to it again.

b- Draining the sources of the phenomenon and eradicating its causes through: - Monitoring foreign schools in Muslim countries and reviewing the curricula they teach; - Monitoring tourism and foreign tourists who come to Muslim countries; - Prohibition of publications, CDs and tapes that contain sexual or atheistic matters and serve to contempt religion; and - Banning foreign singing groups; especially the ones that offer satanic music and obscene songs.

### **Conclusion, Results and Recommendations**

The researcher concluded several results from this research; the most important of which are summarized in the following points:

1- The phenomenon of Satan worship is very old and has appeared in several civilizations throughout history. It is not a product of the modern era, but it has witnessed a development.

2- Satanists do not have a firm belief or a clear methodology; rather, they are united by the reverence of Satan and the dissolution of religion and values.

3- The emergence of the phenomenon of Satanists in non-Islamic communities has had devastating effects on values, individuals and communities.

4- Satanists take advantage of the means of progress and modern technology to spread their ideas, just as they use songs and music for the same purpose.

Among the recommendations

a- The need to be aware of this phenomenon, monitor it, and indicate its risks; whether on religion and values or on individuals and groups, before it became a widespread phenomenon in all Muslim countries

- b- The need for advocates and scholars to play their role; by spreading sound faith and spreading religious thought in general among the members of Islamic communities because religion constitutes a stronghold for individuals and communities and the preparation of competent advocates specialized for this purpose;
- c- Activating the role of mosques and educational institutions, and paying attention to the curricula so that the religious and moral concepts they contain are increased and they are purified from everything that contradicts our religion and morals; and
- d- Cessation of all forms of normalization with the Zionist entity; as to the Jews exploit this to spread destructive ideas – such as Satanism in our communities; in addition, normalization is a legal violation.

### **References**

- IBN Katheer, I. I. U. (1990). *Albidayat Walnihayat*. Bairut: darulmaarif.
- Al-Zoubi, M. (1998). *Eabdat Alshaytan*. Beirut: almaktabat althaqafiatu.
- Al-Bash, H. (2003). *Satan Worshipers and Other Deviant Movements*. Damascus: Dar Qutaiba for Printing.
- Manzoor, I. M. (1979). *Lisan Al-Arab*. Beirut: Dar El Ilm Lilmalayin.
- Al-Mufti, M. (2004). *izhar Alhaqi Fi Al'adyan Walfirq*. Amman: Dar Al-Isra.
- Al-Maidani, A. R. (1992) *Aleaqidat Al'iislatmiat Wa'ususuha*. Damascus: DarAl-Qalam.
- Qutb, M. (1977). *Jahiliat Alqarn Aleishrina*. Beirut: Dar Al-Shorouk.
- Ashour, S. (2006). *Al-Tibyan Sharh 'Arkan Al'iiman*. Palestine: Dar Al-Manara.
- Alwan, A. N. (1996). *Tarbiat Al'awlad Fi Al'iislam*. Beirut: House of Contemporary Thought.