

Al-Imran (The Family of Imran) [3:175]

إِنَّمَا ذَٰلِكُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ يُخَوِّفُ أَوْلِيَآءَهُۥٓ فَلَا تَخَافُوهُمْ وَخَافُونِ إِن كُنتُمْ

مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٧٥﴾

It is only the evil one that suggests to you the fear of his votaries: Be not afraid of them, but fear Me, if you have Faith.

MUHAMMAD HUSAIN TABA TABAI (AR)

(verses 172 -175)

These verses have connection with those revealed about the battle of Uhud, as may be understood from the clause, “after the wound had afflicted them”, when read in conjunction with the preceding words; “If a wound has afflicted you (at Uhud), a wound like it has also afflicted the (unbelieving) people”.

The fact is that fulfillment of desire and success of design in this material world depends on some material and other psycho-logical causes. When man intends to do something and produces its necessary material causes, then the only thing that can prevent his realization of his wishes is some, shortcoming in its psycho-logical causes, in his mental attitude; like weakness of will-power, fear or sorrow, recklessness or covetousness, foolishness or dis-trust, and things like that - and they are important and common factors. But when a man relies on Allah, he is connected to the unconquerable cause that can never fail - the cause above all the causes. This connection strengthens his will to such an extent that no adverse psychological cause can overpower it - and it spells success and triumph.

There is another aspect to the trust in Allah which in effect joins it to supernatural miraculous phenomena, as is evident from the words of Allah: and whoever trusts in Allah, He is sufficient for him; surely Allah attains His purpose (65:3). Some aspects of this subject have already been described under the topic of “Miracle”. (In English volume 1)

QUR'AN: That is only the Satan that frightens... and fear Me if you are believers:

Evidently the demonstrative pronoun “dhaalikum” (that) refers to the people who had brought the quoted news. It is therefore one of the occasions where the Qur'an has used the word, “Satan”, for man; as is apparent also from the verses: . . . from the evil of the whispering of the slinking (Satan), who whispers into the hearts of men, from among the jinn and the men. (114:4-6). This explanation is supported by the next sentence, “So do not fear them”, that is, do not fear the people who have spoken to you in that manner, because they are only Satans. (We shall later on explain this matter, unveiling the reality behind it, if Allah so wills.)

MIR AHMED ALI (AR)

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In spite of having an upper hand at Uhad the Makkan army (on account of Ali's valour) retreated and camped at Hamra ul Asad where Abu Sufyan made it known that next year he would attack again and destroy the Muslims. The allies of Abu Sufyan in Madina gave forth an exaggerated account of the preparations at Makka in the hope that, with the battle of Uhad yet fresh in memory, the Muslims might be deterred from setting out for another fight. When it was reported to the Holy Prophet, Ali ibn abi Talib said: "Sufficient unto us is Allah." At the appointed time the Holy Prophet went to encounter the Makkan army but they did not come.

AYATULLAH KAMAL FAQIH IMANI AND SEVERAL SCHOLARS

A real believer does not fear of anyone other than Allah. Thus, Faith is not aloof from bravery. So, strivers ought to be afraid of only Allah and keep on being pious.

To impose horror and threat is the permanent policy of the powers.

" It is only Satan that causes his friends to fear; but do not fear them and fear Me if you are believers."