

An-Nisa (The Women) [4:120]

يَعِدُّهُمْ وَيُؤْتِيهِمْ مَّا وَعَدْتُهُمْ وَالشَّيْطَانُ إِلَّا غُرُورًا ﴿١٢٠﴾

Satan makes them promises, and creates in them false desires; but satan's promises are nothing but deception.

MUHAMMAD HUSAIN TABA TABAI (AR)

QUR'AN: *He gives them promises and excites vain desires in them; and the Satan does not promise them but to deceive. These are they whose abode is hell, and they shall not find any refuge from it:* The context shows that it gives the reason to the preceding verse, *he indeed shall suffer a manifest loss.* What loss can be more manifest than the one who changes real happiness and perfection of creation with false promises and imaginary desires. Allah says: *And (as for) those who disbelieve, their deeds are like the mirage in a desert, which the thirsty man deems to be water, until when he comes to it he finds it to be naught, and there he finds Allah, so He pays back to him his reckoning in full; and Allah is quick in reckoning (24:39).* The promises refers direct to Satanic temptations and desires spring up from those temptations whose imaginary beauties enrapture the mind. That is why Allah says, "and the Satan does not promise them but to deceive". It should be noted that the Satanic promises has been called deception but not the desires.

Then their end result is described in the next verse: "These are they whose abode is hell, and they shall not find any refuge from it". *Mahis* (the place to escape; translated here as refuge)

MIR AHMED ALI (AR)

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The accursed Shaytan's share (determined in regard to time) implies his ability to lead man astray from the path of faith and truth.

"To alter Allah's creation" means using created things for a purpose other than what they have been created to fulfil.

If *khalq* is interpreted as the system planned by Allah to operate His creation and legislation, it should not be stretched out of proportion so as to jeopardise the omnipotence of the divine authority.

"To slit the ears of animals" refers to the slitting the ears of animals by invoking the names of their gods and goddesses by the pagan Arabs, so that those animals could not be slaughtered or used for gainful purposes.

Whatever the promises Shaytan makes, whatever the desires he enkindles, and whatever the hopes he rouses in men, are no more than delusions. The abode of those who follow him is hell from which they will find no escape.

AYATULLAH KAMAL FAQIH IMANI AND SEVERAL SCHOLARS

When the verse of forgiveness of sins was revealed from the origin of Allah (Sura Al-i-'Imran, No. 3, vers 135) , 'Iblis gathered his supporters by a cry and told them that all their efforts would result no avail when a person repents. Each of them said something about it, and one of the Satans said:

Whenever a person decides to repent, I will entangle him with vain desires and promises, so that he delays his repentance. Then, 'Iblis was contented.

" He promises them and fills them with (vain) desires, and Satan does not promise them except delusion."