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الشَّرّ والأشرار-Evil and the Wicked

1. Beware of surrounding yourself with evil, for you will be affected by it yourself before [harming] your enemy and you will destroy your religion by it before conveying it to others.

2. The greatest evil is in disparaging the painful advice of the compassionate, sincere adviser and being deceived by the sweetness of the flattery of the malicious praiser.

3. Verily in evil there is impudence.

4. Evil is impudence.

5. Delaying of evil is advantageous to good.

6. Evil is [a cause of] regret.

7. Evil makes its rider fall.

8. Evil is the ugliest of gates.

9. Evil is pestilent speech.

10. Evil is the symbol of destruction.

11. Evil is the carrier of misdeeds.

12. Evil degrades and strikes down.

13. Evil is punishable and brings dishonour (or is requited).

14. Considering evil to be loathsome impels one to refrain from it.

15. Delaying of evil is a benefit for good.

16. The consolidation of evil is in being deceived by respite [from chastisement] and reliance on [one's own] action.

17. The consolidation of evil is in association with a wicked companion.

18. The attractiveness of evil is avarice.

19. The consolidators of evil are obstinacy and increased quarrelsomeness.

21. Many an evil may suddenly come upon you from whence you least expect it.

22. Increased wickedness is [a sign of] vileness and abjectness.

23. Counter evil with good.

24. Obedience to the calls of the wicked corrupts the outcome of matters.

25. He who embarks on evil is successful in attaining it.

26. The doer of evil is worse than the evil [itself].

28. Doing evil is a [means of] revilement.

29. None shall be punished for an evil act except its doer.

30. There is nothing worse than evil except its retribution.

31. There is nothing more corrupting for affairs or more destructive to the community than evil.

32. He who does not wear the gown of good has not disrobed from evil.

33. One who plunges into the depths of evil meets with danger [and adversity].

34. One who does evil has [actually] transgressed against his soul.

35. One whose evil is too much, [even] his companion is not safe from him.

36. Whoever abandons evil, the doors of good are opened for him.

37. One who lays the foundation of evil cause has [actually] instituted it against himself.

38. One who provokes a latent evil, in it will be his own destruction.

39. One who harbor's evil feelings [and ill will] for others has actually harmed himself.

40. Whoever strips his heart of evil, his religion is secured and his conviction is confirmed.

41. One who does not know the harmfulness of evil is not capable of desisting from it.

42. One who repels evil with good, triumphs?

43. One who hates evil is safeguarded [from it].

44. One of the greatest deceptions is making evil appear good.

45. The 'evil' that is followed by Paradise is not [really] evil.

46. The foundation of evil is avarice.

47. One who is cautious of evil is like the one who does good.

48. Never count as good that by which you attain evil.

49. It behooves the one who recognizes the wicked to disassociate himself from them.

50. The evil of a man is evinced by his increased greed and his intense avarice.

51. How bad a provision evil action is!

52. The most severely punished thing is evil.

53. Evil is the riding mount of greed and vain desire is the riding mount of discord.

54. Evil is the ugliest of gates and its doer is the worst of companions.

55. Evil is concealed in everyone's nature, so if its possessor overcomes it, it remains hidden and if he doesn't overcome it, it is manifested.

56. Scythe the evil from the breasts of others be uprooting it from your [own] breast.

57. Efface evil from your heart, [and as a result] your soul will be purified and your actions will be accepted.

58. When you see evil then distance yourselves from it.

59. The one who gains victory by evil is [in actual fact] defeated.

60. Keep away from evil, for verily more evil than the evil [itself] is its doer.

61. It is the habit of the wicked to trouble [their] friends.

62. The habit of the wicked is harboring enmity for the righteous.

63. Every victor who gains victory by evil is [in actual fact] defeated.

64. The wicked person does not think good of anyone because he does not see them except through [the lenses of] his own nature.

65. Be wary of the wicked one during the coming of power [and authority], that he does not cause it to be taken away from you and during its departure [from you], that he does not gather support against you.

66. Be careful not to be deceived by the good act that the wicked one does by mistake.

67. Be careful not to be repelled by the evil act that the righteous one does by mistake.

68. Keep away from the wicked and sit in the company the virtuous.

69. The coming to power of the wicked is the tribulation of the virtuous.

70. The most evil of all is one who is not ashamed of [his actions in front of] the people and does not fear Allah, the Glorified.

71. The most evil of all people is one who boasts about his evil.

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