# The Story of The Challenge of Iblis

Allah tells the story of Iblis in the Qur’an, “and remember when Allah said to the angels (and Jinns): ‘I am going to create a man from sounding clay of altered black smooth mud. So, when I have fashioned him completely and breathed into him (Adam) the soul which I created for him, then fall down prostrating yourselves unto him,’ (as a sign of respect and not in worship. So, all the angels and Jinns prostrated as Allah had commanded except one Jinn called Iblis).

Allah said to Iblis: ‘O Iblis! What is your reason for not prostrating?’ Iblis said, ‘I am not the one to prostrate myself to a human being whom you have created from sounding clay of altered black smooth mud’.” (Qur’an 15:28-35).

Allah said: ‘What prevented you (Iblis) that you did not prostrate, when I commanded you?’ Iblis re- plied: ‘I am better than him (Adam), You created me from fire and him You created from clay.’ Allah said: ‘Get down from here (paradise), it is not for you to be arrogant here’. Iblis asked: ‘Allow me respite (keep me alive) till the day of Judgement’. Allah replied: ‘You are one of those allowed respite’.” (Qur’an 7:11-15)

As Iblis left Paradise he made a promise: “This one whom you have honored above me, I will surely mislead him and his offspring till the day of Judgement”. (Qur’an 17:62)