

A Study of Evil and Demonic Forces in Shahnameh (Book of Epic)

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Abstract

The creation of evils and evil creatures is not as vivid as the creation of good spirits as the goodness and the badness are the opposite of each other, each of these groups have assistants who are considered one of the group members. For instance, for Ahuramazda, good spirits and other related figures and for devil, dragons, evil spirits and other related bodies are called assistants. The study of myth shows the situation in which different cultures and societies lives and also shows their hard times and ideals. In this study, an attempt is made to investigate The Shahnameh written by Ferdowsi. In this way, different features of myth which are mentioned in the book are identified to be familiar with the relation between myth and attitudes of characteristics toward each feature.

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