



In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

## **Black Magic [Haram]**

**All power belongs to The Most Beneficent and Most Merciful ALLAH subhan wata'ala..**

It is NOT Magic in most cases?

We tend to put all the blame for any misfortune/problem on other people and most conveniently on magic. Instead of looking at our sins and other reasons we immediately accept any suggestion (from anybody at all), that someone has done something to us.. Islam does NOT permit us to make such assumptions about other people especially for Muslims, mu'mins and more so for one's own relatives. In 99% of cases we only incorrectly assume that magic has affected us and it may be true in a very rare case.

### **What is Magic (Sehr) and Soothsaying**

**Magic** generally includes:-

- a) Writing and reciting some special chants and spells, burning of particular objects.
- b) Making a picture, blowing ,tying knots, burying special objects in particular places so that the person for whom it is intended is affected e.g.; located, put to sleep, made ill etc.
- c) Bringing about some un-natural events by means of charms, amulets or talisman or potions.

**Soothsaying** is fortune telling, going to people (pir, babas etc.) for predictions, involving Jinn or spirits for non natural events, some scholars equate it with Magic.

One of the shaytan's endeavors in their attempt towards human destruction is to go up to the heaven and eavesdrop any news to carry on to earth. This news will be passed on to the **fortune-tellers**.

Narrated A'isha (ra), I heard Allah's Apostle saying, "The angels descend the clouds and mention this or that decreed in the Heaven. The devils listen stealthily to such matter, come down to inspire the soothsayers with it, and the latter would add to it one-hundred lies of the own." **[Sahih Al-Bukhari, Volume 4, Hadith Number 432]**

About time of the Prophet (saw) mission there were many meteors and other strange appearances in the heavens, which tradition says, frightened the astrologers from the high observatories where they used to watch at night, and threw out all their calculations.

Allah says in the Qur'an:

"And (the Jinn who had listened to the Qur'an said): We had sought the heaven but had found it filled with strong guardians and meteors. And we used to sit on places (high) in it to listen. But he who listens now finds a flame in wait for him."

**[M.M.Pickthall Qur'an Translation, Surah Al-Jinn 72:8-9]**

**Islamic View:** Magic is unconditionally and absolutely ***haram/prohibited***. A person who indulges in magic and does not repent is punishable by Death in an Islamic society, as it is equivalent to ***shirk*** and severely criticized in many many ahadith.

It is haram to learn, teach, perform magic and indulge in soothsaying. (for any cause whatsoever). It is also haram to go to soothsayers (pirs, babas, magicians) and act on their advice. Earnings from magic and payments to magicians also come under haram category.

**Magic is evil:** The starting point of Magic involves physical disrespect to Qur'an in many cases! The sorcerer discontinues all good actions and concentrates on performing satanic rituals, committing adultery, drinking blood etc. These acts bring the magician close to Satan so that he is helped in his magic. Obviously the closer to Satan a man is the further he is from any kind of truth and Islam.

People who have had experience with such Black Magic and Satanic Possession have related that the following are among the signs of a person who is possessed by jinn (or Satan):

- Strong repulsion when hearing Qur'an or Adhan (call for prayers).

- Episodes of losing consciousness and or epileptic attacks, especially when Qur'an is recited for the possessed person.
- Frequent nightmares during sleep.
- Tendency to avoid people accompanied by out-of-the-norm behavior.
- The jinn who possesses him might speak when Qur'an is recited for the possessed person.
- Madness, as stated in the Qur'an (interpretation of the meaning): *"Those who devour usury will not stand except as stands one whom Satan by his touch hath driven to [epileptic] madness..."* **2:275**

**As for a person struck by magic he might experience the following:**

- Dislike of one's spouse, as indicated in the Qur'an by the following verse (interpretation of the meaning): *"...And from these two (angels) people learn that by which they cause division between man and wife..."* **[M.M.Pickthall Qur'an Translation, Al-Baqarah, 2:102]**
- Different attitude in the house from that which is outside the house. For example, a person will feel that he is missing his family when is outside the house but when he goes home, love changes quickly to extreme hatred.
- Inability to have sexual intercourse with one's spouse.
- Frequent miscarriage for pregnant women.
- Sudden change in behavior without obvious reason.
- Complete loss of appetite for food.
- Thinking or imagining one has done something when in reality one has not.
- Sudden obedience and/or love for a particular person.
- It should be noted that if a person experiences some of the above symptoms this does not necessarily mean that he is either possessed by a jinn or struck by black magic. It might be due to physiological or psychological reasons.

**How to cure/protect against Magic**

Removing the elements of magic as was done by the Prophet ﷺ when he was struck by black magic by a Jewish man called Lubaid bin Asam.

*Narrated 'Aisha:*

The Prophet continued for such-and-such period imagining that he has slept (had sexual relations) with his wives, and in fact he did not. One day he said, to me, "O 'Aisha! Allah has instructed me regarding a matter about which I had asked Him. There came to me two men, one of them sat near my feet and the other near my head. The one near my feet, asked the one near my head (pointing at me), 'What is wrong with this man? The latter replied, 'He is under the effect of magic.' The first one asked, 'Who had worked magic on him?' The other replied, 'Lubaid bin Asam.' The first one asked, 'What material (did he use)?' The other replied, 'The skin of the pollen of a male date tree with a comb and the hair stuck to it, kept under a stone in the well of Dharwan.'" Then the Prophet went to that well and said, "This is the same well which was shown to me in the dream. The tops of its date-palm trees look like the heads of the devils, and its water looks like the Henna infusion." Then the Prophet ordered that those things be taken out. I said, "O Allah's Apostle! Won't you disclose (the magic object)?" The Prophet said, "Allah has cured me and I hate to circulate the evil among the people." 'Aisha added, "(The magician) Lubaid bin Asam was a man from Bani Zuraiq, an ally of the Jews."

**[Sahih Al Bukhari Volume 8, Hadith no. 89]**

Have faith in Allah (swt) and rely on HIM and his chosen people. Understand and realize that the Magicians power is evil and very limited. A basic steps to protect yourselves from Magic:-

- Try to be clean/wudhu all the time.
- Regularly recite Sura Al-Falaq and Sura An-Nas as much as possible.
- Recite Ayat-ul-Kursi
- According to Ahadith Narrated Sa'd: Allah's Apostle said,"He who eats seven Ajwa dates every morning, will not be affected by poison or magic on the day he eats them." **(Sahih Bukhari, Volume 7, Hadith 356)**

'A'isha reported Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said: The Ajwa dates of Aliyah contain heating effects and these are antidote in the early morning. **(Sahih Muslim, Hadith 965)**

- Cupping—removing excess blood.
- Invoke Allah (swt) through duas...

**Consult an Alim (healer in that field) for help in case of need...**

**Allah (swt) is the One who cures and there is no one else who can cure.**

May Allah the Almighty forgive us for our shortcomings and guide us to that which He loves and is pleased with. Whatever written of Truth and benefit is only due to Allah's Assistance and Guidance, and whatever of error is of me alone. Allah Alone Knows Best and He is the Only Source of Strength.

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