



The first question of Fatwa No. 4393

Q 1: Is it permissible for Muslims to consult a soothsayer about their illness and the latter informs them that they are bewitched? When the patient asks the soothsayer to break the spell, the soothsayer pours lead over their heads with a vessel full of water and gives them the name of the person who bewitched them. Is it permissible for a woman to ask a soothsayer to tell her the name of her future daughter in law, or ask whether her daughter in law loves or hates her husband's family?

A: It is permissible for a Muslim to visit an internist, a surgeon, or a neurologist, etc., to diagnose their cases and treat them using medicines that are permissible according to Shari`ah, and based on their medical knowledge,

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because this entails using natural means. Allah has sent down the disease and has also sent down with it the cure. However, it is not permissible for a sick person to go to a soothsayer who claims to know Al-Ghayb (Unseen) to diagnose their illness. It is also not permissible to believe in whatever they say, because they speak of Al-Ghayb without knowledge, or they call on the Jinn and seek their help in getting what they want. These people are liars. Seeking the help of the Jinn is an act of Al-Shirk-ul-Akbar (major form of associating others in worship with Allah). The Prophet (peace be upon him) stated, [\(Whoever visits a diviner to consult him regarding any matter, their Salah extending to forty nights will not be accepted. \)](#) related by Muslim. It is narrated in Sunan Books of Hadith that the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated, [\(Whoever goes to a soothsayer and believes what he says, has disbelieved in that which was revealed to Muhammad \)](#) (peace be upon him), related by Al-Bazzar with a good Isnad (chain of narrators). It is not permissible to undergo what they claim to be a treatment because this is a form of soothsaying. Approving their actions only helps them to continue practicing soothsaying and seeking the help of the Jinn. It is also not permissible to consult a soothsayer about the name of your future daughter in law, or whether there will be harmony or hatred between the couple and between their families. This is part of Ghayb which no one knows except Allah.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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