



Third question from Fatwa No. 8705:

Q: We know a man who treats ill people using a method called the Arab medicine. I will relate to you what happened to me with him: I went to him when I was ill. He took me to a dark room and started to recite some Ayahs (Qur'anic verses) and mention the names of some righteous people. After that I heard the sound of a huge bird inside the room. I heard the sound of its wings without seeing it. Then, I heard a low voice calling my name and greeting me. I did not see anything but I felt a touch on my back during the examination and felt the pains of a severe disease. Then the same voice said to me, 'Keep remembering Allah and invoke Allah's blessings upon Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).' After the examination, the voice said to me, 'You suffer from such-and-such and I do not have its cure. You should consult the public health physician and stay at the hospital.' Then I went to the hospital and stayed

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there and recovered by Allah's Will. This man has a vast experience in magic. There are some husbands who can not be consummate their marriage. Going to this man, he brings out some spells and throws them in front of the spellbound people who recover afterwards by Allah's Will.

The question in this regard is: Is going to this man considered an act of Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah), taking into consideration that he does not take money for this?

A: This man is a soothsayer and diviner, and the Prophet (peace be upon him) forbade Muslims from going to, consulting, or believing diviners. Muslim narrated in his Sahih book that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (Whoever visits a diviner and asks him about anything, his prayers extending to forty nights will not be accepted.) Also it is authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (If anyone resorts to a diviner and believes in what he says, then he disbelieves in what was revealed to Muhammad (peace be upon him).) The Hadiths to this effect are numerous.

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

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