


Taqwa (righteousness), and Tawajhu (awareness of Allah's Presence), plus the person does not have sufficient material armament.

The second part of epilepsy treatment involves the person who is treating the ailment and who is In addition required to have the same necessary weapons mentioned above. When these weapons are ready, one sometimes merely needs to say (to the evil spirit), 'Get out of him,' or, 'In the Name of Allah,' or, 'There is no power nor strength except with Allah.'

The Prophet **ﷺ** used to say in such cases:

"O enemy of Allah, Depart! I am the Messenger of Allah."

 I once witnessed our Shaikh (Ibn Taymiyyah, the renown Imam of Islam) send someone to speak to an evil spirit that had possessed a person, saying, "The Shaikh says this to you: get out of this body for you are not allowed therein." The person afflicted with epilepsy (possession) then woke up from his seizure. Sometimes, our Shaikh would even speak to the evil spirit directly, or would use physical punishment to repel the rebellious evil spirit. When the patient would wake up, he would not feel any pain, as we have ourselves witnessed on numerous occasions. The Shaikh would sometimes read the following Ayah, verse, in the ear of the person afflicted

with epilepsy (possession),"Did not think that We had created you in play (without any purpose), and that you would not be brought back to Us?"

The Shaikh once told me that he read this Ayah, verse, in the ear of the person afflicted with epilepsy and that the evil spirit that possessed him answered by saying, 'Indeed,' extending her voice (mocking the Qura'an). So the Shaikh said, "So I took a stick and beat the sick person on his neck with it until my hands became tired. Those present did not doubt that the patient would die from this severe beating.

While beating the patient, the she-devil said 'I love this person.' I said, 'But he does not love you.' She said, "I want to accompany him to perform Hajj. I told her, 'He does not want to go to Hajj with you.' She said, 'I will leave him in your honor.' I said, "No, but as an obedience to Allah and His Messenger b She said, 'Then, I will leave him alone.' The patient then woke up and started looking around, saying, 'What brought me to the presence of the Shaikh?' They asked him, 'What about the beating you took?' He said, 'Why would the Shaikh beat me while I have not done anything wrong?' He had no idea that he had been beaten."

Further, the Shaikh used to recite Ayatil kors'ey[2:255] and would order those who suffer from and those who cure epilepsy (possession) to recite it along

with the last two chapters of the Qura'an [113 and 114].

In general, no one can deny the type of epilepsy that is caused by negative forces except those who have little knowledge and comprehension. We should In addition state that the majority of those afflicted by the touch of evil spirits are themselves in error due to weak Faith and hearts and tongues that don't remember Allah, they fail to seek refuge with Him and they fail to use Prophetic guidance, (supplications and remedies). The evil spirits find the people that are vulnerable and take advantage of them.

If the truth was uncovered, we would discover that the majority of mankind is under the influence of negative forces which guides the people according to their evil wishes. The people are unable to set themselves free from this control or even oppose it. Most people suffer from this common type of possession (epilepsy), from which the afflicted person cannot wake up. And unless the veil that obstructs their sight is removed, they will not realize that it is they who are actually afflicted by epilepsy. We seek Allah Alone for His help.

Curing (epilepsy) possession that results from the touch of evil requires the cooperation of a sound mind and sincere faith in what has been sent down to the Prophets b Then one would act as if both Heaven and Hell are right in front of his eyes and heart. They would remember that

the people of this earthly life suffer calamities and trials that come down on their homes just as the rain does, all the while being unaware of what is going on around them.

The epilepsy that evil causes is truly severe, but since it touches so many people and is so common, the people are no longer surprised by it. Since they are so many, it is strange to see someone who is not touched by it.

When Allah wills that a certain slave should acquire what is good for him, that slave will wake up from these fits of epilepsy and will realize that the children of this life are suffering from epilepsy. He will discover that some of them have surrendered to insanity and that some of them might briefly recover from a bout to fall back into another bout soon after. Some of them would be awake from a bout and would act like sane people, but when he falls into another bout, he would act confused. [This is the state of those who do not have the correct Faith.]

### **The epilepsy that results from physical causes**

This type of epilepsy alters the constitution and is accompanied by spasms that prevent the limbs from functioning normally or from normal movements. The physical or constitution related epilepsy occurs due to the accumulation of thick, viscous substances near the brain