



The fourth question of Fatwa No. 2392

Q4: What is the ruling on treating the sick with the Qur'an through Ruqyah (reciting Qur'an and saying supplications over the sick seeking healing) and making amulets and charms with it?

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A4: Firstly, it is permissible to treat sick people with the Qur'an. It is reported in the Two Sahih (authentic) Books of Hadith (i.e. Al-Bukhari and Muslim) on the authority of Abu Sa'id Al-Khudry that he said: ("Some of the companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him) went on a journey till they reached some of the Arab tribes (at night). They asked the latter to treat them as their guests but they refused. The chief of that tribe was then bitten by a snake (or stung by a scorpion) and they tried their best to cure him but in vain. Some of them said (to the others), 'Nothing has benefited him, will you go to the people who resided here at night, it may be that some of them might possess something (as treatment),' They went to the group of the companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and said, 'Our chief has been bitten by a snake (or stung by a scorpion) and we have tried everything but he has not benefited. Have you got anything (useful)?' One of them replied, 'Yes, by Allah! I can recite a Ruqyah for him, but as you have refused to accept us as your guests, I will not recite the Ruqyah for you unless you fix us some wages for it.' They agreed to pay them a flock of sheep. One of them then went and recited (Surah al-Fatihah) (All the praises are for the Lord of the Worlds) over the chief who became as energetic as if he was released from chains, and got up and started walking, showing no signs of sickness. They paid them what they agreed to pay. Some of them (i.e. the companions) then suggested to divide their earnings among themselves, but the one who performed the Ruqyah said, 'Do not divide them till we go to the Prophet (peace be upon him) and narrate the whole story to him, and wait for his order.' Therefore, they went to the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) and narrated the story. Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) asked, 'How did you come to know that Surah al-Fatihah was recited as Ruqyah?' Then he added, 'You have done the right thing. Divide (what you have earned) and assign a share for me as well.' The Prophet (peace be upon him) smiled thereupon.") This Hadith denotes the permissibility of the treatment with the Qur'an.

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Secondly: having amulets that contain some parts of the Qur'an is prohibited according to the soundest viewpoint of scholars. These view points are based on the general ruling of the Hadiths that denote the prohibition of having amulets. This is to block all avenues that may lead to evil.

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

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