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The first question of Fatwa No. 9645

Q 1: Some of our brothers exorcise Jinn from the possessed by reciting some Ayahs (verses) from the Qur'an. They claimed that while treating a patient, Jibril (Gabriel) (peace be upon him) descended from heaven and assisted them in exorcising the Jinn. This incident has resulted in dissension among the people. Please, elaborate on this matter. Does Jibril descend from heaven after the death of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) to help anyone as they claimed, or for any other reason?

A: It is permissible to treat a patient possessed by Jinn through recitation of Qur'anic Ayahs or Surahs as Ruqyah (reciting Qur'an and supplications over the sick as a cure) according to Shari`ah (Islamic law), however, we have no proofs that Jibril descends from heaven.

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

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