



Fatwa No. 2749

Q: What is your opinion regarding wearing amulets and talismans containing some Ayahs (verses) of the Qur'an?

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What I mean is: Is it permissible for a Muslim to carry a talisman that contains some Ayahs of the Qur'an or not?

A: The Salaf (righteous predecessors) disagreed about the ruling on writing an Ayah of the Qur'an or the whole Qur'an and wearing it on the upper arm or elsewhere to protect against feared harm or to remove an adversity. Some of them forbade this and said that they were the amulets that had been prohibited to be worn by the general saying of the Prophet (peace be upon him), (["Incantations, amulets, and love-spells are Shirk \(associating others in worship with Allah\)."](#)) (Reported by Ahmad and Abu Dawud) They said that there is nothing that exempts the wearing of particular amulets that contain Qur'an. They also said that wearing amulets containing Qur'an can lead to wearing others things that do not contain the Qur'an, so prohibiting them blocks means that may lead to other things.

Thirdly, they said it can lead to contempt about what people wear, as it will be worn while answering the call of nature, performing Istinja' (cleansing the private parts with water after urination or defecation), having sexual intercourse, and other activities. This view was adopted by [`Abdullah ibn Mas`ud](#) and his students. It was also adopted by Ahmad ibn Hanbal, according to what was reported from him by many of his students, and has been confirmed by the later scholars. Some other scholars have permitted the wearing of amulets containing Qur'an or Allah's Names and Attributes, [such as `Abdullah ibn `Amr ibn Al-`Aas](#), and also by [Abu Ja`far Al-Baqir](#) and Ahmad, according to another narration. They restricted the prohibition of amulets from the Hadith to those that include Shirk. However, the first opinion has the stronger argument, as it protects the `Aqidah (creed) through guarding Tawhid (the Oneness of Allah) and shows caution. Regarding what was narrated on the authority of Ibn `Amr, he used to help his children to memorize the Qur'an by writing the Qur'an on tablets and letting them wear these tablets around

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their necks. This was not done with the aim of them being amulets to ward off harm or bring benefits.

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