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The seventh question of Fatwa No. 5006

Q7: A sick person went to one of the jurists who wrote some Ayahs of the Qur'an and nothing else. He said: "When you return home, hammer a nail into every word of these Ayahs as (Alif-Lâm-Mîm. [These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur'ân, and none but Allâh (Alone) knows their meanings].) (This is the Book (the Qur'ân), whereof there is no doubt) . He pronounces some words upon the letter "A" (Alif) and then hammers it with a nail and so on. Then, he conceals this paper for ten or fifteen days. Is this a kind of Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah)? Is this considered a kind of amulet? Is it permissible to do so?

A7: It is not permissible to do this as it is a kind of amulet that the Prophet (peace be upon him) forbade. He (peace be upon him) said: ("Whoever wears an amulet, may Allah not fulfill it (i.e., his want) for him, and whoever wears a sea-shell, may Allah not give him peace.") It was said in another narration: ("Whoever wears an amulet commits an act of polytheism".)

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

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