



Seventh question under Fatwa number (4798):

Q7: Dear Shaykh, a sheet of paper was thrown onto the road, and I wanted to remove it but I checked it first to know whether it contained Qur'an. Please give me a detailed explanation for the content of that paper and tell me if it is lawful or not? The paper read: "This should be engraved in a golden ring, perfumed with aloes (wood) and ambergris and worn in a state of full purification. Then, Allah (may He be Exalted) `Aly `Azhim (the Most High, the Most Great) should be mentioned (1130) times after every obligatory Salah (Prayer) for one week starting from Fajr (Dawn) Prayer of the first Friday of the month and ending on Thursday after `Isha' (Night) Prayer. Thereupon, the Two Names should be mentioned after every obligatory Salah as much as you can. This will uncover for you wonderful and invaluable secrets that you should not tell any body about, including your son, lest they misuse these secrets to harm the servants of Allah.

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A: It is impermissible to do any of what is mentioned in the question or to use it as a charm or an amulet. It is impermissible to act upon it because it is an unknown engraving and may entail acts of Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah). It contains a form of Dhikr (Remembrance of Allah) that is not Shar`y (Islamically lawful) and defined by a time and a number which are not established by Shari`ah (Islamic law). Moreover, the paper in question calls for doing Dhikr with two unknown names. All this is unlawful and should not be followed. Whoever takes part in this matter should get rid of it by giving up these forms of Dhikr, erasing the engravings made on the ring, abandoning perfuming it with aloes (wood) and ambergris, and doing Tawbah (repentance to Allah). We ask Allah to grant us well-being and safety.

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

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