



The second question of Fatwa no. 6285

Q 2: One sister sent a question to my wife stating that when the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) was under a spell, it was not broken except when Jibril (Gabriel, peace be upon him) came and told him of the spell as it is authentically related. Is it then permissible for someone who is under a spell to attempt breaking it (by resorting to sorcery)? (This is the wording of the sister's question).

She also says that this is what she understood upon reading Tafsir (exegesis of the meanings of the Qur'an) of Surah Al-Falaq in Tafsir Ibn Kathir. Appreciate your clarification.

A: It is not permissible to break the spell of witchcraft by means of using a counter spell. It is incumbent upon whoever is affected by a spell to seek the cure through lawful types of treatment such as Ruqyah (reciting Qur'an and saying supplications over the sick seeking healing) and using permissible medications, for the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, [\(Seek treatment, but do not seek treatment with things that are Haram \(prohibited\), for Allah has not sent down an illness without sending down its treatment.\)](#)

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Similarly, it is permissible for the person who is under a spell to break the spell by trying to find out where the spell is, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) did.

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

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