



Q 5: If it happens that a patient seeks treatment from such a woman or one of those who claim to practice ancient medicine, they deem that the patient, whether cured or not, has no choice except to continue treatment with them. They decide the mode of treatment for him; they might even prevent him from seeking treatment with somebody else. If he goes without consulting them, they think they can influence him, and they threaten him with diseases or insanity. The patient may submit to their command out of fear of their doing harm to him. Do they have the influence they claim to have? Please advise, may Allah reward you.

A: No one can harm or benefit anybody except by the will of Allah. Ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them) narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated, [\(Learn that if all the people were to gather together to benefit you in some way, they would not benefit you except in something that Allah has decreed for you, and if they were to gather together to harm you in some way, they would not harm you except in something that Allah has decreed for you. The pens have been lifted and the pages have dried.\)](#) Narrated by Al-Tirmidhy who classed it as Hadith Hasan (a Hadith whose chain of narration contains a narrator with weak exactitude, but is free from eccentricity or blemish), Sahih (a Hadith that has been transmitted by people known for their uprightness and exactitude; free from eccentricity and blemish).

It was previously mentioned that it is impermissible to seek treatment from the likes of such a woman, or to ask them, or believe them.

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They should be denounced and reported to the rulers so that they will be punished accordingly. It is impermissible to protect or defend them, as they are extremely dangerous and deceitful to Muslims.

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

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