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Q 1: Some people in our village go to a doctor for treatment. They ask him about the cause of their illnesses and he tells them that they were caused by this or that. Is this Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship)?

Please enlighten us and may Allah enlighten you!

A: Consulting a doctor who treats patients with Arabic medicine is permissible, unless that person is a soothsayer, who claims to know the Ghayb (Unseen) or seeks help from the Jinn. If this is the case, it is not permissible to go to see him or seek his treatment.

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

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