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The eleventh question of Fatwa no. 8844

Q 11: A Muslim Arab doctor visited frequently by many people to whom he says: "You should know that recovery is up to Allah Alone and I am just a reason leading to recovery." He prescribes permissible medicines to them and some leaves to be soaked in water then drunk or an ointment to be applied. But I was against one of his prescriptions, as he told someone to put a piece of paper inside the skin of a donkey then to use it as an amulet to be protected from the affliction of Um Al-Sibyan (a female Jinny 'a creature created from fire'). What is your view on this? It should be noted that the piece of paper is hung only during the period of pregnancy then removed.

A: Firstly: It is not permissible to go to this man you mentioned because he is a charlatan. **Second:** It is not permissible to obey him with regard to what he said to the man i.e., to take a piece a paper then put it inside the skin of a donkey or so claiming that it protects from the affliction of Um Al-Sibyan, regardless of the period required. This is an act of Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship), as the man thinks that placing this piece of paper inside the skin of a donkey will protect him from the disease mentioned. Indeed, it is Allah (Glorified and Exalted be He) Alone Who cures diseases. Moreover, the Prophet (peace be upon him) prohibited using amulets when he said: [\(Whoever wears an amulet commits an act of Shirk.\)](#) Also he (peace be upon him) said about it:

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[\(If one ties an amulet, Allah will not accomplish his affairs for him and if one ties a cowrie shell, Allah will not protect him.\)](#) .

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

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