



Q 5: Is it permissible for Muslims to write spiritual names (the names of Jinn or angels), or the Most Beautiful Names of Allah, or other charms or spells that are well-known by the spiritualists, to be used for protection against the evils of the Jinn, Satan, or witchcraft?

A: Seeking help from the Jinn or angels, and calling upon them to ward off evil or bring good fortune, or for protection against the evils of the Jinn, are acts of major Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship) that takes the doer out of the Din (religion) of Islam - may Allah forbid.

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This applies whether this is done by calling upon them, writing their names and wearing them as amulets, washing them and then drinking the water, or other such means, if it is believed that the amulet or the washed water can bring benefit or ward off evil, regardless of Allah.

As for writing the Most Beautiful Names of Allah (Exalted be He) and wearing them as amulets, some of the Salaf (righteous predecessors) permitted this. However, others among them disapproved of it for falling under the general prohibition on amulets and the fact that wearing them is a means that may lead to wearing other things, such as amulets that involve Shirk. Also, the worn object is exposed to dirt and filth, and therefore subjects Allah's Names to being desecrated. This is the correct scholarly opinion.

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

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