



الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على سيد المرسلين وخاتم النبيين وبعد:

There is no doubt that only Allah is the creator, owner, provider, worthy of worship and ruler of this world. No leaf can turn without his permission. He has the authority to decide all rewards and punishments. He fulfils needs, saves one from turmoil and makes bad good. Although fire has the quality to burn, water to drown and knife to cut, yet when He wants He can make fire harmless and turn it into cold and peaceful for Ibrahim (AS). He can make running water into solid rocks for Musa (AS) and protect Ismail (AS) from the cut of Knife despite Ibrahim's (AS) using it. Though magic, evil eye and jealousy etc. can negatively affect humans, their effects are dependent on the will of Allah. If He protects then no power of the universe can harm him. Mr Abdul Halim Sb attracted attention to the reality in his book that man should only turn to Allah in case of any problem and worry. One should chant the prayers that Prophet (SA) taught us. This book is based on valid arguments, effective medium and easy language which affects reader and he wishes to finish it in one sitting.

May Allah accepts hard work of Mr. Haleen: and makes this book beneficial for all Muslims.

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Dedication

I dedicate this book “Islam And Magic” to my parents, especially my mother who taught me to pray and fast at an early age; she also taught me how to recite the Quran in my childhood, and my father, who fed me with his halal earnings and provided me good education overseas, O Merciful Allah, forgive all their sins and make me sadqa jaria for them. Ameen!

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Preface

Human history indicates that humans have always deviated from the right path and engaged themselves in polytheistic and superstitious beliefs. This is why the Merciful Lord kept sending his messengers and books to save us humans from the torment of the Hellfire. To enforce what I wrote, Allah in the Holy Quran mentions about the Israelites and says: **Have you not seen those to whom a portion of the Book was given? They believe in baseless superstitions and taghut (magicians, amulets, gemstones, religious and political leaders etc.), and say about the unbelievers that they are better guided than those who believe.** Such are the ones whom Allah has cursed; and he whom Allah curses has none to come to his help (4:51-51).

As this world is an examination hall, we will be tempted with suspicions, arrogance, superstitions, superstitious effects of stars, amulets, gems, lines on our palms, lucky charms, interpretation of dreams, evil eye and effects of magic on our personality. These are my topics of discussion, I pray to Allah that I may be able to address these grave issues prevailing in our society and pull my brothers back into the fold of Islam. Firstly, I will try to clear the misconceptions about the predestination (Qadar) which is one of the major reasons why humans are confused. To really understand why people, indulge in suspicion, superstition, magic etc., I will then discuss jinn (devil) possession and how they manipulate our sentiments in slight detail. I will then discuss the effects of suspicion and superstitious behaviour on our character. I will also discuss whether the Gemstones have any effect on human nature, and what science and Islam say about it. I will then discuss fortune tellers, soothsayers, palmists, colours and cup readers. Then I will discuss amulets and evil eye. Finally, I will discuss about magic and its effects on humans, its preventions and cure in slight details. I will conclude with

my remarks. To start with I will suggest to my reader to read the next chapter “Words to Remember” very carefully, it will be extremely helpful in understanding my subjects of discussion.

In need of supplication

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Words to remember

I have put this heading here, to emphasize that nothing happens without Allah's permission, and if we read what Allah says in verses of the Quran mentioned below with understanding, it will be easier for us to understand the forthcoming topics. Allah in Surah Al-Inaam says: **All that lies in the darkness of the night and in the light of the day belongs to Allah, and He hears and knows everything. O Prophet, say to them "Should I take as my guardian any other than Allah? Should I forsake that Allah Who is the creator of the earth and the heavens, and Who nourishes all and does not stand in need of nourishment from anyone"? Say, "I have been enjoined to be the first of those who surrender to Him, (and I have been urged) not to be of those who commit polytheism". Say, "I do fear the torment of the dreadful Day, if I should disobey my Lord". He, who will be delivered from the torment of that Day, will have received Allah's mercy, and this is a great success. If Allah afflicts you with an evil, there is none other than Him to relieve you from it, and if He bestows some good on you, (know that) He has power over everything. He has supreme authority over His servants, and He is All-Wise, All-Aware (6:13-18).** These verses tell us that we should place our trust in Allah; if He afflicts us with an affliction or calamity no one can relieve us from it except He Himself. Therefore, being a Muslim, we should rely on Allah only and no one else (no amulet, no stones, no magic, no saints etc.). Similarly, in Surah Al-e-Imran says, **If Allah helps you, no power can overcome you, and if He forsakes you, who is there, then, after Him to help you? Therefore, the true believers should have trust in Allah alone (3:160).** Again, Allah tells us that if He helps us, then no one can overcome us, and if He forsakes us, there is no one who can help us. These verses are telling us that no magic, no evil eyes can afflict us except what Allah has ordained for us. No

magician, no saints, no stones can give us respite except with Allah's permission. **My question to my readers:** Shouldn't we seek help from Allah alone? In Surah Jinn Allah says: He alone is the all-knower of the unseen; He does not reveal His secrets to anyone except to the messenger whom He may choose (for the purpose) (72:26-27). These verses are telling us that only Allah knows the unseen, therefore, we should not believe in fortune tellers, soothsayer, palmist, astrologist etc., what they are telling us is just flukes and nothing else. Therefore, if any tragedy or calamity befalls us, none can help us but Allah. We should supplicate to Him with steadfastness. It is mentioned in the Quran in Surah Al-Baqarah where Allah says: They were after that thing which was sent to two angels Harut and Marut at the city of Babylon. Whenever these two angels taught black magic to anyone, they would always give a clear warning before hand, saying, "We are merely a trial for you; so, you should not commit blasphemy". But despite the warning, people used to learn from the angels the art which caused division between husband and wife. Although it was obvious that they could not do any harm to anyone by means of this magic without Allah's permission (2:102-103).

O Muslims, the fire has the property to burn, yet when Allah wants, He can make it harmless and peaceful for Abraham_(AS). The water has the property to maintain level and drown, yet He can make a way for Musa_(AS) and his people to cross the sea, and in the same sea He drowned Pharaoh and his army. The knife has the property to cut, He can make it harmless for Ismael_(AS), despite Abraham_(AS) using it. O Muslims, remember, Allah is the creator and the ruler of the universe, He owns everything in it. He devised the laws, and if He pleases, he can break them or change them according to the situation. Although magic and evil eye can have negative effects on us, their effects depend on Allah's permission. If He protects us, then no power in the

universe can harm us. O Muslims, turn to Allah, He is worthy of our love and worship.

O Muslim, the situation of humans does not stay stagnant but keeps changing. Allah says: We keep changing the days (situations) between people (pleasure with sorrow, wealth with poverty, health with sickness etc. and vice versa). **Quran tells us if we receive pleasure or wealth or good health etc., we should not feel honoured or proud or arrogant or snobbish about it, but rather we should humble ourselves, be grateful to Allah and thank Him for His blessings.** And if we receive sorrow or poverty or sickness etc., we should not get depressed or grieved or cry or feel miserable about it, but rather we should show patience and say, “to Allah we belong and to Him is our return”. There are three types of patience. a) Patience at the time of calamity i.e. whatever befalls us, we do not wean, rather face it with patience, and accept it as predestination of our Merciful Lord and continue with our life. b) Patience (steadfast) in doing good deeds by refraining from bad temptations. c) Patience in refraining from bad deeds by over-coming the Satan’s temptations. Allah says in the Quran; call on Me for help through prayers and patience. That is why the Prophet(SAW) would go to mosque and start praying to Allah for help, even when strong winds started to blow. Allah says in the Quran, Allah is with those who show patience. In another place Allah says, give glad tidings to the people who show patience when calamity befalls them and say, “to Allah we belong and to Him is our return”. Allah says: a person who shows patience his reward is limitless. People who showed patience and entered the Paradise, the angels will come from all doors of the paradise to greet them for the patience they had shown. It is when we become impatient that Satan takes advantage of the situation and leads us to have suspicions and to become superstitious. When we are overtaken by superstitions, we tend to go to magicians, fortune tellers, soothsayers, palmists or buy our

amulet or charm gemstones. In the process we lose our faith, we lose our trust in Allah and start relying on fictitious things. May Allah give us the understanding to understand the purpose of the test? Ameen! If we keep in mind the above verses, it will be easier to understand the next chapter of predestination. In my opinion not understanding predestination is one of the major causes of falling prey to the enticements of satanic jinn and satanic humans. That is why the Prophet_(SAW) said, learning astrology is learning magic, slickness of tongue is magic etc., and magic is shirk (polytheism). Why? Because these are the facades which mislead us in accepting the wrong perceptions. We can deduce that magic is nothing but deception by which we accept the wrong perception put forward by the magicians and the satanic jinn (jinn cannot physically harm us). When we give in to Satan's whispers, we start believing that magic, evil eye, or possession by satanic jinn etc. have caused them afflictions. It is abnegating the above verses of the Quran, thus abnegating Allah.

O Muslims, Allah loves us seventy-fold more than our mothers, shouldn't we reciprocate our love for Allah to the best of our ability. Whatever comes and whatever happens we should never compromise on our love for Allah. If we love Allah, Allah will love us; He will raise our status and make us the dwellers of His paradise. To further strengthen what I just said, I would like to narrate the story of prophet Abraham_(AS). After lots of vigorous tests Allah bestowed Abraham_(AS) with lots of wealth and blessings. One day Allah told the angels that Abraham is My grateful servant. The angels replied, why wouldn't he be grateful, You have blessed him with such huge wealth and status. Allah allowed the angels to test Abraham's love for Allah. An angel descended on one of his fields in human form and waited for Abraham_(AS). When Abraham_(AS) came near, the angel started reciting (*subhan Allah wal hamdo lillah wla alaha illallah wallah hu akbar*), in a

melodious voice. Abraham_(AS) was captivated by it, because he was praising his true beloved Allah. When the angel stopped, Abraham_(AS) requested him to continue reciting it. The angel said it is going to cost you. Abraham_(AS) said, take whatever you want, but keep praising my beloved. The angel said that he will take all his sheep and goats. He_(AS) said, take them but keep reciting. The angel started reciting ([subhan Allah wal hamdo lillah wla alaha illallah wallah hu akbar](#)). After reciting it a few times the angel stopped. Abraham_(AS) again said, keep reciting. The angel said it is going to cost you. Abraham_(AS) said, “Take whatever you want but keep praising my beloved.” The angel said that he would take all his cows, Abraham_(AS) agreed. The angel started reciting ([subhan Allah wal hamdo lillah wla alaha illallah wallah hu akbar](#)), again after reciting a few times the angel stopped. Abraham_(AS) again said keep reciting my beloved’s praise. The angel again said that it would cost you. Abraham_(AS) again said, take whatever you want. The angel said that he will take all his of camels. Abraham_(AS) agreed, and the angel started praising Allah ([subhan Allah wal hamdo lillah wla alaha illallah wallah hu akbar](#)). Again, after reciting a few times, he stopped. Abraham_(AS) again said, please keep reciting. The angel said, it will cost you and you have nothing to give. The Prophet Abraham_(AS) said, you will need a servant to take care of your herd, take me as your slave, I will not ask you for wages food etc., but keep praising my beloved Allah. The angel started crying and said, Abraham_(AS) you are truly grateful servant of Allah, I came here to test you. You have proved yourself. Subhan-Allah! O Muslims, learn the Quran with understanding, it will save us from regrets in the Hereafter. O Allah, embed in us Your love, such that we Love You with our fullest heart and please You with our utmost effort. O Allah, we are weak, take us in Your refuge from the wicked footsteps of Satan, and his armies of satanic humans and jinn. Ameen! O Allah, guide us to Your way and keep us steadfast on it. Ameen! O Allah,

send lots of blessing on Your and our beloved Prophet(SAW).
Ameen!

What is Predestination (Qadar)?

The issue of **Pre-Destined Fate** is a vital subject for all the Muslims to understand, and especially for those of us who are being tested with Evil Eye, Black Magic or Jinn possession. When undergoing hardship from tribulations one may even question Allah in several different ways, for example: a) why He is punishing us with such an oppressive fate. b) If only there was no Black Magic, then surely our lives would be better. c) Look at the problems Black Magic has created for me and my family etc... Satan exploits the concept of predestination to lead the humans away from their Merciful Lord. As mostly people don't have the slightest clue about what predestination really is, and as such out of ignorance people who are gripped in the ploys of Satan or have not read the Quran with understanding might say, **"If Allah has predestined for them to go to Hell, then their punishment is unfair"**. This opens the door of frustration against Allah which leads us astray. This is why I have chosen predestination as my first topic of discussion. **I Pray to Allah that he gives me the understanding and ability to make others understand it. Ameen!**

Sheikh Taqiuddin An-Nabhani says in his book "The Systems of Islam": Any individual who studies the actions of man in depth will observe that man lives within two spheres. **In the first sphere** he is in control with Allah's permission as it falls within the domain of his free-will and will be held accountable for it in the Hereafter. All his actions are written in the book of predestination. The first sphere of Qadar can be phrased as follows: **First sphere of Qadar is not a script for a person to follow, rather it is the written detailed account of his actions that he will carry out with his free will and are written in Loh-e-Mafooz by Allah, the All Knowing**

and the All Seeing. The test will be conducted by Allah; choice of action will be ours. I will try to clarify my phrase with two examples. Suppose two people watch a person walking neglectfully at a distance oblivious of a trench in front of him. They deduce that the person will fall in the trench and hurt himself. If that person stays neglectful, he will fall in the trench, their presumption will turn out to be true (without their interference), and if he realizes the danger and escapes from falling in the trench, then their presumption will be wrong. Where else, Allah the Knower of the Unseen is always right. He knows the future in minute details. I will enforce it with another example. An incident happened with an Islamic scholar Dr Malik Ghulam Murtaza who was the deputy auditor general at that time, which is helpful in explaining predestination in my opinion. According to him in 1971 he was sitting in his office when a magician Mr. Sheikh Sadiq came to see him and unfolded a paper on his table in front of him. It had forty squares with names and pictures of objects on it. The magician asked him to choose any square and write it down on a paper. He then picked a piece of paper jotted something on it and placed it face down on the table. Malik Murtaza asked him, what that was. He told him that he has written down the object he is going to select. Malik sahib said, after lots of hesitation he selected an object and wrote it down on a piece of paper. When they both turned the paper, he had written what he had selected with his own free will. TV shows are full of such acts. How he did it is not the point, rather if a human with such low ability can tell what one will choose with his free will, then Allah must know what we will choose of our own free will, because He has to manage the universe. We have the choice to choose the path we like, and Allah knows it long before we take the decision. Some people might say that Allah said in the Quran, nothing can happen without His will. This is true, and Allah has willed for us freedom to choose the path we decide.

In the second sphere we have no choice or control; it is the sphere of trials and tribulations, sustenance, hardships or luxuries etc... These are pre-determined by Allah alone and are part of the test of this world. In Surah Baqarah Allah says: “We will surely put you to trial by involving you in fear and hunger and by causing loss of property, life and earnings”. And give good tidings to those who remain steadfast in these trials; when a misfortune comes to them, they say: “We are Allah’s, and we shall certainly return to Him” (2:155-156). We should not concern ourselves about the things that are not within our sphere of influence, rather we should put our trust in Allah and overcome them with supplications, patience and steadfastness. In a hadith the Prophet^(SAW) said, “Supplication (dua) can change predestination”. I hope this example will further clarify the concept of Qadar. Someone asked Ali^(RA) regarding Qadar, he asked the person to lift one leg and said you have the freedom to lift one leg but not both. Someone might say that he can lift both legs by holding to something. True, we can also change the predestination of second sphere by holding onto Allah’s rope (Quran), dua, patience and steadfastness. In Surah Al-Kahaf, Allah says, when he ordered the angels and Satan to prostrate to Adam^(AS), everybody prostrated except Satan. He escaped because he was from Jinn kind. Jinn have been given the freedom of choice. On the other hand, the amount of sustenance one will have, or when will he have, or how long will he live, or where and how will he die, or what calamities will befall him is predestined by Allah (it’s part of the test from Allah), nothing and no one can change it except Allah Himself.

To enforce what I said, I will explain Qadar and its two spheres with an example. Let us look at the issue of Black Magic (being my main topic of discussion); it is within the magician’s sphere of control to initiate the magic, while the outcome of the magic is only with Allah’s permission (as everything good or bad is with Allah’s permission).

Similarly, it is within the Jinn's sphere of control to move into the victim's body, though the result of it is within Allah's sphere of control. All actions initiated by the magicians or jinn are within their sphere of control and can only come into fulfilment if Allah permits. On the day of judgement, the magicians and jinn will be held accountable to Allah for the initiations, and if Allah allowed the action to be completed, then they will be held accountable for the consequences of that action also. In the same way, if the magician and jinn related magic which Allah allowed to be completed and caused the husband to have bad assumptions about his wife, and if the husband acts on it and offends or hurts his wife, or counters magic with magic, he will be held accountable for it, because this initiation of action was within his sphere of control. He should have overcome it with supplication, patience and steadfastness. I hope I was able to clear the concept of Qadar.

As Allah has written down everything in the book of predestination in details, there will be people who would say when Allah knows what an individual will do, then why put us through the hassle of this world. In my opinion there are three reasons for putting us through the trials of this world. a) Those who go to Paradise will not object, but the ones who will be told to enter Hellfire will object and say, they would never have disobeyed their Lord (test is a must to distinguish the truth from the falsehood). b) Allah would like to show to His creations the men who loved Him and feared Him and obeyed His commandment with zest. c) To enable us to colour our characters with the colours of Allah's attributes. O' people, search for the truth, read the Quran with understanding. Allah only guides those who have the urge for the truth. O Allah, give us the urge to seek Your guidance and guide us to Your path, fill our hearts with piety and Your fear and forgive us in this world and in the Hereafter. Ameen! Remember the conclusion we have drawn from Qadar,

“Nothing happens without Allah’s permission”. It will help us understand the subject.

Being possessed by Jinn

A major myth that people of all religions and race are afraid of is to be possessed by a satanic jinni (devils). I call it a myth because later in this section I will discuss the powers given to jinn is mere to entice sons of Adam_(AS). But they do not have the power to force us to sin. They can entice us, mesmerise us by continuously bombarding our thoughts with negativity. The question arises who are the satanic jinn, and how and why do they try to portray evil as good and entice us to commit sin? Before delving into the topic, it is important to understand who Satan is, and why he hates humans.

Who is Satan and Jinn?

Before I proceed to answer the above question, I would like to ask my readers two questions. Why the Quran calls most humans worse than cattle? We humans were supposed to be polite and caring race, why have we become the bloodiest predators? To understand this and the subject of magic and all other related subjects, we have to understand the jinn kind and especially Satan (Iblis) from Jinn kind. This is one of my topics of discussion “[Being Possessed by Jinn](#)”. Jinn are one of the two creations of Allah who were given the conscience to choose between the right path and the wrong path. The other beings with conscience are we humans. Jinn were created thousands of years prior to the creation of Adam_(AS). They were created from smokeless fire that is why they do not have a fix form or shape like us. We cannot see them in their natural form, [but we can see them when they take the shape and form of animals and humans](#). To confirm what I said, in a hadith the Prophet_(SAW) said [that satanic jinn in their final effort will come to a dying person disguised as his dead](#)

relatives to deprive him of his faith (may Allah protect us from Satan and his devils). On the other hand, we humans have been made from the contents of mud with fixed form and shape. We Humans are Allah's best creation because we have been given the ability to contemplate and understand. An ability with which we can invent new things from Allah's created things (we cannot create from nothingness; it is only Allah Who can). If we don't use our intellect, then we are worse than the cattle. Similarly, when our hearts become selfish, we become the worse predator. Coming to the question, who is Satan? Certainly, he is not a metaphor as some people think. Many hadiths and references from the Quran affirm that Satan is a being whom Allah created from the Jinn kind. Allah created the Jinn kind with extreme strength thousands of years prior to the creation of Adam^(AS). We can envisage the strength of these jinn (devils) from the Quran in verses (27:39-40) tells us that when prophet Solomon^(AS) asked the Jinn to bring him the grand throne of Queen Sabah from Yemen to Jerusalem. One of them said that he can bring the throne before he^(AS) could get up, and the other one who had the knowledge of the book said he can bring the grand throne before the blink of his eyes, and he did. The Jinn created lots of mischiefs, havoc and bloodshed on the earth. Allah ordered the angels to banish the Jinn kind from the mainland towards the islands. This in my opinion was to pave the way for humans to become the viceroy of the earth. Satan was then a very pious Jinn, he requested Allah that he may be allowed to assist the angels in banishing his kind from the mainland. It was granted to him. Satan fought against his kind and was made the leader of the angels. Here I would like to negate the concept in Christianity which says Satan is a fallen angel. This is false; angels don't have free will like jinn and humans. They only obey what they have been commanded, and matter of disobedience never arises. Similarly, some people might raise a question that Satan and Jinn who are made from fire and when they are put into the

Hellfire, the fire will not hurt them. I can only say to them, when flesh can hurt flesh, then Insha-Allah Hellfire will certainly hurt the Jinn who will be the dwellers of the Hellfire. Coming back to the subject; Satan after becoming the leader of the angels got infected with pride, he thought he has done a great honour for his Lord and forgot that Allah is All Powerful, All Knowing and only has to say. “happen”, and it happens. Sending angels was nothing but a test. Allah further devised a test for Satan and told the angels as mentioned in the Quran; and when your Lord said to the angels: “I am going to place a caliph on earth”. The angels said “Will You place there one that will make mischief and shed blood while we sing Your praises and glorify Your name?” Allah said: “I know what you know not” (2:30). Allah further said to the angels that after He has completed it and blown in him his soul then all of you should prostrate to him. Satan who was infected with pride became jealous of Adam and refused to bow to Adam_(AS) on the pretext that he was superior and became accursed. The difference between the satanic attitude (both jinn and humans) and humane attitude is that Satan after disobeying Allah did not repent but became more arrogant and started blaming Allah for leading him astray. As mentioned in the Quran. Satan said: “O my Lord Give respite till the Day they are resurrected.” Allah said, “respite is granted to You, till the Day of the time of appointment.” Satan said: “O my Lord! **You have put me in the wrong**, I will make disobedience attractive to them on the earth, and I will put them all in the wrong, except Your servants among them sincere and purified by Your grace” (15:36-40). **(Arrogance + disobedience + being unapologetic = satanic behaviour, which Allah dislikes)**. On the other hand, Adam_(AS) and Eve after having been deceived and tricked into eating the fruit of the forbidden tree and banished from the Paradise, humbled themselves and started repenting to the All-Mighty until He forgave them **(humbleness + obedience + being remorseful = humanist behaviour, which Allah loves)**.

As mentioned in the above verses, Satan in his arrogance and anguish requested Allah to give him life till End Times. It was granted to him probably because, Allah wanted to test the progeny of Adam to distinguish between the ones who will be righteous and believe in the unseen, and the ones who will reject the truth, or it could be the reward for his thousands of years of worship. As Allah is All Knowing, He wrote down everything that was to happen in minute details in the Book of Predestination even before creating the jinn kind and humankind. Satan after failing the test and attaining life till the Dooms Day supplicated to Allah to grant him powers to enable him to entice the children of Adam. He requested Allah four times and every time he was granted an extra power. In what we just read I would like to point out a lesson for us. Satan was the worst sinner/criminal and who has been cursed by Allah that he will be deprived of His mercy, and yet Allah accepted his supplications and granted him what he requested. Think, when Allah answered the prayers of Satan, why will he not listen to us? Does it make sense? Allah is not only the Lord of pious people, He is also the Lord of everything and being. Continuing with the subject:

Powers granted to Satan and his progeny

- a) Satan and jinn were granted powers to entice children of Adam_(AS).** They entice us with their multifaceted approach (inducing in us pride, arrogance, self-pity and obsession etc.), which leads to anxiety and frustration, which fill's our hearts with suspicions, jealousy, superstitions etc. These negative traits make us abnegate our Merciful Creator.
- b) For every human child born, a satanic jinni will be born,** which will be his partner (qareen) till death. It will try to lure him to become evil.
- c) Allah allowed the satanic Jinn to enter the body of human beings and play with their minds.** Satan seduces us via this

power to become suspicious, jealous, superstitious, and even makes us think that we can change our destiny etc... Similarly, satanic humans are using chemicals and brainwashing techniques to control human minds and make us do horrible crimes.

d) Allah allowed Satan to gather his armies and attack humans psychologically and lure children of Adam to sin with false promises of this world, and to reject the Hereafter. Allah says that the promises of Satan are nothing but a mirage, a delusion, a facade and nothing but lies. Satan was able to create an army of satanic humans assisted by satanic Jinn who create havoc and destroy societies with **false flags**. The satanic humans are the cause of extreme suffering for the children of Adam. The satanic humans usually constitute religious, financial and political elites.

After receiving the powers, Satan swore by Allah's Grace that he will lure all humans to follow him accept the few He will guide and that he will mislead them and tempt them with vain desires. On his command they will slit the ears of their cattle **and on his command they will** (genetically) **modify his creations** (4:119). In Surah Bani Israel Satan pointing towards Adam said: "Was he worthy of this that You have exalted him above me? If you give me respite up to the Day of Resurrection, I will uproot the whole of his progeny; only a few of them will be able to save themselves from me". In response Allah said: "Well, get away. Hell is your ample reward and reward for those who follow you. You may try to allure them with your invitation whomsoever you can. Rally against them your horsemen and your footmen; set a partnership with them with your false promises. And Satan's promises are nothing but deception. **Indeed, you shall have no power over My servants**" (17:62-64). Making us accountable for our deeds.

Satan made three promises to Allah which are:

i) Satan promised that he will lead us humans astray

Look at majority of us humans, instead of becoming the servant of Allah and relying on Him, we have become the servants of Satan. Satan continuously exerts his efforts to mislead us, and he will not let go until we meet our Lord (die). It is narrated in a hadith, satanic jinn will come to us on our death bed (when we are about to die), disguised as our mothers, fathers, husbands, wives or teachers etc. who have passed away. They will say: “Don’t die on Islam, it’s a false religion” (the qareen knows all our relatives and their faces because he is always with us). Seek Allah’s refuge! Here I would like to mention the historical story, which clarifies the Qareen’s part in trying to mislead us. Some magicians came to Hajaj bin Yusuf and said, “think of something and we will tell you”. Hajaj went in another room took two grains in his palm and came out and asked the magicians what he has in his hand. They replied you have two grains in your hand. He again went inside and came out with the same two grains and again asked the magicians what he has in his hand. They again replied you have two grains in your hand. In anger he went inside grabbed some grains in his hand and came out and again asked the magicians what he has in his hand. They replied they don’t know because you yourself don’t know. When he counted the grains the qareen also knew, he communicated it with the magician’s jinn. But when he grabbed randomly the qareen did not know. O Muslims, the satanic jinn laugh at Allah and insult our Prophet^(SAW) who told us to put our heads on the ground in times of difficulties, where else the Satan promised Allah that he would deviate the mankind to trust emulates, gemstones, superstitions etc., and regrettably he is succeeding. The jinn with the help of the magician take away our faith, while we still think we are Muslims. **O Allah, take us in Your protection from the footsteps of Satan. Ameen! O Allah don’t let go of us, we**

will perish and become the people of Hellfire. O Allah, we cannot imagine what path Satan will lead us on our last journey, unless You blessed us with Your mercy. Allah tells us that those who stayed steadfast in the world will stay steadfast at the time of death. These are people who will reject Satan, and bear witness to Allah's oneness and die as solemn Muslim. O' Allah, destine for us that we stay steadfast on Islam and die bearing witness to Your oneness. Ameen!

ii) Satan promised that he would give us false desires and passions. False desires and passions can be divided into two categories.

a) Carnival desires. Desire for flesh and look how our societies have succumbed to the wishes of Satan. Today our societies are sex driven societies. They say it is physical thing, where else Islam says it is a spiritual thing. When a husband comes to his wife and recites a dua, it is the first right of the child to be protected from the Satan. Those of us who won't yield to the carnival desires, on the Day of Judgment they will be one of the seven groups of people who will be under the shade of Allah. O' Allah protect us from all major sins. Ameen!

b) Desire of this World. Satan will delude us in making this world and its false aspirations our sole purpose of life. He will avert us from pondering into the actual purpose of life. We can see the promise of Satan has come to pass with TVs, computers, videos, DVDs, satellite channels, mobile phones, internet etc. He fills our hearts with these false aspirations until we die. On the Day of Judgement, he will say "don't blame me, blame yourselves, I called, and you followed". O' Allah, have mercy and protect us from the footsteps of accursed Satan. Ameen!

iii) Satan promised that he would command us to slit the ears of our cattle and change the structure of the creations of

Allah. Look around, how we are disfiguring ourselves and our cattle. After discovering the genealogical code, we are changing the creations of Allah. We have GMO food produced by injecting genes from another species. Men are trying to look like women and women are trying to look like men. Turn back to your most Merciful and loving Lord. **O' Allah, don't let go of us, help us walk Your way. Ameen!**

To implement his promises, Satan has an army of disciples, which constitutes his progeny, satanic jinn and satanic men and women from human race. He has trained his disciples to entice children of Adam towards rejection of the truth and polytheism. The devils from mankind are most difficult to tackle. Satan lures humans towards disbelief (rejection of truth) and polytheism by creating:

- i) Doubts about the Creator.
- ii) Enhancing the desires of this worldly life.
- iii) Inducing extremism in logic.
- iv) Making us Indulge in ridiculous reasoning to disobey Allah.

Due to his extreme hatred for mankind, Satan has made it his mission to mislead humans from the chosen path. Satan hates us for his own misdoings and blames us humans for the trouble he is in. In the Quran Satan said: **“I will come to them from the front and from behind and from right and from left and You will find that most of them are ungrateful”** (Allah said) **“Get out therefrom, despised and defeated. Those among them who follow you, I will fill the Hell with you all”** (7:17,18). To fulfil his ambition of leading us astray, Satan and his disciples will confront us from the front and induce doubts in our minds about the creator by making us rely on stones, stars, amulets, magic and miscreant religious and political elites. They will confront us from behind with their whispers encouraging us to have hope in this worldly life, by making us waste our time on TVs, computers, videos, DVDs,

satellite channels, mobile phones, internet etc... They will confront us from right and create doubts about the Hereafter by inducing the concept that this life is what we have, we live and die and that there is no Hereafter. And they will confront us from the left encouraging us to sin and rely on others besides Allah and become polytheist. Satan has brought humans at a crossroad via his dictators (satanic humans), where we humans are creating more havoc and murders than the Jinn kind. Umar Bin Khattab while giving the definition of taghut (dictator) said that taghut is Satan. This category includes secularist, nationalist, hypocrites and all types of apostates in power. **O humans, remember, we are fighting an enemy who knows he is going to the Hellfire; and he wants to take as many of us with him as he can. We should treat him as our enemy and seek Allah's protection from his deceptions. Only Allah can protect us.**

Some people might think that Satan is very genius, very powerful and a rival of Allah. They should read that small portion of the Hadith-e-Qudsia no. 2577 in Sahih Muslim in which Allah says **"O my servants from the first of you till the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you were to be as wicked as the wickedest heart of any one man (Satan & anti-Christ) of you that will not decrease My kingdom in anything"**. Satan induces arrogance in people like Pharaohs, elites etc., who in their arrogance think they are gods. Most of the leaders of this age are the Pharaohs of modern times, **who acts like a god, no, rather like Satan**, because Allah is extremely merciful. Remember this world is an examination hall. We will be tested with calamities, and we will be tested with sustenance. To pass the test we must read the Holy Quran with understanding. It will protect us from falling a prey to the ploys of Satan. O Muslim, Seek Allah's protection from the accursed Satan for there is no protection except with Him. **O' Muslims, be aware of the footsteps of the accursed Satan, he will lure us from the right path with**

sugar coated falsehood and undetectable small steps in the wrong direction, until he has put us on the opposite path. Let's hold on to Allah's rope of guidance the Quran and study it with understanding. This is the only protection we have from the footsteps of the accursed Satan.

Adam_(AS) heard the supplications of Satan and prayed to Allah and spoke. "O' Lord, You have given Satan so much power and authority over me, so what will You give me O' Allah". Adam requested Allah's protection four times and was given respite four times. Allah promised him four things. They are:

i) Allah said that no human child will be born without five angels. Two angels guarding him, two angels who will write his deeds and one who will whisper in his ears to do good deeds. Subhan-Allah, thank you Allah! The devils cannot harm us because two angels are guarding us from them. It has always been the satanic humans, assisted by the satanic jinn that harm us both physically and psychologically. If we let our guards down the jinn can only create doubts and anxiety in us. I will try to explain it with an example, mostly Jinn possessions are due to our own psychological problems which arise due to anxiety etc... At a young age I went with a scholar who was khateeb of our masjid to see his friend in a masjid in Sarai Alamgir. His friend used to practice invocation. In our presence a woman came there with her young daughter possessed by satanic jinn. The imam of that masjid talked to that girl and asked her if she was possessed. On affirmation, he took out an iron ring that had a screw on it and put it on the finger of the girl. He started tightening the screw and hitting her hand with a miswak (toothbrush) and kept asking her if the jinn was still there. He kept tightening the screw until due to excruciating pain her face expression started changing. He kept hitting her once a while and asking her if the jinn left her. When the pain grew intolerable the jinn did leave. He further tightened the ring and told her to

go in the dark room and see if she can see the devil. Due to unbearable pain the jinn had left her. At that time, I did not like it, but today I understand that it was the psychological treatment for the psychological problem. Ninety-nine per cent of the problems people face are psychological, and best way to overcome them is by turning back to Allah, being patient and getting psychological treatment.

ii) Allah promised Adam that for every bad deed He may forgive or write one bad deed. For every good deed He will write minimum 10 to 700 or more good deeds.

iii) Allah promised that His door of forgiveness will stay open till the soul starts to depart from the body.

iv) Allah gave us hope and said, do not despair or have doubts about His forgiveness. For He forgives all sins (Allah created us, and He knows our short comings). This is something for us to rejoice. Thank You O Allah!

Remember, Allah did not create us to punish us. He loves us seventy folds more than a loving mother. He cares for us and wants us to be in Paradise. To please Allah, we should try to attain the fourth stage of Imaan so that our hearts are captivated with Allah's love. On the other hand, Satan due to his extreme hatred for humans will try his utmost that we don't even achieve the first stage, instead achieve the fourth stage of kufr (i.e. when heart is stamped as disbeliever) so that he can rejoice. People who are gripped in the ploys of Satan will argue that it is unfair to punish someone whose heart has been stamped as disbeliever, because he cannot receive guidance. I will negate their objection with an example. Suppose a person goes to his doctor for check-up. The doctor tells him that he has cancer, and it is in its initial stage which is curable and that he should have it treated. That person ignores the warning. Sometimes later when that person re-visits the doctor for his check-up, the doctor warns him that his cancer has progressed to second stage and that

he should not neglect his condition and tells him that it is still curable. He again ignores the warning and keeps his way. After a while when that person re-visits the doctor again for his check-up, the doctor warns him once more that his cancer has progressed to third stage and that now the treatment will be difficult and extremely expensive, yet it may be curable. That person still ignored the advice, and the cancer progresses to the fourth stage where it is incurable. When that person now goes to different doctors, and all the doctors tell him that at this stage your disease is incurable, and you are going to die. Can the doctors be blamed for telling him that his disease is incurable and that he is going to die? The answer will be no. Although occasionally miracles happen, but Allah is never wrong. He knows the heart that has been stamped will never accept the guidance. **Stamping is a figure of speech and not actually stamping of the heart.** Our merciful Lord always leaves the doors open for the strayed humans and Jinn to turn back to Him. He knows who will turn back to Him and who will not.

Satan (with his army of qareen (satanic Jinn) lures people to the fourth stage of kufr (disbelief) with his wicked footsteps. **O mankind, Satan is your worst enemy, thus treat him like one.** Satan has a strong following within the current generation of ruling elites. He is confident that he will accomplish his task of leading the current generation of humans to Hellfire. So far it seems he is succeeding. O' Muslims recognise your enemy number one **Satan**. We should hold on tightly to our Lord's guidance (**the holy Quran**) and seek His protection from the accursed one; His protection is the only protection we will ever have. Satan and his team of satanic jinn relentlessly try to brainwash our minds to become evil. He induces sense of insecurity, arrogance, fear, hatred, arouses suspicions, infects us with jealousy and spites, superstitions, magic and polytheism. Fear Allah don't fear them, it will save us from all these

despicable traits. “O’ Allah, we are weak, pull us towards Your mercy, and fill our hearts with Your love, and take us in Your protection from all evils and uncomprehend-able footsteps of the Satan. O’ Allah, we seek Your protection from the whispers of the satanic jinn and seek Your refuge that they visit us. O’ Allah, let not our hearts deviate now after You have guided us, and grant us mercy from Your very presence, for You are the granter of bounties without measure. O’ Allah, let us always be mindful of You and remember You”. Ameen!

Show-off and Arrogance

The Satan and his team will first try to induce arrogance via show-off in **servants** of Allah. Arrogance is anti-human and anti-religion; it is the only colour of Allah which He has prohibited for his slaves. It is the source of all evils. That is why in hadith in Sunan Ibn Majah, hadith 59, Abdullah narrates that the Prophet(SAW) said, “No one will enter Paradise who has even a mustard seed’s weight of arrogance in his heart”. In another hadith Prophet(SAW) said: “Anyone who makes light of a poor believing Muslim, he has made light of Allah Himself, and if he does not repent, Allah will make light of him on the Day of Resurrection. Anyone who respects a poor believing Muslim, he will meet Allah on the Day of Resurrection while He is pleased with him. Indeed, anyone who respects his believing Muslim brother, he respects Allah the Almighty”. Respecting others is the opposite of arrogance; it is due to humbleness that one will have respect for others. **Subhan-Allah!** O Muslim, clear your heart from all types of arrogance. We are Allah’s servants, our Lord has told us to be humble, truthful and to respect and care for His creations, especially humans. **O Allah, embed in us Your Love and love of Your creation. O Allah, embed in us love for one another. Ameen!**

To rid ourselves of arrogance, we must know its consequences. In Sahih Muslim Prophet(SAW) said: **No one who has an atom's weight of arrogance in his heart will enter Paradise.** Similarly, we should contemplate on how we were created. Allah says, **"Was there a period of time when man was not even worthy of a mention"** (76:1)? In another verse Allah says: **"Do not strut about in the land arrogantly. Surely you cannot cleave the earth, nor reach the heights of the mountains in stature"** (17:37). After realizing our limited capability, we should think about the Greatness of Allah. Ibn Qayyim says: Humility comes from knowing Allah, His names, His attributes and His overall greatness (Kitab al-Ruh). Allah says in verse: **"His is the glory in the heavens and the earth. He is the Most-Mighty, the Most-Wise"** (45:37). After knowing who is great, we should never over-praise ourselves or anyone else. Further Allah says: **"So do not boastfully claim you are purified. He fully knows those that are truly God-fearing"** (53:32). To overcome arrogance, we should be the first to give greeting (Salaam). It is narrated in Bayhaqi that the Prophet(SAW) said: **"The one who initiates salaam is free from pride"**. Reward of having humility is narrated in Sahih Muslim that Prophet(SAW) said: **"No one humbles himself for the sake of Allah except that Allah raises his status"**. **Subhan-Allah!**

Fear and Suspicions

The satanic devils and humans induce in us suspicion, which is the first step in wrong direction. Suspicions intensify our fears, and due to our wrong presumptions, we end up hurting our innocent relatives, friends and family members. The consequence of which is that we end up destroying peace and tranquillity of our lives in this world and would face worse in the Hereafter. This is why in Surah Al-Hujurat Allah says: **O you who have believed, avoid much suspicion, for some suspicions are sin. Do not spy, nor should any of you**

backbite the others. Is there any amongst you who would like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Nay, you yourselves abhor it. Fear Allah, for Allah is acceptor of repentance and All-Merciful (49:12). In a hadith Abu Huraira narrates that the Prophet(SAW) said, **“Beware of suspicion, for indeed suspicion is the falsest of speech”** (Bukhari, hadith 5143 and in Tirimzi and Muslim). In a hadith the Prophet(SAW) said:” **Avoid suspicion, for suspicion is the gravest lie in talk, and do not be inquisitive about one another, and do not spy upon one another, and do not feel envy with the other, and do not nurture hatred, dislike and hostility against one another. Rather be servants of Allah as brothers** (Sahih Muslim, book 32, hadith 6214, Sahih Bukhari, book 73, hadith 90).

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ إِيَّاكُمْ وَالظَّنَّ فَإِنَّ الظَّنَّ أَكْذَبُ الْحَدِيثِ وَلَا تَحَسَّسُوا وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا وَلَا تَنَافَسُوا وَلَا تَحَاسَدُوا وَلَا تَبْتَغِضُوا وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِخْوَانًا.

As suspicions are mostly aroused by the tale tellers, that is why the Prophet(SAW) said: **“The worst of people are those who hate the believers and the believers in their hearts hate them, those who go to and fro, bearing tales, causing separation between friends and seek deficiencies in those who are sound. Allah will not look at them on the Day of Resurrection and will not purify them”**. The Prophet(SAW) also said: **“Do not search the deficiencies of believers and do not follow their faults; because he who follows his brother’s faults, his own faults will be sought by Allah; and he whose faults are sought by Allah will be disgraced, even if he keeps indoors”**. The Prophet(SAW) also said: **“I swear by Allah besides Whom there is no god that no believer can ever attain the benefits of this world and the world to come except by his good opinion of Allah, because he will have hope, good nature and will abstain from backbiting the believers. I swear by Allah besides Whom there is no god, that no repenting believer will be punished except for his suspicion about Allah, because he will despair, have ill nature and backbite the believers. I swear by Allah besides Whom there is no god, that no believing servant has a good opinion of Allah**

except that he behaves duly towards Allah's believing servants". For Allah is generous and graceful, when His believing servant has a good opinion of Him, He does not fail to acquire His attributes. So, have a good opinion of Allah and don't be suspicious of others". Remember, being too suspicious will bring enmity and hatred in our hearts against people. When we feel suspicions and doubts have started creeping in our hearts, we should seek refuge in Allah from it and start thinking positively about others. Umar bin Khattab_(RA) said, "Do not think badly of any word uttered by your brother when you can find a good interpretation for it". I will explain it with an example: Jesus_(AS) saw a man steal, he asked him, "did you steal". He swore and said that he did not steal. Jesus_(AS) said, I believe you and reject what he_(AS) saw (He was Jesus_(AS) the true messenger of Allah). Allah in several places in the Quran says do not doubt each other. Whenever an evil thought fills our hearts, we should immediately seek Allah's refuge from it. We should avoid doubts and suspicions, and at the same time we should be careful that our actions do not create doubts in others mind. I will explain it with an example. One day the Prophet_(SAW) was walking with one of his wives (Safiyah) at night. Two Ansari companions passed by and said salaam-o-alaikum. The Prophet_(SAW) immediately said, this is my wife, Safiyah. The Prophet_(SAW) said this, so that no doubts may enter in their hearts. (حديث 2035، باب زيارة المرأة زوجها في اعتكافه، صحيح بخارى). Similarly, if we do something that could create a doubt in people's minds, we should also try to clear the doubts to the best of our ability. This will prevent lots of problem from creeping up. O Allah, ordain for us that we always try to have positive opinion about our fellow human beings, and save us from the whispers of Satan and his team. O Allah, forgive all our accesses and induce in us humbleness and positivity. Ameen!

Fear: The direct consequence of suspicion is fear, due to which we could lose our self-confidence, making us

incapable of facing trials of this life. Usually, this concern arises when we think of propagating our personality and feel that it is being threatened. When we don't trust Allah, we are susceptible to such threats, which makes us feel as if we have no decision powers and end up feeling compelled to seek help from others (magicians, soothsayers, fortune tellers and fraudulent peers etc.) to decide our affairs besides Allah (which they cannot). The stronger the fear, the more intense will be the anxiety that will torment us. This condition can reach the point of madness where we can end up severing all relations (against the instructions of Allah). This mostly happens due to imaginary fear which induces expectations of misfortune and grief. Because of weakened power of thinking, we end up throwing ourselves at the doors of fraudulent peers, magicians, soothsayers etc., and away from the door of the Merciful. O Muslims, this world is not a place for enjoying, rather it is an examination Hall, if we pass, we can enjoy life forever in Paradise, and if we fail, Hellfire will be our abode forever. Due to suspicions and fear we can jeopardize our well-being as it can cause us considerable physical and psychological harm. This state of fear and anxiety is a prelude to severe psychological illness causing radical changes in our behaviour. Suspicion destroys the urge for progress; it immobilises our urge for success and diminishes the level of our mental and physical activity. Such fears have no benefits even if the expected danger materialises. It is because, if the feared misfortune or calamity did occur, we will lack the power and courage to face it. These aggravated symptoms lead to Jealousy and spites which is even more harmful for us both in this world and in the Hereafter. O Muslims, fear Allah, and do not despise His creations especially humans. Allah created us to love each other, when we fall prey to Satan's deceptions, we start despising each other. We humans were supposed to treat Satan as our enemy number one and fellow humans as equals, unfortunately, due to his whispers; we have become

friends of Satan and despise our fellow human beings. He has filled our hearts with arrogance, spite and grudges for our fellow humans. How sad! O Muslims let us turn back to our loving Lord; He is waiting for us with His Arms spread. Let us follow the Quran and its teachings and mend our ways accordingly. O Allah, we have wronged ourselves by despising humans in general whom You love more than seventy times the love of a loving mother, please forgive us. O Allah, fill our hearts with love for Your creation. O Allah, send lots and lots of peace and blessings on our beloved Prophet(SAW). Ameen!

Negative Impacts of Jealousy and Spite

In the Arabic language, “jealousy” has two connotations; one which is negative and one which is positive. The first type of jealousy is that which is pure hatred and animosity. The animosity of a jealous person is more dangerous than the danger of an enemy. Jealous people are non-traceable, where else the enemy is known. This type of jealousy is the evil alignment of a sick heart. Jealousy is the desire that a person has for the destruction or removal of a blessing from other people; a desire which the bearer of this feeling would himself carry out if he had the power. **Jealousy is such an evil that it not only wastes our good deeds but also makes us unbelievers. As the picture says: The overly jealous seem to harm others, but in the end only harm themselves.** Allah asks in the Quran: “Do they envy people for what Allah has given them of His bounty” (4:54)? Unfortunately, instead of being grateful for all the bounties He has provided us we become jealous of what others have. Jealousy is such an evil trait that it was the first sin that was committed by Allah’s



creation. When Allah ordered the angels to bow down to Adam, Satan refused to bow to Adam because of jealousy. In Surah Bani Israel Satan said to Allah, “Do You see, this one whom you have honored above me, if You give me respite till the Day of Judgment, I shall surely bring his descendants under my sway, all but a few” (17:62). Similarly, the first murder committed by the children of Adam was due to Jealousy. The Prophet Adam(AS) first had two sons and two daughters. As there were no other people present at that time, Allah allowed siblings to marry one another if they were not twins. Habil and Qabil were engaged to the two daughters of Adam(AS). However, Qabil was envious of his brother’s fiancé, which ended in Qabil killing his brother Habil. Jealousy is a negative attribute in one’s character, because it incites emotions of anger, inadequacy, disgust and resentment. It varies from tolerable to extreme levels where one would try to physically hurt others. Jealousy mostly occurs among people who know each other, like siblings, members of a family, people of the same profession and age etc... Jealousy breeds animosity between fellow beings, and lots of times it is the cause of fights between family members, colleagues and friends. A jealous person wishes for the downfall of others and is delighted when failure grips them. Jealousy is cause of more suffering for the jealous person because he lives a miserable life under stress, grief, rage, hatred and ruined health. Due to jealousy, one loses the blessings of this world and will be a loser in the Hereafter.

Reasons for jealousy include sense of superiority, pride, vendetta, desire to dominate others, personal failures or just desire for power and status. Imam al-Ghazali said that jealousy is often caused by various acts like hatred, ambition, superiority complex, arrogance, bewilderment, desire for power and prestige. That is why the Prophet(SAW)

said: **Do not be jealous among yourselves** (Muslim). Some people start feeling jealous when someone prospers and want to take it away from him. Envy and jealousy are sources of dissatisfaction and self-torture; therefore, we are advised in the Holy Quran to seek Allah's refuge from the serious consequences of such kind of hateful social evils. In Surah Al-Falaq we say: **"I seek refuge in the Lord of the dawn... from the evil of envious when he envies"**. A jealous person is annoyed because of the blessings other have, he is angry with Allah's distribution of His bounties. Allah through His absolute wisdom has given some people more prosperity, children, intelligence, beauty and strength than others (**part of test**). We Muslims should be content with what Allah has destined for us and should feel relaxed for what He has predestined for others. Jealousy is a trait which we as a Muslim have to overcome. The Prophet(SAW) said: **"Beware of jealousy, for verily it destroys good deeds the way fire destroys firewood"**.

عن ابن هزيمة أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: إياكم والحسد، فإن الحسد ياكل الحسنات كما تاكل النار الحطب أو قال:

العشب - (سنن ابن داود، حديث 4903 باب: في الحسد)

In another hadith the Prophet(SAW) said: **"Do not be jealous of each other, do not boycott each other, do not hate each other, and do not plot against each other. Be all of you brothers to each other, O Servants of Allah (Dawood, 14)"**. After what Prophet(SAW) said, can we feel jealous of anyone? No. Satan induces in us spite and hatred (consequences of envy and jealousy) to make us the worse predator. Satan with his wicked footsteps obsesses us with the worldly possessions, he makes us show-off beyond our means, resulting in anguish, despair, depression and superstitions. All these traits abnegate Allah's instruction manual (Quran). According to Bertrand Russell "jealousy is one of the strongest causes of unhappiness. Not only is the jealous person rendered unhappy by his envy, but

worse they also wish to inflict misfortune on others”. In Surah An-Nisa Allah says: “And do not ill-desire what Allah has given some of you more than others” (4:32). To discourage envy, the Prophet_(SAW) said: “Do not look to those above you, look to those below you, as it will more likely remind you of Allah's favors bestowed on you (Sahih Bukhari & Sahih Muslim)”. Once Prophet_(SAW) was asked who are the best of people? He replied: “the ones with a clean heart and truthful tongue”. The Companions asked, “We understand a truthful tongue, but what does a clean heart mean”? The Prophet_(SAW) answered: “It is a heart that is pious, pure, and is free of sin, transgressions, hatred and Jealousy” (Ibn Majah).

Consequences of Jealousy What are its Cure

The consequences of jealousy are that it promotes spites, animosity, hatred, evil thoughts, backbiting, tale-telling, lying, and splitting the Ummah. These are all major sins. That is why the Prophet_(SAW) ordered his followers to seek Allah's protection from them on a regular basis. Among the Surahs of protection is Surah Al-Falaq, and among its verses is seeking refuge in Allah from the evil of the envier when he envies. Instead of wallowing on what Allah has predestined for others, we should try to overcome envious tendencies by being patient and grateful to Allah, Who created us, fashioned us, and gave us all that we have. If we were to count His blessings we would not be able to do so. How tragic, we forget the millions of blessings on us and instead focus on someone else's blessings. O Muslims, whenever we feel jealous of something someone has, we should remind ourselves of the millions of blessings that we have that others don't have. We need to remind ourselves that it is Allah who provides us with our provisions, how He distributes it, is part of His divine wisdom which we may not understand. The person whom we are jealous of might be

going through a test that we have no clue about. We should put our trust in Allah, the Lord of the universe, and we should also remember that this world is an examination hall, where every person has a different paper (destiny). We will be tested with calamities, sustenance, health etc. Whenever we see something in someone and feel jealous, we should make dua that Allah purifies our heart, and that no harm comes to anyone due to our jealousy. May Allah make us more loving and caring with a clean sound heart? **Ameen!** Allah says in Surah Ash-Shura: “That Day when neither wealth will benefit someone or children, except that one who appears before Allah with a sound heart” (26:88-89). O Allah, make us from them. **Ameen!** The Prophet(SAW) said: “There is a morsel of flesh in the body, if it is mended the whole body is cured, and if it is corrupted then the whole body is corrupted; indeed, it is the heart”.

الاولان في الجسد مضغة اذا صلحت صلح الجسد كله واذا فسدت فسد الجسد كله الا وهي القلب (بخاري: 62/1)

The disease of the heart is basically correlated to the love of this temporal world. The more we love this world, the more our hearts get sick. Similarly, the less we love this world, the more purified our hearts become. To cleanse our hearts from the sickness of jealousy we should read the Quran with understanding. In Bukhari there is a chapter called “The Book of Heart Softening”, and if we analyze this chapter we see that it emphasizes on one point, and that is: “the more we love this world, the harder our hearts will become, and the more we distance ourselves from the love of this world the softer our hearts become”. Scholars differ whether jealousy is a major sin or a minor sin? Ibn al-Qayyim(ra) says that it depends upon the state of the heart. Sometimes it naturally happens as the weakness of our soul that we crave for something that someone else has, and at the same time we don’t want them to have it. If it happens due to human weakness, then it is a minor sin. However, if the heart is filled with animosity, hatred and negativity, then this is a major sin.

The second type of jealousy is what we call enviable envy. Envable envy is an interesting concept in Islam. **Feeling envy towards others' happiness or achievements yet not desiring them to lose what they have.** Islam allows this form of envy; the Prophet_(SAW) advised saying, **"I wish I had what he has and used it as he did."** There are two things where envying is allowed. Ibn Umar_(RA) narrates that the Prophet_(SAW) said: **"There is no envy except in two cases. One is when a person has been granted wisdom by Allah, and he teaches the Quran to others. The second is when Allah grants wealth to an individual and he spends it in the cause of Allah"**. The Prophet_(SAW) then said that **there is no envy or jealousy except in these two cases** (Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim). Regarding the permissibility of such envy, scholars say it depends on what you desire, if it is something good, then it is permissible, and if it is a worldly possession, then it is disliked.

Spites and Grudges

Envy and jealousy can lead to spite, resentment, and grudges, distorting our perception and impairing our ability to discern truth from falsehood. It will lead us to such actions that we would regret later. That is why we see people who nurture jealousy in their hearts, end up with tattered relations and regrets taunting them for the rest of their lives. Jealousy wipes out the good deeds just like fire turns firewood into ash. Pure heart will have pure actions with its good consequences, and evil heart will have evil actions with its evil consequences. Occasionally, we may feel envy, but it should be managed through remembrance and mindfulness of Allah.

One of the main causes of having a spiteful heart is jealousy, backbiting and tale bearing. That is why the Quran in Surah Hujrat says: **O Believers, when an ungodly person brings to you a piece of news, carefully ascertain its truth, lest you**

should hurt a people unwittingly and thereafter repent at what you did (49:6). In another verse Allah says: Believers, avoid excessive suspicion, as some suspicions are sin. Do not spy, nor backbite. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Surely you would abhor it. Fear Allah; He is Oft-Returning, Most Merciful. (49:12). These evil qualities often result in hatred and severing of ties amongst people especially kin. Therefore, as a Muslim, we must control our tongue and restrain ourselves from backbiting or slandering anyone. Abu Hurairah^(RA) narrates that Prophet^(SAW) said: “The gates of Paradise are opened on Mondays and Thursdays, and every slave of Allah who does not associate anything with Him is forgiven, except a man between whom and his brother there is some grudge”. It is said: “Wait for these two until they reconcile, wait for these two until they reconcile, wait for these two until they reconcile” (Sahih Muslim, Vol 6, Hadith 6544). O Muslims, reconcile..., if we hold on to grudges, our spirits get bogged down in our own resentments, anxiety and anger. Remember, when we hate someone, they don’t feel it, it is us who burn in our own spites. It affects our hearts, and prolonged hatred will harden our hearts, narrow our vision, and consequently we will lose joy and zest of life. We must forgive each other, while we will be forgiving ourselves (relieving our heart from pain and agony). Let’s do it for the sake of Allah and for our own sake, because letting go and forgiving is the only way to happiness. Let go of resentments of the past, whatever others have done against us, let it go. Forgive and leave it to Allah. For the wrongs we have done against others, we should apologize and ask for their and Allah’s forgiveness. We all make mistakes, learn to forgive others, rather it is forgiving oneself, because Allah loves those who forgive.

In Islam everyone is accountable for his own sins, and the concept of original sin does not exist. All human children are born pure of all sins and on the instinct of surrendering to the

Lord of the worlds. If we feel that we have engrossed ourselves in sins, then by repenting to Allah we can attain tranquil heart again. That's why in a hadith Hazrat Aisha(RA) reported that Prophet(SAW) said: **"None of you should say: My soul has become evil, but he should say: My soul has become remorseless (non-repenting)"**. Soul is never totally lost; it's just that it is not feeling the remorse or sorrow for its actions. This can change, if we repent to Allah for forgiveness of all our sins. To soften the hearts we should pray, make supplications, remember our beloved Lord and be good to others, only then will our soul once again feel calm. Allah says: Only in remembrance of Allah will we have a peaceful heart. Allah knew exactly what He was doing when He made us, and He knows the powers of enticing He has given to Satan, that is why He left the doors of repentance open till we see the angel of death. **Subhan-Allah!** Some people went to visit Abu Dujanah(RA) in his death sickness; they saw him happy with radiant face. They asked him why he was happy; to which he replied: "I took hold of two qualities in my life; one, I never interfered in a matter which did not concern me, and secondly, I always kept my heart free from spite towards my fellow Muslims". Similarly, in Mishkat, Hadith 22, Anus bin Malik narrates that Prophet(SAW) said, **"O my beloved son (his adopted son), try to spend your days and nights in such a way that you have no spite or grudge for anyone"**. He(SAW) then said, **"having no spite or grudge in your heart is my way. Whoever adopts my way and loves it, loves me, and whosoever loves me will enter Paradise"**.

عن أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: يَا بُنَيَّ، إِنْ قَدَرْتَ أَنْ تُصْبِحَ وَتُمْسِيَ وَلَيْسَ فِي قَلْبِكَ غِشٌّ لَأَحَدٍ فَاَفْعَلْ: ثُمَّ قَالَ: يَا بُنَيَّ وَذَلِكَ مِنْ سُنَّتِي، وَمَنْ أَحَبَّ سُنَّتِي فَقَدْ أَحَبَّنِي، وَمَنْ أَحَبَّنِي كَانَ مَعِيَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ. مشكاة، صفحہ نمبر 22

Finally, I will conclude with an incident during the Prophet's era: Once the Prophet(SAW) was sitting in Masjid-e-Nabvi with his companions, **he asked them who gave charity last night? Everyone kept silent. He again asked who gave charity last night. Again, everyone was silent, no one came**

forward. The Prophet(SAW) asked emotionally for the third time, who gave charity last night? A companion got up hesitantly and said he gave a charity (sadaqa) last night. The Prophet(SAW) asked him, why he was hesitant; the blessing of his charity was reaching from earth to the Throne of Allah. The Prophet(SAW) asked him what his charity was. He replied he could not sleep last night; a thought came to him that he should give charity so that he might be able to sleep. He said he searched the whole house but could not find anything to give away (no utensils, plates etc., nothing). So, he went back to bed, but still, he could not sleep. Again, the thought came to him that he should give some charity. He again searched the whole house and could not find anything. He said he again went back to bed. The thought persisted, so he arose, performed ablution, prayed two rakats, **and then made a supplication asking Allah to forgive those who had violated his rights.** O Muslims, let go of Jealousy, spites and grudges. O Muslims, if we have spites and grudges then it is like throwing a burning charcoal at someone, it may hit him or not, but it would certainly burn our hands. So, get rid of all enmity, spites and grudges, and let us become one nation who only follow the instructions of Allah and his Messenger. One of the reasons for having spites and grudges is when we mock each other, degrade each other. Allah in Surah Al-Hujurat says: “O you who have believed, neither should men mock other men, it may be that these are better than they; nor should women mock other women, it may be these are better than they. Do not taunt one another among yourselves nor call one another by (bad) nicknames. It is an evil thing to be called by a bad name after faith. Those who do not avoid this are the wrongdoers” (49:11). O Allah, fill our hearts with Your love, and love for our beloved Muhammad(SAW) and his way, and make us from the dwellers of the Paradise. O Allah, we believe in **You** and **Your** sharia, help us to follow it in letter and spirit. O Allah, be pleased with us and cleanse our hearts from all kinds of suspicions, jealousy, spites, resentments and

grudges. Ameen! When our hearts are filled with suspicion, jealousy, spites and grudges, we fear Satan would succeed in leading us towards being superstitious. O Allah Lord of Mohammed(SAW), forgive my sins, relieve my heart of its anger, and save me from the torments of the trials. Ameen! Allah humarabe Mohammad(SAW) ighfir li zambi, wa izhab ghaiz qalbi, wa ajjirni minnal muzillat til fitan. اللهم رب محمد صلى الله عليه اغفر لي ذنبي، واذهب غيظ قلبي، واجرن من مذلات الفتن

Superstition and its Effects on our Behaviour

Abu Malik Al-Ashari(RA) narrates that the Prophet(SAW) said, “Among my people there are four traits belonging to pre-Islamic period of ignorance which they do not abandon: boasting of high rank, scorning other peoples' genealogy, seeking rain by stars, and wailing” (Sahih Muslim, hadith2033). This hadith tells us that most Muslims are so entrenched in the four traits of ignorance (jahiliyyah) that they won't leave them. Such people fall prey to Satan's ploy, who promotes in them their self-importance, arrogance and habit of ridiculing lineage of others. When one starts feeling his self-induced importance, Satan creates suspicions in his mind that people despise him, making him suspicious of everyone around him. When a person falls into doubt, that person becomes superstitious. Thus, he denies Allah because he believes that other forces control his destiny, ultimately, he falls prey to the whispers of Satan. Allah gave Satan and his progeny the ability to entices us to commit shirk. Satan first induces suspicion and superstition in us, which makes us forget the universal truth that nothing happens without Allah's permission. Once Satan has engrossed us in suspicion and superstitions, he then motivates us to go to fortune tellers, soothsayers, astrologist, magicians, and false saints etc. so that we can take charge of our destiny. We blindly indulge in making them partners in Allah's divine authority without any proof, and in our ignorance starts thinking that these fraudsters can change our destiny (انالله).

Satan slowly and patiently succeeds in making us a polytheist, a crime if not repented in this world; we could end up in the Hellfire. Let's deliberate on some superstitions with open and logical mind. British people have a superstitious saying "Step on a crack and you'll break your mother's back". Similarly, most common superstitions are to be spooked by Friday the 13th, black cat crossing our path, walking under a ladder, knocking on the wood for good fortune, spilling salt on the left side to ward off bad omens, tying black ribbon on a car to ward off evil eyes etc. A survey was conducted on 2,236 adults across U.S. regarding superstitions, 33% believed in finding penny is a good luck charm, and 21% believed knocking on the wood prevents bad luck. If we think with logic and open mind, can finding penny bring good luck? Can black cat crossing our path be a bad omen? Can spilling salt on the left side ward off evils? The answer is no.

Where do these beliefs come from? Superstitions usually come from our traditions, upbringing and the society in general. We were not born believing in Friday the 13th, or that if we step on a crack we will break our mother's back, rather it is the psychosomatic of superstitions that develops from the uncertainty in life, e.g. if one desires something about which one is not sure he will get it, it can drive him towards superstitious behaviour. This is because; superstitions often provide the illusion of control. Superstitions can be categorised in two categories: **i) those we believe will bring good luck to us (such as having a lucky charm, gemstone or pre-game rituals etc.), ii) those that might help us avoid bad luck (like steering clear of a black cat on the street, gemstones etc.).** Such people like to have the idea that someone can predict what will happen to them. To put it in another word, superstitions serve as external explanations for a possible way to reduce the odds of something bad happening to us. The probability of something good or bad happening remains the same whether

we have our lucky charm or not. And if by chance someone got what he wanted, it will be highlighted out of proportion to con people into believing in the practitioner.

Being superstitious changes our behaviour and state of mind, at the same time daunts our preparation for challenges (i.e. by looking for shortcuts). In a series of studies in the March 2015 issue of **Personality & Social Psychology Bulletin**, researchers found that performance goals are likely to provoke superstitious behaviours, especially desires for lucky charms instead of learning the goals. It was also found, where the participants were uncertain of achieving their goals, their superstitious behaviour increased. Superstition is really a reaction to feeling of being out of control, thus making people look for external sources of control, e.g. by putting a sense of control around uncertainty with good luck charms or certain rituals etc.

Although most people don't take this too far, yet some do take superstitions on the far side of the scale. Such people entrench themselves in superstitious beliefs and rituals to such an extent that it starts interfering with their social life. Due to suspicions and superstitious beliefs people sever their relations with their loved ones. How unfortunate! To understand the consequences of superstitions we should ask ourselves: Do our superstitions or superstitious rituals interfere with our relationships? If so, we should re-assess our attitude. Similarly, when we make important decisions based on superstitions, probabilities are, we might be making the wrong decisions. For example, if someone needs to have an emergency surgery, and if he asks it to be delayed because it's Friday the 13th day of the month, it is letting a superstitious belief impair his decision, or if someone engages in excessive gambling because he is wearing his lucky shirt has also impaired his judgment. Research carried in Australia found that with addictive gamblers, there's a significant relationship between their superstitious beliefs

and their gambling intensity. Superstitions become problematic when it causes us to do things that aren't beneficial for us, or not to do things that could benefit us. In which case, it's time to overcome our superstitions with a hefty dose of rational thoughts from the Quran and the Sunnah of our beloved Prophet_(SAW). O Muslims, all foretold bad is from Allah and He alone can remove them. It is part of the test which we have been sent to face. Turn back to your Lord; he is waiting for us with open arms. O Allah, we believe in You, we repent to You and we seek help through You. O Allah, protect us from being suspicious, jealous and superstitious. O Allah, protect us from being show-offs. Ameen!

Dream Interpreters

An area of concern for superstitious people is to find out the interpretations of their dreams. More than 99% of our dreams are the consequences of our thoughts and carry no meaning. The dreams which prophets_(AS) see are the messages from Allah, and they do carry meanings. The Quran via the stories of dreams tell us that even if we can get our dreams rightly interpreted, yet destiny cannot be changed. So, in my opinion there is no point of putting ourselves through the hassle. The story of Yusuf_(AS) tells us that he saw a dream in which eleven stars were bowing to him. He told the dream to his father, who told him not to tell his brothers as they will try to harm him due to jealousy and spite. This did not change the destiny. To kill Yusuf_(AS) his brothers threw him in a dry well, the destiny took its course. When Allah willed, He let the king have a dream which was interpreted by Yusuf_(AS) correctly (his speciality was interpreting dreams), because Allah wanted to fulfil his initial dream. We sometimes do have straight forward premonitions in our dreams, which later come out to be true. When we become superstitious, we start giving meanings to our dreams or look for the so-called

dream interpreters. All those claiming to know how to interpret a dream will come up with different answers. How can we know whose interpretation is right? Mostly it's all a guess work, and the superstitious person will accept the interpretation of those that will meet his presumptions. O Muslims, it is nothing but another test from Allah, let us place our trust in Allah; we can change our destiny by supplications, being patience and steadfast on our faith. O Allah, give us the resolve to read the Quran with understanding. O Allah, forgive our past and future sins and be pleased with us. O Allah, embed in us Your love so that we love You with fullest heart and please You with our utmost effort. O Allah, protect us from the wicked footsteps of Satan and his armies. O Allah, clear our hearts of all superstition and urge to have our dreams interpreted. O Allah, send lots of salutation on our beloved nabi(SAW). Ameen!

Effect of Palmistry, astrology, fortune telling etc. on our destiny

Palmistry & Fortune telling

When superstitions grip us, we tend to look for external source to control our destiny (besides Allah), and in the process we lose our faith. Fortune telling can be categorised into two categories. **i)** Fooling people via a vague picture of happenings which would fit everyone. Just like the example of a professor coming later. It also covers the **computer calculated** forecasts. **ii)** Convincing someone since his past which was conveyed to the fortune teller who engages satanic jinn by the client's qareen (a jinn). Both are haram in Islam, as they are based on deception and mesmerism. One such trait is palmistry, and palm reading which falls under the category of fortune telling and is prohibited in the Islamic Law, it is considered as a major sin. We should make sincere

repentance for having gone to a palmist for palm reading and should completely ignore what was told to us. The Prophet_(SAW) said, **“Whoever goes to a fortune teller or soothsayer and believes in him, then he has disbelieved in what was revealed to Muhammad_(SAW) (Musnad Ahmed, Tabarani Awsat, Sunan Bayhaqi)”**. Some people might say if palmistry is a mockery, then what is the purpose of the lines on our palms? If we look carefully, such lines exist on every major joint (elbow, wrist, and knee) or places where the skin folds. The lines on our hand are not the manuscript of our destiny; rather they are just wrinkles due to continuous folding and unfolding of the skin. If folding of muscles and skin did not exist, our movements of the hands and limbs would have been restricted. When our limbs swell the lines disappear, and so does the movement of the limbs get restricted. These lines have no meaning; it is the satanic devils who induce superstition in us and make us think that they carry some hidden meaning. That is why in Islam all forms of fortune telling such as palm-reading or calculating one's future based on movements of extra-terrestrial bodies is completely forbidden. The Prophet _(SAW) **considered such actions as a major sin, because they are based on deceptions and misconceptions**. Many sound Hadith warned us about such deeds, and state punishments for those who engage in them. Ibn Abbas narrates in Abu Dawood, that the Prophet_(SAW) said: **“A person who learns a part of astrology is as if he learned magic, and the more he learns this, the more he learns of magic”** (indicating that magic is nothing but deception). Another hadith recorded in Sahih Muslim reads: **“Whoever goes to a soothsayer and asks him about something, will lose the recompense of his prayers for forty days (i.e. Allah will not accept his prayers)”**. Moreover, if this person affirms the correctness of the soothsayer's saying, he will be considered a disbeliever in what was revealed to Muhammad_(SAW) **(also in Musnad Ahmed; Tabarani Awsat; Sunan Bayhaqi)”**. munn ata fasaddaqa ma yaqool

faqad bria mamma anzala Ala Muhammad(SAW) sale Allah alaihi wasallam
vamon utah ghair musaddiqa lah lam taqabal lah salat urbaeena Lailah.

من اتى كاهنا فصدقه بما يقول فقد برىء مما انزل على محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم ومن اتاه غير مصدق له لم تقبل له

صلاة اربعين ليلة (مجمع الروايات: 5/118)

Allah in Surah An-Naml says: “None but Allah has the knowledge of the unseen in the heaven and in the earth, and they (your deities, soothsayers, palmists, astrologists, magicians etc.) do not even know when they will be raised back to life” (27:65). The wrinkles on our hands, or the lines drawn by the liquid when the cup is almost empty and is turned upside down, or the lines drawn on the dust by the blowing wind, etc. are simply acts of nature, and nothing else. That is why Prophet(SAW) said: **Flying a bird or drawing lines on land to predict, and illusions are magic** (Proving magic is only lies and deception). ان العيافة والطرق والطيرة من الجبت (ابوداود: 4/23)

To fool the people these miscreants, claim that palmistry is a science. While the Encyclopaedia Britannica writes..., there is no scientific support for the argument that the physical features observed in palmistry have psychic or occult predictive meaning. God has given us our intellect to reason, understand and analyse. While making decisions Islam wants us to use our intellect and power of reasoning within the guidelines put forward by our Creator Allah in the Quran and Sunnah of our Prophet(SAW). When we follow our conjectures, fields like palmistry, fortune telling, soothsayers etc. can have extremely negative effect on our personality, and at the same time it can throw us out of the fold of Islam. We will be losers here and losers in the Hereafter. We are supposed to ponder in nature, our surroundings and complexity within ourselves to understand Allah. In Surah Al-e-Imran Allah says: **Verily! In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, there are many signs for men of understanding, who standing, and sitting, and lying down remember Allah, and reflect upon the**

(wonders of the) structure of the earth and the heavens. (Then they cry out spontaneously,) “O Lord, You have not created all this in vain, for You are free from doing such thing, so save us from the torment of Hellfire (190-191). Remember, whomever Allah guides (Allah only guides those who seek His guidance), none can misguide him, and whomever He allows to fall astray (who follows the footsteps of Satan) none can guide him aright. To avert falling prey to the footsteps of Satan we should continuously seek Allah’s guidance and His refuge from the satanic creatures. Having understood our Creator and His powers from the Quran, the Sunnah, the signs in the universe, the signs around us and the signs within us, we will be able to protect ourselves from falling prey to satanic devils and our qareen. Another fortune telling is via Azlaam, it is the kind of fortune telling the villagers in Arabia used to believe in. They would carry the Azlaam (3 arrows) everywhere with them and consult them whenever they had to decide. On one arrow it was written “Yes”, on the second “No” and on the third “Again”. If that person picked the first arrow which said “Yes”, he would go ahead and do as he intend; if it said, “No”, he would not do it, and if it said, “Again”, he would consult the arrows again. O Muslims, Allah has given us a better alternative that is the prayer of Istikharah; we should consult Allah for all our affairs. Companions said that the Prophet(SAW) had taught them Istikharah just like prayers and they used to consult Allah in all their affairs. Shouldn’t we?

Astrology

Allah has decreed the future of all things prior to its creation. Thus, the knowledge of what will happen in the future is not dependant on the movement of the heavenly bodies, or on the lines of our palms, or on the effects of gemstones. The most knowledgeable man who walked the earth, the Prophet Mohammed(SAW), never ever declared any future happenings by looking at the stars, or the palms of someone’s hands, or

told someone to wear some gemstone; he only declared what was revealed to him by inspiration from the One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. In a hadith it is narrated that Prophet_(SAW) said: **Whoever learns astrology (i.e. fortune telling) learnt a part of magic, the more one learns the more magic he learns** (Dawood, 4/22, Ahmed 1/277).

In Surah Luqman Allah says: Allah alone has the knowledge of the Hour; He alone sends down rain and He alone knows what is taking shape in the wombs of the mothers. No living being knows what he will earn next day, nor does anybody know in what land he will die. Allah alone is All-Knowing and All-Aware (31:34). It is absolutely prohibited for a believer to seek his fortune, or try to know his future, through palmistry, or astrology, or the movement of the stars, or star signs, or any other thing or device, because this is nothing but falsehood. The Prophet_(SAW) invoked the curse of Allah on the ones who called upon the people who claim to read the future, and tried to read the stars, and the ones who went to them to seek their future, are liars. Aisha_(RA) narrates in (Sahih Al-Bukhari, chapter 8, Hadith 232) that some people asked Prophet_(SAW) about the fortune-tellers. Prophet_(SAW) said to them, “They are nothing (lies)”. The companions said, “O Prophet _(SAW), sometimes they tell something which comes out to be true”. The Prophet_(SAW) said, “That word which comes to be true is what a jinni snatches away by stealing and then pours it in the ear of his foreteller with a sound similar to the crackle of a hen, and then they add to it one hundred lies”. Islam negates all these professions, because they are nothing but lies and deceits. On the other hand, the fraudsters fool the people by saying that the planetary movements have effect on our destiny, while the Quran tells us that the organized movements of the heavenly bodies is due to the paths or orbits which Allah has destined for them. It is due to this mastery of our Creator that the planets do not collide with one another, and the universe exists. In Surah Ya

Sin Allah says: Neither is it possible for the Sun to overtake the Moon, nor for the night to outstrip the day. Each is gliding in its own orbit (36:40). In another verse Allah says **horizon is full of orbits**. Abu Huraira(RA) narrates in that the Prophet(SAW) said, “Don't you know what your Lord said? He said: “I have never endowed My bondsmen with a favour, but a section amongst them disbelieved it and said, it was due to the stars” (Sahih Muslim, hadith 133). It is denying Allah's attributes, the result being failure in the test of this world, and therefore in the Hereafter, Hellfire will be our permanent abode. O Allah, we seek Your refuge! May Allah protect us and take us in His protection from the footsteps of accursed one. Ameen! Successful people never ever take their important decisions on the movements of the heavenly bodies or the placement of lines on their palms; but rather they would study their conditions and take decisions with the available means in light of the Quran and the Sunnah, while keeping one's full trust and belief in the Power of Allah.

The Quran has warned us about Astrology, fortune telling, palmistry, soothsayers etc., in Surah Maidah, verses, which says, O believers, intoxicants and gambling, dedication of stones, divination of arrows, are Satan's handy work; therefore, abstain from such handy works, so that you may attain true success. **Indeed, Satan intends to sow enmity and hatred among you by means of wine and gambling, and to prevent you from the remembrance of Allah and from Salah (5:90-91).** The Quran is telling us not to indulge in fortune telling (irrespective of it being right or wrong), and we know for sure, all of it is fake. Today we have software which calculate our future (انالله). There was research done by a professor to show the people that fortune telling soothsaying etc. is just manipulation of human psychic. After lecturing his class of hundred students for seven days, he said, he now knows the past present and future of all his students. He said, he will write his assessment of each student on a piece of paper and

give it to them, and on his command they should all open and read their assessment and write down their views about his assessment simultaneously. The professor wrote his assessment about all his 100 students on 100 pieces of paper and handed it over to them. On his instruction when the students opened the paper and after reading his predictions, more than 90% wrote that the teacher was 100% correct, the remaining 10% wrote, he was 90% correct. The teacher had written the same thing for all 100 students. It is like saying, “in the next six months, something good is going to happen to you”. Even if 100 bad things happen, one good thing is bound to happen. It is not prediction; it is using probability to delude people to extort money. In Surah Ali-Imran Allah says: *If Allah helps you, none can overcome you, and if Allah forsakes you, who is there, then, after Him that can help you? Therefore, a true believer should trust Allah Alone (3:160).* And in Surah Yunus Allah says: *And do not invoke besides Allah any being that can neither do you any good nor any harm; for if you do so, you shall be one of the workers of inequity. If Allah afflicts you with a calamity, there is none to remove it but He Himself. Likewise, if He wills to bestow a favour on you, there is none to withhold His bounty. He bestows His bounty on anyone of His servants He wills. And He is Forgiving and Merciful (10:106-107).* That is why the Quran says, do not indulge in fortune telling. Likewise, all forms of astrology such as palmistry, or cup-reading are completely Haram in Islam. Allah and His messenger consider such actions as major sins, since they are based on deception and delusion. Based on the Quran and the hadith, scholars say that if we think the above acts to be lawful, or if we believe that the fortune teller conveys from the unseen realm, then, we have disbelieved, because we have rejected what the Quran said in the above verses, we have rejected Allah and His attributes. If we did not believe in it then we have not disbelieved but rather committed a grave sin. We Muslims are not supposed to go to fortune

tellers nor pay attention to them. Instead, we should focus on what the Quran and the Sunnah of our Prophet(SAW) convey to us. Learning astrology to find the way at night, or the direction of Qibla, or any knowledge that can be beneficial for humans is allowed. The so-called knowledge of astrology, or the interpretation of the happenings of the future by studying the positions of the lines, or marks on our hands are nothing but baloneys, whims, conjecture and guess-works of cunning and unscrupulous people. There is absolutely no reality in relationship between the lines or marks on our hands and the events that take place in our lives. Everything that happens in the heavens and the earth is in absolute control of the All-Powerful, All-Knowing Lord of the Worlds, Allah. No planets, no marks or lines on ones' palms, or anyone in the universe has the power to bring about any good or evil on us except with Allah's permission. Even if we believe in part of what the astrologer or the palmist say, it is disbelieving in the Qadr of our Lord which is a major sin, it is polytheism. Therefore, as a Muslim we should abstain from such false beliefs and put our trust in Allah alone. He alone has the power and knowledge of everything that exists. O Muslims, the doors of repentance are always open, if we make a mistake, we should repent to Him, He will Insha-Allah forgive. He has told us not to despair of His mercy. Remember, the Quran says, whatever benefit we earn is only from Allah and whatever evil we face it is due to us only.



Hanging Amulets

Amulets are things made from leather, black cloth, pearls or bones that are worn on the necks of children or adults, or are hung up in houses or cars, to ward off evil, especially the evil eye, or to reap some benefits. Before I start, I would like to

ask a few questions: If Allah destines calamity for us can anyone remove it, and if he destines good for us can anyone stop it? Obviously, no! Isn't Allah always one to one with us? Yes. Then shouldn't we seek Allah's help directly? Coming back to the subject, why do we hang amulets around our necks, or arms? It is usually to protect us from evil eyes or bad omens.



Is it not against what we just read in the first chapter? On top of that, unfortunately 99% of the amulets are from satanic magicians, peers etc., and usually contain magic, praising and calling out to Satan, which is haram (forbidden) and shirk. O Muslims, think! can an amulet protect us against what Allah has predestined for us? No, then why wear it? That is why it is narrated by Ahmed and Hakim that the Prophet(SAW) said: **“Whoever wears an amulet, has committed shirk (polytheism)”** (Classed as sahih by al-Albaani in Sahih al-Jaamia, hadith no. 6394). Similarly, it is narrated that the Prophet (SAW) said: **“Whoever wears an amulet, may Allah never fulfill his wish, and whoever wears a seashell, may Allah never protect him from what he fears”** (Ahmed in Tahqeeq Al-Musnad, hadith 17440). O Muslims fear Allah and the curse of the Prophet(SAW); abstain from hanging amulets in your necks. In Fatawa al-Lajnah ad-Daimah (1/212), the scholars have unanimously agreed that it is haram to wear amulets if they contain anything other than words from the Quran but differ if it only contains words from the Quran or supplications taught by Prophet(SAW). Some say that it is permissible to wear them, while others say that it is haram. Previously most people considered it makruh (disliked). In my view it is not permitted because of the general meanings of the above hadiths. The reason being these things lead us to rely on them besides Allah which is shirk and can destroy our Hereafter. If an amulet is made with something other than verses of the Quran or supplications narrated from the Prophet(SAW), or if it contains symbols, digits, or strange words that cannot be understood, then there is a consensus among the scholars that

it is haram. Amulet made with verses of the Quran or the supplications taught by the Prophet(SAW), the correct view is that it too is haram (Fatawa al-Lajnah al-Daimah, 1/212). Two reasons can be given for considering it to be haram: **i)** Usually we show disrespect to the verses of the Quran by sleeping while wearing the amulet and enter the washroom with it, due to our perspiration it stinks etc.... **ii)** The Prophet(SAW) said, where you have doubts leave it, and follow the clear instructions because truth is peace of mind, and falsehood is doubts and dissatisfaction. On the authority of Hasan bin Ali(RA) said: the Prophet(SAW) said: Leave that which makes you doubt for that which does not make you doubt, for truthfulness brings peace of mind, and falsehood brings doubt (Tirmizi 2518).

عن الحسن بن علي رضي الله عنهما قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: دعه ما يريبك إلى ما لا يريبك، فإن الصدق يطمئن، وإن الكذب يريب.

In another hadith Amr ibn Shuaib and others narrates that the Prophet(SAW) said: “If one of you wakes up in alarm, let him say: I seek refuge in the perfect words of Allah from His wrath and His punishment and from the evil of His slaves and from the evil promptings of the devils and from their presence) (Dawood 3893, At-Tirmidhi 3528, Musnad Ahmad 6696). In another hadith Uqbah Ibn Amir, al-Juhani narrates that a group came to the Prophet(SAW) to give him their allegiance. He(SAW) accepted the allegiance of all of them except one. They said, “O Prophet(SAW), you accepted the allegiance of nine of us but not his.” He said, “**He is wearing an amulet.**” The man put his hand and pulled it off; Prophet(SAW) then accepted his allegiance. He said, “**Whoever wears an amulet has committed shirk**” (Ahmad, 16969). In another hadith Zainub the wife of Abdullah ibn Masood(RA) narrates from Abdullah that he said: “I heard the Prophet(SAW) say, “**spells, amulets and love-charms are shirk**”. She said, “**Why do you say this? By Allah, my eye was weeping with a discharge, and I kept going to so and so Jew, who did a spell for me. When he did the spell, it calmed down.**” Abdullah said: “That was just the

work of the Satan who was pricking it with his hand, and when (the Jew) uttered the spell, he stopped. All you needed to do was to say what Prophet(SAW) used to say: “Remove the harm, O Lord of mankind, and heal, You are the Healer. There is no healing but Your healing, a healing which leaves no disease behind” (Abu Dawood, 3883; Ibn Maajah, 3530). **O Muslims, do you still have doubts?**

To negate amulets and elaborate on the benefits of reciting the verses of the Quran, I would like to pose some questions to my readers: Will we receive benefits of verses of the Quran by reciting it with understanding, or by hanging it around our necks, or by tying them around our arms? Obviously by reciting it! The Quran says **honey has cure in it. Will we cure ourselves by consuming honey, or by hanging it around our neck?** Obviously by consuming it! The Prophet(SAW) said that the **black seed** has cure for every illness except death. Will we have the effects of black seed by consuming it or by hanging it around our necks? The answer must be by consuming it! The Prophet(SAW) said if we eat **seven Ajwa dates** daily, it will protect us from black magic. Will Ajwa protect us by consuming it or by hanging seven Ajwa dates around our neck? Again, by consuming it! A doctor gives you medicine to have it three times a day; if we don't follow his instruction, instead rub medicine on our head or body, will the medicine have any effect? Obviously no! Similarly, the purpose of the verses of the Quran is to recite them with understanding for invocation to benefit us or for whom it is recited, and not by hanging it around our necks. If someone still wants to wear an amulet then he should read the taweez carefully, and if it has digits or some unknown words, or is unreadable, or arouses a suspicion, discard it.

Esa ibn Hamzah narrates in Sunan Abu Dawood **that he entered upon Abdullah Ibn Akeem, and his face was red due to high fever. He asked, “Why don't you hang up an**

amulet?” He said, “We seek refuge with Allah from that, because Prophet(SAW) said: “Whoever hangs up anything will be entrusted to its care...(Abu Dawood)” O Muslims, hanging amulets is against the teachings of the Quran and the Sunnah, these are corrupted beliefs which are against the sharia and are not part of Islam (rather Israeli folk tale), so avoid wearing amulets or hanging them anywhere. This misguidance is still widespread amongst us. Some of us hang pearls on the rear-view mirror. Some of us hang an old shoe on the front or back of the car; or hang a horseshoe on the front door of our house or shop to ward off the evil eye. This is all because we have not read the Quran with understanding, and as such we are ignorant of the concept of monotheism. If we recall the verses of the Quran in the first chapter of my book, it will authenticate what I have just said. O Muslim, remember the words read in the first chapter, “nothing happens without Allah’s permission, and if He has allowed a calamity then He alone can remove it”. O Allah, our imaan is weak, protect us from the wicked footsteps of the Satan and his armies. O Allah, Prophet(SAW) said that supplications can change predestination, O Allah, destine for us good in this world and good in the Hereafter and save us from the Hellfire. Ameen!

Effect of Gemstones on our Destiny

All praises are for Allah, the Lord of the Worlds; and may His peace and blessings be upon our beloved Prophet(SAW), his righteous family and his companions. Allah with His infinite Knowledge and Wisdom has kept the future hidden from us to keep us motivated. Similarly, He has kept hidden from us our time of death. If we knew our time



of death, the whole worldly system would have collapsed. The motivation for survival would have been lost. We would commit all sorts of heinous crimes and on our deathbed would supplicate to the Most Merciful for His Mercy (knowing the fact that He would forgive). Being humans, we have a natural inclination to know about our future, and as only Allah knows the future, the Satan exploits this tendency of ours and inspires us to determine our future from the placements of some extra-terrestrial bodies in nature or lines on our palms or gems stones etc., thus involving us in the heinous act of shirk (الشرك). When we start believing that something or someone holds the knowledge of the future; it is associating the attributes of Allah with that thing (be it the gems, or the stars, or the lines on the palms of one's hands etc.). All such beliefs fall under the inexcusable crime of Shirk (polytheism). We have been commanded by Allah and Prophet(SAW) to believe with certainty that all powers and all strengths belongs to none but Allah the Merciful, and no one or anything has the power to do or undo His commands. Any knowledge that induces curiosity to know that which is unknowable (part of God's knowledge) is forbidden in Islam. It is so, because we get conned by the fraudsters who drive us away from our Merciful Lord. The reason being, out of ignorance when we believe in such satanic practitioners who claim they know the unseen, we fall prey to Satan and his satanic devils. When we go to them for the solutions to our problems, their cure is putting all the blame on our mostly innocent blood relations, which results in the destruction of family ties. While Allah commands us to maintain the blood relations. Foremost, in Islam all such professions are forbidden because they lead people towards disbelief. Secondly, due to our ignorance these satanic practitioners manipulate our psychic for their personnel gains. On the contrary, if we trust, obey and follow the guidance and commandments of Allah and His Messenger(SAW), we can be sure of never ever being misled, or manipulated or conned.

Allah is free of all needs; He takes care of our needs and still loves us. Subhan-Allah!

As far as the matter of the Gemstones is concerned, if someone thinks that a stone can give protection, has lost his intellect. Think people! Can stones (that we can crush to dust) solve our problems or make us millionaires. If it was so, why do the people selling them sit in dirty dusty places? Why do they not themselves get a gemstone, rather set of gemstones that would solve their problems? **If a person with all these gemstones cannot change his own destiny, then how can he change our destiny? O Muslims, use your intellect, we go to these fraudsters and ask them to give us a gemstone that will make us a millionaire or cure our sickness etc.** If such a stone really existed, would that person sit there waiting for his counselling fee? No. He would wear it and become a millionaire himself. These are non-living things. Yes, the gems can also be used as ornaments by ladies to beautify themselves; gents are not even allowed to wear them. Some gemstones (pearls) are used in **medicine** and can be beneficial for our mental and physical health. People come up with an excuse that Prophet(SAW) wore a ring with gemstone. Prophet(SAW) never wore a ring until Islamic State was found. Prophet(SAW) could not read or write, and after the establishment of the Islamic State he had to write letters to other heads of states, it required a seal to authenticate his letters. Mohammed Rasool Allah was carved on a silver ring. The ring Rasool-Allah wore was his seal, not an ornament or charm stone. O Muslims, no foretold good or bad can befall us except with the permission of Allah. If all foretold good or bad is from Allah, then who should we resort to? Obviously, Allah and no one else! These fraudsters say that these stones give us strength, health and wealth. In the old era due to superstitions the generals of both armies used to wear charm stones. One would lose the battle and the other would win it, is this due to charm stones? Think. It is the

consequence of any competition or war; one wins and the other loses. Abu Huraira narrates in Al-Nasai that the Prophet^(SAW) said, “Whoever puts his trust in something or someone (gemstones, fortune tellers, palmists, sooth-sayers etc.), that will be his only supporter, i.e. he will not receive the Divine help or success in the Hereafter”. The knowledge of what will happen in the future is not dependant on gemstones, or on the movement of the heavenly bodies, or on the lines of our palms. Believing that something or someone holds the knowledge of the future, it is associating the Attributes of Allah with those things, any such belief falls under the heinous crime of Shirk (polytheism). In Surah An-Nahl Allah says: Then when you begin to recite the Quran, seek Allah’s refuge against the accursed Satan, for he has no power over those who believe and put their trust in their Lord; he has power only over those who make him their patron and practice shirk by his temptations (16:98-100). These verses are telling us that those people who have trust in Allah, the satanic beings will not be able to mislead him. They can only mislead those who follow them. The message is very clear; due to the freedom of choice, it is up to us what we resort to, and Satan has no power over us. Thank you, Allah!

Finally, if someone thinks the stone will give him protection, he is mistaken. Stones can't solve our problems or make us millionaires. The charm stones are found in dust and do not have the power to come out. It is humans who excavate the raw stones, cut them and polish them. Suddenly they become good luck charm. Does it make sense? It is exactly like cutting a statue from a rock and then start worshipping it. We Muslims agree this is shirk, similarly good luck charm stone is also shirk. O Muslims, think! If we believe that amulets and stones can protect us besides Allah, we are calling Allah a liar, because He says there is no protection besides Him. All tyrants like Pharaoh and their people wore amulets; did

it protect them from wrath of Allah? No, their nation was destroyed. May Allah protect us from committing shirk. Ameen! O Allah, fill our hearts with Your love and Your obedience, forgive our past and future sins, and make us from the dwellers of Your Paradise. O Allah, protect us from wicked footsteps of Satan. O Allah, our Imaan is weak, fill our heart with Your love. Ameen!

Evil Eye

Eyes are probably the most important sensory organ. They are commonly associated with intelligence, light, vigilance, moral consciousness, truth and beauty. Eyes also represent telepathy, awareness, or a gateway into the soul (hypnosis). Eye often means judgment and authority. Evil eye is not a myth, it's a reality. It is narrated in Sahih Bukhari, that Prophet_(SAW) said, the influence of evil eye is a fact. Most probably Allah has put it there so that people refrain from showing-off. As showing-off incites jealousy and hatred among the haves and the have nots. Islam places lots of emphasis on not hurting people's feelings. In a hadith the Prophet_(SAW) said, if you cook meat or eat fruit, then send some to your less fortunate neighbours, and if you can't, then cook meat when the neighbour's children have gone to sleep, and dispose the peel wrapped in such a way that they cannot see it.

The evil eye is known in English as evil look, in Arabic ayin al-hasad (eye of envy), in Urdu nazar-e-bud etc. The belief in evil eye dates to prehistoric era; and it has persisted throughout the history and into the modern times. The concept of evil eyes existed since humans inhabited the world. The evil eye was first recorded by the Mesopotamians about 5,000 years ago in cuneiform on clay tablets. This concept exists in Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu cultures. Evil eye or evil glance is believed to have the ability to cause injury or death to those on whom it falls. It is

said that pregnant women, children, and animals are more susceptible. Most often we accuse strangers, envious individuals, childless and old women of casting the evil eye. Concept of evil eye exists in Islam, both the Quran and the hadith confirm it. In the story of Joseph(AS), Jacob(AS) told his children to enter the city through different gates, because they were handsome, strong, well-mannered eleven in number, he feared that they could be affected by evil eye. From the story we learn a lesson that one should avoid showing off to prevent evil eyes.

Although evil eye exists, yet mostly evil eye is over exaggerated due to superstitious beliefs. There are two types of evil eyes: **The first is unconscious evil eye.** In the first type the evil eye can be caused by family members, friends etc. unintentionally. We can cast evil eye on ourselves by being envious of something of ours. A mother can cast evil eye on her child. It happens when we admire someone enviably without invoking Allah. That is why the Prophet(SAW) said: **when you want to admire someone or something enviably always first say “Masha-Allah”** (God willed it). In my opinion the purpose of evil eye is to prohibit showing-off something which Allah has blessed us with, so that it does not hurt the feelings of someone who does not have it. We should enjoy and share Allah’s blessings with one another without showing-off. The Prophet(SAW) would supplicate this dua when a child came to him: **“I seek refuge for you in the perfect words of Allah from every devil and every poisonous thing and from the evil eye which influences”**, and then he would kiss the child. When we look at our own children or anyone else’s child, we should remember and recite the above supplication so that unintentionally we do not afflict them with our evil eye. To enforce what I said, once while travelling with some of the companions, the Prophet(SAW) stopped for resting. During their stay, Sahl Bin Hanif(RA) started bathing. Sahl(RA) was known to have a great body and

beautiful skin. As he was taking a bath, Amer Bin Rabeah^(RA) happened to pass by and saw him while bathing. Upon seeing Sahl, Amer^(RA) said, I have never seen such a beautiful body before. Sahl immediately fell unconscious on the floor. The companions hurriedly took Sahl to Prophet^(SAW). The Prophet^(SAW) in authentic hadith narrated in Sunan Ibn Majah and others asked: whom do you accuse with regards to him? They said Amer Bin Rabeah looked at him. The Prophet^(SAW) called upon Amer and said: why would anyone of you kill his brother? The Prophet^(SAW) then said: if anyone of you sees something of your brother which you like, then make dua for him to be blessed. Afterwards the Prophet^(SAW) asked Amer to wash himself with some water, Amer then washed his face, hands, elbows, the soul of his feet and his whole body from a vessel. One of the Sahaba under the Prophet's directions grabbed the vessel and poured it on Sahl's head and back. Sahl recovered and was able to walk, and there was nothing wrong with him anymore. Alhamdulillah! The point being, when we see something of our brothers, sisters or even ourselves which we like, then we should make dua for him or her or ourselves to be blessed, or say Masha-Allah laquwata-illa-billa (Allah willed it, there is no power except by the will of Allah) or Tabarak-Allah (may Allah bless you) or Barakallah feeq (may Allah give you Baraka). **The second type is envious evil eye or glance with evil intention.** It is the glance of a jealous, envious person who wants to take away the blessings from us which he doesn't have. Such people will use all available means to destroy us; they will even plot against us and manipulate situations to degrade us. On failing they will not hesitate to contact a magician to destroy us. The evil eye of such people can create havoc for us.

Recent endorsement from A-list celebrities suggests that the evil eye is seeing a sudden surge in popularity, which in my opinion is most probably due to show-offs and un-necessary display of body parts. Today Muslim Ummah is in ruin

because we are nothing but show-offs. We enjoy displaying everything on Face Book and twitters etc. and face the consequences of the Evil Eye. O Muslim, refrain from being show-offs and seek Allah's protection by reciting the last two chapters after all our mandatory prayers. To enable us to avoid being envious or a show-off, when it comes to the worldly materialistic matters, we should try to look at those who are less fortunate than us and try to be in their company. This will diminish the class difference, and it will remind us of Allah's favors and blessings on us, and it will bring us closer to Him. And, when it comes to the matters of the Hereafter (religious matters), we should try to be in the company of those who are more pious. This would make us mindful of our final abode; it would also make us both patient and grateful to Allah. It is said that Saad Bin Abi-Waqas_(RA) used to supplicate this dua "O Allah, save my soul from greed" during tawaf repeatedly. Someone asked Saad_(RA), why do you supplicate this dua so frequently? He said, "It not only safeguards me from greed, but stops me being miser, and severing family ties". Vice versa jealousy and envy lead individuals to greediness, being miser and destroyer of the family ties. To overcome jealousy Imam Malik narrates that the Prophet_(SAW) said: "Shake hands with the person you are jealous of, this will dispel animosity between you; exchange gifts, and love one another, for this will dispel hatred" (Al-Muwatta, h1413). The Prophet_(SAW) said: "You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I not tell you of that which will strengthen love between you? Spread (the greeting of peace) the Salam amongst yourselves" (Muslim, h81). Similarly, Zubair Bin Awam narrates that Prophet_(SAW) said: "There have come to you the diseases of nations i.e. jealousy and hatred. This is the shaver; I do not say that it shaves hair, but that it shaves (destroys) the faith. By the One in Whose Hands is my soul, you will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another.

Shall I not tell you of that which will strengthen love between you? Spread the greeting of salaam (peace) amongst yourselves” (Tirmizi, h2434). O Allah, we ask You with Your blessed names and attributes to purify all diseases of our hearts and make us from those who on the Day of Judgment will have (pure heart). Ameen!

Protection and cure from the evil eye: Almost at every stage of human history, man has looked for the assistance of magical objects called talismans to defy evil forces. This is nothing but a superstitious attitude. Can a handmade object such as per picture on the right, which we created, cure us? No. Islam provides us the best protection against the evil eye in the last two chapters of the Quran “Surah Al-Falaq and Surah An-Nass”. Evil Eye can only affect us if Allah wills, and if Allah willed the evil eye to affect us, then He alone can protect us from it. The above-mentioned chapters are nothing but seeking Allah’s protection. Oqba Bin Amer^(RA) narrates that Prophet^(SAW) said: “Do you know those verses which descended this night, likeness of which has not been seen before, they are: (surah Al-Falak) and (surah An-Nas) (Muslim, book of prayers, hadith 814). In another hadith Oqba Bin Amer^(RA) narrates that Prophet^(SAW) said to him: “Shouldn’t I tell you those verses which are better then all verse in seeking Allah’s protection”. Oqba said, yes O Prophet of Allah. He^(SAW) ordered us to recite after every prayer(113 surah Al-Falak) and (114 surah An-Nas) (Sunan Nisai, h5434). This is the best and easiest way to protect oneself from the effects of the Evil Eye. To enforce what I have said, let us ask ourselves a few questions. Can Evil Eye hurt us without Allah’s permission? Obviously, no (only with Allah’s permission)! Allah the Merciful created the evil eye so that people do not show-off and provoke the sentiments of others, at the same time He also provided us the cure for the Evil Eye in Mauzatain (last two chapters of the Quran). Whoever supplicates this dua three



times in the morning and three times in the evening, nothing can harm that person. The dua is: **In the name of Allah the Most Beneficent and Most Merciful, the One with whose name nothing can harm us whether on earth or in the heavens, and He is the All-Hearing and All-Knowledgeable.** The Prophet(SAW) advised us to recite Surah Ikhlas, Surah Al-Falaq and Surah An-Nass after every mandatory prayer, and three times after Fajr and Maghrib prayers. We should recite these verses and blow on our hands and rub them over our bodies, it will protect us from all evils. There is one particular dua narrated in the Sahih Bukhari that Khawlah bint Hakeem(RA) came to the Prophet(SAW) and said, “O Prophet(SAW), when I go from one place to another I fear evil for myself; teach me something that will protect me from it”. So, the Prophet(SAW) taught her to recite the following dua: **I seek refuge in the complete and perfect words of Allah from all evil of that He created. O Allah, we are weak, so take us under Your protection from the whispers of the Satan and grant us the ability to rely on You and not seek our needs from anyone other than You. Ameen! O Allah, protect us, our families, loved ones, friends and all Muslims from the evil eye. Ameen!**

Black Magic

The concept of using flukes in human perceptions to learn about how the mind works is an old one. Psychologists have long been studying the mechanisms of sensory processing in visual, auditory and multisensory illusions, in which people’s perceptions contradict the physical properties of the stimuli. Magicians use both sensory illusions and trickery, to manipulate people’s attention. **In the rational science, it is now established that providing misinformation about the past events can reduce memory’s accuracy and create false memories,** a fact which magicians have known for centuries. I will try to explain it with one of their tricks: A person is

shown some photographs and is asked to choose the more attractive face. After he makes a choice, the magician craftily switches the chosen face with one of the rejected faces. The subject is then asked to explain his preference. According to a recent experiment, even when people are shown face they rejected, they will still tend to invent explanations for why that face was more attractive. In other words, due to sleight of hand, people's minds create false perceptions and as such make up false narratives to explain their choice which they did not really chose. Same is the case with most magic. Magic is nothing but sleight of the hand and mesmerism with which they fool the people. The cunning people use it to achieve their sinister goals. That is why in Islam it is haram to practice magic, jealousy and slyness of speech. A Hadith narrates “Whoever cast magic or has it done on his behalf, or predicts the happening of something, or the same is done on his behalf is not from us (Muslim)”. As deceptions can lead us further away from our Lord, it is strongly recommended to avoid such fallacies and instead follow the advice of Allah and His Prophet(SAW). The Prophet also said: **He is not from us who performs magic, or has it performed for him.**

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم: كَيْسٌ وَمِمَّا مِنْ سِحْرٍ أَوْ سِحْرٍ لَهُ الْهَيْزَارُ (9/52) مكتبه شامه

Magic is referred to as having the power to do seemingly supernatural and impossible things. Magic is something that is learned, **and it is learning how to access the satanic devils.** Magic does not benefit the performer; rather it puts him in harm. Magic can be categorised in two major types.

1) Magical illusion to entertain people. It can be further categorised in two types. **i)** Done with the sleight of hands, tools, false impressions due to slickness of the tongue, exploiting nuances of human perceptions, attention, and awareness. It is not haram. **ii)** Tricks shown with the help of satanic jinn. A magician tosses a ball into the air once, twice, three times and suddenly, the ball vanishes in mid-flight.

What happened? The laws of physics weren't broken, the satanic jinn whisked it. It is haram and prohibited in Islam.

2) It is categorized as sorcery or magic that uses the power of evil spirits (devils) for evil purposes (it cannot be used for good purpose). Magic performed with the help of satanic jinn with the intention of harming someone is not only haram in Islam, but it also throws the performer and the one on whose behalf it was done out of the fold of Islam. If the performer and the one on whose behalf it was performed do not repent in this life, they would be the dweller of the Hellfire. Magicians and satanic jinn coordinate with each other based on a deal, just like a target killer makes a deal with person A to kill person B.

Someone might ask the question, why is seeking the help of jinn prohibited? It is because, to get the consent of satanic jinn to help someone, one must agree in doing things that throws the person out of the fold of Islam, e.g. flushing the Quran down the sewer (look at the picture), worshipping Satan, and even



killing innocent beings etc. People who say they have jinn helping them (no pious jinn will involve itself in such affairs); they may pretend to be pious or have a pious getup, but they are satanic, and we should stay away from them. They will whisk our Imaan, and we might not even be aware of it. In times of need or when we feel that black magic or an evil eye has afflicted us, we should supplicate to our Loving Lord, He and only He can cure us and protect us from the evil doers. Subhan-Allah! In Islam there is no distinction between **Black Magic (to do magic on someone)** and **White Magic (to counter the black magic)**, both are evil and throw us out of the fold of Islam. Both magics are practiced by the same person, these are names given by them to fool people.

Hadith of Prophet_(SAW) and the Quran say practicing magic or having it done on one's behalf throws them both out of the fold of Islam. One might ask why countering black magic with white magic is haram. Answer is very simple; if the effect of black magic is with Allah's permission, then its removal is also with His permission. When we go to some magician, we are rejecting Allah, which is disbelief. Therefore, both black and white magic throw us out of the fold of Islam, as stated earlier black and white magic are same thing with different names to fool people.

The magicians claim there are ten types of magics used to harm people, foremost being "Sihr Al-Tafreeq", which is called the magic of separating husband and wife, etc. In this magic people are bombarded with negative thoughts to create suspicions about their spouses, friends and relatives. As suspicions can turn us away from our spouses, families and friends that is why Allah in the Quran says **some suspicions are sin**. People might ask how the magicians do it. Once a magician has performed the required rituals like flushing the Quran down the sewer, writing the Quran with defecation, insulting Allah etc. and crossing the thrush hold of shirk and kufr to appease the satanic jinn, it is then that the satanic jinn provide him with all the assistance he requires with the collaboration of the victim's qareen. Learning and practicing magic is disbelief, and magic without disbelief cannot be effective. O Muslims, beware of such people even if they recite the Quran, perform Salah, give zakat etc. The reason being that the person is engaged in major shirk of seeking assistance from that which is besides Allah. He is also trying to harm someone, while pretending to help another. Satan would be very pleased with him because he is part of the Satan's gang of miscreants. To con us the magician will use the slyness of his tongue to pretend to be pious, and at the same time he would seek help from the satanic jinn and our qareen. The magicians and miscreant-

peers keep floating ideas in our minds until we accept them as truth. That is why Prophet_(SAW) said: **whoever participates in magic, has committed shirk**, i.e. he has removed himself from the fold of Islam. Those who go to them once, usually end up going there more often, because they get trapped by their trickery and mesmerism. The fortune-tellers and the magicians use the jinn to manipulate our minds in accepting all their baloneys. Some of us might say that they got relief from them. Ok, in a lottery if someone gets lucky, will that give legitimacy to gambling? No. Similarly, if per chance someone felt some relief due to the mercy of Allah, these scoundrels will highlight it hundred folds, and on failure they will keep changing the stories according to the situation, they may even blame it on the person for not performing the rituals properly or may say that the other party is very strong and it will require lots of financial sacrifice. I have some questions for those who had some success: One can become rich by stealing or robbing, does that make it right? No. A non-believer asks a statue and gets what he wants (Allah being sole provider of sustenance for all creations), would that make it right? No. Similarly, one can either have his cure through medication and supplications or go to the magicians or the soothsayers etc. and do it the haram way. Which will be right? Obviously by supplications and medication! If we choose the haram way, we will end up regretting both in this world and in the Hereafter. In surah As-Shuara Allah elaborates on whom the satanic jinn descend, He says: O people, **“Shall We tell you upon whom the satanic jinn descend? They descend upon every sinning forgerer steeped in sin, who whisper hearsay in the ears of people, and most of them are liars”** (26:221-223). Wakeup Muslims, let us use our intellect, the Lord of the universe is telling us that these fraudsters who claim they have jinn in their control are nothing but forgerers and liars, because jinn only descend on such people. How can we entrust our worldly life and the life of the Hereafter to these fraudsters? O Muslims, stay away

from them, they will whisk our Imaan and destroy our Hereafter. One major mission of satanic jinn is to breakup family ties. To impress us, the magician will pretend to be a pious person, he might even tell us to read the Quran, make Salah etc., and he might not even take money from us. Unfortunately, when we are impressed by the magicians or the fraudster peers, the negative effect of this would be that we would send lots of clients to him (if they lose their Imaan then we will be held partially accountable for it). O Muslims, when we go to a magician or a phoney peer, by default every time they will accuse our relatives of casting spell on us, and without authenticating, we start retaliating on our mostly innocent family members, because our so-called phoney peer said so (being the mission of the satanic beings).

O Muslims, Allah the Most High says: “**And whoever commits a fault or a sin, then accuses of it one innocent, he indeed takes upon himself the burden of defamation and a manifest sin (4:112)**”. False accusation is worse than backbiting. We falsely attribute a deficiency or an offence on a believing person. It is certain that this transgression is the most wicked of attacks upon the prestige of a believer. O Muslims, Allah wants us to strengthen our relationships, while these miscreants want to break them. How can we believe in them? These slimy evildoers with the help of satanic jinn will bombard us inwardly by creating suspicions with their whispers, and outwardly by showing us a vague picture of our relatives on a wall. It is nothing but jinn transforming in that shape to mislead us (the qareen knows all our relatives, their names and their faces). To really understand the importance of family ties, let us look at the example of Abu Bakr Siddiq_(RA). He used to give monthly allowance to one of his relative. When Abdullah bin Abi slandered our mother Aisha_(RA), that relative was in the forefront with Abdullah bin Abi. When Allah cleared Aisha_(RA), Abu Bakr_(RA) swore that he will not give anything to that relative. The verses of Quran

came down saying relatives, the poor and travellers have their share in your wealth. Abu Bakr Siddiq^(RA) broke his oath, paid the fine, and doubled the allowance of that relative. This shows the importance of relations in Islam, then how can we get trapped by them and break our family ties? I would recommend my readers to read the following verses very carefully. It will give us the true understanding of the magic. Allah in Surah Al-Baqara says: **They were after that thing, which was sent to Harut and Marut, the two angels at Babylon. Whenever these two angels taught black art to anyone, they would always give a clear warning beforehand, saying, "We are merely a trial for you; so, you should not commit blasphemy.** But despite this warning, those people used to learn from the angels the art which caused division between husband and wife. Although it was obvious that they could not do any harm to anyone by means of this magic without Allah's permission, yet they learnt that art which was not even profitable for them but was harmful. Moreover, they knew it full well that anyone, who purchased that art, would have no share in the Hereafter. What a vile commodity it was for which they sold off their souls, if they had but known it! (2:102-103). The magic of breaking relationships still exists, and the satanic jinn take it as a great accomplishment when they break a family unit. In a hadith Prophet^(SAW) said, the satanic jinn from all over the world go to their head Satan and give report of what they did that day. One satanic jinni will say that he separated two brothers. Satan will say "Ok fine". One satanic jinni will say he created trial (fitna), and the Satan will say, "That's fine". But when a satanic jinni says that he created doubts which resulted in a divorce between husband and wife, the Satan hugs him and congratulates him.

ان ابليس يضع عرشه على الماء ثم يبعث سرايالا - - يجيء احدهم فيقول فعلت كذا وكذا فيقول: ما صنعت شيئا، قال:

ثم يجيء احدهم فيقول: ما تركته حتى فرقت بينه وبين امراته، قال فيدنونه، ويقول نعم انت - (مسلم: 7612/2)

If we remember, we read earlier that nothing happens without Allah's permission (it is His sphere of control), and

if Allah had willed it, then only He can remove it. It goes for all other types of magics (sihr), like Sihr Al-Muhabbah (love), Sihr Al-Takhyil (thoughts), Sihr Al-Junoon (madness), Sihr Al-Khubul (creating madness), Sihr Al-Hawatif (Bad dreams), Sihr Al-Marz (illness), Sihr Al-Nazif (bleeding), Sihr of impending marriage, Sihr Al-Rabt (tying), etc., which are nothing but made-up names. O Muslims, if we analyse our situation with a cool mind, we will observe that nearly all our problems are self-created. We should tackle them with patience, logic and understanding, instead of blaming it on others (we created the problem, and it is we who can solve it). Secondly, if we have been really afflicted by black magic, then it is only with **Allah's permission**, which He and only He can remove. Shouldn't we ask Allah to cure us, by performing invocation (supplicating dua and reciting verses of the Quran with understanding) to rid ourselves of the menace? Unfortunately, we are ready to stand in the middle of the night in a graveyard and perform some rituals told by the magician standing on one leg, which are detrimental both for this life and the life in the Hereafter, and yet we are not ready to follow the easy way prescribed to us by Allah and His Messenger. **انا لله!** Satan and his army of satanic beings have deluded us in presuming that Allah will not listen to us sinners. **انا لله! If Allah answered and accepted the supplication of the most accursed Satan, why will He not accept our prayers? Think!** O Muslims, Allah loves us seventy folds more than our mothers, He is our sustainer, provider, doer etc., supplicate to Him, He always answers to the supplications of His slaves. Tests are nothing but a reminder for us to turn back to Him, or to raise our status in the Hereafter.

Unfortunately, it is human nature that when he doesn't miss anything, he tend to forget Allah and His blessings. Although that is the time to humble ourselves to get closer to Allah, we

should praise Him and be grateful to Him for all the blessings he bestowed. Allah in the Quran says, the more we thank Him, the more He will bestow His blessings on us. Shouldn't we express more gratitude to Allah? Allah in Surah Fusailat says: *When We bless man, he turns away and grows stiff-necked; but when some evil touches him, he comes with lengthy supplications* (41:51). As per the verse the calamity draws us nearer to Allah, thus, should be seen as a blessing. If we observe, it is mostly the elderly people turning to Allah because of their illnesses. That is why Allama Iqbal in one of his poems said, "Repenting during youth is the way of the prophets". In one hadith Prophet(ﷺ) said, *seize five opportunities before they are lost. 1) Health, 2) Wealth, 3) Youth, 4) Strength, 5) Life*. We should ask Allah to grant us ability to use the above opportunities in His way before He takes them away. If we do so, it will enable us to answer the questions that will be posed to us by Allah in the Hereafter. We should say this supplication in all our mandatory prayers. "O Allah grant us goodness in this world and goodness in the Hereafter and safeguards us from the Hellfire". We will face difficulties, trials and tribulations in our life (because this world is an examination hall); it is a call for us to turn back to Allah. *He and only He alone can provide us relief from the calamity that has befallen us.*

In Surah Al-jinn Allah says: *And that "some from among the humans used to seek protection of some among the jinn, and thus they increased the arrogance of the jinn* (72:6). The Quran in Surah Al-Anaam says: *And on the Day when He shall muster them all together, He will say (to the jinn): 'O assembly of the jinn, you have seduced a good many of mankind.' And their companions from among the humans will say: 'Our Lord! We did indeed benefit from one another and now have reached the term which You had set for us.' Thereupon Allah will say: 'The Fire is now your abode, and therein you shall abide.'* Only those whom Allah wills shall

escape the Fire. Surely your Lord is All-Wise, All-Knowing. In this manner We shall make the wrong-doer friends of each other (in the Hereafter) because they earned (evil together in the world) (6:128-129). These verses elaborate on the issue, and that is that both satanic jinn and satanic humans exploit each other. With two angels guarding us against the satanic devils, they cannot directly harm us; they need the satanic humans to carry out their mission. On the other hand, the satanic humans need the help of the satanic jinn to fool people and extort money from them. Both are trying to con each other. That is why in the above verses Allah is saying, it's enough what satanic jinn have done, they have already taken lots of humans and misled them to seek their assistance and assistance of their qareen, to provide them the information about their client. **Once the magician thinks he has acquired the necessary control over the world of spirits, they are deceived by the devils in thinking they have acquired the power to inflict harm on their victims sitting thousands of miles away (which is absurd, only Allah has the power).**

Question arises, why do people go to the magicians? In modern times social media like Facebook etc. are the source of drastic increase in jealousy, frustrations, greed, selfishness, negativity and inability to accept happiness and growth of others (as mentioned in chapter of evil eye, Allah prohibits us to show-off, and social media is nothing but a deliberate design to show-off). People who are frustrated by the show-offs use the magic to take out their vindictiveness and get an evil kind of satisfaction from the turmoil of others (if Allah permits). This problem has intensified a lot in the last few decades due to media generated greed and lust for more worldly pleasures. Lots of people are suffering all over the world due to jinn related psychic problems. The jinn and the miscreant magicians due to our ignorance and greed, mesmerise us in believing someone has done magic on us. Instead of calling out to Allah for help, we entrust ourselves at the mercy of these fraudsters, who fill our hearts with

hatred, grudges, and spites. As a result, we end up living in pain and agony for rest of our lives (destroying our current life and the life of the Hereafter). Once we get engrossed in believing what the magician says, the fraudsters will delude us in thinking we can avenge ourselves by casting all sorts of magic on our usually innocent relatives and friends etc. With Allah's blessing, the innocent victim might not be afflicted, but the one who initiated the magic will be living a terrible life with spites and grudges for the rest of his life, and in the Hereafter, he will face the punishment, unless he repents to Allah in this life.

O Muslims, when we think we have been afflicted with magic or evil eye and visit these fraudster magicians and peers; the first thing they will do is implicate our family members, relatives and friends of sorcery, to destroy our family ties, and we end up hating them (mostly innocent). One might ask how the magicians knew their names. Very simple, our qareen (satanic jinn) are always with us, and they know all our relatives and friends we visited, seen or talked about. He will convey it to the satanic jinn working with these fraudsters (being their mission). As stated earlier on the wishes of the fraudsters, the jinn kind can take any form or shape; they can show us vague picture of our relatives to convince us and create hatred for them. O Muslims, as stated in the chapter of "Jealousy and Spite", the biggest charity is to forgive the transgressor. **Think! What will be the punishment for nominating someone innocent and carrying out evil acts (magic etc.) against him?** We should put our trust in Allah, seek His refuge and beg for His mercy for ourselves and all believers.

Out of arrogance we should not over display our status by showing off, because it incites jealousy, resulting in many prosperous and happy families being ruined by the psychological effects of black magic and evil eye (if Allah permits). And if we believe in it, then psychologically it can

play havoc with our mental stability and adversely affect our lives. It can and will destroy our careers and our prosperity. It will engross us with unnecessary tensions, phobias etc. which will in turn adversely affect our children and family members. The chronic health and psychological problems created by such actions is baffling the medical science today. Whoever is affected by black magic should not treat it with black or white magic, because evil cannot be removed by evil. Evil can only be removed by supplications, patience and steadfastness. When the Prophet_(SAW) was asked about al-nushrah (treating magic with magic), he said: **“This is the work of the Satan”**. We should treat it by reciting the Quran, good invocations (supplications), and permissible medicines. The magician or practitioner of witchcraft learns black magic only after worshipping and serving the satanic jinn, he draws himself closer to them by means of the things that they like. If we think we have been afflicted with black magic, then we should treat ourselves or the afflicted person by reciting the verses of the Quran and the supplications that are prescribed in sharia with necessary medication. When a skilled physician treats a patient, it is not necessary that he would recover, because it is Allah’s sphere of domain. And when the appointed time of death comes, no medicine or treatment will be of any avail, because Allah says: **But when a person’s term comes to an end, Allah never grants any respite. Allah is fully aware of all that you do (63:11)**. Allah may or may not decree that he should recover, as a test, or a trial, or for any other reasons which only Allah knows. Among those reasons may be the fact that the one who is treating him does not have the right treatment for his problem. It was narrated in a sahih hadith that Prophet_(SAW) said: **“For every disease there is a medicine, and if that medicine is applied to the disease, he will recover by Allah’s Leave.”** And he_(SAW) said: **“Allah has not sent down any disease, but He has also sent down the cure; the one who knows it knows it, and the one who does not know it does not know it”**. Another effect magic can have

on us is that we could psychologically feel sick, there is famous saying “feel sick, be sick”. Therefore, we might feel exhausted; our test might turn out to be disturbed etc. Among the treatments prescribed in sharia for the black magic is the recitation of the Quran. The greatest surah for all afflictions is Surah Al-Fatihah which should be recited over the person who has been afflicted by black magic; it should be repeated several times. If it is recited by a believing righteous person who knows that everything is subject to the will and decree of Allah, Who only say “Be!” and it is. Then the effects of black magic may be removed, and the person may recover by Allah’s Leave. I will try to explain it with an example: Once some Companions passed by some Bedouins whose Shaikh, i.e. their leader had been bitten by a scorpion and all their efforts were in vain. They approached the caravan of the Companions who had stopped there for night stay and asked them, “Is there any exorcist amongst you?” One of them said, “Yes, I can.” So, he recited Surah Al-Fatihah over their leader, and he recovered by Allah’s leave. The Prophet(SAW) said: **“There is nothing wrong with exorcism (invocation) so long as it does not involve shirk.”** He(SAW) performed invocation and had it performed for him. In invocation we recite Al-Fatihah, Aayat al-Kursiy, “Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad”, al-Mowzatain and other verses of the Quran over the person who has been afflicted by black magic, as well as good dua’s narrated in the hadiths of Prophet(SAW), such as the dua’ he supplicated when he performed invocation for a sick person and said, **“O Allah, Lord of mankind, remove the harm and heal him, for You are the Healer and there is no healing except Your healing, with a healing which does not leave any disease behind.”** This may be repeated three times or more. Izhabil baas ruban nass, washfi untash shafi la shifaa alla shifaok, shifan la yogadiro saqama.

أَذْهِبِ الْهَاسَ رَبِّ النَّاسِ وَاشْفِ أَنْتَ الشَّافِي لَا شِفَاءَ إِلَّا شِفَاؤُكَ شِفَاءٌ لَا يُعَادِرُ سَقَمًا.

And it was also narrated from him_(SAW) that Jibril_(AS) performed invocation on him and said three times: (In the name of Allah I perform invocation for you, from everything that is harming you, from the evil of every soul or envious eye may Allah heal you, in the name of Allah I perform invocation for you). بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اَرْفِيْكَ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ يُؤْذِيْكَ مِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ نَفْسٍ اَوْعَيْنَ حَاسِدِ اللَّهِ يَشْفِيْكَ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اَرْفِيْكَ.

This is a great invocation narrated in a sahih Bukhari. This invocation is prescribed for the one who has been bitten, stung, or has been afflicted by black magic and for the sick.

We can also recite good supplications, even if they were not narrated from the Prophet_(SAW), if they do not contain anything that is shirk. If Allah willed, He could even heal a person afflicted by black magic, sickness etc. without performing any invocations, supplications or prayers, because: “Whenever He wills a thing, He just commands it “Be” and it is” (36:82). Remember, all living things must die, thus a sick person will not be healed if his appointed time has come, or it is decreed that he should die from that disease. Among the things that may be used in invocation to cure black magic are the verses which speak of black magic, which may be recited on glass of water (with understanding). These are the verses about magic, in Surah al-Araf Allah says: Then We directed Moses: “Now you throw your rod.” And lo! It swallowed up all their false devices. Thus was the truth established, and their doings proved in vain. Pharaoh and his men were defeated and put to shame (7:117-119). And in Surah Yunus says: And Pharaoh said (to his) men: “Bring every skilled sorcerer to me.” And when the sorcerers came Moses said to them: “Cast whatever you wish to cast.” Then when they had cast (their staffs), Moses said: “What you have produced is sheer sorcery. Allah will certainly reduce it to naught. Surely Allah does not set right the work of the mischief-makers. Allah vindicates the truth by His commands, howsoever much the guilty might detest that” (10:79-82). And in Surah Ta-Ha Allah says: The magicians said:

“Moses, will you throw down or shall we be the first to throw?” Moses replied: “No, let it be you to throw first.” Then suddenly it appeared to Moses, owing to their magic, as if their ropes and staffs were running. So, Moses’ heart was filled with fear. We said to him: “Have no fear; for it is you who will prevail. And throw down what is in your right hand; it will swallow up all that they have wrought. They have wrought only a magician’s stratagem. A magician cannot come to any good, come whence he may” (20:65-69). These verses are among the verses by which the Prophet^(SAW) has told us to do beneficial invocation against black magic. If we recite these verses **with understanding**, and surah Al-Fatiha, Ayat al-Kursi, “surah Ikhlas 112”, and Mowzatain (surah Al-Falaq 113 & An-Nass 114) on the water, and give it to the afflicted person to drink, and pour some water over him or bath with it, Insha-Allah **he will be healed by Allah’s Leave**. It is preferred to recite the last three surahs of Quran. A person may be treated and healed with Al-Fatihah alone or with surah Ikhlas 112 and Mowzatain only. It is very important that both the reciter and the one on whom it is being recited have strong belief and trust in Allah. Remember, the matter is in Allah’s hand, whatever He wills happens, and whatever He does not will cannot happen. If we put our trust in Allah, then both medical cure and spiritual cure will be beneficial, **and the sick will be healed by Allah’s Leave**. Magic has many steps for it to come into effect; and Allah can block any step of the magic from happening. So, in our supplications we should regularly ask Allah to block all magic that a magician intends to inflict us with.

As every good and bad is from Allah (worldly life being a test), and if Allah allows the magician to afflict us to test us, then we should face our situation with faith, patience and steadfastness. I will try to explain it with an example: Allah allowed Iblees to afflict Prophet Ayyub^(AS) with a contagious illness which killed all eighteen of his off springs, all his

wives except for one, and tens of thousands of his livestock (as described in Ibn Kathir's Stories of the Prophets). We must remember that this life is a test from Allah, and Allah has tested his prophets the most. Someone asked Prophet_(SAW), who are the people who were tested the most. He_(SAW) said "Prophets", and in another hadith he said I was tested the most. In this world when we want a post, aren't we tested? When we want to join the army, we are ready to crawl under live bullets for small worldly gains, so we have no right to be angry with Allah for testing us for paradise. We should struggle through life with the hope that our good deeds will exceed our bad deeds, and Allah will allow us to enter Paradise for eternity. If we truly believe in Allah and compare the mortal life of this world (full of trials and tribulations), with the eternal contentment of the Paradise, the test will seem a negligible price to pay.

Conclusion on Magic, Evil Eye etc.

O Muslims, in Surah al-Nehal Allah says: Whenever you read the Qur'an seek refuge with Allah from Satan, the accursed. Surely, he has no power over those who have faith and who place their trust in their Lord. He has power only over those who take him (magician, fortune-teller, soothsayer, fraudster peers etc.) as their patron and who, under his influence, associate others with Allah in His Divinity (16:98:100). These verses carry deep meaning. It is telling us that magic etc. will have no effect on believers, it only works on those who take Satan (and his associate's magician, fortune-teller, soothsayer, fraudster peers etc.) as their patron. The question arises, why? To understand this, we must remember that devils, **magic and magicians can only hurt us psychologically, not physically**. Devil on the instruction of the magician can create doubts and suspicions in our hearts that someone has done magic on us, or an evil eye has afflicted us, or has made us sick. If we have firm

belief in Allah, we will set aside the doubts and suspicions by relying on Allah and carrying on with our normal life. Thus, the effect of magic will vanish. When we don't rely on Allah, then we start giving meanings to our doubts and suspicions and fall prey to Satan's trap. We destroy our worldly mortal life by living with suspicion, fear, jealousy, grudges and spites. And the consequence of which are that we will be loser in the Hereafter and Hellfire will be our final abode. We seek Allah's protection. Ameen!

O Muslims, to make us realize, Allah in Ali-Imran says: *It was Satan who was frightening the people with the fear of his friends (magicians, satanic jinn and humans); therefore, in future do not fear men but fear Me, if you are true believers (3:175)*. Before going to these despicable beings (magicians, fraudster peers etc.), why don't we talk to Allah? Why don't we ask Allah? Why don't we put our trust in Allah? Why don't we leave it to Allah? Why don't we keep asking Him until Allah gives us a cure from the evil eye or black magic? Let us understand the reality of magic and how serious it is. Allah has given us enough beneficial knowledge in the Quran and the Sunnah to explain to us the reality of magic and what are its consequences in real life that we might go through. Psychologically it can destroy life of those who do not remember Allah. Magic and psychological illnesses have common signs. Allah tells us in the Quran that performing magic is disbelief (Kufr), because it can ruin lives due to its psychological effects (*with Allah's permission*), and its cure lies in turning back to Allah. No true scholar would write an amulet (amulet), because he will not deviate from the Quran and the Sunnah. Anyone who writes an amulet is either ignorant of what the Quran and the Sunnah says, or he is a sorcerer. These fraudsters will always tell the people not to open the amulet; it will harm them (so that we may not know if it is magic or only verses of Quran); they are liars and have

nothing to do with Islam. That is why Islam condemns magic because of its **evil nature and deception**.

O Muslims, magician manipulates events so that the afflicted person is encouraged to move towards its negative objectives e.g. divorcing his wife etc., instead of seeking cure by supplicating to Allah with resolve and steadfastness. But regretfully due to weak faith, most of us tend to seek other solutions. As all such actions lie in the first sphere where we are in charge of making the decisions, it is up to us whether we resist negative tendencies and place our trust in Allah or follow the fraudsters and lose the Hereafter. As Allah is the sole decision maker, the magicians and their magic has no control over what Allah decides. If Allah has destined affliction by magic, it is a call from Allah telling us to get closer to Him. We should always be ready for the test, seek its treatment in halal way and continue with life in such a way that we look forward to the Hereafter.

O brothers, when we lose hope in Allah, we leave the gate way to our heart open for the satanic beings to mislead us. Once we lose Allah, it is only then that the magician will be able to control our seeing, thinking, intellectual powers via the qareen and the satanic jinn. We would only see what they want us to see, think what they want us to think, feels what they want us to feel etc... We get enslaved by the satanic beings that manipulate our desires and love for this mortal life. We end up losing the purpose of this life and destroy our Hereafter. It is narrated by Abu Huraira that Prophet^(SAW) said: **Beware of seven deadly things. Companions asked: What are they? He^(SAW) replied: Associating partners with Allah, magic, killing an innocent person, interest, absconding orphan's wealth, to run away from the battlefield, and slandering a virtues woman** (Bukhari 5/393, Muslim 89).

عن أبي هريرة أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: اجتنبوا السبع الموبقات قالوا: يا رسول الله! وما هن قال الشرك بالله والسحر، وقتل النفس التي حرم الله إلا بالحق، وأكل الربا، وأكل مال اليتيم، والتول يوم الزحف وقذف المحصنات المؤمنات الغافلات.

The Prophet(SAW) mentioned magic after shirk because the magicians worship Satan and seek his help and closeness, which is shirk. That is why Ali(RA) said: Three type of people will not enter Paradise: **One who is addicted to liquor, one who breaks family ties, and one who believes in magic** (Ahmed

عن علي بن أبي طالب رضي الله عنه قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم ثلاثة لا يدخلون الجنة: مدمن خمر وقاطع رحم ومصديق بالسحر. (4/399).

In a hadith the Prophet(SAW) said: **tell tales, fortune telling, and sooth sayings, is magic** (Muslim 2606). Similarly in another hadith the Prophet(SAW) said: **People telling tales, fortune tellers, soothsayers, will not enter paradise** (Muslim, book Imaan). It is because the slanderer, the fortune teller, and the person with sly tongue can have more negative affect on our intellect and our psychic than magic. The tribal wars were never started by magicians; it has always been the work of the other traits mentioned in the hadith. The Prophet(SAW) said: “Treat each other’s sicknesses, but do not treat sicknesses with forbidden things” (magic, amulets, charms, stones etc.). The Prophet(SAW) would see a child; he would recite the following supplication and kiss him. Shouldn’t we supplicate as Prophet (SAW) supplicated? **I seek refuge for you in the perfect words of Allah, from every devil and every poisonous thing, and from the evil eye which influences.** Oizoka baikali matillahi tamatai, wa min kollay shaitanin wa hamatin wa min kollay ainin lamah.

أَعِيذُكَ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّةِ وَمِنْ كُلِّ شَيْطَانٍ وَهَامَّةٍ وَمِنْ كُلِّ عَيْنٍ لَامِئَةٍ۔

The Prophet(SAW) also said: **Whoever ties a knot and blows on it has practiced magic, whoever practiced magic committed blasphemy, whoever hangs something he will be left to it** (Nissai 2/165).

O Muslims in Surah Jinn Allah says: O Prophet, say, “I call upon my Lord alone, and I don’t associate anyone with Him”. Say, “**I have no control over any harm or good for you**”. Say, “**None can protect me from Allah, nor can I find any refuge apart from Him.** My mission is only to convey what I receive from Him. Now whoever disobeys Allah and

His messenger, for him waits the Fire of Hell; such people shall dwell in it for ever” (72:20-23). Shouldn’t we do what Allah and His Messenger(SAW) told us to do?

O Muslims, some people argue that magic can kill; therefore, they have the right to retaliate to protect themselves and their families. Usually, I tell such people who believe in the power of magic to bring me one such powerful magician; I will pay him handsomely if he can kill the pharaohs of our era. They cannot, they can only affect us psychologically. God forbid if they were so powerful, they would be our rulers, and it would be impossible to get rid of them. **Thank you, Allah!** Similarly, some people say that devils stole their money. My question to them, why do they only steal some of their money, why not all of it? Secondly, as cameras cannot capture their image, nor will they leave any fingerprints, which make them untouchables, then why steal from the poor, why not rob the banks. Paper money being useless for the devils, they could give it to their partners, the magicians. The magicians would become billionaires, and they would not have to pretend and use slyness of their tongue to con us for money. Think! O Muslims don’t fear the magicians; instead fear Allah, who is the Creator, the Provider and the Most Powerful.

O Muslims, magicians ruin the societies with their whispers combined with the whispers of the satanic jinn, which is why, if we look at the history, magicians were burnt alive or executed because of their despicable acts that ruined families. Similarly, there are lots of hadith and sayings of the companions which say that the magicians should be beheaded (because they are the destroyers of the society). Umar(RA) said: kill the sorcerers, the companions killed three.

كتب عمر ابن الخطاب ان اقتلوا كل ساحر وساحرة، قال: فقتلنا ثلاث سواحر كتاب التوحيد: ص: 243

The Prophet(SAW) said, **“Kill every sorcerer for this is the punishment ordained by Allah”**. He also said that **“verily**

spells, talismans and charms are shirk” (polytheism). O Muslims, we should also stay away from tell tales, fortune tellers, soothsayers, astrologists, and people with slyness of tongue, they all bring harm to us more than magic, and that is why they fall under the heading of magic. If we look carefully these other traits do more harm to individuals and societies than magic can ever do. It is mostly these traits that make us go to the magicians for remedy and lose our intellect altogether. Allah in the Quran says: “**And indeed they knew that the buyer of the magic** (and all other despicable traits) **would have no share in the Hereafter**” (2:102). O Muslims abstain from going to these despicable people. At this point someone might ask why people with sly tongue and tale bearer are not executed. All over the world when someone collaborates with the enemy, he is awarded death penalty. Similarly, whoever collaborates with the enemy of the humans (Satan and the satanic devils) he too would be executed.

O Muslims, we live in a world of duality where Light and Darkness are two sides of the same coin. Black magic is the negative use of energy and power by evil minded people, who practice black magic with the help of satanic jinn. These are the people who are engrossed in negativity and have one goal in their minds; to harm and deprive others from living peacefully or try to make them sick or bedridden to extort money. We humans have been given the choice to dwell in darkness or move towards the light. We humans also have two sides to our character, both good and evil (angel calling us to do good and qareen telling us to sin). The ratios between evil and divine differ amongst us according to our faith. There are some of us who have turned evil and the good within them has been overtaken by darkness. We should turn to Allah to rid ourselves from all evils.

When we trust and rely on the swindlers (magicians, fake peers, babas etc.), we are bound to be conned by them and

deprived of our faith and valuables. They will induce fear in us by saying: “such and such thing is going to happen to you, or your family or your wealth”. They may even describe to us things about our past which our qareen whispered to him (because most of the time he is with us and knows our in and out). We get conned in thinking that the fraudsters have true insight and forget that only Allah alone is the knower of the unseen. We are also tricked into thinking that they care for us and want to provide us some relief. O Muslims, if we remember what we read earlier “only what Allah wills will happen”, so He and only He can provide us relief. Yes, asking a person whom one thinks is a pious person who follows the instructions of the Quran and the hadiths, we can and should ask him to pray for us, so that Allah gives us relief from our calamity, but it is better if we ourselves supplicate to Allah with sincerity.

Due to our ignorance these fraudsters turn us away from our loving Lord, (انا لله) and we end up accepting all their baloneys. They con us into thinking that these impostors have control over our harm and benefits. We may not give a penny to a beggar, but we would happily give millions to these fraudsters. This is a major shirk, because it means we trust the creation and not the Creator. Remember, Satan itself cannot harm us or turn us away from our beloved Allah, except with the help of satanic humans from amongst us (magicians and religious scholars etc.) due to our weak faith. In Surah Anbiya, verses, Allah says: O Mohammed, ask them, “Who is there to protect you from the Merciful in the night or in the day”? None! Yet they are paying no heed to the Admonishing of their Lord. Do they have gods who can defend them against Us? No! For they can neither help themselves nor are they helped by Us (21:42-43). These verses close all doors going to these fraudsters. Subhan-Allah!

Cure for all ailments magic, evil eye etc.

If you have a nightmare or a bad dream, keep it to yourself. However, your good dreams you can tell to someone you love or trust. Abu Qatada narrated that the Messenger of Allah said: “The good vision are from Allah and the evil dreams are from the Satan. If one sees a dream which one does not like, one should (dry) spit on one’s left side and seek the refuge of Allah from the Satan; it will not harm him, and he should not disclose it to anyone, and if one sees a good vision one which pleases him, he should not disclose it to everyone but whom one loves (Bukhari, 6985).

اذا رأى احدكم رؤيا يحبها فانها من الله فليحمد الله عليها وليحدث بها، واذا رأى غير ذلك مبايكة فانها من الشيطان فليستعذ من شرها ولا يذکرها لاحد فانها لا تضرها۔ (بخاری: 6985)

Jabir Ibn Abdullah reported that the Prophet(SAW) said: “When the night falls, keep your children close to you, for the devils spread out at that time. But when the night has fully come, you can let them free (Sahih Muslim).”

Cure and Prevention with the verses of the Quran

Regardless of the level of our religiosity, to attain spiritual protection from Allah against magic and evils, we need to be punctual and consistent with our daily obligatory prayers. Allah says that the Quran is a guide and cure for all diseases, relating to spiritual, psychological and physical illnesses. The Prophet(SAW) did not leave out any need of this world or the Hereafter, except that he taught us a dua by means of which to overcome that difficulty. Experience has shown that there are certain verses when read in a specific need or difficulty, Allah will alleviate that difficulty. O Muslims, when we fear that we cannot by ourselves resist and fight the bad omens; then we should seek refuge and protection of Allah from all afflictions i.e. we should put our trust in Allah and seek His cover, or clinging to Him, or go under His shelter for safety. We should have firm belief that seeking refuge with Allah will protect us from all the evils haunting

us, and Insha-Allah we will be protected. The verses of Quran recited or supplicated for protection from magic etc. are as follows: Ibn Abbas_(RA) narrates that one-day Jibril_(AS) was sitting with Prophet_(SAW) when he heard a door of the heavens open, so he raised his head upward and said that a door of the heaven has been opened which has never opened before and an angel has descended from it, who has never descended before. That angel said Salam to Prophet_(SAW) and said: two verses of blessings (light) have been revealed to you which were not revealed to any prophet before. 1) Surah Fatiha, 2) the last two verses of Surah Al-Baqarah. O Prophet_(SAW), anything recited from them, it will be provided to the reciter. Both these Noor(light) has one-part supplication and one-part praise for Allah. When we recite the supplication part, it will be accepted, and we will receive what is mentioned in them. In Surah Al-Fatiha we ask for guidance and Allah accepts it and provided us the Quran to search for guidance. When we recite the second last verse of Surah Al-Baqarah it is about faith i.e. believing in all prophets and not differentiating between them. The last verse is repenting to Allah, and Insha-Allah He will forgive. Subhan-Allah! **If we recite the last two verses of Baqarah for three days the satanic jinn cannot come near our house** (Tirmizi, Nissai). O Muslims, if satanic jinn cannot approach us then they cannot manipulate our psychic to make us psychologically sick. So let us make it our habit to recite Surah Fatiha and last two verses of Al-Baqarah regularly. In another hadith Prophet_(SAW) told us to recite the last three chapters three times after mandatory prayers of Fajr and Maghreb, it will save us from all afflictions. In a hadith it is narrated that Prophet_(SAW) said Surah Fatiha is cure for all ailments (Darimi and Baihaqi). In another hadith we are encouraged to read it and blow on the patient. Proving, guidance is protection from all afflictions. Islam tells us to commence everything in the name of Allah. If we do it consciously and with sincerity, it will surely produce three good results. First, it will keep evil

away from us, because the very name of Allah will impel us to consider whether we are justified in associating His name with a wrong deed or an evil intention. Second, the very mention of the name of Allah will create in us the right attitude of mind and guide us to the right way. Third, [we will receive Allah's help and blessings and protection from the temptations of Satan](#). Allah will turn to us when we turn to Him. As stated earlier, the satanic jinn cannot overpower or influence the guided Muslims.

[In the name of Allah, the Most-Merciful and the Most-Compassionate. Praise is to Allah, the Lord of the entire universe, The Merciful, the Compassionate, and The Master of the Day of Recompense. You alone do we worship, and You alone do we turn for help. Direct us on to the Straight Way, the way of those whom You have favoured, who did not incur Your wrath, who are not astray \(1:1-7\).](#)

In a hadith we are told to recite the first five verses of Surah Al-Baqarah to save us from all afflictions. In another narration it is said if certain verses of the Surah Al-Baqarah are recited regularly satanic jinn and humans cannot hurt or afflict us. Abdullah ibn Masood^(RA) narrates that there are ten verses of Surah Al-Baqarah that are so effective that if someone recites them at night, neither Satan nor the jinn would enter his house, nor would he or his family will be afflicted with illness, calamity or sorrow that night, and if they are recited over a man suffering from a fit of madness, his condition will improve ^(Maariful Quran). It is nothing but placing one's trust in Allah. Those verses are:

[This is the Book of Allah: there is no doubt about it. It is guidance to Godfearing people, who believe in the unseen, establish the Salat and expend \(in Our way\) out of what We have bestowed on them; who believe in the Book We have sent down to you \(i.e. the Qur'an\) and in the Books sent down before you, and firmly believe in the Hereafter \(2:1-5\).](#)

Your Deity is Allah alone: there is no deity save the All-Beneficent and All-Merciful Allah (2:163).

Allah, the Everlasting, the Sustainer of the whole Universe; there is no god but He. He does neither slumber nor sleep. Whatsoever is in the heavens and in the earth is His. Who is there that can intercede with Him except by His own permission.? He knows what is before the people and what is hidden from them. And they cannot comprehend anything of His knowledge save whatever He Himself pleases to reveal. His Kingdom spreads over the heavens and the earth and the guarding of these does not weary Him. He alone is the Supreme and the Exalted. There is no compulsion and coercion regarding religion. The right thing has been made distinct from the wrong thing: now whoever rejects taghut and believes in Allah has taken a firm support that never gives way. And Allah (Whose support he takes) hears everything and knows everything. Allah is the Helper and Protector of those who believe in Him: He brings them out of the depths of darkness into the light. As for the disbelievers, they have taghut as their patron, who drives them out of light into the depths of darkness. These are the people who are doomed to the Fire, wherein they shall live for ever (2:255-257).

To Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. " Allah will call you to account for what is in your minds whether you disclose it or hide it. He, however, has full authority to pardon or punish anyone He pleases, for Allah has complete power over everything. The Messenger has believed in the Guidance which has been sent down to him from his Lord, and those who believe in the Messenger have also sincerely accepted the same. They all believe in Allah, His Angels, His Books and Messengers. And they say, "We do not discriminate against any of His Messengers. We have heard the Message and submitted to it. Our Lord, we look up to You for forgiveness, for to You we shall all return." Allah

does not burden any human being with a responsibility heavier than he can bear. Everyone will enjoy the fruit of the good that one has earned and shall suffer for the evil that one has committed. (O Believers, pray like this to Allah: "Our Lord, take us not to task if we forget and lapse into error inadvertently. Lord! lay not on us the kind of burdens that You had lain on the people before us. Lord, lay not on us the kind of burden that we have not the strength to bear. Be kind to us, forgive us and show mercy to us. You are our Protector: help us against the disbelievers" To Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. " Allah will call you to account for what is in your minds whether you disclose it or hide it. He, however, had full authority to pardon or punish anyone He pleases, for Allah has complete power over everything. The Messenger has believed in the Guidance which has been sent down to him from his Lord, and those who believe in the Messenger have also sincerely accepted the same. They all believe in Allah, His Angels, His Books and Messengers. And they say, "We do not discriminate against any of His Messengers. We have heard the Message and submitted to it. Our Lord, we look up to You for forgiveness, for to You we shall all return." Allah does not burden any human being with a responsibility heavier than he can bear. Everyone will enjoy the fruit of the good that one has earned and shall suffer for the evil that one has committed. (O Believers, pray like this to Allah: "Our Lord, take us not to task if we forget and lapse into error inadvertently. Lord! lay not on us the kind of burdens that You had lain on the people before us. Lord, lay not on us the kind of burden that we have not the strength to bear. Be kind to us, forgive us and show mercy to us. You are our Protector: help us against the disbelievers" (2:284-286).

Such people are on the right way of their Lord and such are truly successful. In a hadith it is narrated that Prophet_(SAW) said: Allah has ended Surah Baqarah with the two verses

which are a treasure specially given to me from the Arsh (Throne of Allah). Therefore, be particular in learning them and teaching them to your womenfolk and children (Sahih Bukhari, Mustadrak Haakim, Bayhaqi). These verses encapsulate the meaning of Tawheed (Oneness of Allah), which is the foundation of our faith. It is also narrated by Imam ad-Darimi in his Sunan 3382 and 3383 from Abdullah bin Masood_(RA).

Abu Hurairah narrates that the Prophet_(SAW) said: “Satan runs away from the house in which Surah Al-Baqara is recited” (Sahih Bukhari). I would like to relate a story to enforce the importance of Surah Baqarah. A young rich handsome young man asked for the hand in marriage of a rich beautiful young pious girl from her father. The father asked his daughter if she would like to marry him. She enquired about his character; she was told he prays on and off. She refused to marry him. This came as shock for that young man. He made it a matter of his pride. He went to a magician to cast magic on her so that she would start loving him. After agreed time he went to the magician and enquired if he has succeeded. The magician apologized and said she is beyond his reach, he should go to so and so magician he might be able to help him. He went to that magician and requested him to cast spell on that young woman so that she starts loving him. After agreed time, he went back to the magician and asked him if he had succeeded in casting spell on her. This magician also apologized and told him to go to so and so powerful magician he might be able to help him. He went to him and asked him to cast a magic on the girl so that she starts loving him. After agreed time, he asked the magician if he had succeeded, he replied, “she recites Surah Al-Baqarah every day, no magic can overcome her as she is in the protection of Allah”. Isn’t this what we want?

Abu Huraira caught a thief who was trying to steal the goods of charity and told him that he will take him to Prophet_(SAW). The thief said to Abu Huraira, if you leave me I will give

something good for you to recite. Abu Huraira agreed, and he told him when you go to bed, recite Ayatul Kursi for then a guardian from Allah will be appointed to watch over you, and Satan cannot approach you till dawn". When the Prophet_(SAW) heard this, he replied: "He told you the truth though he is a liar. He (the thief) was the Satan" (Sahih Bukhari).

Abu Masood reported: The Prophet_(SAW) said: "If anyone recited last two verses from Surah Al-Baqarah at night that will be sufficient for him" (Abu Dawood). Ali_(RA) said that a man who did not recite the last three verses of Surah Al-Baqarah at night, I cannot say that he is intelligent" (Sunan Darimi, hadith: 3552/3384).

Abu Ayyub Al-Ansari narrates that the Prophet_(SAW) said, whoever reads Ayatul Kursi (2:255) after the obligatory prayers and the verses (5:18, 3:26-27), Allah will forgive his sins and place him in Paradise and fulfil his seventy needs, the least of which is that he will attain forgiveness (Rohul Maani). Above three verses of the Holy Quran are known for being effective in repelling harm.

The Jews and the Christians say, "We are the sons of Allah and His beloved ones." Ask them, "Why then does He punish you for your sins? In fact, you are also human beings like the other human beings He has created. He forgives whomever He wills and punishes whomever He wills. To Allah belongs the Kingdom of the earth and the heavens, and all that is in it, and all shall return to Him" (5:18).

Say: "O Allah, Lord of all dominion! You give dominion to whom You will, and take away dominion from whom You will, and You exalt whom You will, and abase whom You will. In Your Hand is all good. Surely You are All-Powerful. You cause the night to pass into the day and the day to pass into the night. You bring forth the living out of the dead, and You bring the dead out of the living, and You give sustenance to whom You will beyond all reckoning" (3:26-27).

Abu Musa Ashari^(RA) narrates that Prophet^(SAW) said that whoever recites these verses in the morning or evening till the end of the surah, his heart will not die on that day or night (Daylami). Mohammed Bin Abraham Taimi narrates from his father that he was sent by Prophet^(SAW) on an expedition. At the time of departure, the Prophet^(SAW) advised him that he should reite these verses in the morning and in the evening. We used to recite them due to which we became rich (spoils of war) and our lives were also protected (Ibnus Sunni).

Further recommended verses are: In fact, your Lord is Allah alone, Who created the heavens and the earth in six days and then sat upon the Throne of His Kingdom; Who makes the night cover the day and then the day follows the night swiftly; Who created the sun, the moon and the stars, all of which are under His Command. Note it well: His is the creation and The Sovereignty. Full of blessings is Allah, the Lord of the worlds. Invoke your Lord with humility and in secret; indeed, He does not like the transgressors. Do not spread chaos on the earth after it has been set in order and call your Lord with fear and with hope. Surely, the mercy of Allah is near to the righteous people (7:54-56).

O Prophet, say to them, “You may call Him by any name, Allah or Rehman, for it is all the same by whichever name you call Him because all His names are most excellent. And do not raise your voice high in your Prayer nor make it very low but adopt the middle way between these two (17:110).

“Did you think that We had created you without any purpose, and that you would never be brought back to Us?” So Exalted is Allah, the real Sovereign. There is no god other than Him. He is the Lord of the Glorious Throne. Therefore, if someone invokes any other deity along with Allah, whereof he has no proof, he shall have to give an account to his Lord. Such disbelievers can never attain “success”. O Muhammad, say, “Lord, forgive and have mercy, You are the most Merciful of all, who show mercy” (23:115-118).

The first four verses of the surah below negate those who take oaths on angels and yet proclaim that our worship is only for Allah alone. These verses emphasize on the importance of monotheism and rejects any form of idolatry or polytheism. The remaining six verses give proofs of the oneness of Allah (Ma-Arif ul Quran). In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. By those who range themselves in rows; by those who reprove severely, and those who recite the Exhortation; surely your God is One, the Lord of the heavens and the earth and of whatever lays between the two, the Lord of the Easts. We have adorned the lower heaven with the adornment of the stars and have protected it from every rebellious devil. These satanic devils cannot listen to what transpires in the High Council for they are pelted away from every side and are repelled. Theirs is an unceasing chastisement. And if any can snatch a fragment, he is pursued by a piercing flame. So, ask them (that is, human beings): “Were they harder to create than the objects We created?” We created them from sticky clay (37:1-11).

These verses of the Holy Quran are well known for being effective in repelling harm. In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. O company of jinn and men! If you have the power to escape across the bounds of the earth and the heavens, then escape! You shall not escape, for it requires infinite power. So, O jinn and men, which powers of your Lord will you deny? (If you so venture) a flame of fire and smoke shall be let loose upon you, which you will not be able to withstand. O jinn and men, which powers of your Lord will you deny? Then (how will it be) when the heaven will burst and redden like red leather? O jinn and men, which powers of your Lord will you (then) deny? On that Day there will be no need to ask either men or jinn about their sins. Then (it will be seen) which of your Lord's favours you deny (55:33-40).

Maqal bin Yasar_(RA) narrates that Prophet_(SAW) has stated that a person who recites three times in the morning the last three verses of Surah Al-Hashr then Allah dedicates 70,000 angles to make dua of mercy for him till the evening and if he dies that day, he will die as a martyr and if he recites these in the evening then Allah gives him the same reward till the morning (Tafseer Mazhari quoting from Tirmizi).

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Had We sent down this Quran upon a mountain, you would have seen it humbling itself and splitting asunder from the fear of Allah. We present these parables before the people so that they may reflect (on themselves). He is Allah besides Whom there is no god. He is the Knower of the unseen and the seen. He is the Compassionate and the Merciful. He is Allah, besides Whom there is no god. He is the Sovereign, the Holy, the Source of safety, the Giver of peace, the Guardian, the All-Mighty, the Enforcer of His decrees, and the ever Supreme. Exalted is Allah alone Who is the Planner of Creation, its Enforcer and its Fashioner. His are the excellent names. Whatever is there in the heavens, and the earth glorifies Him. And He is the All-Mighty and the All-Wise (59:21-24).

These verses of the Holy Quran are known for being effective in repelling harm. In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. O Prophet, say: It has been revealed to me that a company of the jinn listened, then (returning to their folks) they said, “We have indeed heard a wonderful Quran which guides to the right way, so we have believed in it, and now we shall never associate anyone with our Lord.” And that: “Our Lord's majesty is exalted: He has neither taken a wife nor a son.” And that: “The foolish among us have been uttering falsehood against Allah” (72:1-4).

Jubair Bin Mutim_(RA) narrates that Prophet_(SAW) asked him whether he wished to have the best companions and the most amount of provisions with him when he was on a journey.

He said, he wanted that, then, the Prophet_(SAW) said: "Recite these five Surahs: Surah Khairun, Surah Nasr, Surah Ikhlas, Surah Falaq and Surah Nas, and begin each recitation with Bismillah and end the surah Naas with Bismillah (Tafseer Mazhari). It is narrated that Sura Khairun is equal to one fourth of the Quran (Trimizi). In one narration, Surah Ikhlas is equal to one third of the Quran. In lengthy hadith it is narrated that Prophet_(SAW) said, whoever reads and the last three surahs (Surah Ikhlas, Surah Falaq and Surah Naas), it will suffice him. In another narration it will suffice him in protecting him from all calamities. Imam Ahmad has narrated from Uqbah ibn Aamir_(RA) that Prophet_(SAW) said that I shall tell you of three surahs that were revealed in the Torah, Psalms, Bible and the Quran, and don't sleep at night until you have recited them (they are Surah Ikhlas and the Mowzatain). Uqbah_(RA) said since then I have never missed reading these surahs. O Muslims, Allah bestowed us with the last three chapters of the Quran to protect us from all afflictions. First is Surah Ikhlas, this surah introduces our Lord with His unique attributes. The second is Surah Al-Falaq and the third is Surah An-Naas. Also, Muadh ibn Abdullah ibn Khubaib reported that his father said, "We went out on a very dark and rainy night looking for the Prophet_(SAW) to lead us in the prayer. We found him and he said, "Speak". I did not say anything. Then he said, "Say", again I did not say anything. He again said, "Say", and I asked Prophet_(SAW) what shall I say? He said recite: Surah Ikhlas and the last two surahs seeking refuge in the evening and the morning three times; it will be enough to protect you in respect of everything (Majah 3511).

In the name of Allah, the Most-Merciful and the Most-Compassionate. Say: "O disbelievers, I do not worship those whom you worship. Nor are you worshipers of Him Whom I worship. Nor am I a worshiper of those whom you have

worshiped. Nor do you worship Him Whom I worship. For you is your religion and for me is mine (109:1-6).

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. When Allah's help comes and victory is attained. And (O Prophet,) you see that the people are entering into Allah's Religion in crowds. Then glorify your Lord with His praise and pray for His forgiveness. Indeed, He is ever inclined to accept repentance (110:1-3).

It was reported that Aisha^(RA) said: When Prophet^(SAW) went to his bed, he would recite Surah Ikhlas, Surah Al-Falaq and Surah An-Naas and would blow into his hands, and then he would wipe his hands over his face and his body, as far as they could reach." Aisha^(RA) said: "When he fell ill, he would ask me to do it for him." (Bukhari)

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Say: "He is Allah, the One and only. Allah is Independent of all, and all are dependent on Him. Neither has He an offspring nor is He the offspring of anyone. And none is equal with Him in rank (112:1-4).

Abu Saeed Al-Khudri reported, that Prophet^(SAW) used to seek Allah's protection against the evil of jinn and the evil eyes with Surat Al-Falaq and Surat An-Naas and left everything besides them (Jamia At-Tirmidhi). Anas ibn Malik^(RA) reports that Prophet^(SAW) said: "Indeed Satan places his snout on the heart of son of Adam, when he remembers Allah he withdraws and when he becomes unmindful of Allah, then Satan whispers into his heart, this is what is meant by 'Al Waswas' and 'Al Khannas' in Surah Naas." (Musnad Abu Yala, 4301)

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of the dawn, from the evil of all that He has created; from the evil of night's darkness when it spreads around; and from the evil of the women who blows (men or women) on knots; and from the evil of the envier when he envies (113:1-5).

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Say: "I seek refuge with the Lord of mankind, the King of mankind, the real God of mankind, from the evil of the whisperer, who returns over and over again, who whispers (evil) into the hearts of men, whether he be from among the jinn or mankind (114:1-6).

O Muslims, when we don't read the Quran with understanding, we will be surrounded by the **darkness of ignorance**, and being ignorant of the right way, we end up spending all our efforts and energies in the wrong way. In contrast to this, "light" stands for the light of the Truth (reading the Quran with understanding), which enables us to see clearly the **Right Way**, to perceive the real aim of life and follow it consciously with resolve.

Supplications to cure and prevent afflictions

Whoever recites it three times in the morning will not be afflicted by any calamity before evening, and whoever recites it three times in the evening will not be overtaken by any calamity before morning." "In the Name of Allah, with Whose Name nothing on the earth or in the heaven can cause harm and He is the All- Hearing, the All-Knowing" (Ahmad).
Bismillah hil lazi la ya zurru maa ismai hi shai-un fil arzai wala fis samaai wa howas sami ul Aleem.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَضُرُّ مِمَّا أَسْبَغَهُ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

It is narrated by Abu Saeed^(RA) that Angel Jibril came to the Prophet^(SAW) and said: "O Mohammed, are you ill?" He said, "Yes." Angel Jibril than said: In the name of Allah I perform invocation for you, from everything that is harming you, from the evil of every soul or envious eye may Allah heal you, and with the name of Allah I perform invocation for you" (Sahih Muslim, Al Salaam 4056). Bismillah hi arkik min qul shai in yoseek min share kulai nafs awo ain Hasid, Allah yashfiq, Bismillah hi arkik.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اَرْقِيكَ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ يُؤْذِيكَ مِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ نَفْسٍ اَوْعَيْنَ حَاسِدِ اللَّهِ يَشْفِيكَ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اَرْقِيكَ

The Prophet^(SAW) used to recite this supplication, which gives its reciter protection against sudden calamities and

tribulations. O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the demise of Your blessing, from the change of the good health, from the sudden revenge of You, and from Your entire wrath. Allah humma inni aozo bika min zawalai naimatek, wa tahwalai aafyatek, wa fujjaa nikmatek, wa jami asakhatek. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ، وَتَحَوُّلِ عَافِيَتِكَ، وَفُجْأَةِ رِقْمَتِكَ، وَجَمِيعِ سَخَطِكَ

This dua will fill our hearts with love for Allah. Once the heart is filled with love for Allah the Almighty, it will also fill our hearts with love for the Prophet(SAW) and the righteous servants of Allah. Once love of Allah is embedded in our hearts, obeying Him and His Prophet(SAW) becomes easy. The Prophet(SAW) used to say this dua: O Allah, grant me Your Love and the love of anyone whose love will benefit me in front of You. O Allah, all the blessings You bestowed on me which I love; make it strength for me to achieve that which You love. O Allah, make anything I love which You have taken away from me, a space for that which You love. Allah humma arzuqni hubbak, wa hubba mun yanfaoni huboho indak. Allah humma ma razaqta ni mima ohibu fajal hu quwatan li fima tohib. Allah humma ma zawaita anni mimma ohibbu fajal hu farghan li fima tohib.

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي حُبَّكَ، وَحُبَّ مَنْ يَنْفَعُنِي حُبُّهُ عِنْدَكَ. اللَّهُمَّ مَا رَزَقْتَنِي مِنْهَا أَحِبِّ فَاجْعَلْهُ قُوَّةً لِي فِيهَا تُحِبُّ. اللَّهُمَّ مَا رَزَقْتَنِي عَنِّي مِنْهَا أَحِبِّ فَاجْعَلْهُ قَرَارًا لِي فِيهَا تُحِبُّ.

Our existence in this life is for a divine purpose. The life on this world was never meant for enjoyment. We are surrounded with illusions and temptations, demonstrating the tests and trial of this life. To pass this test, we should put our trust in Allah, withstand the challenges with steadfastness and seek Allah's divine guidance and support. The Prophet(SAW) used to invoke Allah and say: O Allah, grant my soul its piety, you are the Best Who purifies it, You are its Guardian and Master. O Allah, I seek refuge in You from a non-beneficent knowledge, a heart that does not fear you, an unsatisfied soul, and an unanswered supplication. Allah humma aati nafi taqwa ha wa zaki ha unta Khairun mun zaka ha unta waliyo ha wa mola ha. Allah hummaanni aozu bika min elmin la yanfa-o wa min qalbin la yakhsa-o, wa min nafs latashba, wa min dawatin yustajabo lah.

اللَّهُمَّ آتِ نَفْسِي تَقْوَاهَا وَزَكَّاهَا أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا أَنْتَ وَلِيِّهَا وَمَوْلَاهَا. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُنِي وَمِنْ قَلْبٍ لَا يَخْشَعُ وَمِنْ نَفْسٍ لَا تَتَّقِيكَ وَمِنْ دَعْوَةٍ لَا يَسْتَجَابُ لَهَا

The impact of this supplication is that Insha-Allah we will recover from sickness, test or tribulation. No calamity will leave a permanent scar on us. It will instead bring us closer to Allah. To prevent harsh calamities the Prophet (SAW) used to say: **O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the demise of Your blessing, from the change of the good health (You granted me), from the sudden revenge of You, and from Your entire wrath.** Allah humma ainni aozo bika min zawale animate ka, wa taweelai afyatek, wa fujai nikmatek, wa jamia skhatek.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ ذَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ، وَتَحَوُّلِ عَافِيَتِكَ، وَفُجَاءَةِ نِقْمَتِكَ، وَجَبْرِ سَخَطِكَ

We can protect ourselves and our families from the ill-effects of the evil acts (magic, evil eye) of our enemies with the firewall of the dua mentioned below. If we trust Allah, then the impact of this dua is that we will not be worried about what enemies conspire against us. The Prophet (SAW) used to supplicate this: **O Allah, I seek refuge in You from effort scourge, low-level of misery, ill of the destiny, and gloating of enemies.** Allah humma anni aozo bika min jehdil bla, wa darke shifa, wa soe ilqaza wa shamatatil aeda. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ جَهْدِ الْهَلَاكِ، وَذَرَكِ السُّقَا، وَسُوءِ الْقَضَاءِ، وَشَبَاةِ الْأَعْدَاءِ

The dua below was recited by Prophet (SAW) on his companions to remove evil eye. **O Allah, Lord of the people, remove the hardship, grant cure for You are a great healer. There is no cure but through Your healing (Power) which leaves no illness behind** (Sahih Muslim, Book 26, Hadith 5435). Izhab il bas rubon nass, washfi aunta shafi la shifaa illa shifaoqa, shifa un la youghadiro saqama.

أَذْهَبِ الْبَاسَ رَبِّ النَّاسِ وَأَشْفِ أَنْتَ الشَّافِي لَا شِفَاءَ إِلَّا شِفَاؤُكَ شِفَاءٌ لَا يَكُونُ إِلَّا بِكَ

Dua for protection from an enemy: **Allah is sufficient for us, and how fine a trustee (He is)** (Bukhari 5/172). Hasonallah wa naemal wakeel.

حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

When the Prophet (SAW) would enter the mosque, he would say: **I seek refuge with Allah the Supreme and with His Noble Face, and His eternal authority from the accursed**

Satan. Aozo billah hil azeem wa bay wajhai kal kareem, wa sultanahil qadeem minash shaitanir rajeem. أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ وَبِوَجْهِهِ الْكَرِيمِ وَسُلْطَانِهِ الْقَدِيمِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

Then Prophet(SAW) said: if someone says this supplication then the Satan says: this person has been protected from me for the rest of the day. (Dawood 466)

Ibn Umar (RA) narrated that Prophet(SAW) never failed to say these words in the morning and the evening: “O Allah! I ask you for pardon and well-being in my religious and worldly affairs, and my family and my wealth. O Allah, cover my weaknesses and set at ease my dismay. O Allah, preserve me from the front, and from behind, and from my right, and from my left, and from above, and I seek refuge with you lest I be swallowed up by the earth” (Ibn Majah 3871). Allah humma inniasalikal afia fi dini wa dunyaya, wa aahli, wa mali, Allah humma aster aurati wa aamin raoati wahfizni min baini yadiya wa min khalif, wa aan Yamini wa an shimali wa min fouqi, wa aaozo baiazmateka aan ogtala min thati.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَافِيَةَ فِي دِينِي، وَدُنْيَايَ، وَأَهْلِي، وَمَالِي، اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْ عَوْرَاتِي وَآمِنْ رُؤُوسِيَ وَأَحْفَظْنِي مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْكَ وَمِنْ خَلْفِي، وَعَنْ يَمِينِي، وَعَنْ شِمَالِي، وَمِنْ فَوْقِي، وَأَعُوذُ بِعَظَمَتِكَ أَنْ أُغْتَالَ مِنْ تَحْتِي۔

Abu at-Taiyaj narrated to us that he asked Abdur Rahman bin Khanbash at-Tamimi who was an old man, “Did you reach Prophet(SAW) during his lifetime”? He said, “Yes”. So, I said: How did Prophet(SAW) act on the night the devils plotted against him”? He replied: “Indeed the devils descended that night upon Prophet(SAW) from the valleys and mountain paths, and amongst them was a devil, in his hand was a fire to burn the face of Prophet(SAW). Jibril(AS) descended to him and said: “O Mohammed, Say: I seek refuge with the Noble Face of Allah and with the complete words of Allah which no righteous one nor wicked one can exceed, from the evil of what He has created, and from the evil of what descends from the heavens, and from the evil of what ascends to them, and from the evil of what is sown in the earth and is created, and from the evil of what comes out from it, and from the evil of the fitans (trials) of the night and the day, and from the visitations of the night and day, except

for one that knocks with good, O Merciful”. So, this dua extinguished their fire, and Allah defeated them.” (Ahmad 3/319)

Umarah bin Shabib As-Sabai narrated that Prophet(SAW) said: “Whoever says: “none has the right to be worshipped but Allah, Alone, without a partner, to Him belongs all that exists, and to Him belongs the praise, He gives life and causes death, and He has power over all things. Ten times after Al-Maghrib - Allah shall send for him protectors to guard him from Satan until he reaches morning, and Allah writes for him ten good deeds, Mujibat, and He wipes from him ten of the destructive evil deeds, and it shall be for him the equal of freeing ten believing slaves”. (Majah 3798; Muslim Book 35, Hadith 6508).

Khawlah bint Hakeem Al-Salamiyah(RA) said: “I heard the Prophet(SAW) say: “Whoever makes a stop in some place, then he should say: I seek refuge in the perfect words of Allah from the evil of that which He has created. Nothing will harm him until he moves on from that place” (Muslim, Bab al-Dhikr wal-Dua, 4881).

The Dua mentioned below, is the dua which the Prophet(SAW) used to recite to protect Hassan(RA) and Hussain(RA) hence he used to say: I seek refuge for you both in the perfect words of Allah, from every devil and every poisonous reptile, and from every evil eye” (Dawood 4737). And he would say: “Similarly, Abraham(AS) used to seek refuge with Allah for Ishaq(AS) and Ismail(AS)” (Bukhari 3371).

The Prophet(SAW) is reported to have used these words for Ali(RA) in Tabrani and elsewhere: O Allah! I seek your protection for him and his progeny from Satan the accursed.

If anyone recites the dua below one hundred times in the day time, his reward is equivalent to that of freeing hundred slaves, plus one hundred good deeds will be recorded for him, and one hundred bad deeds will be erased from his record, and that day he will be protected from the Satan until

the evening (Bukhari 31119, Muslim 2691, Mutta Malik ch. 51, 09). I seek refuge in the perfect words of Allah from His wrath, His punishment, the evil of His servants, the insinuations of the devils, and their presence. Aozo baikalima titama, min ghazabaihi, wa akaibayhi, wa shere ebadaai, wa min hamazatish shayatin, wa ain yahzaroon.

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ الثَّامَةِ، مِنْ غَضَبِهِ، وَعِقَابِهِ، وَشَرِّ عِبَادِهِ، وَمِنْ هَمَزَاتِ الشَّيَاطِينِ، وَأَنْ يَخْضَعُونَ

In the name of Allah, I place my trust in Allah, and there is neither might nor power except with Allah. O Allah, I take refuge with You lest I should stray or be led astray, or slip or be tripped, or oppress or be oppressed, or behave foolishly or be treated foolishly. Bismillah, towakaltu allalah, wala houlawala quwata illah billah, Allah humma inni aozo beka un azil aow ozil, aow azil aow ozil, aow azlim aow ozlam, aow ajhal aow ojhal alaiya.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ، تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ، وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَضِلَّ أَوْ أَضَلَّ، أَوْ أَزِلَّ أَوْ أَزَلَّ، أَوْ أَظْلِمَ أَوْ أَظْلَمَ، أَوْ أَجْهَلَ أَوْ يُجْهَلَ عَلَيَّ

O Allah, I seek refuge in You from bad days, bad nights, bad hours, bad companions, and bad neighbours in my place of residence. Allah humma aozubeka min yomis sue, wa min lailatis sue, wa min saatti sue, wa min sahibis sue, wa min jaris sue fidar ilmqaama.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ يَوْمِ السُّوءِ، وَمِنْ لَيْلَةِ السُّوءِ، وَمِنْ سَاعَةِ السُّوءِ، وَمِنْ صَاحِبِ السُّوءِ، وَمِنْ جَارِ السُّوءِ فِي دَارِ النِّقَمَةِ

O Allah, to You I submit, and in You I believe, and on You I rely, and to You I return, and for You I quarrel. Allah humma laka aslam tu, wa bika aman tu, wa Alaika ana btu, wa bika khasamt.

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ أَسْلَمْتُ، وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ، وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ، وَإِلَيْكَ أُنَبِّئُ، وَبِكَ خَاصَمْتُ

I seek refuge in Your Might; there is no deity worthy of worship but You that You let me not go astray. You are the Ever living who does not perish, while the jinn and mankind will perish. Allah humma anni aozo bai azzatika, la ilaha alla unt, un tu zillani, untal haiyul lazi layamoat, wal jin wal insai yamoat.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِعِزَّتِكَ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أَنْ تَضِلَّنِي، أَنْتَ الْحَيُّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ، وَالْجِنُّ وَالْإِنْسُ يَمُوتُونَ

Allah is sufficient for me, none has the right to be worshipped but He, in Him I put my trust and He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne (Dawood, Hadith 5081). Hasbillahho lailaha illa hu, aliahi towakal tu wa howa rubul arsh al azeem.

حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ، عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

For bad dreams: “I seek refuge with Allah from Satan the accursed and from the evil of this dream”.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ هَذِهِ الرُّوْيَا-

“I seek refuge with Allah from Satan the Accursed (16:98).”

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

O Allah, make my body healthy. Make my hearing healthy. Make my eyesight healthy. There is no God but You.

اللَّهُمَّ عَافِنِي فِي بَدَنِ اللَّهِمَّ عَافِنِي فِي سَمْعِي اللَّهُمَّ عَافِنِي فِي بَصَرِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

O my Lord, I am in absolute need of the good You send me (28:24).

رَبِّ إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ-

O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the difficulties of afflictions, from the burden of hardship, from evil judgment and from the enemy’s malicious rejoicing (for my suffering).

Conclusion

Allah says in the Quran, that he bestowed this book of **Baraka**, which gives Baraka in all aspects of life. It also gives us solutions to all our problems, including protection from jealousy, evil eye and magic. Today we are facing difficulties because the Quran is not part of our lives. One of the surahs of protection is Surah Al-Baqarah. Prophet(ﷺ) said no evil eye or magic can have any effect on household where Surah Al-Baqarah is recited. Why are we not reciting Surah Al-Baqarah? O Muslims, seek closeness to Allah through the Quran and He will protect us. **Subhan-Allah!** O Muslims, can anything happen to us without the permission of Allah? No. And if Allah has willed some test for us, can anyone remove it? No. O Muslims, the only solution to our problems is to turn back to Allah. Let me ask you a question: Who is stronger, Allah or the sorcerer, or Satan, or satanic Jinn, or

satanic humans? Obviously, it is Allah! O Muslims, it is we who lose hope and give up; we should keep praying to Allah, Insha-Allah He will provide us with an opening. Remember, Satan wants us to fear his allies; he wants us to be petrified by the sorcerers, devils and satanic humans. O Muslims don't fear them, fear Allah the Merciful, Who loves us seventy folds more than our mothers, He will not let us down. The Quran tells us that the devils can only frighten us if we lose Allah. We lose Allah by disobeying Him and by not remembering Him. And when we turn away and live without the remembrance of Allah, Allah will assign a satanic devil that will accompany us. (انالله) Company of a devil can never be beneficial. Allah also says in the Quran that those people who are obedient to Allah, when they are afflicted by something, they remember Allah more, and as a result Allah opens his heart to understand the truth. I will try to explain it with a story which Mufti Mink described in a lighter note. There was a man who was very soft hearted. When he was getting married, his friends told him that they will put a cat in his room and when he enters the room and sees the cat, he should beat it with the stick and throw it out of the window. This action scared his wife. He would order his wife to do something and say else! She would get scared and do as he told her to do. Once she went to her parent's home and said, you said he was soft hearted, he is tough and scary. They told her to test him by standing up to him. Next day the husband told his wife to make tea or else! She responded by saying or else what? The husband said then I will make the tea myself. Stand up to the sorcerers, jinn etc. with the Quran; they will stand down. Prophet(SAW) said that a person is vulnerable in places that are unclean or isolated. When we go to isolated new places, we have been told to recite this supplication: ["I seek refuge with the perfect words of Allah from evil that He has created"](#) and nothing will affect us. Question arises, why a devil would try to possess somebody, without being contracted to do so by a magician? Only to: a) To further the

aim of Satan. b) If the person has harmed the jinn or his family. The devils from jinn kind can only create psychological problems; they will not harm us unless we harm them. Some people might say that Prophet_(SAW) was also affected by the magic. In my opinion there are two reasons for that. a) To show us that it can only affect us psychologically, because the effect of magic on Prophet_(SAW) was psychological. b) To provide us cure for it, the Mowzatain and the invocation Jibril_(AS) did on Prophet_(SAW). **Subhan-Allah!**

Another source of relief is charity given with sincerity for the pleasure of Allah, no matter how small it is. I will explain it with two examples from history. Caliph Haroon Rashid ordered a mosque to be built. He instructed that no one will chip in the construction of the mosque. A construction labourer wanted to chip in with his daily wage. On being unable to do so, he bought some bricks with the money and mixed them in caliph's bricks. After completion Haroon Rashid saw a dream that he was in the Paradise and there he saw two palaces next to each other. He asked the angel whose palace is this one. He was told it is his. He enquired about the second palace. He was told it belongs to the construction labourer who chipped in with few bricks. **Subhan-Allah!** Similarly, prior to battle of Tabouk, Prophet_(SAW) asked for donations. A poor sahabi watered a garden of a Jew the whole night and was given few dates as wage. He brought them to Prophet_(SAW) and told him the whole story. He ordered that these dates to be spread over all the collection for Baraka. O Muslims, give charity in the name of Allah, it will protect us from all calamities.

O Muslims, Allah in Surah Al-Hujurat says: **O you who believe, if a wicked person (magicians etc.) brings you some news, inquire into it carefully lest you should harm others unwillingly (by magic etc.) and then be sorry for what you have done. Know it well that the Messenger of Allah is**

among you. If he were to obey you in most affairs, you would certainly be in trouble. Allah the Most High said: But Allah has endeared the faith to you and made it seem fair in your hearts and made disbelief, wrongdoing and disobedient abhorrent to you. Such are those who are rightly guided through Allah's grace and Allah is all-Knowing, All-Wise (49:6-8). When we let our guards down and listen to every tom dick and harry, we engross ourselves in suspicions, jealousy, spites and hatred. It is better to ignore it, otherwise verify its authenticity. Even if it is true learn to forgive and forget, as it is the best sadaqa. Learn to forgive to be forgiven.

O Muslims read carefully the next hadith about our Merciful Lord. Abdullah bin Abbas_(RA) reported that Prophet_(SAW) said, that Allah says: "Verily, Allah has ordered that the good and the bad deeds be written down". Then He explained it clearly how (to write): He who intends to do a good deed but he does not do it, then record it for him as a full good deed, but if he carries out his intention, then Allah the Exalted orders to write for him from ten to seven hundred folds or even more. But if he intends to do an evil act and has not done it, then Allah orders to write down for him one full good deed, but if he intends it and has done it, Allah orders one bad deed to be written for him" (Bukhari and Muslim). O Allah, all praises are for You, all our gratitude are for You, all our thanks giving's are for You, all our worships are for You, O Allah, forgive our excesses, for You forgive all sins. Ameen!

O Muslims let us consider an example: Suppose a king sends some written instructions to his subordinate, to implement. If that subordinate took the king's letter and did not bother to read it, and therefore he would not be able to implement its instructions. If the king found out, what will he do to that subordinate? Punish him severely or have him executed. What about Allah and His instruction manual (Quran)? Think what will happen to us in the Hereafter. Worldly, human king might not know, but Allah has written down all

our actions prior to our birth, He does not miss anything, and we cannot escape from him. To those brothers who think that these fraudsters can protect them from Allah, should start practice sitting on a burning stove for five minutes daily. If they think that the medical science tells us that after the upper skin has burned, one will not feel pain. Allah in the Quran says that when the upper skin is burnt, We will replace it with new one. A never-ending excruciating pain! (انالله)

O Muslims, what we have read so far, we know and understand that Allah oversees all affairs. Unfortunately, those who have fallen prey to Satan's handy work and ploys get confused about their merciful Lord. Unfortunately, such people think that the dead saints are all seeing and all hearing. A saint who after dying cannot himself take a bath, who cannot shroud himself with kafen, who cannot lay himself on the platform to be carried to the grave; a dead person who cannot do anything for himself, when put in the grave becomes all seeing and all hearing! (انالله) And Allah the All-Seeing and All-Hearing does not see or listen to us. (انالله) They claim they can approach the saints directly, but Allah who says He listen to the supplications of all His slaves and answers them, they are conned to believe that approaching Allah directly is not possible. He will not listen to them. (انالله) A being Who oversees all affairs cannot listen to us, but a dead saint (true or false) can. Or brothers, think; does it make sense? No. And if it makes sense to you, then my question: If it was allowed, why don't we ask Prophet(SAW), who is by far more superior to the saints? Why do we not ask the Companions (because all saints combined do not equal a companion in status)? Think!

O Muslims, our rebellion against Allah has three degrees of criminality: 1) One is disobedient, i.e. we profess to be His subject yet practically acts against His commandments; 2)

Disbelievers. If someone thinks he is independent of Allah, or owes allegiance to someone else (Satan, taghut, religious leaders, peers etc.); 3) Third category is called taghut (like Pharaoh, Nimrud etc.). These are people who rebel against Allah and exert their efforts to make His subjects subservient to them. Such a being could be people like Pharaoh, Satan, a religious leader, a political leader, a king, or a state. Therefore no one can be a true believer of Allah unless he disowns taghut.

O Muslims, we must keep in mind that having a worldly blessing or superiority is not evidence of Allah being pleased. If it was so, all rich people would be righteous and dwellers of Paradise and all poor people would be sinners and dwellers of Hellfire. On the contrary Prophet_(SAW) said vast majority of dwellers of Paradise will be from the destitute. O Muslims, we should abstain from gossiping and listening to gossips because it is prohibited in Islam. It can sometimes cause social conflicts and disorder among people. O Muslims, never degrade anyone, Prophet_(SAW) said that Allah says: “Anyone who abases my believing servant, he has declared war against Me”. He_(SAW) also said: “Anyone who annoys a believer, Allah annoys him; and anyone who saddens a believer, Allah will bring sadness to him”. He_(SAW) also said: “Anyone who glares at a believer with a look to frighten him, Allah will frighten him on the Day when there is no shelter except His”. He_(SAW) also said: “The prestige, property and life of entire being of a believer are a sanctuary”. He_(SAW) also said: “Insulting a believer is a great transgression and fighting him is unbelief, eating his flesh (backbiting him) is a sin, and respecting his property is like respecting his life”. He_(SAW) also said: “Anyone who rebukes the slightest fault of a believer, he will not die until he himself commits that fault”. Prophet_(SAW) said, “Whoever is kind, Allah will be kind to him; therefore, be kind to man on earth, He who is in

the heaven will be kind to you”. He also said: “Surely those who love that scandal should circulate regarding those who believe, they shall have a grievous chastisement in this world and in the Hereafter; and Allah knows, while you do not know.”

O Muslims, truth is that we’ll never know all there is to know about others, just as they will never know all there is to know about us. Humans are too complicated to be understood fully. So, it is up to us to choose whether to approach our fellow humans with suspicion, jealousy, hatred, spites or grudges and be the people of Hellfire, or to approach them with open mindedness, optimism, honesty and sincerity, and Paradise may be our final abode. That is why, Prophet^(SAW) said: anything that has gentleness in it, it beautifies it, and if gentleness is removed from a thing, it only mars it (Muslim, h 6602). Allah in Surah Al-Ahzab says: “There is no blame on you if you say something unintentionally, but you will surely be blamed for what you say with the intentions of your hearts” (33:5). Similarly, the Prophet^(SAW) said: “My ummah is excused for their mistakes, what they forget and what they are forced to do”. O Muslims, the above verses tell us to respect one another, and to strengthen the bonds with one another, while the sole purpose of all the above-mentioned despicable traits is to break the bonds and spread anarchy in the society. Trust Allah and make this world a reasonable place to live. O Muslims, this world is an examination hall where we will be tested with suspicion, jealousy, spites, hatred and superstitions. We are supposed to overcome them so that our character is free from such traits. This world was never intended to be a place of enjoyment, rather if we succeed to enter Paradise, the Hereafter is the place where we can have anything of our choice and live in peace and harmony without suspicion, jealousy, spites, hatred and superstitions. **Subhan-Allah!** O Muslims, is there a more Merciful Lord than Allah? When we ask, He gives. When we call, He

listens. When we sin, He forgives. When we repent, He accepts. When we have a problem, He solves. Everything we do is about us and everything He does is also about us. So, which of Allah's favours can we deny?

O Muslims, we are not perfect, the people around us are not perfect. People will do things that will annoy, disappoint and anger us. In this mortal life it will always be this way. As per hadiths in chapter of "Spites and grudges", we must let go of our grievances as this is part of the purpose of Islamic morality. This is the Lord's way. O Muslims, remember heaven will be filled with those who have forgiving attitude in common: Allah will forgive them, because they forgave.

O Allah, fill our hearts with Your love and love of Your Prophet_(SAW) and love of Your creation. O Allah, cleanse our hearts from suspicion, jealousy, spites, hatred and superstitions. O Allah, we seek refuge in You from the evil suggestions of satanic devils; and we seek refuge in You, O Allah from their presence. O Allah, we seek Your protection in Your perfect words from the evil You created. O Allah, punish us not if we forget or fall into error inadvertently, for You forgive all sins. Ameen!

Requesting For Supplication

Please beseech
Allah (SWT) to
forgive me, my parents,
my family, yourself,
your parents,
your family and all
believing Muslims.

