



Second question from Fatwa No. 6366

Q 2: What is the difference between Sihr (magic) and `Ayn (evil eye)? Does the evil eye afflict

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the religion of any one? What is the remedy for both the envier and the envied if the evil eye has a real effect?

A: The word Sihr (magic) literally means: An unseen power of an unknown source. Technically, Sihr is spells and charms. Some kinds of Sihr afflict a persons heart and body causing the person to feel ill, sometimes to die or to be separated from his wife. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: [﴿ And from these \(angels\) people learn that by which they cause separation between man and his wife, but they could not thus harm anyone except by Allâh's Leave. ﴾](#)

As for `Ayn (i.e. evil eye), it is real, for it is narrated in the authentic Hadith that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [﴿ The effect of an evil eye is real; and if anything were to precede destiny, it would be the \(evil\) eye. And if you \(the envier\) are asked to take a bath \(to provide a cure for the envied\), you should take such a bath. ﴾](#) The `Ayn (evil eye) is not permissible the same as Sihr (magic). The envier should mention Allah upon seeing something pleasant and he should say, 'May Allah bless it' as its narrated that the Prophet said: [﴿ When you see what you like say "May Allah bless it for you" ﴾](#) He should say: 'ma sha Allah' 'la quwwata illa billah.' (It is the Will of Allah. There is no power except in Allah), then invoke Allah to bless what he sees. As for the envied, he should protect himself by strong faith and trust in Allah. He should also recite a regular portion of the Qur'an and Prophetic supplications. If he knows the person who has given him the evil eye, it is permissible for him to ask that person to wash his face, hands and the inside of his waist-wrap in a basin of water then he (the envied) should take a bath with that water.

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

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