The fourth question from Fatwa No. 6496:

Q 4: Some people advise those who have no children to buy a goat, for example. They suggest the color of the animal e.g. black, etc., and say: Tie it at home for such and such period. They claim that the reason they do not have children is a fairy called: "Al-Tabi`ah" They claim that the presence of a goat at home, will prevent the fairy from entering the house and by doing that, pregnancy will take place. What is the ruling concerning this?

A: It is not permissible to do this. It is a type of soothsaying. Indeed, it is a baseless practice to which there is no proof to support it; it is but a lie and fabrication.

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

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