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Fatwa no. (9548):

Q: What is the ruling on a person who removes magic spells using a numerical system such as, 21, 31, 137, 121, 25? He looks at the numbers in a way that he claims is attributed to Yunus (Jonah, peace be upon him), given that the bewitched person does not know how to free himself from the spell. This man claims he can summon the dead, which enables him to know the future of the person before him and whether has been bewitched. If not, he says to him, "Your zodiac shows nothing" after having taken the name of the enchanted person and his mother's. Is this permissible and attributable to Yunus (peace be upon him), or is it against the Qur'an and the Sunnah and not reported from the Salaf (righteous predecessors)? What is the ruling on a person who visits those who claim to remove spells in this way and believes in its validity? Please reply with evidence.

A: If the case is as you have mentioned, such a person is a soothsayer. There is no evidence that this method is attributed to Yunus (peace be upon him). This is not Islamically sanctioned and one should consult these people, rather they must be denounced, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated, [\(Whoever consults a diviner regarding any matter, his Salah \(Prayer\) extending to forty nights will not be accepted.\)](#) Narrated by Muslim in his Sahih (authentic) Book of Hadith. The Prophet (peace be upon him) also stated [\(Whoever consults a diviner and believes what he says, he has disbelieved in what was revealed to Muhammad \(Peace be upon him\).\)](#) Narrated by Imam Ahmad and the Four Compilers of Hadith with a Sahih (authentic) Isnad (chain of narration).

The Prophet (peace be upon him) also stated [\(If a person learns a branch of divination, he has learnt a branch of](#)

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[sorcery.](#)) Narrated by Abu Dawud from Ibn `Abbas with a Sahih Isnad.

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