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The Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Seventh Questions from Fatwa no. 8071

Q2: There is a woman who here who performs all the obligatory acts of `Ibadah (worship) and also supererogatory acts, such as Qiyam-ul-Layl (standing for optional Prayer at night), Salat-ul-Duha (supererogatory Prayer after sunrise), and fasting three days of every month. However, she goes to an Arabic woman doctor for treatment of her psychological illnesses. Is it permissible for her to go to that woman? What advice would you give her?

Q3: If this woman, who regularly performs the acts of `Ibadah, dies in this condition, what effect will going to this woman have on her deeds?

Q4: Many people come to ask a woman called: "The Absent One," about matters taking place far away from her. For example, a man goes to her in her village and asks whether his pregnant daughter, who lives in another country, has delivered yet. The woman always gives a decisive answer, whether yes or no, and never says "Allah knows best." Is it permissible to ask her questions such as this? Please advise us.

A2, 3, 4: It is Haram (prohibited) to go to soothsayers and to believe them. Accordingly, it is not permissible to visit this woman, who claims to know the Ghayb (Unseen), because she is a Kafir (disbeliever). It is not permissible to visit, ask questions of, or believe, this woman or other similar people, whether they practice medicine or not. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, ["Anyone who visits a diviner and asks him about anything, their Salah \(Prayer\) will not be accepted for forty nights."](#) (Recorded by Muslim)

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The Prophet (peace be upon him) also said, ["Anyone who resorts to a soothsayer and believes in what they say has disbelieved in what was revealed to Muhammad."](#) (peace be upon him).

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

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