



Fatwa No. 10648 :

Q: How can we combine between the following two Hadiths:

- 1- ﴿ Whoever visits a fortuneteller (`Arraf) and asks him about anything in belief of his knowledge, his Salah shall not be accepted for forty days. ﴾ **Related by Muslim in his Sahih.**
- 2- ﴿ Whoever visits a fortuneteller believing his saying has indeed disbelieved in the revelation sent down to Muhammad ﴾ **Related by Abu Dawud .**

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Apparently, the first Hadith does not indicate the disbelief of those who visit fortunetellers where the other states their disbelief.

A: There is no conflict between the two Hadiths. As for the Hadith, ﴿ Whoever visits a fortuneteller or a soothsayer believing his saying has indeed disbelieved in the revelation sent down to Muhammad ﴾ It refers to those who ask soothsayers believing that they know the unseen, they are disbelievers, for they oppose the Qur'an as Allah says: ﴿ Say: "None in the heavens and the earth knows the Ghaib (Unseen) except Allāh" ﴾

As for the Hadith, ﴿ Whoever visits a fortuneteller (`Arraf) and asks him about anything, his Salah shall not be accepted for forty night. ﴾ Related by Muslim. It gives no hint to the 'belief in' the saying of a soothsayer.

This means that those who go to fortunetellers to ask them anything, their salah shall not be accepted for forty nights but if they also believe them, they will be disbelievers.

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

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