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Eleventh question from Fatwa No. 8844:

Q: A Muslim Arab doctor frequented by many people for treatment, says to the people who come to him, 'You should know that recovery is up to Allah Alone and I am just a reason leading to recovery.' He prescribes permissible medicines to them and some leaves to be soaked in water then drunk or an ointment to be applied. But I was against one of his prescriptions, as he told someone to put a piece of paper inside the skin of a donkey to protect him from the affliction of Um Al-Subyan (a female Jinn (creatures created from fire)). What is your view on this? It should be noted that the piece of paper is hung only during the period of pregnancy then removed.

A: First: It is not permissible to go to this man you mentioned because he is a liar. **Second:** It is not permissible to obey him with regard to what he said to the man i.e., to take a piece a paper then put it inside the skin of a donkey or so claiming that it protects from the affliction of Umm Al-Subyan, regardless of the period required. This is an act of Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah), as the man thinks that placing this piece of paper inside the skin of a donkey will protect him from the disease mentioned. Indeed, it is Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted) alone Who cures diseases. This act is like wearing amulets concerning which the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ["Whoever wears an amulet commits an act of polytheism"](#). Also he (peace be upon him) said about it:

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["If one ties an amulet, Allah will not accomplish his affairs for him and if one ties a cowrie shell, Allah will not protect him."](#)

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