



The first question from Fatwa No. 10806 :

**Q 1: Can fortunetellers tell the truth? Are they capable of knowing anything of the Ghayb (unseen)? Can magic affect a person?**

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**A:** Fortunetellers do not know the Ghayb. In fact, fortunetelling primarily depends on guessing and lying. It is, thus, prohibited, because Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ Say: "None in the heavens and the earth knows the Ghaib (Unseen) except Allâh" ﴾ He also says: ﴿ (He Alone is) the All-Knower of the Ghaib (Unseen), and He reveals to none His Ghaib (Unseen). ﴾ Except to a Messenger (from mankind) whom He has chosen (He informs him of unseen as much as He likes) ﴾ There are other Ayahs (Qur'anic verses) and Hadiths supporting this. Regarding magic, it may be a sort of false illusion, as Allah (may He be Praised) says in the story of Prophet Musa (Moses) and Fir`aun (pharoah) : ﴿ their sticks, by their magic, appeared to him as though they moved fast. ﴾ Magic may affect a person and harm them by the predestined will of Allah. Allah (may He be Praised) says about sorcerers in Surah Al-Baqarah: ﴿ And from these (angels) people learn that by which they cause separation between man and his wife, but they could not thus harm anyone except by Allâh's Leave. ﴾

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

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