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The second question of Fatwa No. 4015

Q 2: Was magic worked on the Prophet (peace be upon him) and was he affected by it?

A: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) is a human. Therefore, it is normal for him to be afflicted by what befalls people of worldly affairs such as disease, pain, assault or oppression and other things that are not relevant to his mission. Thus, it is not far-fetched that he gets afflicted by any disease or human transgression like magic or the like. This thing would lead him to imagine having sexual intercourse with his wives without doing so or thinking he has the ability to have sexual intercourse with his wives, but being unable to do so. However, this kind of affliction can neither extend to affect receiving the revelation from Allah (May He be Exalted) nor to conveying the message from His Lord to all worlds. The evidences derived from the Qur'an, Sunnah and Ijma' (consensus) of the Salaf scholars show the infallibility of the Prophet (peace be upon him) regarding receiving and conveying of the revelation as well as the other religion-related affairs. Magic is one of these diseases that afflicted the Prophet (peace be upon him) for it is authentically reported on the authority of `Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) that she said: [The Prophet \(peace be upon him\) was bewitched by a man from Banu Zurayq called: Labid ibn Al-A`sam and with the result that he \(under the influence of the magic\) felt that he had been doing something whereas in fact he had not been doing that. \(This state of affairs lasted\) until one day or during one night Allah's Messenger \(may peace be upon him\) made supplication \(to dispel its effects\). He again made a supplication and he again did this and said: O `Aisha Do you know that Allah has answered me concerning what I had asked Him? There came to me two men, one of them sat near my head and the other sat near my feet. The one who sat near my head said to one who sat near my feet or the one who](#)

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[sat near my feet said to one who sat near my head: What is wrong with this man \(the Prophet\)? He said: He is affected by magic. He said: Who has bewitched him? He \(the other one\) said: It was Labid ibn Al-A`sam He said: What is the thing by which he transmitted its effect? He said: By the comb and by the hair stuck to the comb and the spathe of the date-palm. He said: Where is that? He replied: In Dhy Arawan Well She said: Allah's Messenger \(peace be upon him\) came along with some of his Companions and then said: O `Aisha! Its water was like the infusion of henna leaves and its palms were like heads of the devils. She said that she asked Allah's Messenger \(may peace be upon him\) as to why he did not burn that. He said: No, Allah has cured me and I do not like that I should induce people to commit any high-handedness in regard \(to one another\), and I only commanded that it should be buried. \)Narrated by Al-Bukhari and Muslim .](#)

Accordingly, whoever denies the occurrence of that contradicts the legal evidences and Ijma' of the Sahabah and Salaf of the Ummah. He also adheres to groundless and unreliable dubiousness and illusions. The knowledgeable Imam Ibn Al-Qayyim elaborated this in his book entitled Zad Al-Ma`ad, and the same was done by Al-Hafizh ibn Hajar in his book entitled Fath Al-Bary.

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

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