



Sixth question of Fatwa no. (8071) :

Q6: Treatments used to cure people include slaughtering a sheep or chicken on a patient's chest or head; putting some silver rings in their hands; or a small piece of cloth or a handful of dust which is thought to be of the clothing and the grave of a pious person. What is the ruling on receiving medical treatment in this way? Is it permissible to trust in such people?

A6: It is Haram (prohibited) to slaughter animals for other than Allah. The Prophet (peace be upon him) cursed those who slaughter animals for other than Allah, which is considered a form of Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah). Allah the Exalted stated, ﴿ Say (O Muhammad peace be upon him): "Verily, my Salat (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinn and all that exists). ﴾ (Surah Al-An'am, 6: 162). ﴿ He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims. ﴾ (Surah Al-An'am, 6: 163). It is authentically established that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) stated, ﴿ "Allah has cursed the one who sacrifices to other than Allah" ﴾

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As for seeking treatment in the manner mentioned in the question, it is Munkar (unacceptable or disapproved of by Islamic law and Muslims of sound intellect), even if slaughtering is dedicated to Allah the Exalted. It is impermissible to trust in what they say, because they are sorcerers and impostors. It is authentically established that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) stated, ﴿ He who visits a diviner to consult him, his prayers extending to forty nights will not be accepted. ﴾ He (peace be upon him) also stated, ﴿ If anyone resorts to a diviner or a soothsayer and believes in what he says, he has disbelieved in what was revealed to Muhammad ﴾ (peace be upon him). ﴿

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

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