

Reciting Quran to the child in the womb

Answered by Shaykh Ubayd

Question: One of the sisters says recitation for the fetus is beneficial, and it perceives what the mother recites; is this correct?

Shaykh Ubayd: This is not correct. This is blending between Sunnah and Bidah. I do not know of any basis for this in the Book or the Sunnah, or from the statements of any Imaam from the Imaams of knowledge, faith, and religion; at all.

Then, if what is intended by recitation is Ruqyah; this Ruqyah is if the woman finds unbearable pain and fears difficulty then there is nothing wrong with performing Ruqyah upon her stomach, not upon the fetus. The Ruqyah is performed on her stomach not the fetus. For example the one performing the Ruqyah recites Ayatul Kursi, and the last verses of Soorah Al Baqarah, and Soorah Al Iklaas, and Soorah Al Falaq and Soorah An Nas, and then the person performing the Ruqyah wipes their hand on her stomach. They say: 'I seek refuge in the Perfect Words of Allah from the evil He created.' Or they say: 'In the Name of Allah' three times. And after that they say: 'I seek refuge for him/her with Allah and His Power from the evil I find and fear'; seven times. This has been authentically narrated from the Prophet ﷺ. So let not the questioner or any Muslim be deceived by the likes of this.

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