



## HOW DOES ONE KNOW IF THEY ARE AFFECTED BY BLACK MAGIC AND WHAT IS THE CURE?

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As with most illnesses, both physical and spiritual, Islam promotes a proactive preventative approach rather than a reactive remedial one. If we look at the case of Evil Eye or Black Magic or any other illness for that matter then we must place the first principle in the fore of our mind;

**Nothing** will happen to person unless **Allah Wills** it to happen or put in another way **everything** that takes place is because of the **Will of Allah**.

With this principle in mind we can now explore the issue of Black Magic. A soul protected by correct belief, worship, fasting and the giving of charity will rarely come under the effect of these illnesses. However, when they do we cannot resort to amulets (ta'wiz) or visiting individuals who claim to know the Unseen as that brings a person to Shirk, which is an unforgivable sin.

The reason why some scholars in the past permitted ta'wiz was because illiterate individuals wanted protection from the Shayatin, Evil Eye and Black Magic so they wrote it for them on paper hoping it would be the same as incanting it. However, this was only a temporary measure and was to be removed once individuals could recite the incantation.

In Islam, both as preventative measure and for remedial purposes one should recite the Mu'awwadhatan – *Qul 'audhu bi rabbil falaq* and *Qul 'audhu bi rabbil nas*, including the other two Qul as well, therefore Suras al-Kafirun, al-Ikhlās, al-Falaq and al-Nas. Blow them into ones hand and wipe over the whole body as a preventative measure or over the affected part if utilising as a medicine.

As for those who can't recite, namely young children, then one can recite for them – Sayyidina Abdulla ibn Abbas says, “the Messenger of Allah would seek refuge with Allah for Hasan Husain, “ *I seek refuge for you two with Allah's Perfect Words from every devil and from poisonous pests and from every evil, harmful, envious eye.*’ He would then say, ‘Your forefather (i.e. Ibrahim) used to seek refuge with this (i.e. these words) for Isma'il and Ishaq. (Transmitted by al-Bukhari, Vol. 4, Hadith 590)



This does not in any way suggest that you shouldn't seek medical assistance as there are psychiatrists, psychologists and many other medical experts who could deal with what maybe a psychological issue rather than Black Magic or Evil Eye.

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