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Q: A man got married to a woman who loved him very much; after a period of time, she started to hate him strongly with no clear reason. It was said that he was afflicted by magic, so some people told him to visit a specific sorcerer to remove the influence of magic. They told him that this would be a self-defense procedure to maintain his relationship with his wife and told him that necessities make prohibited matters permissible. The man did not accept this and regarded it as an act of Kufr (disbelief). Is it permissible for him to resort to magic to break what has afflicted him or should he surrender to his fate and endure it? Is resorting to magic in this case considered self-defense or Kufr?

A: It is not permissible for you to visit a sorcerer to use magic to break the spell with which you are afflicted, according to the general meaning of following Hadith of the Prophet (peace be upon him): ("He is not of us: the one who sees omens or has omens seen for him; predicts or has the future predicted for him; performs magic or has magic performed for him.") Narrated by Al-Tabarany on the authority of 'Imran ibn Husayn. Al-Manawy said, the Isnad (chain of narration) of this Hadith is good. Also when the Prophet was asked about Al-Nushrah, he (peace be upon him) said: (It is from the acts of Satan) Narrated by Imam Ahmad, and Abu Dawud with good Isnad. The word 'Al-Nushrah' means breaking the magic affecting a person through magic.

There are permissible supplications and cures which are helpful for

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removing the effect of magic. So, it is obligatory upon a Muslim to cure himself with the means that Allah made permissible like Adhkar (remembrance of Allah), supplications, and permissible treatment. He should also fear Allah and follow Allah's orders and avoid His prohibitions, as Allah says: (And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty).)May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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