



Q 7: If a person wants to leave them (soothsayers), they might prevent him. So, is it permissible to give them money to avoid them? And if one is able to get rid of using their medications and magic acts, is it permissible to salute them? Or should he desert them totally?

A: Firstly: It is forbidden to give them money in return for their evil acts due to which one visits them. But, there is no harm in giving them money to ward off their evil.

Secondly: It is not permissible to salute them as long as they practicing their magic acts unless they quit them and repent. Rather, they should be deserted and the matter should be submitted to the responsible Court, Authority and Emirate to prescribe the proper punishment upon them such as killing or whatever stipulated.

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

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