



Fatwa No. 10538

**Q :** My father is suffering from a chronic disease, we tried very hard to treat him but it was in vain. When doctors failed to treat him, the family resorted to some charlatans seeking a possible treatment. I refused this and did not let them continue on this track. Indeed, I am sure that it is forbidden. I warned them that this is unlawful, but they did not consider my warnings. They argued, 'you know nothing about this.' These people are righteous', they added. They believe that this is religiously lawful. In fact, it was only when I was informed of the way they treat the patient when I became really hateful to their acts. I know that their acts are baseless. Some of the ways I know of are as follows:

( Part No : 1, Page No: 643)

One of them asked my family to bring my father's headdress. Bringing it to him, he described the disease of my father without seeing him. Another charlatan also says on seeing the patient: "O So and So! You have a good horoscope" exactly in this manner. A third one tells the family of the patient: "Slaughter a black sheep, collect some of its hooves or horns then put it inside the slain sheep and place it in an isolated place where no one can see or reach it." He also stipulates that the slaughtered animal should be kept out of sight claiming that the influence of the treatment will be in effective if any one sees the slaughtered animal specified for treatment in the patient's family. This is in addition to other acts that some people believe. Therefore, I am sending my question hoping that you will clarify the legal decision on this matter. I hope that Allah, the Most High, the All-Powerful renders us of those who hear the word (Good advice) and follow the best thereof. And Allah is the grantor of success.

**A :** It is forbidden to go to charlatans for treatment. The ways of treatment you mentioned are charlatanic and superstitious. They only intend to unjustly seize people's money. You did well by disapproving of those who wanted to treat your father through charlatanry, and you fulfilled your duty in guidance and advice. There are several authentic Hadiths from the Prophet (peace be upon him)

( Part No : 1, Page No: 644)

forbidding resorting to, consulting, and believing them.

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

**Permanent Committee for Scholarly Research and Ifta.**

| Member                                  | Committee Deputy Chairman            | The Chairman                                       |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">`Abdullah ibn Ghudayyan</a> | <a href="#">`Abdul-Razzaq `Afify</a> | <a href="#">`Abdul-`Aziz ibn `Abdullah ibn Baz</a> |

