

"MAGIC, SORCERY, DIVINATION, CASTING SPELLS AND LOTS, AMULETS etc ...
ARE FORBIDDEN IN ISLAM"

In Islamic culture and Muslim communities throughout the world, **magic** and **scorcery** is "widespread and pervasive".

On display in bookstalls in market places across the Muslim Middle East and North Africa, there are "handbooks for practitioners of the occult", and alongside "books full of warnings and condemnations" of the handbooks' contents.

Over the centuries, magic has "become **intricately interwoven with religious elements and practices"** in Islamic culture - **despite** the efforts of orthodox Islamic scholars to stamp it (magic) out ... so that the line between what is forbidden and what is allowed has become "blurred".

In fact, magic has become a vital element of everyday life and practice, in both the contemporary and historical Islamic world, that the various topics generate a'staggering amount of literature.

ALLAH FORBIDS MAGIC AND SCORCERY

In Islam, instead of worshipping Allah and asking for specific help on a certain problem, people who cast spells do the opposite which Allah has forbidden on Muslims.

In Islam, magic is an act of disbelief and is the work of Satan.

In Islam, whoever goes to a magician or fortune teller, and believes in what he tells him, **disbelieves** in what has been **revealed** to Muhammad.

In Islam, sihr, that is, magic and witchcraft, is a serious sin.

In Islam, sorcery and fortune telling is one of the twelve sins in Islam.

WHAT IS MAGIC AND SORCERY?

Magic or sorcery (which seeks to alter the course of events usually by calling on a supernatural force) and divination (attempts "to predict future events or gain information about things unseen"), or occultism, which encompasses a wide range of practices are condemned in Islam.

These practices include protection from **black magic**, the **evil eye**, **demons**, and evil **jinn**, which are thought to bring "illness, poverty, and everyday misfortunes"; or alternately practices seeking to bring "good fortune, health, increased status, honor, and power".

Also other techniques include **evocation**, **casting lots**, the production of **amulets** and other **magical equipment**.

In addition, in Islam, fortune telling, casting spells and witchcraft are sorcery.

WHAT DOES THE QU'RAN SAY?

Sixty-six Quranic verses relate to the subject of magic, but the verse dealing with magic in the most detail is **Sura 2:102** which describes magic in **a bad light**.

The Quran recognizes that **belief**, and **practice** in magic and sorcery, are **crimes** and **sins**.

The Quran forbids magic and punishes magicians.

Magic has also been declared by Islamic scholars to be "evil" **in any** and **all of their forms**, denying its practitioners entrance into heaven, and earning them a "divinely sanctioned" **punishment of death**.

IN THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE THE FOLLOWING ARE SINS AND ARE FORBIDDEN ... Enchantment, divination, observer of times, an enchanter, a witch, false visions, divination, vain vision, flattering divination, consulting with images, looking in the liver, witches, spirits of divination, soothsaying, familiar spirits, wizards that peep and mutter

HERE IS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ...

"Surely there is **no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel**: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!" (Numbers 23:23)

"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to **pass through the fire**, or that **useth divination**, or an **observer of times**, or **an enchanter**, or **a witch**" (Deuteronomy 18:10)

"And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used **divination and enchantments**, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger." (2 Kings 17:17)

"Then the LORD said unto me, The **prophets prophesy lies** in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they **prophesy** unto you **a false vision and divination**, and a **thing of nought**, and **the deceit of their heart**." (<u>Jeremiah 14:14</u>)

"For there shall be **no more any vain vision** nor **flattering divination** within the house of Israel." (<u>Ezekiel 12:24</u>)

"They have seen **vanity and lying divination**, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: ... have made others to hope that they would confirm the word." (<u>Ezekiel 13:6</u>)

"Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a **lying divination**, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken?" (Ezekiel 13:7)

"For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to **use divination**: he made his arrows bright, **he consulted with images**, he **looked in the liver**." (Ezekiel 21:21)

"And it shall be unto them as a **false divination** in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken." (Ezekiel 21:23)

"And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a **spirit of divination** met us, which brought her masters much gain by **soothsaying**:" (Acts 16:16)

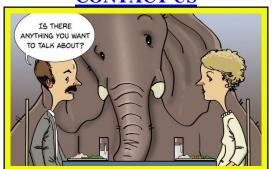
"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have **familiar spirits**, and unto **wizards that peep**, and that **mutter**: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?" (<u>Isaiah 8:19</u>)

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MUSLIMS SAY "HASN'T YOUR CHRISTIAN BIBLE HAS BEEN CORRUPTED?" but the Qu'ran says the opposite ... "THE BIBLE IS NOT CORRUPT!"

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