

TAKING OMENS

The Messenger of Allah said:

لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ تَطَيَّرَ أَوْ تُطَيَّرَ لَهُ

He who takes omens or
he for whom omens are taken
is not from us.

[Silsilah al-Şaḥīḥah: 2195]



THE MESSENGER DISASSOCIATES HIMSELF FROM THE ONE WHO TAKES AN OMEN

'Imran bin Huṣṣain saw a man wearing a band made of brass. He asked, 'What is this?' He replied it is due to weakness. He said, 'If you die while wearing it you will be entrusted to it.

The Messenger of Allah said:

The one who takes ill omens or the one for whom ill omens are taken, the one who practices fortunetelling or has his fortune told, the one who did magic or the one for whom magic was done is not from us.'

[Silsilah al-Ṣaḥīḥah: 2195]



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TAKING OMENS DEPRIVES ONE OF HIGH RANKS

The Messenger of Allah said:

The one who practices fortunetelling or has his fortune told and one who returned from a journey taking omens will be deprived of high ranks (in Jannah).

[Silsilah al-Ṣaḥīḥah: 2161]



THE CURE TO TAKING ILL OMENS

Strengthening Iman (faith)

'Ubadah bin Samit advised his son saying:

اللَّهُمَّ لَا خَيْرَ إِلَّا خَيْرُكَ وَلَا طَيْرَ إِلَّا طَيْرُكَ وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ

The calamity that reached you was not to miss you, and the one that missed you was not to reach you.

[Sunan Abū Dawūd: 4700]



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TAKING OMENS IS SHIRK

The Messenger of Allah said:

Whoever let's evil omens stop him from doing something is guilty of shirk.

[Silsilah al-Ṣaḥīḥah: 1065]

‘Abdullah bin Mas‘ud narrated that the Messenger of Allah said: Taking omen is shirk! Taking omen is shirk! He said this three times. There is no one among us (who has such thoughts) but Allah takes it away by means of tawakkul (putting one's trust in Him).

[Sunan Abū Dāwūd: 3910]



ENTERING JANNAH WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY

The Messenger of Allah said:

Seventy thousand people of my followers will enter Paradise without account, and they are those who do not practice incantation and do not take evil omen in things, and put their trust in their Lord.

[Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī: 6472]



PUNISHMENT FOR VISITING AN ASTROLOGER

The Messenger of Allah said:

مَنْ أَتَى عَرَّافًا فَسَأَلَهُ عَنْ شَيْءٍ لَمْ تُقْبَلْ لَهُ صَلَاةٌ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً

The one who went to a soothsayer or an astrologer and asked him about anything, his prayers will not be accepted for forty nights.

[Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim: 5821]



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THE MONTH OF SAFAR AND BAD LUCK

The Messenger of Allah said:

لَا عَدُوَّيَ وَلَا طَيْرَةَ وَلَا هَامَةَ وَلَا صَفَرَ

No disease is infectious, nor is there any
reality in evil omens, neither in an owl
and nor in the month of Safar.

[Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī: 5707]



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CURING ILL OMENS THROUGH DU'A

It is Masnūn to read the following after every obligatory Salah:

اَللّٰهُمَّ لَا مَانِعَ لِمَا اَعْطَيْتَ وَلَا مُعْطِيَ لِمَا مَنَعْتَ وَلَا
يَنْفَعُ ذَا الْجَدِّ مِنْكَ الْجَدُّ

O Allah, no one can prevent what You have willed to bestow and no one can bestow what You have willed to prevent, and no wealth or majesty can benefit anyone, as from You is all wealth and majesty.

[Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim: 1338]



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EXPIATION FOR TAKING OMENS

The Messenger of Allah said:

The one who takes an ill omen and turns away from his objective has committed shirk. The Companions asked, O Messenger of Allah ! What will be its expiation? He said:

اللَّهُمَّ لَا خَيْرَ إِلَّا خَيْرُكَ
وَلَا طَيْرَ إِلَّا طَيْرُكَ وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ

(He should say:) O Allah! There is no goodness except the goodness that comes through You. And there is no omen except an omen that comes through You. And there is no true deity except You.

[Musnad Ahmad: 7045]

