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Third question under Fatwa number (1545):

Q3: What is the ruling on people who write some of the Distinct Ayahs (verses) of the Qur'an and ask the sick to hang them on their heads or any other part of their bodies claiming that this is a cure while they may or may not charge for this service?

A: The proper view is that writing Ayahs of the Qur'an or any other Du`a' Ma'thur (recorded supplication) and hanging it on the sick while seeking recovery is prohibited. This is so for three reasons:

First, the generality of the Hadiths which prohibit hanging amulets without specification.

Second, Sadd-ul-Dhara'i` (blocking the means leading to sins) as it may lead to hanging amulets which contain something other than the Qur'an.

Third, those who hang such things may degrade them; for instance when going to the toilet and cleaning themselves after defecation. Since it is established that writing Ayahs of the Qur'an or any other Du`a' Ma'thur and hanging it on the sick seeking recovery is prohibited, charging a fee for it is also prohibited.

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

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