

1.18 Raqis without Religious Academic Qualifications

Question:

A controversy has arisen regarding who is qualified to recite the Qur'an for Ruqyas. Some argued that none but those who have Shari'ah knowledge must be allowed to perform Ruqyas. Others argued that being able to recite the Qur'an and having a sound faith, righteousness and piety are sufficient qualifications for Ruqya performance.

Could you explain the Islamic ruling regarding this issue? May Allah reward you.

Answer:

The ruling in this regard is that Ruqyas are valid if performed by those whose faith is sound, whose deeds and behaviour are good and who can recite and understand the Qur'an well, without having to possess knowledge or practice of Shari'ah. This can be implied from Abu Saeed's story of the man who treated with Ruqya a person stung by a scorpion. AbuSaeed mentioned that the man was not known to have performed Ruqyas before. Also, the Raqi should purify his intention, should have the interests of patients at heart and should not be concerned with making money so that treatment can be most beneficial.²

Al-Jibreen, Al-Kinz Aththmeen (The Precious Treasure), p. 212.

A Fatawa by Al-Jibreen, signed by him.

1 عبدالله الجبرين: الكنز الثمين، ج 1 ص 212-

2 فتوى للشيخ عبدالله الجبرين عليها توقيعه.