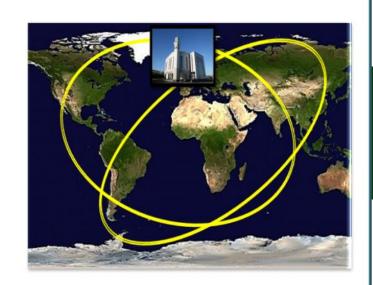


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Summary slide The Reality of "Magic" on The Prophet (sa)

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Hazrat Qais bin Mihsan was a companion from among the Ansar. He participated in the Battles of Badr and Uhud. His children were in Medina when he passed away.

Hazrat Jubair bin Iyaas. He participated in the Battle of Badr. It is mentioned in ahadith that a Jewish man attempted to cast a magic spell on the Holy Prophet (sa);

As a symbolic gesture he used a comb with the hair of the Holy Prophet (sa) and put this in the well with some dates. It is related that Hazrat Jubair bin Iyaas took those items out of the well. It is important to know our viewpoint regarding this magic.

Hazrat Ayesha (ra) narrates:
"One day or for one night the
Holy Prophet (sa) supplicated
before God Almighty and
then again supplicated and
he once again supplicated
and said, 'O Ayesha, God
Almighty granted me
everything for which I had
supplicated."

Hazrat Ayesha narrates: "I asked, 'O Apostle of Allah what did you ask for? What has Allah bestowed you with?' He replied, "Two men came to me and one of them sat near my head and the other near my feet. The one that was seated near my head said to one who sat near my feet..."

...or perhaps Hazrat Ayesha states, "Or the one who sat near my feet said to one who sat near my head: 'What is this man, i.e. Muhammad, suffering from?' The other one replied: 'A spell has been cast on him. The former asked: Who has cast the spell? The latter replied: 'It was a Jew named Labid bin Asim.' He then asked: 'What is the thing by which he transmitted its effect?' The other one replied: 'Using a comb and by the hair wrapped around the spathe of a date-palm.' He then asked: 'Where is it located?' He replied: 'In the well of Zhi Arwan.'"

Hazrat Ayesha states,
"The Holy Prophet (sa) went to
the well along with some of his
companions. When he returned,
he said, 'O Ayesha, by God! The
water of the well had a reddish
complexion resembling extracts
of henna."

It was the practice of the Jews to add henna or something similar in water when casting a spell on someone. This was done to display that through the power of magic the water had turned red.

The branches of dates were meant to represent multiple heads of a snake. Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) states:

"It seems that the two people mentioned who came to the Holy Prophet (sa) were in fact Angels. Had they been humans, surely Hazrat Ayesha (ra) would have seen them.

"It merely states that Allah the Exalted had informed the Holy Prophet (sa) through the means of angels that the Jews have tried to cast a spell on him.

It does not mean that the Holy Prophet (sa) was affected by the spell in the way people believe spells to work."

Where this narration manifests the hostility of the Jews towards the Holy Prophet (sa), it also becomes evident that the Holy Prophet (sa) was a true Prophet of God the Exalted.

...The Holy Prophet had been informed by God Almighty of all the ploys being hatched against him by the Jews. Hence, for the Holy Prophet (sa) to have received knowledge of the unseen and for the Jews to have failed in their objectives are clear and evident signs of the Holy Prophet (sa) being a true Prophet."

The principle mentioned in the Holy Quran is:

No sorcerer can ever be successful against the prophets, in any case whatsoever. regardless of how they try to attack. In light of this clear verdict we find: The wrongdoers say, 'You follow none but a man who is a victim of deception.' God's promise of "And a magician shall not thrive, come where he may" was fulfilled in full glory and grandeur.

The only question that remains is:

How could it be that the Holy Prophet (saw), a Prophet of such lofty stature who is in fact the greatest of all Prophets could fall victim to episodes of forgetfulness? So, in response to this, he was a human being bound to laws of nature. This is why God the Almighty, addressing the Holy

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in the Holy Qur'an, stated:

"O Messenger, tell them, 'I am but a human being like yourselves, and subject to all those laws to which other human beings are subject. Yet, I am also a Prophet of God and have been granted Divine Revelation from God for the guidance of mankind." - This is a commentarybased translation of the verse.

Arbitrator of this era [i.e. the Promised Messiah (as)] which prevails over all other commentaries and explanations. In one of his gatherings, a person asked the Promised Messiah (as) what he thought about the incident where the disbelievers asserted that they had cast a spell on the Holy Prophet (sa). The Promised Messiah (as) stated:



"Sorcery is also the work of Satan. It does not behove the status of a prophet or messenger to come under the influence of a spell. Rather, all spells are broken when they come in contact with a prophet, just as God Almighty states in the Holy Quran: [Arabic] [And a magician shall not thrive, come where he may]. Observe, Prophet Moses was confronted by the magicians, did Moses not succeed? To say that the Holy Prophet (sa) was influenced by magic is absolutely incorrect and we can never accept there to be any truth in this matter."



All praise is for Allah that we accepted the Imam of the age, through which we can recognise the true rank and status of the Holy Prophet (sa).