

Tawiz & Ruqa: Occult Sciences of Islam

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1. Introduction:

In Arabi, it is Tawiz, Hirz, Ruqa, Tilsam and in English it is Talisman, amulet, or charm, and is used around the neck, or as armllet on the upper side of the hand, for the protection from effects of evil eye, magic, and diabolical possession. If the amulet contains the Ayah or Asma'ullah then it is allowed. Qur'an, in a tiny edition, is often put into a gold or silver box and worn around the neck as an ornament, or it is put into a case and bound upon the arm. This is considered a most efficient Hirz to protect the wearer from all evils. The use of a particular Ayah as a written Dua and Tawiz is exceedingly common.

Qur'an is a divine word and people take guidance from it in various ways. Istikharah and Fa'al are common practices in Muslim society, and are used by the Muslims at large seeking divine guidance, in matters in which they face difficulties or confusion. Beside the Ulum Zahirah- open sciences, there is Ulum Khafiyyah, occult sciences. It remains hidden and its teaching is not common. These sciences deal with hidden forces within the cosmos. To protect humanity from the misuse of this power, traditional learning of Ulum Khafiyyah is not promoted and permitted.

Rasulullah(S) has permitted the use of Tawiz and Ruqa in the case of being bitten by poisonous insects or harmed by the effect of an evil eye.[1]. There is a Tradition that Abi Abdillah al Imam al Husain wore Surah 113 and Surah 114 around his neck as a Tawiz. There are numerous kinds of Tawiz, which can be written on clean cloth, piece of wood, metal, piece of rug, skin of Halal animal, mud plate or on porcelain. It is understandable that a Tawiz prepared by the Ayah of Qur'an on paper or cloth and hung up or worn is not Shirk. It is Sunnah to use it to scare away all evil things especially the evil eye for adults or children. It was recommended by Rasulullah(S) and used by Ahl al Bait and Ash'ab.

2. Branches of Ulum al Khafiyyah:

There are many branches of Ulum al Khafiyyah dealing with various extraordinary achievement and activities; and it is very difficult to classify them. However, we give here a list of the more commonly used branches of this science. Note that the first letters of the names of these five sciences when put together spell the Arabi phrase Kul'luhu Sirr (all of it is a Mystery/Secret):

1) Kimiya (Alchemy)

These branches of knowledge, together with the fifth, called "al-Kimiya" (alchemy, the forerunner of chemistry, primarily, the attempt to transmute base metals into gold or silver) formed what the ancients called the five secrets, mysterious branches of Knowledge.

2) Limiya (Tilsam)

It teaches how one can establish a connection between his psyche and the higher and stronger spirits, in order that one may bring them under one's control, for example, the spirits of the stars, or the Jinn, etc. It is also called the knowledge of conquest of the spirits.

3) Himiya (conquest of souls)

It explains how the powers of the higher spiritual world may be combined with the base elements of this world to produce inspiring effects. It is also called Tilsam. The stars and their connection have some relation to the material happenings of this world, in the same way as the elements and compounds and their physical qualities affect those phenomena. Supposedly if the heavenly forms, pertaining to a certain event, for example, A's life or B's death, could be combined with the relevant material forms, the desired effect would take place.

4) Simiya (Study of Asma'ullah producing visions)

It deals with the ways of combining the will-power with particular physical and material forces for manipulating the natural order and, thus, producing extraordinary effects. Under this head comes the manipulation of thought, also known as the eye-enchantment.

5) Rimiya (conjunction)

It trains one how to control and manipulate the qualities of various things, to produce seemingly super-natural effects. It is also called "Ash-Sha'badhah" (trickery unexplained).

Secondary of the above are the subsequent branches:

6). A'ad'ad (numerology)

It shows the relation of numbers and letters with the desired effect. The relevant letters or numbers are filled in a square or triangle etc. in a particular sequence.

7). Khafiyah (the hidden knowledge)

It breaks down the name of the desired effect or other relevant names, and finds out the names of the Malaek or the Shait'an managing the said effect; and then composes the invocations made of those names. [2]

3. **Secret Road of Mysterious World:**

These sciences are not accessible to all except for those who undergo by themselves on this secret road of mysterious world. Anbiya, Aimmah, Awliya, Atqiya', and the other masters of Occult Sciences, who are in lower rank, have served the people positively for its lofty evolution. They have served the human society for ages, but there are some, who in their greed or lust there have misused these powers, and instead of nearness to Allah and benefits for humanity, have gone law for material gain. They are agents of Shait'an of the ages. [3]

Surah al Anakabut-29 has Arabi characters, single or in combination, at their beginning. In the same way, letters prefixed to other Surah may be monograms, or abbreviations. According to the Scholars of Ahl al Bait these fourteen characters are light-possessing and light-giving, and that they formed the code by means of which Wahi was communicated to Rasulullah(S). Therefore these words are known as "Al Huruf al Noorani". The power of this code, whether written or read, is believed to afford protection from thieves, disaster at sea; to provide plenty for the means of living; to safeguard a person from enemies, from intrigue, and from all harmful animals. It is written on four pages of paper and placed at the four cardinal points around a field or garden to keep away evil forces. [4]

4. Tawiz Creation:

Most Tawiz consist of a large square or rectangle which is further divided into little squares. Each little square has either a part of an Ayah or Ay'ah from the Qur'an which are converted into their Abjad numerical value, and the sum obtained is managed in an assured method. The result is the initial starting 'number' which is used to fill the small squares. This 'number' is increased as appropriate, and the second 'number' is used to fill the second square and so on. These numbers are not usually filled right to left and top to bottom. There is a definite cycle. Therefore simply copying a Tawiz from a book is not only incorrect, but useless and some times very harmful.

Experts of the Sacred Sciences can guide properly as to what Ayah or Dua are efficacious and how they are to be prepared to meet different situations. As an example, the Surah Yasin, is much used in Ulum al Khafiyyah, since it is called "the heart of the Qur'an", and has the special value of each Ayah. These Tawiz created in a particular time, according to the schedule of the stars. Tawiz creators strictly avoid certain foods and practices, if they specialize in 'Jalali Nuqush'.

5. Don't get Trapped by Greedy Tawiz Makers:

Professionals or I may say quacks have suddenly cropped up these days dealing in Tawiz just like any other merchandise and minting money, without following the prerequisites which are beyond their knowledge and mental capacity. They do not know even the fundamental knowledge of Tawiz. They stand to gain little, but do not realize the great loss of Akhirah. At the time of their death, they will face divine torture, and Jahannam is their permanent abode. These professional Thugs extort money from the poor, ignorant people by scribbling something in a slang language, and pass it off as a Tawiz. Based on our restricted information which varies from person to person, we are unable to know whether the individual concerned has this 'ilm or not. In such cases, it is better to avoid going to them. As a responsible Mumin, we should always carry the responsibility of "Amar Bil Maarroof" and "Nahi Anil Munkar".

6. 'Asrar ilahiyyah' can not be transfered through books:

Like other material in the market, there is no shortage of books on 'Ulum al Khafiyyah'. More than a 1000 books have been published and many thousands of Tawiz have been

designed by these fraudsters to fool the ignorant people and make money. Many publishers have simply stolen from other books. Some writers did not even know what they were writing about. Majority of the Tawiz available in such kind of books are contradictions of the principles of Occult Science. Only a genuine A'alim can judge which one is correct. Common Ulama have no access to this topic, as a very few scholars have command on the subject. For an ordinary person, it's hard to believe in, if things do not work as expected. This humble writer personally considers that there are so many factors involved in doing such things that no matter how good one may be at these things; there is always a chance of missing some factors.

7. Why Use of Ayah for Spiritual Healing is Bidah?

Those who consider Tawiz as Bidah also practice it in different forms. They hang calligraphic rugs or the calligraphy of Qur'an on the clock with the Ayah al Kursi, [5] as a decoration piece in their residential or business places. The reason behind it is only seeking protection of Allah from all kind of Af'aat. How funny, hypocritically one school of thought uses it with this intention, and when another wishes it to use it for the protection of his own body, they considered it Bidah [6]. Human body is like a structure, where a valuable soul is residing. It is available in Sirah Literature that Nabi (A.S) used to treat with a Ruqa saying:

"O the Lord of the people! Remove the trouble. The cure is in Your Hands, and there is none except You who can remove it (the disease)".

8. Exist Science help in the recognition of Secret Science:

We have all come across the term 'DNA'. The DNA molecule is the genetic code for every living creature. And this code is the determining factor in the behavior of a living organism. With Genetic Engineering, an organism's genetic or hereditary material can be altered to eliminate undesirable characteristics, or to produce desirable new ones. The above does not answer the question whether Tawiz really works. The short answer is yes! They do work. How do they work? To answer that, we need to look at the Qur'an and Hadith. First of all, we are told in the Qur'an:

"We sent down in the Qur'an that which is a healing and a mercy to those who believe: to the unjust it causes nothing but loss after loss" [7]

If scientists can perform genetic engineering and alter the behavioral pattern, so can the Qur'an as proven above from the Ayah of the Qur'an. If that is not enough then we can see the DNA code mentioned in the following Hadith:

"The matter of the Creation of a human being is put together in the womb of the mother in forty days, and then it becomes a clot of thick blood for a similar period, and then a piece of flesh for a similar period. Then Allah sends a Malak who is ordered to write four things. He is ordered to write down his (i.e. the new creature's) deeds, his livelihood, his (date of) death, and whether he will be blessed or wretched (in religion). Then the soul is breathed into him. So, a man amongst you may do (good deeds till there is only a cubit between him and Jannah and then what has been written for him decides his behavior and he starts doing (evil) deeds characteristic of the people of the Jahannam. And

similarly a man amongst you may do (evil) deeds till there is only a cubit between him and the Jahannam, and then what has been written for him decides his behavior, and he starts doing deeds characteristic of the people of Jannah." [8]

Note in the above reference the period of 40 days is mentioned three times. Then we are told that the Malak is ordered to write four things. Did we not find a similar description for the DNA above? Remember that the DNA is yesterday's discovery. The Qur'an and Hadith date back 14 centuries.

Nabavi Sirah is a complete Tafsir of Qur'an. The human body is in reality a Tawiz itself. The human body is a carrier of Qur'an. In other words, the human body is the 28 letters from Alif to Ya. Soul is arrested by the order of Allah in the body for a specific period. On the completion of the period, the soul is released from the prison of body. Therefore, when some of the 'letters' in the human body become corrupted by following Shait'an, a Tawiz can help to put those 'letters' back in their proper places. We are all quite ready to believe in genetic engineering, but have doubt on the healing by the force of Rahman. Radical Muslims deny the use and power of Tawiz.

As long as there are people who are influenced by Shait'an, there will always be misuse of Tawiz for evil. How do we destroy evil Tawiz or even black magic or even evil spells?

9. Shariah Warning & Defusing Method of Evil Tawiz:

Shariah has strictly warned not to use Tawiz for nefarious purposes, to destroy business of the rival, to control someone for immoral purpose or any other destructive purposes which may cause material or bodily harm. For any illegal purposes, use of Tawiz is totally Har'am. These kinds of Tawiz are an un-pardonable sin and its punishment is severe both in this world and in the Akhirah, equally for the instigator and the writer of the Tawiz. Surah al Baqarah warns in clear terms, not to use it to create enmity in between spouses. However there are greedy people who practice it just for the sake of money and lust.

To invalidate or dismantle Tawiz, after Salaat al Fajr recite Kalimah Shahadah 100times, read Ayah al Kursi, pour the water. Now you can begin to remove the item from its locket, leather case etc. Make sure you collect everything- including the case, sting, wax and keep it all to soak together in Ruqya water. As you open the Tawiz read last two Surah of Quran and blow on it. Most Tawiz will be covered in a plastic wrapper, or tape. Take it out carefully. Untie the knots in the string or cut them. Don't waste time trying to read it and understanding it, just infuse it, making sure it's completely underwater. Close the lid saying Bismillah. Place the container away from the house and put it in to river, stream, canal etc. By the order of Allah this act will invalidate the Tawiz.

There are numerous methods that a Tawiz can be fused. The proper way to dispose of a Tawiz is to tear it into four pieces. That is, tear it once vertically in the middle. Then tear the two pieces horizontally so that it becomes four pieces. Read "Allahu Samad" 101 times on the torn pieces and dispose the 4 pieces in flowing clean water, such as a river.

This will destroy the Tawiz and its effects completely, Insha'Allah Bey Quwatil'lah. If anyone suspects that they are under the influence of 'black magic', or an evil spell then they can follow the subsequent course of action to defeat the power and effect:

Read Surah Infit'ar-82 eight (8) times, or Surah Zilz'al-99 eight (8) times prior to going to sleep. Read either of the above Surah as prescribed every night at bedtime and ask Allah to let you know, if there is any evil influence. If there really is any outside evil influence, Bey'Hawli'lah within 11 days you will come to know through a dream or inspiration. If nothing is revealed within 11 days then the answer is obvious that there is no outside evil influence. If there is any outside evil influence, and the person sees what/who/how the evil has been influenced, then the spell is broken instantly, Bey'Auni'lah. The above is a handy practical method of destroying evil curses and evil Tawiz. [9]

10. Ending Note:

Understanding any science without a competent teacher is nearly impossible. It was a fortunate time when this humble writer got an opportunity to study Occult Sciences under the guidance of different scholars and spent days in trying to understand the meanings behind the lines, and unfold secrets hidden in manuscripts. These Sciences are not accessible to all, except those who are allowed by the mysterious and secret world. Occult Science is like a vast ocean, wealthy in precious jewels, which needs a skilled diver to extract the valuable and rare jewels from its depth. Scope of 'ilm al Ruhani is very wide, it encompasses and touches each area of human life.

Qur'an is the supreme fountain of all sciences. The best books written on the above mentioned subjects so far as I have observed was "Shareh Qasidah Jaljalutiyyah al Kabir" [10] and "Shams al Ma'arif al Kubra" [11]. The other standard books on "Ulum al Khafiyyah" are as follows:

Risalah Hikmiyyah [12]

Balinas [13]

"Rasa'il Ikhwan us Safa", By 9th Fatemi Imam, "Ash Shakhs al Fazil, Saheb al Rasael", Imam Ahmad al Mastur [14]

"Al-Dhakhirah" [15]

Al-Iskandariyya [16]

As-Sirru'l Maktum [17]

At-Taskhir'at [18]

A'malu'l-Kawakib as-Sab'ah, by al-Hakim Tamtam al-Hindi [19]

Risalah ismil A'zam" [20]

Another book which amazed me was "Risalah Birhatiya" [21], which deals with the secret meanings of the 28 Asma, used in Azk'ar, Awr'ad and Tawiz. Each word opens volumes of Knowledge and the traveler of the secret world amazingly observed each new wonder.

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- 2). "Sorcery is Punishable by Death", by: Shahid Ayatul'lah Abdul Husain Dastghaib Shirazi, Mashhad, Iran
- 3). "Islamic Medicine & Occult Science", by: Mohammad Hassan Hatami, Iran, Armanestan scientific newspapers, an expert of occult science
- 4). Sahifah Yamaniya, Al Qazi Syedi Habiullah al Hafiz, Yemen (d. during the era of Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin)
- 5). Ayah al Kursi, Surah al Baqarah-2, Ayah 255
- 6). It is a faith of radical force of Khawarij, an extremist wing of the Muslim community
- 7). Surah Bani Israel-17, Ayah 82
- 8). "Sahih Bukhari", Abu Hanifah al Nauman,
- 9). "Meem Connection", Khalid M. Malik Ghouri, UK
- 10). "Shareh Qasidah Jaljalutiyyah al Kabir"
- 11). "Shams al Ma'arif al Kubra" (an amazing Encyclopedia of Occult Science).
In 11th/12th century a Tunisian A'alim of the Occult Science Shaikh Ahmad ibn Ali ibn Yusuf al Buni (d.1225) has written this work and discussed the Secrets of the Asma al Husuna (the 99 Excellent Names of Allah), the mysteries of Al Huruf al Muqatta'at of the Qur'an (the enigmatic letters appearing at the start of some chapters). He discusses the influence exercised by the sun, moon and stars at the time of preparing Tawiz or Amaliyyaat. There is a great deal on Tawiz designs, numerology, alchemy, many formulae for day-to-day use, and much more. Most of the "time-tested" books on Ulum al Khafiyyah in the Muslim world are simplified excerpts from the Shams al-Ma'arif). Very little is known about him. Shaikh Al-Buni lived in the Middle East and learned Ulum al Khafiyyah from many eminent masters of his time.
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- 14). "Rasa'il Ikhwan as-Safa", by: "Al Shakhs al Fazil, Saheb al Rasael", Imam Ahmad al Mastur,
- 15). "Al-Dhakhirah", Syedna Ali bin Mohammad al Walid, Al Dai al Fatemi, (Yemen), One of the paramount Scholars of Ismaili Musta'alavi Dawah, who prepared numerous books on the sacred science.
- 16). Al-Iskandariyya
- 17). As-Sirru'l Maktum
- 18). At-Taskhir'at
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