



HOROSCOPES

QUESTION

My question is that should we believe in horoscopes and signs, because sometimes I read things about my sign and the prediction that is written for my sign upsets me, if it is something scary. I want to know whether this information is true or useless. Please clarify this.

May Allah bless you.

REPLY

Bismihi Ta'ala

Respected Sister in Islam,

Wa-alaykumus Salaam wa-Rahmatullahi wa-Barakaatum

- 1.) It is Haraam to believe in horoscopes. You should not even look at it in newspapers, etc. Make sincere Taubah. It is all useless information but very dangerous for a person's Imaan.
- 2.) Fortune tellers are disbelievers because they are claiming having knowledge of the Unseen; knowledge which is exclusive to Allah Ta'ala. It is a money-making industry which millions have become easy prey to. Reading palms, looking into crystal balls, reading tarot cards, etc. are all Haraam.
- 3.) Moreover, a person who believes in such fortune telling, that is, that the fortune teller has the knowledge of the Unseen, loses his Imaan. Rasulullah (Sallallaahu 'alayhi waSallam) has said : *"Whoever goes to a fortune teller or a soothsayer and believes in what he says has disbelieved in what was revealed to Muhammad(Sallallaahu 'alayhi waSallam) ."*
- 4.) If one reads or visits such people out of curiosity but does not believe, then too the person has committed a serious sin. It is mentioned in a Hadeeth : *"Whoever goes to a fortune teller and asks him about something, his prayers will not be accepted for forty nights."* (Of course, the person will have to pray, as well as repent for the sin).

5.) All in all, this is a very grave sin which many Muslims take lightly, spending a lot of time and money in having their futures being read. Na-uzu Billahi min zaalik.

Was-Salaamu alaykum wa-Rahmatullahi wa-Barakaatuhu

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