

Superstition and the month of Safar

Rasulullah ﷺ has stated:

“There is nothing evil about the month of Safar.” *Bukhari*

Believing that the month of Safar is inauspicious and particularly that its first 13 days are ill-fated and that it is harmful to marry, propose, travel, etc. during these days are superstitions which are contrary to the teachings of Islam. These superstitions have no basis in Islam and stem from the beliefs of idol-worshippers and pagans.

Stemming from the same erroneous belief system are horoscopes, astrological predictions and consulting fortune-tellers. It is likely that many of us have not realised how abhorred a practice this is in Islam, nor the extent of Rasulallah's ﷺ condemnation of it.

Rasulullah ﷺ has stated:

“He who consults with a fortune-teller, his Salaah will not be accepted for forty days.” *Muslim*

“He who goes to a soothsayer or a fortune-teller and believes in his predictions, has disbelieved in the revelation sent to Muhammad ﷺ.” *Targhib*

A true Muslim firmly believes that all conditions, whether they are adverse or favourable, come directly from Allah Ta'ala. Specific days, months or phenomena do not control our lives.

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