

## An Invocation to Neutralize Spells

'Abd Allah b. al-'Ala al-Qazwini narrated from Ibrahim b. Muhammad from Hammad b. 'Isa b. Ya'qub from Imran b. Maytham from Ubaya b. Rab'i al-Asadi, that he heard Amir al-Mu'minin, blessings of Allah be on him, instruct one of his companions, when the latter complained of spells (*al-sihr*). He said: 'Write [the following] on the parchment of a gazelle and fasten it to yourself. The spell will not harm you and its stratagems will not affect you.

"In the Name of Allah, and by Allah; in the Name of Allah, and what Allah wills. In the Name of Allah, there is neither might nor power except with Allah.

***Musa said, What you have brought is spells. God will assuredly bring it to naught. God sets not right the work of those who do corruption (10:81-2).***

***So the truth came to pass, and false was proved what they were doing. So they were vanquished there, and they turned about, humbled (7:118-19)."***

Muhammad b. Musa al-Rab'i narrated from Muhammad b. Mahbub from 'Abd Allah b. Ghalib from Sa'd b. Zarif from al-Asbagh b. Nubata from Amir al-Mu'minin, peace be upon him, that al-Asbagh said: I took this invocation from him. He said to me: 'O Asbagh, this is an invocation for spells and fear (*al-khauf*) of the ruler (*al-sultan*). Recite it seven times:

"In the Name of Allah, and by Allah. ***We will strengthen thy arm by means of thy brother, and We shall appoint to you an authority, so that they shall not reach you because of Our signs; you and whoso follows you, shall be the victors (28:35).***"

Recite it seven times over water when you have completed the night prayer (*salat al-layl*) and before you begin the morning prayer (*salat al-nahar*). It [spells] will not harm you, Allah, the Exalted, willing.'