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A Medication for Pain of the Belly and the Back

Take ten *mithqal* each of dry storax and the roots of sweet asa (*al-anjudan*) and two *mithqal* of dodder (*al-afitimun*). Grind each of them separately and sieve them in a piece of silk or a fine cloth, all except the dodder, which does not need to be sieved but only ground finely. Mix them all with honey which has had its froth removed, and drink two *mithqal* of it with tepid water when you go to bed.

Muhammad b. 'Abd Allah, of the family of al-Mu'alla b. Khunays, narrated from Ya'qub b. Abu Ya'qub al-Zayyat from Muhammad b. Ibrahim from al-Husayn b. Mukhtar from al-Mu'alla b. Abu 'Abd Allah from Abu 'Abd Allah al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, that he [al-Mu'alla] said: We were with him on a journey, and Isma'il b. al-Sadiq was with him. He complained to him [al-Sadiq] of pain in his belly and his back. He [al-Sadiq] dismounted and made him lie down and said:

"In the Name of Allah, and by Allah, and by ***the handiwork of God, who has created everything very well. He is aware of the things you do*** (***27:88***). Subside, O wind, by Him in Whose trust is what is in the night and the day, and He is All-hearing, All-knowing."

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