

Kamma and Yadayar

Dear Sayadaw,

I have a question regarding black magic. Does black magic really exist? If so, how? who was the teacher? I have seen a few monks who give out yadayar to people whenever they face a hardship. Does it really work? Is there any consequences? I even saw an article online about a king who keeps his power using such methods. Did Buddha allow to give out yadayar.

I am sure most Buddhists believe in Kamma. People can turn around the Kamma using yadayar if it really works. Therefore, what is the point of doing good deeds or bad deeds.

I believe there is another type of black magic which can be used against other people. I often heard people say this person is using black magic to make me sick or this or that. Can it really be used to harm someone else? and the worst scenario will be killing someone using such magic. If someone dies due to such doings what will he/she become? It was not his fault and it might not be time for him yet. Can you please explain to me more in depth? Thanks.

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Yadayar

It is to me that *yadatar* is something that makes one's mind and body harmony and also is like a medicine which is not real but sometimes works. For example, a doctor gave just water injection to a sick person. But the latter thinking the former cured him well felt better.

There also was a queen who always feels herself sick thinking a lizard hides inside her belly. Then a wise royal physician used a *yadayar*. He secretly put a dead lizard underneath the toilet seat after giving her a purgative medicine. When she had done, the physician showed her the lizard saying her belly was clear. Exactly, she was cured. *Yadayar* can help one's will power reach high enough to accomplish something if he believes in it. Is it said that mind leads the world?

Kamma

We reap what we have sown and we will be the result of what we are. In other words, kamma is action and every action has its reaction. You cannot avoid the result of the kamma, but can control it and you can turn it around by doing good or bad. This is what the Buddhists believe.

According to this belief, if your *yadayar* says that before your job interview you should develop Metta meditation twice a day and you do it seriously, then I am sure you can experience something as the result of that good deed. It is acceptable that a proper and intelligent understanding of *yadayar* can be a useful tool, although it has no religious value.

Never say

The Buddha never makes any direct pronouncement on this subject because the *yadayar*, astrology and such things do not pertain to spiritual development. The Buddha's advice was that people should not be slaves to any of those forces. A good Buddhist must overcome all his problems and difficulties by his own efforts, but not through the medium of anything like that. 'You do luck or unluck yourself. There is no one who can make you lucky or unlucky (*Jataka 2*, p 142)'.
Although Buddhism does not refute belief in such things and some Buddhists practice *yadayar* under the guise of religion, the Buddha at no time encouraged anyone to do so.

It is time for him

In a small town, I saw a young man who vomits whenever and whatever he eats. People said he was obsessed by a girl. When a black magic master gave him a medicine, he tried to vomit a curl of woman's hair and his mother pulled it out of her son's mouth. But I can't explain about it more than what I saw. I was 27 then. But, I am sure it could not be used to harm everyone.

If a person died of that reason, it was time for him to die even though it was not his fault. If you say no, how can you say when a person died from a car accident? And what the person will become depends on only what he or she has done. □