

# **Believing Precious Stones Have Certain Powers**

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**Q:** Some lovers of rings and gems such as onyx, Iranian turquoise, etc. believe and propagate that such gems have special characteristics and benefits. They support their view by the Hadith and sayings which are mentioned in **(Part no. 2; Page no. 298)** the book of Al-Mustatraf such as the saying of Ja`far ibn Muhammad, **"A person who wears a ring made of turquoise will not be afflicted by poverty."** Another example is the saying, **"Beneficial rings are made of four materials: corundum which guards against drought, turquoise which saves from poverty, agate which saves from infertility, and Chinese iron which is for protection."** The book also mentions that looking at turquoise sharpens one's eyesight and protects one who wears it against disease and drowning. Moreover, the book mentions that Ja`far Al-Sadeq said, **"A person who wears a ring made of turquoise will not be afflicted by poverty."**

It also states that wearing agate and carrying it make a person patient, refines their character, makes them calm at times of disputes, make their opinions correct, and delights their soul. It ascribes a Hadith to the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) which reads, **"Whoever wears a ring made of agate will continue to be blessed."**

It is worth mentioning that these Hadith and sayings which are mentioned in the book are photocopied and distributed. When I questioned this, people told me that these are secrets. I told them that such gems are not better than Al-Hajar Al-Aswad (the Black Stone in a corner of the Ka`bah) and `Umar ibn Al-Khattab said,

addressing Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, "I know that you are a stone and can neither benefit nor harm. Had I not seen the Prophet (peace be upon him) kissing you, I would never have kissed you." People answered, "Experience is the best proof for the special characteristics that Allah makes for such gems." They then mentioned some stories such as that of a man who used to have a ring (**Part No. 2; Page No. 299**) that when worn a man would not ejaculate during sexual intercourse until he would take it off. Bridegrooms thus would borrow such a ring for the first night after their wedding. Another story is that a man went to have his hair cut but the barber was unable cut his hair and he wondered why. The man then took off a ring that he wore and put it aside; consequently the barber was able to cut his hair. There are many other similar stories. It is only the help of Allah that people must seek.

O Honorable Sheikh, is there any Sahih (authentic) Hadith or saying that supports these claims? Are the narrations mentioned in the book of Al-Mustatraf considered Sahih and valid and could be used as evidence? Do such gems have distinguished characteristics? Provide us with your beneficial answer please. May Allah benefit you!

**A:** No Sahih Hadith is reported from the Prophet (peace be upon him) regarding the merits or characteristics of rings and gems which are mentioned in the question. It is thus impermissible to ascribe to the Prophet (peace be upon him) things that he did not say for it is authentically reported that he (peace be upon him) stated, "Whoever lies against me (intentionally), then (surely) let them occupy their seat in Hell-fire." Consequently, it is impermissible for a person to believe that these rings have special merits, or to believe in the stories and myths which are related to them. Finally, it is impermissible to depend on the book of Al-

Mustatraf as far as matters of knowledge and Din (religion) are concerned.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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