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Question:

### **What is the Islamic Perspective on the Law of Attraction?**

Answer:

All praise is due to Allaah as many times as the number of His Creation and May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon the Final Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

Summary:

- 1) Some scholars add the wordings “Feehi Tafseel (i.e. further explanation is required) in their verdicts so that their verdicts cannot be misused.
- 2) The law of attraction is a new science that depends on the magnetic power of the universe; it is the attraction of situations whether negative or positive. A person attracts good or bad situations through his or her thoughts and feelings. Being positive and optimistic attracts good circumstances as opposed to being pessimistic and negative which puts one in a negative situation. Your thoughts become your destiny, your life, and the situations you go through.
- 3) Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar: Two men came from the East and addressed the people who wondered at their eloquent speeches On that Allah's Messenger (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said. “Some eloquent speech is as effective as magic.” [Sahih Bukhari:5767]
- 4) Any law which is beneficial and doesn't contradict or oppose the two laws (i.e. the Islamic law and the law of land) is permissible to apply. But if it contradicts or opposes the two laws (i.e. the Islamic law and the law of land) then it becomes impermissible for us to apply it as it is harmful to the humanity.
- 5) I have mentioned some general rules but one should seek counsel from the rightly guided scholars before making any decision. He should also perform istikharah to save himself from harm.

A Comprehensive Answer with Proofs:

From an Islamic perspective, the important thing to remember is that everything happens in the universe through the permission and power of Allah.

The universe is in constant connection with Allah, and Allah is the provider and the sustainer.

In the modern era, a model of the universe that is essentially impersonal and material has taken root. As a result, some Muslims see Allah as only the original creator who started up the universe (the "clockwork universe") but then left it to run by itself only through material means. Therefore, they find it very surprising if anything ever happens - such as an answered prayer or a miracle - that does not have an obvious material cause or should not have happened ordinarily.

In virtually every culture around the world, Muslim and otherwise, before the rise of scientific modernity, it was generally accepted that things happen also through non-material means, and also that human beings have the capability to influence the universe around them through non-material means. (For instance, prayer or giving someone the evil eye) For most people, this capability is more or less latent, but the Qur'an gives examples of those who had a tremendous capability to influence the universe, such as Isa (peace be upon him).

However, the important thing to remember in this worldview - as mentioned above is that Isa (peace be upon him) was not influencing an impersonal, secular, wholly materialistic universe; rather, Isa (peace be upon him) influencing the universe to manifest reality differently through the power of the divine.

Some people who promote this sort of belief do so with a model of a wholly secular, materialistic, and non-meaningful universe, and this is not accurate from the viewpoint of Islamic theology.

Certainly, all human beings can manifest positive thoughts (through the will of Allah) through prayer, and there are different types of prayer. Certainly, fish do not pray in the same way that humans do but also enjoy divine sustenance and protection. It is also narrated that Allah is shy to disappoint the believer who has a good opinion of Him. As human beings, we tend to have a very limited perspective on what Allah is or isn't, or what Allah would respond to.

This is apart from the wholly psychological and self-fulfilling aspect of such things; that is, when we expect to succeed, we often will; and we expect to fail, we often will. Generally, it is healthy to have a positive (although realistic) attitude and for the believer to be optimistic.

Anyone who would like to know more details about the reality of this law and the extent of the deviant ideas that it contains may refer to a research paper entitled

Khuraafat as-Sirr: Qiraa'ah Tahleeliyyah li Kitaab as-Sirr wa Qanoon al-Jadhab (The Myth of the Secret: an Analytical Reading of the Book The Secret and the Law of Attraction).

Allah Knows Best

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