

SPELLS AS ONE OF THE INDEPENDENT GENRES OF FOLKLORE

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Abstract: "Afsun" is an Arabic word that means magic. In folklore, this term is also used for prayers. Spells have been an integral part of people's life since ancient times. In ancient times, people widely used spells to protect themselves from various losses, calamities, diseases and disasters, the influence of unbelievers and unbelievers, and the attacks of wild creatures. Worshipping the word and its magical power, looking at it with the eyes of salvation led to the creation of various spells.

As one of the independent genres of folklore, spells are part of ritual folklore based on word magic.

Spells are performed in conjunction with certain actions or with the help of certain magical items. They serve to either strengthen or break magic.

Spells are often in foreign languages, that is, in languages unknown to those who read and believe in them, which gives them their impressiveness and mystery. This feature is the most important genre characteristic of spells. Among the Uzbeks, the spells recited when bitten by snakes, blackworms, and scorpions have been preserved, and in them there are words and phrases specific to the Jewish, Indian, Persian-Tajik, Arabic, and Turkish languages.

Folk spells are always performed in a command tone. The scope of folk spells is very wide. A very large part of them is read to treat or cause various diseases, and another part is read to warm or cool relationships between people. They can be conditionally divided into four groups:

1. Spells for mental patients. Folk spells of this kind have been forgotten, and today they are often recited by mullahs with the intention of curing mental patients with the knowledge and practices related to Islam.
2. Spells that are recited when various rashes appear on a person's body.
3. When a person is bitten by various snakes, spells are said in order to kill that snake, break the power of its poison, and stop it from moving. These spells form the verbal part of a special courtship ceremony.
4. Spells expressing the magical purpose of "cooling or heating".

Another part of folk spells is read to improve or destroy relationships between people, they are also known as "heat-cooling" among the people. Such spells are also forgotten. Now they are also Islamized.

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