# 1310 - Expelling Shaytan

**the question**

What is your view on the practice of burning a tray of coal that emits smoke, which is used to cover every nook and corner of the house, especially on Thursday nights? It is believed that this practice will rid the house of jinn and shaytan. I have been told that the presence of smoke is one element where it is the food of jinn. Is there a hadeeth (prophetic narration) on this practice?

**Detailed answer**

Praise be to Allah.

What you describe is a type of cheating or fraud, which the believer is not permitted to believe in or to do. I warn you against falling into the trap of shaytan. You should read the last two surahs of the Quran and Surat al-Baqarah in the house: this is the strongest protection against shaytan; it will expel him from your house and protect you from his evil by the permission of Allah.