

Ḥadīth Thirty

The Prophet commanded that used washing water be given to the one that requests it

And why did you, when you entered your garden, not say: What Allāh willed [has occurred]; there is no power except with Allāh? even though you see me less than you in wealth and children (18:39).

وَكَوْلًا إِذْ دَخَلْتَ جَنَّتِكَ قُلْتَ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ
إِن تَرَنِ أَنَا أَقَلُّ مِنكُم مَّالًا وَوَلَدًا ﴿٣٩﴾

The evil eye is real; if anything were to precede the divine destiny it would be the evil eye, and when you are asked to take bath (as a cure) from evil eye, you should take bath.

الْعَيْنُ حَقٌّ وَلَوْ كَانَ شَيْءٌ سَابِقَ الْقَدَرِ سَبَقَتْهُ الْعَيْنُ وَإِذَا
اسْتُغْسِلْتُمْ فَاعْسِلُوا

Recorded in Muslim.

Points of benefit:

1. This narration explicitly affirms the rapid and frequent occurrence of evil eye.
2. Seeking the used washing water of the person who either definitely or most likely gave the evil eye was normal during the Prophet's time, and he commanded it also.
3. If used washing water is sought from you, it ought to be given without ill feeling, as it is entirely possible to inflict evil eye without intending it.
4. Sweat (or remnants) of the person who gave the evil eye mixed with water, and pouring it over the victim are key ingredients of the cure. And Allāh knows best.