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Allah Teaches Moses the Chain of Reference

One day when the Blessed Moses was on Mount Sinai talking with Allah, he felt a pain in his stomach. After they had finished their conversation, he said, "My God, I have a pain in my stomach."

Allah said, "Go and boil some of the leaves of such and such a tree and then drink the water."

Moses did as Allah had directed, but his pain did not stop. In fact, it increased a little. The day after they had had their conversation, the Blessed Moses returned to Allah and said, "My God, I drank the water left after boiling some leaves that you told me about, but the result was that my pain increased."

"Drink some more of it," Allah answered.

Moses went and boiled more of the leaves and again drank the water that was left in the pan. His pain, however, increased even more. He went to Allah again and said, "My God, those tree leaves are not going to cure me. My pain continues to increase."

"In that case, go to a doctor at such and such a place, which is very close to where you live. He will cure your illness."

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Moses went to see that doctor. After the doctor had examined Moses, he told him to go, boil some of the same leaves Allah had prescribed, and drink the water in which they had been boiled. To the amazement of Moses, he was cured this time by the same treatment that had failed before.

Returning one more time to Allah, Moses said, "O my God, the doctor told me to do exactly what you had told me to. My pain was not relieved after I did what you told me to but it was cured after the doctor gave me the same advice. What is the miracle behind this situation?"

"O Moses," answered Allah, "everyone cannot consult me about everything. Therefore, most problems should be taken to those experts to whom I have already given the ability to solve them."