

Fatwa no. 1102

Q: A man proposed to my sister, but I swore twice that I would divorce my wife if I gave my sister in marriage to this person, since I had no idea about his being a Multazim (practicing Muslim) or not and because I was informed of some unpleasant information about him. Afterwards, I knew from some reliable people that this suitor was a pious and an upright person. I, thus, changed my mind about him and so did the whole family; my mother, the bride, and the elder brother. All of us agreed to give the young woman to this person in marriage. It should be mentioned that one of my relatives verified that I swore by divorce not to give my sister in marriage to that suitor, but I did not recall this. Afterwards, the elder brother concluded the marriage contract with the suitor, along with the consent I gave depending on the information I received from the reliable people. Please provide me with a Fatwa (legal opinion issued by a qualified Muslim scholar).

A: You said that you swore twice that your wife would become unlawful for you if your sister married this person since you had no idea about his being a Multazim or not and because you received some unpleasant information about him. You also mentioned that one of your relatives testified that you divorced your wife, but you could not recall how many times. Finally, you added that the suitor turned out to be a pious person and, therefore, you agreed to give him your sister in marriage and the marriage contract was concluded. If the reality is as you mentioned, you have not broken your oath and you have not divorced your wife by marrying your sister off to the suitor, because you based your oath on misleading information.

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