

Fatwa no. 15674

Q: I am a married man, all praise be to Allah Alone. However, I started to suffer from severe satanic whispers in the same night I consummated my marriage. Satan tells me that I have pronounced the word of Talaq (divorce pronounced by a husband) and that I have to be separated from my wife. I am suffering from distress that Allah knows, though I know that I did not say any word of Talaq. Sometimes I utter any word other than that of Talaq but Satan assures me that I uttered a word of Talaq. Satan even whispers to me while I am performing Salah (Prayer), am inside the toilet, or having sexual intercourse. I am severely confused. Please provide me with your beneficial Fatwa regarding this matter.

NB: It is worthy mentioning that Satan tells me not to do so and so, which is a good deed, and that if I do it I will be regarded as having uttered the Haram (prohibited) word; we seek refuge with Allah from this. Am I considered a sinner? Please, provide me with your Fatwa.

A: Your marriage is still sound and the whispers which you have mentioned in the question have no effect on it. This is because Talaq does not take place unless there is certainty that the husband intentionally pronounced or wrote it. Proof for the foregoing is a Hadith which is narrated in the Two Sahih (authentic) Books of Hadith (i.e. Al-Bukhari and Muslim) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, [Allah has forgiven my followers the evil thoughts that occur in their minds, as long as such thoughts are not put into action or uttered.](#)

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