Fatwa no. 1976

Q: On Sunday 2/5/1398 A.H., I had a dispute with my wife and I divorced her twice in a fit of temper. I, then, took her back in marriage. When I divorced her, I said, "I divorce you. I divorce you." The repetition was only meant for emphasis. I had never divorced my wife before and the Talaq (divorce pronounced by a husband) was not in return for a consideration. Is the revocation of the Talaq valid? I hope to know your Fatwa (legal opinion issued by a qualified Muslim scholar).

A: If the reality is as you mentioned, that you said to your wife, "I divorce you. I divorce you," and then you took her back in marriage before the completion of her `Iddah (woman's prescribed waiting period after divorce), and that you had never divorced her before or after this time, your revocation is valid. This time is counted as a single Talaq and there are still two more times of Talaq.

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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