

The first question of Fatwa no. 20169

Q 1: I am a twenty-year-old married man, all praise be to Allah. My problem is that I take an oath of Talaq (divorce pronounced by a husband) without expressing it loudly. I beseech Allah (Exalted be He) then you to benefit me with an answer in this regard. May Allah reward you best.

A: If what happens to you is a form of unuttered whispers in your mind, as you have mentioned, these are satanic insinuations and there is no blame on you In Sha'a-Allah (if Allah wills).

This is not to be considered Talaq as long as you do not say or act on your thoughts, such as by writing a paper signifying that you have divorced your wife. This is evidenced by the following Hadith which was authentically reported from the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) and in which he said:

"Allah has forgiven for my Ummah (nation based on one creed) the (evil) whispers that flash into their minds, as long as such thoughts are not put into action or uttered." (Related by Al-Bukhari and Muslim).

We recommend that you to recite Qur'an, Du`a' (supplication), and Adhkar (invocations and remembrances said at certain times on a regular basis) frequently, along with seeking refuge with Allah from the accursed Satan, in order to ward off evil insinuations.

You should also resist these whispers whenever they flash into your mind and engage yourself in things that can benefit you in your religious affairs and worldly life.

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

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