

The fifth question of Fatwa no. 21307

Q 5: What is the meaning of 'Al-Hinth Al-'Azhim' mentioned in the Qur'an? Is it one of the oaths of divorce, such as a man's saying, "By Hinth, I will do or not do so and so"?

A: The "Al-Hinth Al-Azhim" mentioned in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Waqi`ah refers to Kufr (disbelief) and taking idols besides Allah. Ibn `Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) interpreted 'Hinth' as Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship). This is also the interpretation adopted by Mujahid, `Ikrimah, Al-Dahhak, Qatadah, Al-Suddy and other scholars (may Allah be merciful with them). It is not one of the oaths of divorce.

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

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