

**Fatwa no. 258**

**Q: I divorced my wife (R. F.) because of troubles. I divorced her four times, saying: (You are divorced, divorced, divorced, divorced) then said, 'You are unlawful for me even after your marriage to another man.' I am an uneducated man and I ignore the proper limits of divorce. It was she who drove me to this.**

**A:** If the questioner has not consummated the marriage with this wife, the oath will be considered only one time of divorce, and there is no `Iddah (woman's prescribed waiting period after divorce or widowhood) for the wife. She becomes unlawful for him in marriage unless he concludes a new marriage contract and a new Mahr (mandatory gift to a bride from her groom) and she accepts him as a husband. If he has consummated marriage with her, the oath will be considered an irrevocable divorce. It will be unlawful for him to return her in marriage unless another man marries her then divorces her.

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

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