

he first question of Fatwa no. 6447

Q 1: A man divorced his wife with one utterance of divorce then he took her back in marriage after two weeks. Afterwards, he divorced her with one utterance of divorce after twenty years then he took her back in marriage. Later on, a year later he divorced her with one utterance of divorce and did not take her back. What is the ruling on this divorce? Is it considered a third divorce and she is not lawful for him until she marries another man or what is the ruling?

A: If the reality is as you have mentioned, she is irrevocably divorced with the third time of divorce. She is not lawful for him and has to marry another husband other than him. The marriage must be legal and her new husband must consummate the marriage with her. Her husband must have sex with her then end their marriage by divorce or by the death of her husband and her `Iddah (woman's prescribed waiting period after divorce or widowhood) has to end.

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

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