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## DUAL FAITH MARRIAGES

A recent wedding wherein the Islamic rites of marriage were combined with the marital rites of another religion featured strongly in the news and especially on social media platforms. The fact that the same wedding was attended by Islamic scholars, well-known to their communities, and that attempts were made to grant Islamic sanction to it have caused major discussions within the Muslim community.

A Muslim who knows only the very basics of Islam will easily realise that Islam does not tolerate adulteration in its religious practices and that a wedding with dual or multi-faith rituals is simply and totally unacceptable. However, such ignorance and corruption has crept into the Ummah that it has become imperative to clarify this point for the protection of our Imaan and the Imaan of the generations to follow.

Allah Ta'ala states in the noble Quran, **"The (only) religion in the sight of Allah is Islam."**

Allah Ta'ala further states, **"Whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted from him. And he will be amongst the losers in the Hereafter."** [Surah Aal-e-Imraan 19 & 85]

**The Deen of Islam is Pure and Pristine.** It is the ONLY religion acceptable to Almighty Allah and it must be practiced in the manner that was taught, practised and explained by Rasulullah *Sallallahu Alayhi wa Sallam*.

It is a fundamental principle of Imaan that one MUST believe in, be pleased with, and submit to each and every teaching of Rasulullah *Sallallahu Alayhi wa Sallam*. Another imperative and essential component of DEEN is to negate and renounce all religions and ideologies other than Islam. The renunciation of ALL false beliefs, ideologies and observances are integral to Imaan.

A person cannot have allegiance to both Islam and another religion, nor can he simultaneously display affinity and fealty to Islam and any other religion. Displaying affinity to a religion other than Islam through one's words or actions is a very serious issue. It should never be taken lightly as it could lead to losing one's Imaan.

From the above points, it is apparent that hosting such a wedding is abhorrent and highly offensive to Islam. As such, a Muslim should never be a participant in a wedding of this type. May Allah Ta'ala strengthen our Imaan and grant us the ability to hold fast to the teachings of Islam in this era of confusion and ignorance, Ameen.

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