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THE ILL-FATED MARRIAGE CONFERENCE DEBACLE – A DISPASSIONATE ANALYSIS AND THE FATWA OF THE SHARIAH

Much has been said, done, blared and written on this issue. It is imperative to understand the consequences of this deplorable debacle. It is better to understand the exceptionally evil consequences and to make appropriate amends before the supreme Day of Accounting – the Day of Qiyaamah when nothing will benefit those who had lost their Imaan. It is essential to understand the following facts for setting right the relationship with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala:

1) Mocking or making a joke of any teaching of Islam regardless of how insignificant such teaching may appear, is kufr. This is a unanimous Fatwa of all the authorities of all the Math-habs. The effect of kufr is *IRTIDAAD* which means to turn one's back on Islam – to renege – to renounce the Deen whether overtly or covertly, whether knowingly or unknowingly. Ignorance of the Law of Allah is not an excuse for saving oneself from the Fatwa of kufr. Understand well, that the one who mocks any aspect of Islam is a *MURTAD*.

2) The clown on the stage of the marriage conference had blatantly mocked and made fun of Rasulullah's marriage to Hadhrat Aishah (Radhiyallahu anha), and he had also mocked Hadhrat Abu Hurairah (Radhiyallahu anhu).

3) Such mocking is without the slightest doubt KUFUR – kufr which expels the mocker from the fold of Islam.

4) Anyone who derives pleasure, laughs and giggles derisively or out of titillation at the mocking of the mocking clown also lost his/her Imaan. Deriving any type of pleasure from kufr is confirmed kufr.

5) The awful and disastrous net consequences of the mockery of the clown to which the audience or part of the audience was complicit is as follows:

- a) The clown became a murtad**
- b) All those in the audience who laughed, giggled and did anything of the like became murtad**
- c) All those who witnessed the event on their televisions and laughed, joked or giggled about the kufr also became murtad.**

The way forward unto Allah Ta'ala is restoration of the Bond of Imaan, and this is achieved as follows:

(i) All those who had become *MURTAD* as explained above, have to renew their Imaan. Such renewal requires: genuine regret, Taubah (repentance), recitation of the Kalimah and also renewal of Nikah for those who are married.

(ii) This is a simple process and an easy price to pay for such a grave calamity as kufr which will debar one from Jannat perpetually. Besides the clown, all others may adopt the renewal of Imaan process in privacy. The clown has to publicly proclaim his Taubah and Renewal of Imaan.

Imaan may not be trifled with. It is the Treasure and the Key to Jannat and everlasting happiness and salvation in the Hereafter. But at the same time understand that Imaan is extremely delicate. A word or an act or an attitude eliminates Imaan.

Do not allow pride and intransigence to prevent you from restoring your Bond of Imaan with Allah Ta'ala. Remember that nothing will avail at the time of Maut and on the Day of Qiyaamah.

“And, upon us is to only deliver the Clear Message.” (Qur’aan)