

96194 - Does Triple Divorce Count as One?

the question

My friend gave divorce to wife in anger. He gave three at one time. I read on the internet that at once three count only single divorce. Can u tell me its true? and also i read that anger is three kind it true is well?

Summary of answer

The correct view is that triple divorce counts as one divorce, whether it is uttered in a single phrase or in repeated words. If one speaks the word of divorce at a moment of intense anger, then no divorce has taken place; if he was slightly angry, then it counts as one divorce.

Detailed answer

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Does Triple Talaq Count as One Divorce in Islam?

The jurists differed concerning the [threefold divorce \(Talaq\)](#) . The correct view is that it counts as one divorce, whether it is uttered in a single phrase, such as saying “You are thrice divorced” or in repeated words such as saying, “You are divorced, you are divorced, you are divorced.”

This is the view favoured by Shaykh Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allah have mercy on him) and was the view regarded as most correct by Shaykh Al-Sa`di (may Allah have mercy on him) and Shaykh Ibn `Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him).

They quoted as evidence the Hadith narrated by Muslim (1472) from Ibn `Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: At the time of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), Abu Bakr and the first two years of `Umar`s caliphate, a [threefold divorce](#) was

counted as one. Then `Umar ibn Al-Khattab said: People have become hasty in a matter in which they should take their time. I am thinking of holding them to it. So he made it binding upon them.

Is Divorce in Anger Valid?

If a man divorces his wife in anger , one of three scenarios must apply:

1. His anger was mild and did not affect his will and choice, so [his divorce is valid](#) and counts as such.
2. His anger was so intense that he did not know or realise what he was saying. [This divorce does not count](#) as such because in this case he was like an insane person who is not to be brought to account for what he says.

With regard to these two scenarios of anger, there is no difference of opinion among the scholars on the ruling. There remains the third scenario which is:

1. Intense anger which affects a person`s will and makes him speak words as if he is compelled to do so, but he soon regrets it as soon as his anger dissipates; but the anger does not reach the stage where he does not feel or realise what he is saying and cannot control his words or actions.

The scholars differed concerning the ruling on this type of anger. The more correct view – as Shaykh Ibn Baz (may Allah have mercy on him) said – is that it does not count as such either, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “There is no divorce and no manumission at the time of coercion.” (Narrated by Ibn Majah (2047); classed as authentic by Al-Albani in Al-Irwa` , 2047). Coercion here was interpreted by the scholars as referring to compulsion and intense anger.

This view was favoured by Shaykh Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allah have mercy on him) and his student Ibn Al-Qayyim who wrote a well-known essay concerning that entitled Ighathat Al-Lahfan fi Hukm Talaq Al-Ghadban.

Based on this opinion, [if your friend spoke the word of divorce at a moment of intense anger](#) , then no divorce has taken place; if he was slightly angry, then it counts as one divorce.

And Allah knows best.