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Ruling on cursing Allah's Being

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I am a Muslim lady living in Denmark with my Muslim husband, and we have three children - praise be to Allah! To maintain my privacy, I will give my name as M.M.M. In a moment of violent anger, I insulted the Being of Allah, the Most High, the Omnipotent. Since then, my husband has refused to talk to me. He claims that I am an apostate, and that Allah has nullified my marriage contract; prohibited him from eating meat from any animal I may sacrifice, me from inheriting, anyone from performing the Funeral Prayer for me, my dead body from being washed, shrouded, and buried, and so my body will be left to tempt stray dogs; and my wealth can be plundered by Muslims. I am feeling the deepest regret for what I did, as this is the first time in my life to do such thing. I am cultured and knowledgeable person - praise be to Allah! - and I know that what I did was detestable. I was advised to write to you concerning my Tawbah (repentance to Allah). Can I perform Tawbah? And is it permissible for my husband to take me back after what happened, and how should this be done? May Allah set right your conditions!

A: There is no doubt that cursing the Being of Allah (may He be Glorified) is an act of Riddah (apostasy) that takes the one who does it out of the fold of Islam. This is agreed by the Ijma` (consensus) of the Muslim scholars, and deserves the punishment of death, if there

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is no Tawbah from it, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, ("The blood of a Muslim is not lawful, except for one of three: a [married] fornicator, a soul for a soul, and someone who leaves their Din (religion) and separates from the Jama`ah (Muslim community).")

As you have performed Tawbah, regretted what you did, and resolved not to say such a thing again, your Tawbah is valid. Your husband can have relations with you and your situation with him after your Tawbah should be as it was before you did what you did. This is because the Sahabah (Companions, may Allah be pleased with them) acknowledged the marriages of apostates after they returned to Islam, and they did not separate them from their wives or ask them to renew their marriage contracts; and in them we have a good example to follow.

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

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