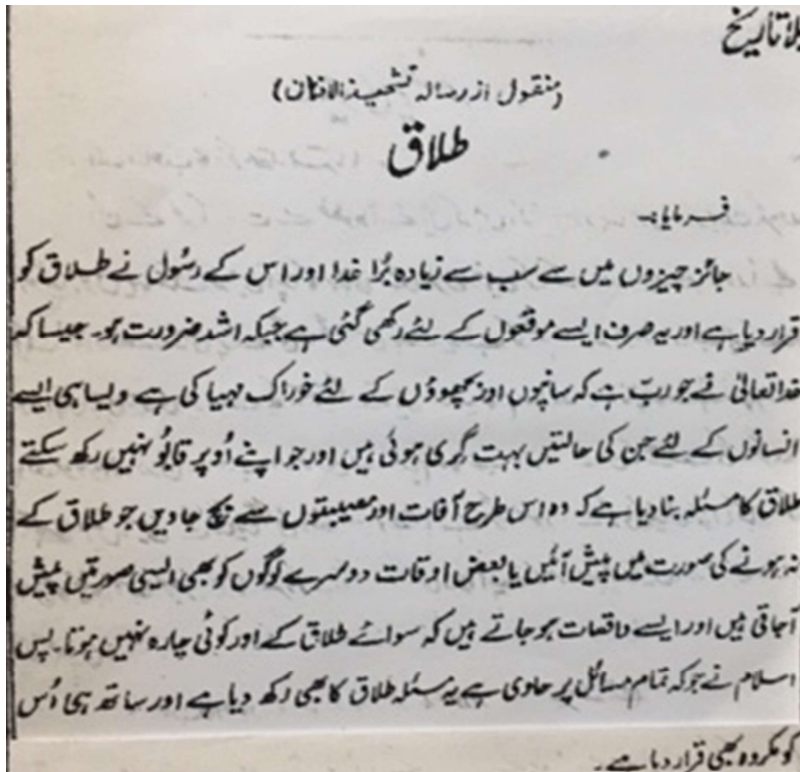


Divorce

This is a great blessing of Allah that we were born in the families that accepted Ahmadiyyat, and thus continue to benefit from rightful explanations of teachings of Islam that the Imam of the age, Hazrat Masih Maud Alaihislam provided us and continue to enjoy the blessings of Khilafat that Allah the Almighty bestowed upon us after him. Then we also have learned Missionaries trained by Nizam-e-Jamaat, well versed with knowledge of beautiful teaching of Islam for our guidance. Alhamdulillah.

It has been expressed by many elders of the Jamaat that the divorce rates have considerably increased and it has become a matter of concern. Unfortunately, young men and women hasten to go apart rather than give a chance to their relationships to settle down and find divorce an easy way out instead of manly facing the challenges. In all walks of life, we try to overcome our difficulties and try to put maximum efforts to resolve issues. Don't we deal with difficult co-workers, seniors and juniors at our jobs. Don't strive hard to battle our un-employment days, and work hard to keep our jobs etc. We do not give up easily; or do we?

While reading "Malfoozat" recently, I came across an eye-opener narration and felt to pass it on (with English translation) to readers for their benefit and knowledge.



From among all the lawful things, divorce is taken as the worst in the sight of Allah and His Rasool. This is put in place for such instances where it becomes utmost necessary. Just as the Allah who is 'Rub' has

provided food for the snakes and scorpions, same way for the humans in very lowly conditions and who are unable to contain themselves, divorce is made a provision so that they can be saved from the trials and tribulations that may arise from not exercising the act of divorce, or in some cases for other humans, there may be situations and events where there is no way out other than a divorce. Hence, Islam which encompasses all situations, this issue of divorce has been put in place but concurrently made it "Makrooh" or repulsive. (Malfoozat Page 359, Volume 9).

Only Allah alone knows the state of affairs, therefore the couple is in best position to assess their own situation, and make an informed decision following the guidelines of Nazam-e-Jamat.

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