

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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### DIVORCE

#### Dear Mumins!

The act of marriage, which is made with the hope of gaining Allah's pleasure and acceptance, is worship in itself. Expenditures made for the family is one of the most virtuous alms as well. The family is a sacred home. The abrogation of marriage, which shelters this kind of sacredness, due to illegitimate reasons causes destruction of hearts, decomposition of minds and corrosion of emotions.

Dissolving the family that our exalted religion urges us to sustain by using weak or pointless reasons is becoming a social disaster.

Unfortunately, the divorce rate has been increasing significantly in recent years. Regretfully, the structure of the family is moving towards a big circle of fire.

Due to divorce, which our beloved Prophet (s.a.w.)

described as "*the most unlikable halal (permissible act) by Allah,*"<sup>1</sup> spiritual and national feelings are weakening; and partners are experiencing serious emotional disappointments. Because of the dissolving of the family, the most severe destruction is occurring in the children as well as the spouses.

#### Dear Mumins!

Divorce is virtually tearing apart our spiritual and national values. The principal reasons for divorce are selfishness, disrespect, irresponsibility, failure to benefit from the experiences of the elders and deficiency in terms of spirituality. Economic problems, violence in the family, and miscommunication are also problems that play a part in divorce. Using communication devices for wrong

purposes, which incite divorce with the severity of a tornado, is a very serious problem as well. Undoubtedly, immoral broadcast of TV programs and promoting lives out of wedlock through the media are important factors that set fire to the fuse of divorce.

#### Distinguished Mumins!

The Qur'an, our holy book, contains quite significant advice for sustaining the family and protecting it from demolition. It has been decreed in the Qur'an as follows:

***"Consort with your wives in a goodly manner; for if you dislike them, it may be that you dislike something and Allah brings through it a great deal of good."***<sup>2</sup>

Making a happy marriage and preventing divorce is possible only through having ethical and humanitarian virtues like self-sacrifice, patience, gratitude, responsibility, being content with little, respect, tolerance, compliance of the rights and elegance. A family that is based on love and respect should not observe only worldly, but also otherworldly, goals. The most valuable model regarding the family is our beloved Prophet (s.a.w.). To learn about His life and to pursue His ethical principles shall bring peace of mind to our homes.

I would like to finish my khutba with an important warning from the Prophet about divorce: "*Get married, but do not be divorced (with illegitimate reason). Certainly the empyrean heaven (Arsh-i Ala) quakes because of the divorce.*"<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Abû Dâwûd, Sunan, Talak, 3.

<sup>2</sup> An-Nisâ, 19.

<sup>3</sup> Jâmiu's-Saghîr.