



## Marriage Via The Telephone

The Permanent Committee of Scholars was asked:

**Q:** If the pillars and conditions of the marriage are all met, except that the Wali and husband are both in different countries (or towns), is it permissible [in these circumstances] to perform the marriage by telephone?

**A:** Considering what has abundantly taken place in recent times from deception, trickery and some people having the ability to imitate the voices of others and having proficiency in imitating the voices of others, to the extent that some are able to imitate (the voices of) a number of people, male and female, young and old; or they imitate them in their voices and their various dialects, to the extent that the listener thinks that there is more than one person speaking but the reality is that it is only one person. Also considering the care that the Islamic legislation has given to protecting the private parts and the honor, as well as giving extreme precaution in this regard over other contracts that relates to dealings, **the Committee sees that it is not befitting to rely on telephone conversations in the affairs of marriage contracts, the offering (of the wife), the accepting (of the husband) and giving the authority of being a Wakīl.** This is in order to actualize the lofty objectives of the Islamic legislation and to give extra care and concern to protecting the private parts, and so that the people of lusts and desires cannot play in this affair, nor those whom souls whisper to them to con and deceive.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Fatāwá al-Lajnah al-Dā'imah* (5/45, no. 1373) by way of the book *Fatāwá al-Jāmi'ah lī al-Mar'ah al-Muslimah* Compiled by Amin Ibn Yaḥya al-Wizan (2/525-526).