Contemporary Temporary Marriage: A Blog-Analysis of First-hand Experiences

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Appendix:

Table 1: Theme Families and Codes

Relationship

Male: male author.

Female: female author.

Non-Muslim Converted: any mention of one partner who was formerly non-Muslim converting

to Islam.

Non-sexual Relationship: author mentions that the relationship was non-sexual.

Sexual Relationship: author mentions that the relationship was sexual.

Feelings

Ashamed: author mentions feeling personally ashamed.

Shamed by Society or Family: author mentions outside actors shaming them.

Unashamed: author says that they do not feel ashamed.

Exploited: author mentions feeling exploited or used by their partner.

Motivations

Legitimized Dating/Sex: author says either they or their partner sought the arrangement to make dating and/or sex more legitimate.

Find Long-Term Partner: author says either they or their partner sought the arrangement to find a future marriage partner.

Result

Permanent Nik'ah: author mentions that the temporary marriage resulted in a permanent marriage.

Separation: author mentions that the temporary marriage resulted in separation before permanent marriage.

Timeline

Set Timeline Prior: author specifically states the time period initially established for the temporary marriage.

Less than a Week: the author mentions the relationship ended in less than seven days.

Less than a Year: the author mentions the relationship ended in less than twelve months.

Over a Year: the author mentions the relationship lasted more than twelve months.

Table 2: Occurrence of each code cross-listed by overall latent experience. Each tick mark indicates the presence of the manifest theme within one narrative - either a positive, neutral, or negative narrative.

	Overall Experience (*Latent Themes*)		
Manifest Themes	Negative	Neutral	Positive
Relationship			
Female	IIIII	I	IIII
Male		III	II
Non-Muslim Converted	III		IIII
Non-sexual Relationship			II
Sexual Relationship	IIII	II	
Feelings			
Ashamed	IIIII		
Shamed by Society or Family	I	I	I
Unashamed			II
Exploited	IIII		
Motivations			
Legitimized Dating or Sex		III	IIII
Find Long-Term Partner	I		IIIIII
Result			
Permanent Nik'ah		I	IIIII
Separation	I	II	

Timeline			
Set Timeline Prior	I		IIIII
Less than a Week		I	
Less than a Year	I		
Over a Year	II		III

Table 3: Blogging Websites Used

1. http://jamiat.org.za/

   - A South African blog site by the 'Council of Muslim Theologians' whose primary objective is 'the preservation, protection and propagation of true and pristine Islam.'

2. http://www.islamicweb.com/

   - An American-based website with general information about Islam, conversion stories, misconceptions, and the Islamic Impact On The African-American Community.

3. http://www.naseeb.com/

   - 'An online community that connects young, educated, professional Muslims through networks of friends and advanced search and matching algorithms.' Journal entrees about marriage experiences or questions is available. The site is based from Pakistan.

4. http://mutah.com

- A chat room discussing all variants of temporary marriage: 'Let all your single friends know that they could meet a likeminded Mutah partner here.'

5. http://www.zawaj.com/

   - A webpage concerning Islamic marriage advice and family advice. Zawaj.com also offers an 'Arab and Muslim matrimonial search' and various articles and opinions about marriage in Islam.

6. http://www.interfaithshaadi.org/

   - A forum concerning interfaith marriages. Apparently operated out of India. Topics include marriage between Muslims, Christians, Hindus, and Sikhs: 'Wealth of information is collected; like scriptures, historic perspectives, practical issues, laws governing interfaith marriages and real-life experiences from hundreds of youths just like you. It is hoped that you will have a happy and long lasting married life, even that is an interfaith marriage. '

7. http://www.shiachat.com/forum/

   - Claims to be the largest online Shia community with blog posts and chat rooms: 'You can discuss politics, history, current affairs, business, sports, women's issues, health and even find solutions to everyday problems at our Community Helpdesk.'

8. http://www.muslimfriends.com/

- A Muslim dating site with a blog/forum page.