



IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO CELEBRATE ONES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OR 'ID WITH FIREWORKS?

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السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

I personally thank you for your kind words – May Allah make our intentions sincere and accept our efforts – Amin.

In Islam not only is it permissible but it is actually recommended and to a certain extent required of a Muslim to celebrate 'Id. This would involve dressing in one's finest and preparing numerous dishes and eating heartily. Gifts should be shared and people should generally feel happy. The question arises as to whether engaging in a firework display is included within this celebration. The key issue with fireworks is the cost associated and the benefit gained. For instance, clothes can be expensive but they are worn; preparing numerous dishes can be expensive, but they are consumed. Fireworks are expensive and are very momentary in their pleasure, in the sense that they are gone very quickly.

In conclusion, if the cost associated with fireworks was relatively low and a large family could get together then there is nothing that I am aware of which would make it impermissible. Having said that, it is regarded by scholars as a waste of money and therefore acting on taqwa one should avoid it.

Celebrating ones wedding is very different from 'Id in two main aspects; firstly, it is not a public celebration like 'Id and secondly there is no reported practice amongst the Sahaba or the Salaf in terms of celebrating one's anniversary.

Therefore, I would suggest one should not have firework displays for celebrating one's anniversary. Having said that, if one wanted to express one's love to their husband/wife and praise Allah the Almighty and show gratitude for keeping them together in love and harmony for another year then there is no harm in it. In fact, one should show regular appreciation of one's husband/wife and show gratitude to Allah the Almighty and that is a praiseworthy act.

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