



The Condition of Virtue vis-à-vis the Validity of Witnessing a Divorce - 16 /Feb/ 2020

question! Given that one of the conditions of a person that witnesses a divorce is that he must partake of the quality of virtue (*'adālah*), what is one to do if the agent (*wukalā'*) of the husband consider one to be virtuous (*'ādil*) whereas one knows oneself to be deprived of this quality. Can one function as a witness to the divorce, as requested by the agent, or must one make oneself unavailable in order to avoid having to act as a witness?

answer! It is not necessary to leave the place in order not to function as a witness. However, this unvirtuous witness cannot consider the woman as a divorcee [i.e. as he knows that the divorce is not valid because of his being unvirtuous].