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1925 - Wife not interested in intercourse

the question

I've married 4 years ago, and I have a 3 years old daughter. My wife is not interested in sex at all. We've tried several doctors but [with] no progress. I do masturbate a lot, which caused some bad effects but I can't stop as we live in Canada, where you can't marry more than one wife. Is this a good reason to marry a second wife, or is there any other solution to my problem?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

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English translation:

, and peace and blessings be upon His Messenger.

I ask Allaah to help you, my brother, to cope with this problem which you are suffering from, and which has to do with the mother of your daughter, the closest of people to you.

I would like to make three points to you:

- 1. You are permitted to enjoy your wife in any of the ways which Allaah has permitted to you.

 This includes masturbation by her hand.
- 2. The reason you have mentioned in your question is sufficient grounds for taking another wife.
- 3. If you can find no other solution to this problem except divorcing this woman, between whom

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and you there is no longer any relationship in the marital bed, and marrying another woman afterwards, there is nothing wrong with that, in shaa' Allaah. You should consult the brothers around you who know your situation, and seek the guidance of Allaah by praying istikhaarah. May Allaah guide you to the right way.

May Allaah bless our Prophet Muhammad.