Getting Married in the Month of Muharra

Q: Imaan-79: The people here believe that it is Haraam to get married during the month of Muharram since they regard the month to be one of mourning and grieving. Is this correct?

Answer: It is, in fact, Haraam to regard the month of Muhanam as a month of mourning. The Ahadeeth are explicit about the fact that apart from a widow mourning the death of her husband for four months and ten days, it is not permissible for anyone to mourn the death of any relative for more that three days.

It is sinful to regard as marriage in the blessed month of Muharram as a marriage bereft of blessings. This opposes the beliefs of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah. It is also detrimental to one's Imaan to regard a permissible and Halaal act as impermissible and Hara am even though this may be by way of conviction or deed. Muslims need to steer clear of the customs of the Shias and Rawaafidh since participation in their customs is Haraam. Maa Laa Budda Minhu (Pg.131) makes it clear that it is Haraam for Muslims to imitate the ways of the Kuffaar and the sinners.

There is no difference of opinion between the Ulema of Deoband and the Berelwi scholars concerning marriage during the blessed month of Muharram. The following is a Fatwa issued by Molvi Ahmad Ridha Khan:

"Q: Imaan-80: During the 70 days of Muharram some people from the Sunni group (1) do not make bread, nor do they sweep. They say that Ta'ziyya bread is to be made after the burial. They also (2) do not change their clothing during the ten days and (3) do not marry during this time. What is the ruling?

Answer: All these three acts fall into the category of mourning, which is Haraam."
And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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