



1. *The law forbids adultery; but, in the eyes of the law, adultery is an overt act; the satisfaction of the sensuous self, outside the marriage bonds.*
2. *Now, marriage, in the sight of the law, is but a promise made by man and woman, by the sanction of the priest, to live together until death. No priest or officer has the power from Allah to bind two souls in wedded love.*
3. *What is a marriage tie? It is not what the priest may say or do. There is but one true marriage; and Allah alone can perform this marriage.*
4. *It is the love of Allah that finds its way into the two — man and woman's hearts; and that is all ever to be. Your priests cannot cause this to be.*
5. *It is the promise of the two that they will love each other until death.*
6. *Is love a passion that is subject to the will of man?*
7. *Can man pick up his love as he would a gem, and lay it down or give it out to anyone?*
8. *Can love be bought and sold like sheep?*
9. *Love is the power of Allah that binds two souls and makes them one. There is no power on earth that can dissolve this bond.*
10. *The bodies may be forced apart by man or death for just a little time, but they will meet again.*
11. *Now, in this bond of Allah, we find the marriage tie. All other unions are but bonds of straw; and they who live in them commit adultery.*
12. *But more than this; the man or woman who indulges lustful thoughts commits adultery.*
13. *Whom Allah has joined together, man cannot part. Whom man has joined together lie in sin.*
14. *But lo, I say that he who in the heart desires to possess that which is not his own, is a thief in the sight of Allah. The thing which men see not with eyes of flesh are of more worth than the thing that men can see.*
15. *A good name is worth a thousand times a mine of gold; and he who says a word, or does a deed that injures or defames that name is a thief.*
16. *Upon the table of the law we read, "Thou shalt not covet anything."*
17. *To covet is an all consuming wish to have anything that is not right for anyone to have; and such wish in the spirit of the law is theft.*