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### Question

I am married and my husband recently said something in the sense of: if you ever cheated or will cheat on me, it is immediately over between us.

During the period that we were engaged and during our relationship (may Allah forgive us for this) I sometimes spoke to another man (only spoken so absolutely nothing more). Since our marriage I have not spoken to anyone else and I am loyal to him. (My husband doesn't know this happened).

Now I wonder if this counts as a divorce and if my marriage is invalid?

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### In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

### Answer:

Speaking to a non mahram male will not be considered as adultery or cheating in your marriage.

The word cheating usually refers to adultery and this general understanding of the word will be considered in the Shariah. The guidelines of the Shariah mention that "the original consideration of words is their apparent meaning"<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Qawaaid Fiqhiyya pg 64

In your situation, you did not violate the meaning of the word “cheating”, therefore your marriage will be in tact.

Only Allah knows best

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