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Question

Is it haram to marry a cousin of your parent in Islam?

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

Answer:

Allah has clearly defined in the Quran the people to whom we are not allowed to be married to. He states in Sura An Nisaa, ayat # 23:

“Prohibited to you [for marriage] are your mothers, your daughters, your sisters, your father's sisters, your mother's sisters, your brother's daughters, your sister's daughters, your [milk] mothers who nursed you, your sisters through nursing, your wives' mothers, and your step-daughters under your guardianship [born] of your wives unto whom you have gone in. But if you have not gone in unto them, there is no sin upon you. And [also prohibited are] the wives of your sons who are from your [own] loins, and that you take [in marriage] two sisters simultaneously, except for what has already occurred. Indeed, Allah is ever Forgiving and Merciful.”

There is no prohibition from family relatives who are not mentioned in the above verse. Marriage will be allowed with the cousins of your parents and even your first cousins.

Only Allah knows best

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