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*The objective of this article is to brief you on few of the true Islamic teachings regarding women. Get over to this myth that women are in any way belittled in Islam. Facilitating ease and honor for women always remained a priority in Islam, restored to women their rightly deserved honor & dignity in society, it declared them equal companions to men in all respects, it gave them share in property, gave them right to divorce, encouraged remarriage of widows, right to earn, right to learn 14 centuries ago when a girl child was buried alive for no other reason than unjust preference of ignorant people for a male child. The Qur'an put a stop to the practice of female infanticide. Read the following words of Allah:*

وَإِذَا بُشِّرَ أَحَدُهُم بِالْأُنْثَىٰ ظَلَّ وَجْهُهُ مُسْوَدًّا وَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ (58) يَتَوَارَىٰ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ مِنْ سُوءِ مَا بُشِّرَبِهِ أَيُمْسِكُهُ عَلَىٰ هُونٍ أَمْ يَدُسُّهُ فِي التُّرَابِ أَلَا سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾ [النحل: 16]

*"When news is brought to one of them of the birth of a female child, his face darkens and he is filled with inward grief. With shame does he hide himself from his people because of the bad news he has had! Shall he retain her on contempt or bury her in the dust? Ah! What an evil they decide on?" (Qur'an Ch:16,V:58&59). Now compare with the Bible: "The birth of a daughter is a loss" (Ecclesiastics 22:3).*

*The Qur'an tells us that men and women are created from ONE SOUL. Does the Bible say that as well? Not at all. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 11:7: "Man is the image and glory of God, while women are the glory of man." It must be recognized that men and women are created in a different but complementary nature by Allah, so that they act as perfect companions to one another. Hence, their roles & responsibilities vary, but this in no way makes any one of them smaller to the other.*

*Consider an example. Two students (1 male & 1 female) got 1st position in the class. Both of them have got equal marks in 5 subjects, say 300/500. But if we compare the marks sheet of both students, both have secured different marks in 5 subjects. Female student has got 100 marks in "Status of Parents" whereas male student got just 25 marks in this subject. Female student has got 25 marks in "Economic Responsibilities" whereas male student got 100 marks in it and so on. So they have got different marks in each subject according to their abilities yet their status is same in the class. Similarly the rights and responsibilities of men and women are different in Islam but both have same status in the sight of Allah.*

*In fact, Islam always cares for the rights of women & sometimes gives them much higher status than men. The Prophet Muhammad(SAW) said, "You have rights over your wives & your wives have rights over you." The Prophet Muhammad(SAW) said, "The best of you are those who are kindest to their wives."*

*A valid hadith states: A student of Muhammad(SAW) asked him, "Who has the utmost right over me?" Muhammad(SAW) replied, "Your mother." Student asked twice more "Who comes next to my mother? Muhammad(SAW) still replied, "Your mother." When the student asked for the 4th time, Muhammad(SAW) replied, "Your Father." It is evident from this hadith that Islam gives gold, silver & bronze medal to woman (mother) and gives just complementary remarks to man (father). In another hadith Muhammad(SAW) said, "Heaven is at the feet of mother." Is there any religion other than Islam in which a woman gets such grace?*

### **RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN ISLAM**

*Even though many aspects of Islam are misunderstood by non-Muslims, the ignorance, misinformation and incorrect assumptions that are made regarding Islam's treatment of women are probably the most severe. Numerous verses of the Qur'an make it clear that men and women are equal in the sight of Allah. In Islam, the only thing that distinguishes people in the sight of Allah is their level of God-consciousness (Taqwa).*

وَإِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ ﴿١٣﴾ [التحريم: ٤٩]

*"Indeed, the best amongst you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous." (The Qur'an Ch:49,V:13).*

*It is astonishing to find out that Islamic Law guaranteed rights to women over 1400 years ago that women in the Europe and America only obtained recently. For example, Islam clearly teaches that a woman is a full-person under the law, and is the spiritual equal of a male. According to Islamic Law, women have the right to own property, operate a business and receive equal pay for equal work. Women are allowed total control of their wealth, they cannot be married against their will and they are allowed to keep their own name when married. Additionally, they have the right to inherit property and to have their marriage dissolved in the case of mistreatment. In Islam women participate in all forms of worship that men participate in.*

*Islam declared women and men equal. Islam condemned pre-Islamic practices degrading and oppressing women. The same injunctions and prohibitions of Islam equally apply to both sexes. Islam protects the family and condemns the betrayal of marital fidelity. It recognizes only one type of family; husband and wife united by authentic marriage contract. The wealth of the man is NOT his. He is responsible for his wife(s), children, parents, etc. Whereas, the wealth of the woman is her own, she does NOT have to share with anyone, not EVEN her husband. Islam enjoins sound morality in thinking, behavior and appearance. Dress fashions and social patterns that reduce woman to a sex object and exploit her as such are not acceptable to Islam. The observance of chastity and moral standards is equally demanded by Islam from both men and women.*

*If women in some Muslim countries today don't have their rights, it is not because Islam did not give rights to them. In fact, alien traditions have overshadowed the teachings of Islam. If the media is to be believed then Islam does not have very much to offer women, except for a life of misery, oppression and slavery. However, if one bothers to look closely at Islam then it has an abundance to offer men and women alike.*



*Islam saves women to become a "Public Property" and Allah has taken more than enough strict measures to make women an icon of respect, loyalty & love. A Muslim woman in hijab is reserved for her husband whereas a woman in bikini or in semi-nude dresses & with open hair is bound to become a public property and an icon of "Sex Appeal". One woman is totally hidden from the public; the other is totally exposed.*

*The role of woman is at the heart of any culture. Apart from stealing Arab oil, the impending war in the Middle East is about stripping Arabs off their religion and culture, exchanging the hijab for a bikini. The hijab represents a woman's consecration to her husband and family. Only they see her. It affirms the privacy, exclusivity and importance of the domestic sphere. The Muslim woman's focus is her home, where her children are born and reared. She is the "home minister", the taproot that sustains the spiritual life of the family, nurturing and training her children, providing refuge and support to her husband. Islam says that her long-term personal fulfillment and happiness lies in making marriage and family her first priority.*

*In contrast, a bikini beauty or a woman with open hair & semi-nude dresses (either a so-called Muslim or a Non-Muslim) struts practically naked in front of hundreds of men. In practice, paradoxically, she is a public property. She belongs to no one and everyone. She shops her body to the highest bidder. She is auctioning herself all of the time. She offers the beauty of her hair and advertises the curves of her body to everyone in order to bargain for a better job, a rich husband and the so-called respect of lust heroes.*

*In Europe, the cultural measure of a woman's value is her sex appeal. No sooner this asset depreciates quickly; her social status diminishes as well. As an adolescent, her role models are nude dancers, nude models and porn stars. From them, she learns that she will be valued only if she looks sexy. Thus, she learns to "hook up" rather than to demand patient courtship and true love. As a result, dozens of males know her before her husband does. She loses her innocence, which is a part of her charm. She becomes hardened and calculating. As she becomes unfit for love, she prefers sex over marriage and abortion over becoming a mother.*

*The primary goal of the social workers at the NWO(New World Order) is: "Undermine sexual identity and destroy the family, create social and personal dysfunction, and reduce population." In the "brave new world," women are not supposed to be nest makers, or progenitors of the race. They are meant to be neutered autonomous creatures that indulge in sex for physical pleasure, not for love or procreation.*

*Once at his press conference, Donald Rumsfeld said that Iranian women were restive under the rule of the Mullahs. He implied that the US would soon liberate them. Liberate them for what? To make them "bitches" rather than "beloved ones"? To make them "prostitutes" rather than "wives"? To make them "porn stars" rather than "Islamic scholars"? To make them "Public Property" rather than "Pride of family"? In fact, these are the core aims of US and the best gifts that anti-Islam forces can offer to Muslims.*



*Unprecedented numbers of European and British women are converting to Islam. The rate of conversions has prompted predictions that Islam will rapidly become an important religious force in this country. It is predicted that within the next 20 years the number of British converts will equal or overtake the immigrant Muslim community that brought the faith here.*

*The surge in conversions to Islam has taken place despite the negative image of the faith in the Western press. Indeed, the pace of conversions has accelerated since publicity over the Salman Rushdie affair, the Gulf War and the plight of the Muslims in Bosnia. It is even more ironic that most British converts are women, given the widespread view in the west that Islam treats women poorly.*

*In the United States, women converts outnumber men by four to one, and in Britain make up the bulk of the estimated 10,000 to 20,000 converts, forming part of a Muslim community of 1 to 1.5 million. Many of Britains "New Muslims" are from middle-class backgrounds. A small scale survey by the Islamic Foundation in Leicester suggests that most converts are aged 30 to 50. Younger Muslims point to many conversions among students and highlight the intellectual thrust of Islam. **The Prophet Muhammad(SAW) said, "The light of Islam will rise in the West" and that is exactly what is happening in this era.***

*Some say the conversions are prompted by the rise of comparative religious education. The British media, offering what Muslims describe as a relentless bad press on all things Islamic, is also said to have helped. Westerners despairing of their own society - rising in crime, family breakdown, drugs and alcoholism have come to admire the discipline and security of Islam. Many converts are former Christians disillusioned by the uncertainty of the church and unhappy with the concept of the Trinity and deification of Jesus.*

*Other converts describe a search for a religious identity. Many had previously been practicing Christians but found intellectual satisfaction in Islam. Under Islam, the sins of the fathers aren't visited on the sons. The idea that God is not always forgiving is blasphemous to Muslims. Many converts from Christianity reject the ecclesiastical hierarchy emphasizing Muslims' direct relationship with God. The more the Western media tries to promote that Islam is a threat to women rights, the more non-Muslim women are accepting Islam. So the myth that women are in any way belittled in Islam is totally busted.*

*Anti-Islam groups and some ignorant Muslims are portraying an unjust picture of women in Islam. In fact, there is no religion on the planet earth which cares women more than Islam.*

وَمَا عَلَيْنَا إِلَّا الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ

*"And our duty is only to proclaim the clear Message."*

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