

Wondrous Treatment Of Women In Islam

The purpose of this article is to show how the barbaric nature of Islam manifests itself in the cruel treatment of women.

1. Lets start with the great Mohammad himself, the founder of this fabulous faith. Mohammad was married to Khadija, his employer and 15 years his senior. At that time Mohammad was 25 years old. He was Khadija's third husband. Khadija was a widow when she married Mohammad. For the first time in his life, Mohammad enjoyed a luxurious life.

This shows the nature of Mohammad who married his employer so that he can live a rich life without putting in a single day's work.

2. Khadija died when Mohammad was 49 years old. Between the ages of 49 and 63 the prophet married at least 11 times. *This shows how he treated the institution of marriage. For him, women were nothing but objects for sexual fulfillment. Marrying at least 11 women in 14 years throws light on his insatiable sexual appetite.*

3. Mohammad's favourite wife was Ayesha who was 6 years old when she was married to him.

Marrying a 6 year old baby clearly shows that Mohammad was not only a womanizer but also a child molester.

4. Mohammad's adopted son Zayed was married to Zainab, daughter of Jahsh. But one day the prophet "beheld in a loose undress, the beauty of Zainab, and burst forth into an ejaculation of devotion and desire. The servile, or grateful, freeman (Zayed) understood the hint and yielded without hesitation to the love of the benefactor."

Mohammad was not satisfied with his own overflowing harem and had to marry his son's wife. His son being a devoted follower of the prophet was more than happy to divorce his wife. What a great father-in-law Mohammad was, a model for all Islamic father-in-laws!

Mohammad preached what he practised. This is supported by the following verses from Quran and Hadiths.

Quotes from the Quran on Women

[al-Baqarah 2:223] Your wives are as a tilth unto you; so approach your tilth when or how ye will;...

Here you can clearly see how highly Islam treats women. Women in Islam are referred to as fields that are to be cultivated by man. What an honour for a Muslim woman!

[an-Nisa' 4:34] Men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because God has given the one more than the other, and because they support them from their means. Therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient, and guard in (the husband's) absence what God would have them guard. As to those women on whose part ye fear disloyalty and ill-conduct, admonish them, refuse to

share their beds, (And last) **beat them**;

First point to notice here is that Quran clearly states that Men are superior to women. Secondly, Islam instructs that a man should control his women through brutal violence and fear.

[an-Nisa' 4:15](For women) As for those of your women who are guilty of lewdness, ... confine them to the houses until death take them.

[an-Nisa' 4:16](For Men) If two men among you are guilty of lewdness, punish them both. If they repent and amend, Leave them alone;

As you can see, for women any sort of sexual exploration is punishable by death. Whereas for a man, any form of perversion is pardoned by the all merciful Allah.

[an-Nur 24:6] As for those who accuse their wives but have no witnesses except themselves; let the testimony of one of them be four testimonies...

Here we see, that a husband can easily accuse his wife (or wives) and eventually sentence her to death by merely declaring four times that the accusation is true. On the other hand, women have no such right in Islam.

Quotes from Hadith TIRMZI AND OTHERS

1. If a woman's conduct is mischievous or immodest, the husband has the right to beat her up but must not break her bones. She must not allow anybody to enter the house if her husband does not like him. She has the right to expect sustenance of her husband. (TR. P 439)
2. It is forbidden for a woman to be seen by any man except her husband when she is made up or well-dressed. (TR. P 430)
3. A woman is not a believer if she undertakes a journey which may last three days or longer, unless she is accompanied by her husband, son, father
4. A woman must veil herself even in the presence of her husband's father, brother and other male relations. (TR. P 432)
5. She is forbidden to spend any money without the permission of her husband, and it includes giving food to the needy or feast to friends. (TR. P 265)
6. A wife is forbidden to perform extra prayers (NAFAL) or observe fasting (other than RAMADAN) without the permission of her husband. (TR. P 300)
7. If prostration were a legitimate act other than to God, woman should have prostrated to her husband. (TR. P 428)
8. If a man is in a mood to have sexual intercourse the woman must come immediately even if she is baking bread at a communal oven. (TR. P 428)
9. The marriage of a woman to her man is not substantive. It is precarious. For example if the father of the husband orders his son to divorce his wife, he must do so. (TR. P 440)
10. A woman who seeks KHULA i.e. divorce from her man, without a just cause, shall not enter

paradise. (TR. P 440) *On the contrary, a husband can divorce his wife at will.*

11. Majority of women would go to hell. (Muslim P 1431)

12. If a woman refuses to come to bed when invited by her husband, she becomes the target of the curses of angels. Exactly the same happens if she deserts her husband's bed. (Bokhari P 93)

13. Women who are ungrateful to their men are the denizens of hell; it is an act of ingratitude for a woman to say: "I have never seen any good from you." (Bokhari P 96)

14. A woman in many ways is deprived of the possession of her own body. Even her milk belongs to her husband. (Bokhari P 27) She is not allowed to practise birth control either.

Quotes From Sahih Muslim Hadith

Chapter 540. The prophet said that he saw a woman coming and going in the shape of a devil and she fascinated him. So he came to his wife, Zainab, as she was tanning leather and had sexual intercourse with her. That drove out what he felt in his heart.

Chapter 558. The prophet said: "When a man calls his wife to bed and she does not come, the husband spends the night being angry with her, and the angels curse her until morning. The one who is in heaven is displeased with her until the husband is pleased with her.

Chapter 576. The prophet said : "Woman has been created from a rib, and will in no way be straightened for you."

Anwar Shaikh, the author of *Islam: An Arab National Movement* says: "It shows the basic doctrine of Islam about womanhood, that is, she is basically crooked, and man has the right to keep her under his constant vigil; she must never be left alone."

In fact, another hadith expresses woman's position bluntly: *"I have not left any calamity more hurtful to man than woman."*

Chapter 619: Selling a cat, selling a dog (unless it is a working dog), and earning of prostitutes (unless they are non-muslims),... are all forbidden.

This verse encourages the Muslim invaders to convert women of other faith into prostitutes for their own enjoyment as prostitution by non-muslims is NOT forbidden. We can see plenty of examples of this throughout history.

Chapter 1140: The prophet said : "The majority of those who entered the fire of Hell were women."

So Islam considers most of the women are evil in nature and they end up in hell.

Malik 362:1221 Ibn Fahd said "I have some slave girls who are better than my wives, but I do not desire that they should all become pregnant. Shall I do azl (withdrawal) with them?" Hajjaj said "They are your fields of cultivation. If you wish to irrigate them do so, if not keep them dry."

The next three verses are related to each other.

Malik 364:1234 If a woman suckles a baby, she becomes its foster mother and her husband a foster father. If a man has two wives, and one suckles a boy the other a girl, the boy can not marry the girl

as the foster father of each is the same.

The next verse contradicts the previous one.

Malik 364:1239 The rule pertaining to foster relationship only applies to children under 2 years. Thus (Malik 365:1243) a grown up man fed with the milk of a woman does not entail fostership.

Read the next verse carefully.

Malik 365:1245 A man said, "My wife has willfully given my slavegirl with whom I used to cohabit her own milk to drink. What is my relationship to the slave girl ?" Omar said "Punish your wife and go into your slave girl".

What more can I say about these golden verses from the "Holy" Quran and the enlightening Hadiths -
- guidelines for every true Muslim!

Gazzali, the renowned Islamic thinker summed up the 18 pains that had been visited on Muslim women as a punishment for Eve's transgression in paradise. The list eloquently shows the position of women in Islam and how the social customs were backed up by Islam. Here Islam goes to the extent of saying that even pregnancy and childbirth are punishments from God. Such is the nature of the all merciful Allah!!!

The 18 punishments are:

1. Menstruation
2. Childbirth
3. Separation from father and mother and marriage to a stranger
4. Pregnancy
5. Not having control over her own person
6. A lesser share in inheritance.
7. Her liability to be divorced and inability to divorce.
8. It being lawful for man to have 4 wives but for a woman to have only 1 husband.
9. The fact that she must stay secluded in the house
10. The fact that she must keep her head covered inside the house.
11. The fact that 2 women's testimonies have to be set against the testimony of one man.
12. The fact that she must not go out of the house unless accompanied by a near relative.
13. The fact that men take part in Friday and feast day funerals while women do not.
14. Disqualification for rulership and judgeship.
15. The fact that merit has 100 components, only one of which is attributable to women while 99 are attributed to men.
16. The fact that if women are profligate they will be given only half as much torment as the rest of the community at the resurrection day.
17. The fact that if their husbands die they must observe a waiting period of 4 months and 10 days before they remarry.
18. The fact that if their husbands divorce them , they must observe a waiting period of 3 months or 3 menstrual periods before remarrying.

This is only a handful of facts that states the true nature of Islam.

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