

Women Under Islamic Sharia Law

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Books have been published alleging the equality of women in Islam. Now there may be many so-called “Islams”, but when you compare what is foisted on the public with the Islam of Mohammed in the Qur’an and hadiths, the contrast is great.

Sharia, or Islamic Law, has been seriously proposed as the answer to the world’s problems. Even in Great Britain, India, and Canada, people have proposed Muslims in those countries should be under Sharia Law. Sharia Law is based on the Qur’an and the hadiths. But what are some of the teachings of Sharia law on women?

How Are Women Inferior in Muslim Society?

“O women! Give alms, as I have seen that the majority of the dwellers of Hell-fire were you (women).’ They asked, ‘Why is it so, O Allah’s Apostle?’ He replied, ‘Your curse frequently and are ungrateful to your husbands. I have not seen anyone more deficient in intelligence and religion than you.... The women asked, ‘O Allah’s Apostle? What is deficient in our intelligence and religion?’ He said, ‘Is not the evidence of two women equal to the witness of one man?’ They replied in the affirmative. He said, ‘This is the deficiency in your intelligence. Isn’t it true that a woman can neither pray nor fast during her menses? The women replied in the affirmative. He said, ‘This is the deficiency in your religion.’” *Buk-*

hari vol.1 no.301 p.181. See also *Sahih Muslim* vol.2 book 4 no.1982,1983 p.432.

Women and Property

When one is given a woman, servant, or cattle, one should seize its forehead and pray to Allah. *Ibn-i-Majah* vol.3 no.1918 p.157. See also *Muwatta’ Malik* 28.22.52

Women are Not Half as Intelligent

According to the Muslim Sharia (Law), the witness of a woman is equal half that of a man, “because of the deficiency of the woman’s mind.” (*Bukhari* vol.3 no.826 p.502) Mohammed said that a nation will never succeed that makes a woman their ruler (*Bukhari* vol.9 no.219 p.170-171).

The worst thing is not that Muslim writers would be considered male chauvinist pigs for saying that women have deficient minds. The really sad thing is that an educated Pakistani woman with a high-tech job was trying to explain to me why this was true.

Galatians 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Women In the Eyes of Islamic Law

The Qur’an in Sura 2:282 says, “...And get two witnesses, Out of your own men. And if there are not two men, Then a man and two women, Such as ye choose, For witnesses, So that if one of them errs, The other can remind her....”

“Narrated Abu Sai’id Al-Khudri: The Prophet said, ‘Isn’t the witness of a woman equal half of that of a man?’ The women said, ‘Yes.’ He

said, ‘This is because of the deficiency of the woman’s mind.’” *Bukhari* vol.3 no.826 p.502.

So if a Muslim man were to rape a Muslim woman, the man’s word would count twice as much as the woman’s. The word of a non-Muslim does not count at all in a court of law against a Muslim. Muslim man rapes a non-Muslim woman, even if a second non-Muslim woman is present, his word (that he did not do it) would count equal to the word of both of them.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan said in an annual report that one woman is raped every three hours in Pakistan. Even worse, 72% of all women in police custody in Pakistan are physically and sexually abused. The Woman’s Action Forum says that 75% of all women in jail are under the charge of “zina” (fornication). It was never stated how many men, if any, were in jail for that. See *Why I Am Not A Muslim* p.324 for information and examples.

Temporary Marriage

“Narrated Jabir bin ‘Abdullah and Salama bin Al’ Akwa, “While we were in an army, Allah’s Apostle came to us and said, ‘You have been allowed to do the Mut’a (marriage) so do it.’ Salama bin Al-Akwa said: Allah’s Apostle said, ‘If a man and a woman agree (to marry temporarily), their marriage should last for three nights, and if they like to continue, they can do so; and if they want to separate, they can do so. I do not know whether that was only for us or for all the people in general Abu ‘Abdullah (Al-Bukhari) said: ‘Ali made it clear that the Prophet said, ‘The Mut’a marriage has been cancelled (made unlawful).’” *Bukhari* vol.7 book 62 no.52 p.37

According to the hadiths and Sunni Muslims, Mohammed later forbade temporary marriage on the Day of Khaibar, fairly late in Mohammed's career. However, according to Shi'ite Muslims, it was never forbidden and is still practiced today.

Mustahill / Muhallil (No Equivalent in English)

A divorced woman cannot remarry the same man until she has consummated a marriage with someone else. *Bukhari* vol.7 book 63 no.186,187 p.136; *Abu Dawud* vol.2 no.2192 p.592-593

Note that if a man remarries the same woman, he does not need to consummate a marriage with anybody.

When a man "irrevocably" divorces a woman, she must consummate a marriage with someone else before they can get back together again. *Ibn-i-Majah* vol.3 no.1933-1936 p.165-168. There is no such strange rule for a man.

Abu Dawud vol.2 no.2302 p.629 also discusses the disgusting role of a mustahil in Islamic society.

Rifaa ibn Simwal divorced his wife Tamima (irrevocability, 3 times) and she married another who could not consummate the marriage. Later Rifaa wanted to marry her again, but Mohammed said Rifaa could not until Tamima consummated a marriage with someone else. *Muwatta' Malik* 28.7.17

A'isha said that Mohammed said a man and woman could not remarry after an irrevocably divorce until the woman had consummated a marriage with someone else. *Muwatta' Malik*

28.7.17 Yahah related that Malik said similar. *Muwatta' Malik* 28.7.19

Other Sharia Gender Rules

Men cannot wear silk; this includes silk ties. (*Bukhari* vol.7 book 72 no.720 p.482; *Sahih Muslim* vol.4 book 29 no.6038 p.1314)

Men cannot wear yellow clothing; (*Sahih Muslim* vol.3 book 22 no.5173-5178 p.1146; *Ibn-i-Majah* vol.5 no.3603-3604 p.90-91)

Women cannot wear wigs of artificial hair. (*Bukhari* vol.7 no.133 p.101; *Sahih Muslim* vol.3 book 22 no.5297-5306 p.1165-1166; *Muwatta' Malik* 51.1.2)

Women cannot have false hair or alter their teeth. *Ibn-i-Majah* vol.3 no.1987-1989 p.196-197

Women cannot have false hair, alter teeth, or remove facial hair. *Bukhari* vol.6 no.408 p.380.

No birth control (*Sahih Muslim* vol.1 footnote p.66).

In the mosque, the woman's place is in the back *Sahih Muslim* vol.1 book 4 no.880-881 p.239

On circumcision for girls, Muslim legal experts disagree according to the *Abu Dawud* vol.3 footnote 4257 p.1451. It is neither endorsed nor forbidden in the Qur'an. It is implied that females are circumcised in *Muwatta' Malik* 2.19.73-77

A Word to Women (and Men too)

Sometimes Muslims women can feel inferior as the hadiths have taught, or even guilty for being a woman, but I want to just say that this is very wrong. God created you, and if you think you are "junk", and God created junk, you are disrespecting God. Psalms (*zibur* in Arabic) 139:14 teaches that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

It is not enough to choose to believe the key truths of God. You also have to choose to disbelieve the lies that the key truths of God contradict. Mohammed taught one of the three worst lies was to attribute to Him things he did not say. While we should not lie about anybody, it is a much, much worse lie to attribute to God things God did not say.

Repent of the times you accepted lies, even knowing they were lies. Pray to God to show you the truth, and give you a heart to follow the truth and turn away from all lies, which can become idols themselves. What is there that you love more than God? Anything you love more than God can be an idol, even a religion. Do not love Islam more than God, and we do not ask you to love Christianity more than God either. Simply choose to love God with all your heart, all your heart, all your soul, all your strength and all your mind, and I am confident God will show you the truth of His word.

[Nothing can separate God's children from the love of God.](#) Rom 8:29-39; 2 Cor 5:5; 1 Thess 4:17;5:10

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