

THE WOMAN

CHAPTER 2

*5:92 Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger,
and be on your guard.*

- A woman's highest achievement is motherhood.
- Men and women will be judged equally on Judgment Day.
- The veil and clothing are to be used to conceal a woman's sexuality.
- A woman's behavior during her menstrual cycle must be controlled by men.
- Most of the people in Hell will be women.
- Women are less intelligent than men.
- Women have half the legal standing of a man.
- It is an insult to say that Allah has daughters.
- Islam forbids killing female children.

There is a major political division between Islam and the rest of the world. The political duality is:

dar al Islam (land of submission) and
dar al harb (land of war).

Islam's duality at the personal level is between the Muslim and the Kafir.

The major duality inside Islam is male/female. There is one set of rules for men and another set of rules from women. If there were no submission, then there would need to be only one rule: men and women are treated the same. If they are not to be treated the same, then many more rules are needed.

There is only one area in which men and women are treated equally—both sexes will be judged on the basis of their lives on Judgment Day.

There is not very much material in the Trilogy about females. Only about 9% of the Koran and about 12% of the Sira refers to females. The overwhelming amount of the doctrine is about men. But there is more

than enough in the Trilogy to govern the smallest detail in the life of a woman from birth to death.

WOMAN AS MOTHER

There is only one way in which a woman is held to be superior to a man: if, and only if, a woman is a mother, is she held in higher esteem than a man.

46:15 We command man to show kindness to his parents. His mother bore and gave birth to him in pain. From birth to weaning is thirty months; when he reaches full strength at forty years of age, he says, "My Lord, open my heart so that I may be grateful for the favor You have given me and my parents and so that I will do the good works that please You. Be gracious to me in my offspring; I have turned to you and do surrender to Islam."

EQUALITY

On Judgment Day both male and female will be judged on the basis of what they have done in their lives. However, as it will become clear from the following material, since a woman must submit to the man in all things, she will be judged by how well she submitted during her life.

16:97 Whoever does good, whether male or female, and believes, We will certainly give a happy life, and We will certainly give them their reward for the best of their actions.

This next verse is the high point of Islamic relations between the sexes. Women will be "rewarded by their actions," which must include submission to men.

9:71 The faithful of both sexes are mutual friends. They command what is just and forbid what is evil. They observe regular prayer, contribute regularly to charity, and they obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah will show His mercy to these. Allah is mighty and wise. Allah promised the faithful, both men and women, Gardens beneath which the rivers flow in which they shall abide, and blessed mansions in the Gardens.

THE VEIL

The veil has many manifestations, burka, purdah, hijab, but they are all methods of hiding and secluding the woman from society.

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Here we see that young girls and menstruating women were secluded in Mohammed's community.

[B2,15,88;B2,15,91]

Um Atiya said that on the Day of Id [a festival], women were told to come out behind the men and say Takbir and invoke Allah with them. Also included were the menstruating women and young virgins who would normally be in seclusion.

Mohammed's wives were all veiled. In the following hadith.

[B1,4,148;B8,74,257]

The wives of the Prophet used to go to a large open place to answer the call of nature at night. Umar used to say to the Prophet "Let your wives be veiled," but Allah's Apostle did not do so. One night Sauda went out at night and she was a tall lady. Umar said, "I have recognized you, O Sauda."

He said he desired that the women might be veiled. So Allah revealed the verses of veiling.

A woman should be hidden from all men who might have sex with them. Only their relatives and slaves can know their private lives.

33:55 There is no blame on the Messenger's wives if they speak unveiled with their fathers, sons, brothers, nephews on either their brother's or sister's side, their women, or their slave-girls. Women! Fear Allah, for Allah witnesses all things.

Here we see that the seclusion of the veil is all about sex.

24:60 As for the unmarried women past the age of childbearing, they will not be blamed if they take off their outer garments, as long as they do not show their adornments [jewelry]. It will be better for them if they do not take them off, for Allah hears and knows all.

MENSTRUATION

A menstruating woman is unclean and is restricted as to what she can do.

[B1,4,227;B1,6,304;B1,6,305]

A woman came to Mohammed and asked, "If anyone of us gets menses in her clothes then what should she do?" He replied, "She should take hold of the soiled place, put it in water and rub it in order to remove the traces of blood and then pour more water over it. Then she can pray in it."

Menstruation makes a woman unclean.

2:222 They ask you about women's menstrual cycle. Say: It is a discomfort. Therefore, keep away from them during this time and do not come near them until they are clean again. But when they are clean, you may lie with them as Allah has commanded. Allah loves those who turn to Him and seek cleanliness.

THE STATUS OF WOMEN

It is the nature of females that most of those in Hell will be women.

[B1,4,184;B1,12,712;B2,18,154;B2,18,156;B2,18,157;B2,18,159;B2,18,161;B2,18,162;B2,18,164;B3;40,552;B4,54,423;B7,62,125;B9,92,390]

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Mohammed's followers then told him that during his prayer they saw him reach out with his hands and grasp something, and later retreat in horror. Mohammed replied, "I saw Paradise and stretched my hands towards a bunch of fruit, and had I taken it, you would have eaten from it as long as this world remains. I also saw Hellfire, and I have never seen such a terrible sight. I saw that that the majority of the inhabitants were women." When asked why this was so, Mohammed replied, "They are ungrateful to their husbands and to good deeds. Even if you are good to one of them all of your life, whenever she sees some harshness from you she will say, 'I have never seen any good from you.'"

Mohammed also saw a woman in Hell being clawed by a cat. He learned that she had imprisoned a cat, neither feeding it nor allowing it to seek its own food, until it starved.

Women are less intelligent than men. They are also spiritually inferior to men.

[B1,2,28;B1,6,301;B2,24,541;B4,54,464;B7,62,124;B7,62,126;B7,76,456;B8,76,554;B8,76,555]

Once, after offering prayer at Musalla, Mohammed said to the women, "O women! Give alms, as I have seen that the majority of the dwellers of Hell were women." They asked, "Why is it so, O Allah's Apostle?" He replied, "You curse frequently and are ungrateful to your husbands. I have not seen anyone more deficient in intelligence and religion than you. A cautious sensible man could be led astray by some of you."

The women asked, "O Allah's Apostle! What is deficient in our intelligence and religion?" He replied, "Is not the evidence of two women equal to the witness of one man?" They agreed that this was so. He said, "This is the deficiency in her intelligence. Isn't it

true that a woman can neither pray nor fast during her menses?" The women replied that this was so. He said, "This is the deficiency in her religion."

The religion of a women is controlled by the man.

[B6,61,572;B7,62,120]

Mohammed once said "A woman should not engage in optional fasts without her husband's permission if he is at home."

Women are an affliction to men.

[B4,52,111;B7,62,30;B7,62,31;B7,62,33;B7,62,32;B7,71,649;B7,71,666]

Mohammed said, "If at all there is a bad omen, it is in the horse, the woman and the house."

On another occasion, he had said, "I have not left any affliction after me more harmful to men than women."

Women cannot help their flaws, so be nice to them.

[B4,55,548;B7,62,113;B7,62,113]

Mohammed said, "Treat women nicely, for a women is created from a rib, and is much like one. If you try to straighten a rib, it will break, so I urge you to take care of the women."

A woman, a donkey or a dog can nullify prayers.

[B1,9,486;B1,9,490]

When told that a prayer is annulled if the praying ones are passed by a dog, a donkey, or a woman, Aisha said,

Do you make us women equal to dogs and donkeys? While I used to lie in my bed, the Prophet would sometimes come to pray facing the middle of the bed. I felt like it was wrong of me to remain in front of him while he prayed, so I would slip away slowly and quietly from the foot of the bed until I stopped feeling guilty.

Female leadership will lead to political failure.

[B9,88,219]

During the battle of Al-Jamal, Mohammed heard the news that the people of Persia had made the daughter of Khosrau their ruler. On this, he said, "A nation that makes a woman their ruler will never succeed."

LEGAL

The longest verse in the Koran is about contract law (Mohammed was a businessman). The general principle in Islamic law is that it takes two women to equal one man.

2:282 Believers! When you contract a loan for a certain period, write it down, or to be fair, let a scribe write it down. The scribe should not refuse to write as Allah has taught him; therefore, let the scribe record what the debtor dictates being mindful of his duty to Allah and not reducing the amount he owes. If the debtor is ignorant and unable to dictate, let his guardian do so with fairness. Call two men in to witness this, but if two men cannot be found, then call one man and two women whom you see fit to be witnesses. Therefore, if either woman makes an error, the other can correct her. Witnesses must not refuse to give testimony if they are called upon to do so; therefore, do not forget to record your debts in writing, whether they are little or much, along with the date on which they were paid. This is more fair in Allah's sight, as it ensures accuracy in proof and is the best way to avoid doubt. If, however, the transaction is one that occurs on the spot, you are not to blame if it is not recorded in writing. And have witnesses when you sell, and do not let harm come to the scribe or witnesses for it will be a sin for you if this occurs. And fear Allah and Allah will give you knowledge for He has knowledge of all things.

In this verse about estates, we have another application of the principle that a woman is half of a man.

4:11 It is in this manner that Allah commands you concerning your children: A male should receive a share equal to that of two females, and if there are more than two females, they should receive two-thirds of what the deceased has left. If there is only one female, she will inherit half. The father and mother of the deceased will each receive a sixth of what is left if he has a child, but if he has no children, his parents are his heirs, and his mother should receive a third. If he has brothers, his mother will only receive a sixth, after paying his inheritances and debts. You may not know whether your parents or your children are more useful, but this is Allah's law. Allah is knowing and wise!

THE DAUGHTERS OF ALLAH

In the Koran of Mecca, there are five references to Allah's denial of having daughters. The background is that there were three goddesses who were part of the worship at the Kabah of Mecca. The Meccans also said that angels were females.

53:19 Do you see Al-Lat and Al-Ozza, and Manat [Arabic deities] the third idol? What? Do you have male children and Allah female children [Arabs called angels the daughters of Allah]? That is an unfair division!

53:23 *These are mere names. You and your fathers gave them these names. Allah has not acknowledged them. They follow only their own conceits and desires, even though their Lord has already given them guidance.*

It is evil to suggest that Allah has any partners, but it is even worse to imply that Allah has daughters.

16:57 *Glory be to Him! They wish for sons, and they say that Allah has daughters [the Meccans considered the angels to be the daughters of Allah]. If they receive news that they have a daughter, their face darkens and they are filled with anguish. They hide themselves from their people in shame. Should they keep the child in shame or simply bury it? What an evil choice they make for themselves.*

17:40 *What? Has your Lord honored you by giving you sons while He has taken for Himself daughters from among the angels? Truly, you say a dreadful thing.*

BURYING DAUGHTERS

Islam claims to have greatly improved women's rights. Whatever improvement Islam made was a limited improvement since the Trilogy is eternal, universal and perfect. In short, whatever improvement Islam made in the condition of women 1400 years ago, is done. No more improvement to be done. "Eternal" and "perfect" do not allow for improvement.

We can see what female life was like before Islam by looking at Mohammed's wife Khadija. Before she met Mohammed, she was independently wealthy, ran her own business, owned slaves and other property, proposed her own marriage, inherited property, loaned money and was not secluded behind a curtain.

One of the ways that Islam claims to have improved the status of women is to prevent the "burying of daughters". The Koran states that very poor Arabs would bury female babies alive. Both the Koran and the Hadith condemn this practice.

[B3,41,591;B8,73,6;B8,76,480;B9,92,395]

According to Al-Mughira, Mohammed used to forbid idle talk, asking too many questions about religion, wasting money, not giving what should be given in charity, and asking others for something (except in great need), extravagance, being undutiful to mothers, and burying one's little daughters alive.

This is the Sunna of Mohammed

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4:59 Believers! Obey Allah and obey His Messenger and those among you with authority.

- A Muslim woman has many regulations as to whom she can marry.
 - The woman receives a dowry.
 - The main element a woman brings to marriage is sex.
 - A woman must have sex whenever a man wants it.
 - Divorce is determined by the man.
 - A man may have up to four wives.
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The marriage in Islam is not like that of Western civilization. Marriage is a civil contract exactly like any business contract. There does not even have to be a religious ceremony.

One of the great strengths of Islam is how it makes marriage and having children a center of Islamic civilization. Not only is marriage encouraged, but celibacy is condemned. Marriage is called half of a Muslim's religion. To be healthy and unmarried is to be a brother of Satan. When a Muslim reaches puberty he should marry.

[B7,62,173]

Mohammed said to Jabir, "If you enter your town at night after coming from a journey, do not enter upon your family till your wife shaves her pubic hair and combs her hair. O Jabir! Seek to have offspring, seek to have offspring!"

QUALIFICATIONS

A Muslim woman cannot be married against her will.

[B7,62,67;B7,62,68;B9,85,79;B9,86,98]

Aisha asked Mohammed, "O Allah's Apostle! Should women be asked for their consent to their marriage?" When he replied

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that they should, Aisha said, "A virgin, if asked, feels shy and keeps quiet." He said, "Her silence expresses her consent."

A Muslim woman may not marry a Kafir. Pagan (not a Jew or Christian) women may not be married to a Muslim male.

2:221 You will not marry pagan women unless they accept the faith. A slave girl who believes is better than an idolatress, although the idolatress may please you more. Do not give your daughters away in marriage to Kafirs until they believe, for a slave who is a believer is better than an idolater, though the idolater may please you more.

THE CONTRACT

The marriage dowry is not refundable.

4:20 If you want to exchange one wife for another, do not take anything away from the dowry you have given her. Would you take it by slandering her and doing her obvious wrong? How could you take it back when you have slept with one another and entered into a firm covenant?

Marriage always includes the business of the dowry (mahr) paid to the bride.

A man may have from one to four wives and as many slave-girls as he wishes.

4:3 If you fear that you will not be able to deal with orphan girls fairly, marry other women of your choice, two, or three, or four; but if you fear that you cannot treat them equally, then marry only one, or any of the slave-girls you have acquired. This will prevent you from being unjust.

MARITAL SEX

The most important thing that a woman brings to the marriage is her vagina.

[B3,31,129;B7,62,81]

Mohammed said:

He who can afford to marry should marry, because it will help him refrain from looking at other women, and save his private parts from looking at other women, and save his private parts from committing illegal sexual relations; and he who cannot afford to marry is advised to fast, as fasting will diminish his sexual power.

He also said, "The stipulations of the marriage contract most entitled to be abided by are those with which you are given the right to enjoy a woman's private parts."

Allah curses the woman who resists sex.

[B4,54,460;B7,62,121;B7,62,122;]

Mohammed said, "If a husband calls his wife to his bed for sex and she refuses and causes him to sleep in anger, the angels will curse her till morning."

This next hadith and verse clearly give the status of a Muslim woman. A Muslim wife is always ready to have sex upon demand. It is her husband's right. Plowed fields is an Islamic term for the vagina, an interesting agricultural image.

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Jabir said that the Jews had an expression which said, "When a man has sex with his wife from behind, their child will have squinty eyes." Consequently, the verse was revealed,

2:223 Your women are your tilth (plowed fields, vagina): go into your fields when you like, but do some good deed beforehand and fear Allah. Keep in mind that you will meet Him. Give good news to the believers.

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Mohammed: "It is all right if a man wants to enter his wife from behind or from on top, but he should enter the vagina."

THE HOME

When a woman is out of the house, she should be accompanied by a relative. And the woman cannot have a man in her house who is not related to her if her husband is not at home. The sexuality of a woman is to be controlled at all times. Absolute control of a woman's sexuality in all of its forms is part of a man's ghira (pride, honor, self-respect and sacred jealousy).

[B2,20,192;B2,20,193;B3,29,85;B3,31,215]

Mohammed said that a woman is forbidden from traveling for two or more days without her husband or a Dhi-Mahram (a man she cannot marry by Islamic law).

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It is the husband or father who determines who comes into the house. It is not allowed for a wife or daughter to exercise this choice. Exercising this power is part of a man's ghira (see next section, Jealousy and Honor).

[B1,2,53;B2,24,506;B2,24,518;B2,24,520;B2,24,521;B2,24,546;B3,34,279;B3,34,280;B7,62,123;B7,64,273]

Mohammed said, "You will be rewarded for whatever you spend for Allah's sake even if it were a morsel which you put in your wife's mouth." As Mohammed told the wife of Abu Salama, this also counts for what one spends to feed one's own children: "Spend on them and you will get a reward for what you spend on them."

"If a lady gives meals (in charity) from her husband's house without spoiling her husband's property," Mohammed added, "she will get a reward and her husband will also get a reward likewise, as will the storekeeper. The husband will get a reward because of his earnings and the woman because of her spending. The reward of one will not decrease the reward of the others."

Also, Mohammed said that if a wife gives some of her husband's property without his permission, he will receive half of the reward.

She may not fast without his permission if he is at home, and she must not allow anyone to enter his house without his permission.

The wife should always be allowed to go the mosque.

[B1,12,824;B2,13,22;

Mohammed said, "If your women ask permission to go to the mosque at night, allow them."

If a man brings a new wife into the home, here is the law for the new wife.

[B7,62,140;B7,62,141]

It is Mohammed's tradition that if someone marries a virgin and he already has a matron wife then he should stay for seven days with the virgin and then alternate between the two; conversely, if someone marries a matron and he already has a virgin wife then he should stay with the matron for three days and then alternate the two.

JEALOUSY AND HONOR—GHIRA

In this hadith we have the basis for a Muslim's sense of honor and pride. The man rules the woman, and his status in the community depends upon

how his women conduct themselves. Ghira is sacred jealousy, even Allah has ghira. Ghira is also self-respect and is the basis of honor killings. Notice that Saed's threat to kill a man with his wife is not condemned, but supported. Violence in defence of a Muslim's ghira is pure Islam.

[B8,82,829;B9,93,512]

Saed bin Ubada said, "If I saw a man with my wife, I would strike him with the blade of my sword." This news reached Mohammed, who then said, "You people are astonished at Saed's ghira (self-respect). By Allah, I have more ghira than he, and Allah has more ghira than I, and because of Allah's ghira, He has made unlawful shameful deeds and sins done in open and in secret.

And there is none who likes more that the people should repent to Him and beg His pardon than Allah, and for this reason He sent the admonishers and the givers of good news. And there is none who likes to be praised more than Allah does, and for this reason, Allah promised to grant Paradise to the doers of good."

THE RIGHTS OF A WOMAN

Islam is very clear on a woman's rights. Mohammed talked about this in his last sermon at Mecca. If a woman obeys her husband and never acts in a sexual manner towards another man (including being alone with another male), then she must be given food and shelter. [All quotes with the number starting with I are from Ishaq, the Sira.]

1969 Mohammed also told them men had rights over their wives and women had rights over their husbands. The wives were never to commit adultery or act in a sexual manner toward others. If they did, they were to be put in separate rooms and beaten lightly. [Stoning is the penalty in other hadiths.] If they refrained from what was forbidden, they had the right to food and clothing. Men were to lay injunctions on women lightly for they were prisoners of men and had no control over their persons.

Again, from the Sira, we have some more about a husband's rights:

1957 Mohammed sent Muadh to Yemen to proselytize. While he was there he was asked what rights a husband has over the wife. He replied to the woman who asked, "If you went home and found your husband's nose running with pus and blood and you sucked it until it was cleaned, you still would not have fulfilled your husband's rights."