

The Family

The family comes into existence by the union of a man and a woman. It is an institution wherein love and affection dwells. It is the core unit of the society. The strongest attraction between the spouses is due to the sexual relations, which also ensures the procreation of the human race. If the family breaks down and sex has no legal or moral restrictions then a lot of problems will result, including broken homes, neglected children, unwanted and illegitimate pregnancies, sexual diseases and social disintegration. Also the prosperity and well being of individuals as well as the whole society depends on family alone.

For a happy family proper lodging, housing, hygienic living conditions, healthy environment, financial sufficiency, and other fundamental necessities of life are essential. The members of a family should be polite, cooperative and affectionate to each other. They should fulfill their responsibilities, be faithful and have a deep sense of devotion.

The responsibilities of a family include procreation, looking after the training and educating of children, propagation of their culture and heritage, preparing the children to face the challenges of life ahead and to instill moral, ethical and religious values in them, and create an environment in which they may become intelligent, and friendly and live according to the laws of society and country.

Physically speaking the developing stages of humans include infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, middle age and old age. The individuals who are brought up in a healthy environment with plenty of nutritious diet to eat, and a



congenial atmosphere invariably turn out to be grown-ups with a healthy physique. If sufficient resources for growth in education and emotions are available youngsters grow up to be psychologically normal as well. The better the quality of the resources available during growth the greater the qualities of the mind and body during later life.

It is however tragic that although we have acquired great proficiency in the physical sciences, yet we have not been able to understand our own emotions. This leads to frequent interpersonal conflict, and sometimes to destruction of great proportions.

Adolescents grow up to be young adults and assume the role of husband and wife and soon thereafter that of parents. History usually repeats itself. If these young people have had good relations with their parents, and other family members then they themselves become good parents otherwise not. As a matter of fact each generation should attempt to inspire its off-springs to surpass them in all spheres of life, as it is only then that human progress can be brought about.

Emotional training is very important. A balanced, contented and effective person can be produced, and success in life assured only by inculcating an emotionally balanced personality.

It is only those family members who have balanced personalities, psychologically, and emotionally, who can provide support and happiness for others as well as for themselves.

Interpersonal strife in a family leads to mental tension, anger and conflict, and is usually due to the interaction of emotionally and psychologically unbalanced persons.

Married life should start by having a loving relationship between husband and wife. Undue domination of the wife by the husband destroys the love bond and replaces it with hatred, fear, and grudging obedience. The reverse occurs in some cases.



Both husband and wife should follow the Islamic principles of life and in this regard neither of them should obey the other if these rules are violated. Outside this sphere (and this leaves only trivial matters), attempt should be made by the couple to come to a mutual understanding on all matters. However if, on occasion, this is not possible then Islam advises the wife to give in, as the husband is considered the head of the family, and it is his responsibility to provide the household with protection, finances and other necessities.

Light punishment for wives is allowed in the holy quran but only in instances where other non-violent methods have failed (i.e. avoidance of talking, or refusal of sex etc.) and the offence is very serious. Of course if a wife considers herself a victim of unnecessary or severe violence she can have recourse to the law, and also she has the right of separation or divorce. Further a direct divorce pronouncement, as allowed for a husband, can also be obtained for the wife by specifying this in the Marriage (نكاح) contract.

There is not a single incidence in the life of the holy prophet ⁽¹⁾ where he used punishment on any of his family members.

The revered companion Anas,⁽²⁾ who remained in his service for ten years, stated that the holy prophet⁽¹⁾ did not scold (or punish) him even once; even when a utensil would slip from his hands and break, instead of being cross with him the prophet⁽¹⁾ would offer reassurance and say “never mind, it was Allah’s will”.

The rearing of children is best in a loving family. Children should be provided with all the necessities of life, as well as love and affection. Criticism should be as little as possible, scolding rare and physical punishment completely avoided.



Encouragement and rewards should be used for training and educating. Such children will grow up to be confident, happy young adults with balanced personalities, and love for their parents. Then in the old age of the parents they will provide, in return, help and sustenance as ordered by the holy Quran.

Women in Christianity and other Cultures

Christians believe that the Satan first tempted Eve⁽¹⁾ successfully and then she persuaded Adam⁽¹⁾ to eat the forbidden fruit, whereas the holy Quran states that both were approached and fell into temptation and wrongdoing together. Thus Christianity believes in blaming Eve⁽¹⁾ and by extension all women of being more evil and more susceptible to the devil.

Jesus⁽¹⁾ did not have time to marry or have a family in his short worldly career and may be because of this Christianity elevated refraining from sex and marriage as a very holy thing. The priests and nuns did not marry and the Catholic Church still continues this practice. Totally ignoring this powerful human need would have resulted in wiping out the human race if enough people had adopted it, which mercifully did not happen.

However, those that attempted to defy nature fell into a worse trap by engaging in illegal sex with women as well as men. Even in modern times the newspapers are full of accounts of so-called celebrate Catholic Christian clergy engaging in sex with children specially boys. Many have been convicted and others have had to pay huge sums of money to keep the victims quiet.

The Christians considered women the root of all evil. In Europe thousands were burnt alive because they were suspected of being witches.

The women could not own property or engage in business without the husband's permission.

Today the modern west claims to have the most liberated women, but they are exploiting them in many ways.



They have been made to think that the man's outside work is the only work which is respectable, and thus most women are compelled to work outside the home, most in manual labour.

When the woman comes home from work she still has the household chores to do and the cooking, as well as to take care of the children (remember there are no servants who can help). She has to do the cleaning and washing, as well as the shopping and all other outside work which the men have very graciously bestowed upon them. And the husband puts his feet up, drinks a beer and watches television. Don't you ever believe the common propaganda that the husband helps the wife in the household work! That is left for the Hollywood films. The husbands usually take lots of alcohol specially, on weekends and in the evenings and then come home and beat up their wives.

When in USA we used to hear a hue and cry in the whole locality at around 2.00 A.M. every night. On enquiring we discovered that was the time the bars closed down and the drunken husbands came home and then started beating their wives.

Marital fidelity is something unknown out there. Not only before marriage but after it too, as the individuals, specially, the men continue to liaison with members of the opposite sex. When a neighbour lady complained of her husband's frolics my wife suggested she divorce him. The reply was "What is the use, all men are alike." No wonder. The environment is such that promiscuity is encouraged, before marriage and after. Single people are persuaded to meet with members of the opposite sex (dating) and go drinking and dancing, and what follows is obvious. Married couples go to parties where alcohol is the main feature and then dancing and God help the person who dances with the spouse, as that is considered bad manners. Therefore when a woman or man divorces the spouse it is usually the spouse's "friend" that becomes the next partner.



Other cultures like that of China and Greece did not treat its women any better either. Plato in his Utopia assigned women only to the prostitute class and did not plan any other role for her. Even today the western countries (and their imitators) have turned their women into prostitutes. It is considered a badge of honour to lose ones virginity. Any man who can spend a few dollars (or pounds etc.) can have sex with a so-called “nice” girl. Prostitutes are abundant in addition to that. They are now called by a new “decent” name i.e. “sex workers”.

Every one knows that prostitutes, and those women behaving like prostitutes, are spreading the devastating disease of AIDS but still criticism of prostitution and promiscuous sex is frowned upon. Instead of stamping out prostitution (by amateurs as well as professionals) it is being protected, and they are being accepted under the condition of using condoms. Even in Pakistan this policy is being followed. Let us admit the fact that AIDS is spread mainly by sexual promiscuity. Certainly some cases do result in innocent people due to shared needles or faulty blood transfusion, but still more than 99% of effected sick people are those that indulge in illegal and immoral sexual behaviour. May be the western countries (and others who copy then) cannot stamp out this kind of behaviour in their society, but Muslim countries still can. Therefore we should adopt an entirely different approach and instead of trimming the branches, we should strike at the root of this and other evils i.e. sexual promiscuity and prostitution.

The late American president Kennedy is reported to have said that he gets a headache if he doesn't have sex every day. I think most westerners are that way, but they do not realize the damage they are doing to society in this manner.

In India the Hindu women cannot get married unless their parents can afford to give expensive dowries. Even today young men are abducted specially in Bihar, India, in order to marry the girls off without a dowry.



The wives are mere slaves and have no rights specially, of divorce. Some chose to burn themselves on their husband's pyre. No wonder as the widow is still considered a bad omen and turned out of the house even by her own family.

15.1 Islamic Philosophy of Family Life

Basic Concepts:

1. Allah has created man and woman in order to provide love and companionship and to perpetuate the human race.
2. Sex between husband and wife is considered essential, good, respectable and as creditable as worship. However, such actions have been prohibited which would lead to sex outside marriage and thus destroy the family, as well as the social life.
3. Sexual pleasure is one of the great gifts of Allah and is to be enjoyed.
4. The human child needs physical and psychological care for many years and thus a caring family environment is essential for its survival, training and development.
5. The man is the head of the household and has thus been entrusted with the responsibility of providing protection, finance and other necessities of life to the wife and children.
6. The principle rights and responsibilities of the husband and wife have been spelled out so that mutual cooperation, love and affection is assured.
7. It is accepted that only good and balanced individuals can form a nice family and further that close, happy and prosperous families constitute a flourishing society.
8. The family is the institution which shapes the individual. The more efficient a family the better persons it will produce and these good persons will



- help a society to excel in all spheres of life.
9. To protect the spouses from immoral and illegal temptation from other members of the opposite sex, modesty of dress and actions has been prescribed.

The family is the smallest unit of society. What happens here affects the whole social organization.

Sex is accepted in its own right, for its pleasure, as well as for its role in procreation.

Every good deed in this worldly life is considered by Islam as equivalent to the formal worship of Allah, and the same is true of marital sexual relations.

By making the man the provider and protector of the family the wife has been relieved of these responsibilities, except in emergencies. The woman has only the responsibilities of bearing and rearing children, and the caring of the home and husband. She is also independent in her sphere of action. Both are expected to consult each other, but have to follow the principles laid down by Islam. If they disagree on some minor matter the wife should follow the husband's point of view. In this way most matters are mutually and amicably settled and occasional differences on minor matters do not lead to marital discord.

Recently a book on marital relations has been published in U.S.A. by a couple of women authors who advocate that wives should surrender to their husbands in case of an irreconcilable difference of opinion. The book has attained great popularity and the authors say they have based their opinion on studying the causes of marital conflict, which lead to separation, divorce or a miserable marital life.

The bond of marital relation is further strengthened with a social system wherein there is the least opportunity of temptation from outsiders and maximum attraction amongst



the married couple. Modesty of dress (for both men and women) and the avoidance of social contact and intimacy (except in emergency) further help in confining the sexual attraction, and activity, between the married couple.

Moreover, the holy Quran prescribes a hundred stripes for anyone convicted of adultery. Of course for such a conviction four adult witnesses are necessary.

Rights and Responsibilities of the Husband and Wife

1. The husband has the responsibility of providing finance, security, and other necessities, as well as to do all the hard work inside or outside the home. He must also be loving and affectionate. Therefore it is imperative that Muslim boys be trained and educated in such a way that they are well equipped to fulfill all the stated objectives.
2. Women have been allotted the work of bearing, rearing and training children. They also should take care of managing the household as well as the caring and providing the loving companionship for the husband. The girls should therefore be educated and trained accordingly, however a Muslim society needs female nurses, doctors, teachers and other workers to cater to the needs of the women. Moreover, both men and women are commanded by the Holy Prophet⁽¹⁾ to obtain knowledge from the “cradle to the grave.”
3. Every institution requires a chief executive for proper working and the marital household is no exception to this rule. This can be seen in all commercial corporations, welfare organizations, political parties and even in religious establishments. Many of the marital problems of the modern western world occur because they ignore this fact, which leads to interminable clashes. It seems logical and natural to entrust the man in the house with such responsibility



as he is stronger and already saddled with the responsibility of the provider and protector. Women are not only smaller and less in bodily strength, but also have many periods when they are more or less incapacitated, like menstruation, pregnancy, child birth, lactation and care of a small infant. A woman's body and mind is also structured in such a way that she enjoys all this and needs to be provided and protected while she is engaged in this important work of procreation and continuation of the human race. However, the Quran uses for the husband a word which could be translated as "organizer" or "secretary" and in no case should this be stretched to become dictator or tormenter.

4. The marital relationship should be protected from negative outside influences by setting up a society where extra marital interaction between men and women is the barest minimum, happening only when absolutely essential and that too in modest dress and non-seductive behavior.

In this respect more social interaction is allowed for relatives than for others. Even relatives have been divided into two groups. One group consists of people who cannot intermarry (محرّم) and this consists of relatives who usually share a home and have frequent social relations. It is not prohibited to meet and have social interaction with these relatives but with all others one must behave as with strangers, if they are of the opposite sex. So much so that just being alone with such a person of the opposite sex is considered a formidable sin.

The close (forbidden to marry) relatives (محرّم) are the following: parents, off-springs, siblings, parents, siblings, father and mother-in-law, sister and brother-in-law and those that have nursed the same woman.



Men and women are directed to dress as nuns and priests when with anyone other than spouse, and quite the opposite when with spouse alone. At that time they should be the most attractive in dress, and manner; dressing (or undressing) as they please and using all beauty aids they like. Moreover they are allowed every kind of foreplay and sexual pose.

The Muslim woman dresses like a nun, covered from head to toe, except for the face (many cover that too) and talks to other men only for some business or in an emergency and is not close or intimate socially or physically with anyone else. Similarly a Muslim man dresses modestly and avoids social contact and physical intimacy with any other woman. Their sexual urges bring them even closer as there is no competition from anyone else. The wife will thus seem like Ms. Universe and the husband like Mr. Universe.

15.2 Relationship Between A Muslim Husband And Wife

Islamic Marriage is a contract between a man and woman in the worldly sense. It depends upon mutual consent of the parties involved and can also be revoked by either of them.

The Islamic state of Medina was set up by the holy prophet⁽¹⁾ in 630 A.D. and the Holy Quran, even at that time, allowed women to own property and conduct business, rights which were not conferred upon women in the rest of the world till the 20th century.

Even though this source of income is open to women, still they are not bound to spend that money on themselves or their home needs, as all this has to be provided by the husband. In the absence of the husband other male members of the family (father, brother, sons etc.) are duty bound to provide these finances. In fact there was a Supreme Court decision in Pakistan that if the above male relatives were not alive, the financial support would be the responsibility of the



nearest living male relative. In addition to this the woman is also entitled to a share of the property of father, husband and brother etc.

The marriage contract (نكاح نامہ) is a contract between a man and a woman, and both have equal status before, as well as after the contract is signed. The married woman maintains her independent legal status and can make commercial contracts, if need be, uses her own name, and doesn't need her husband's permission or counter signature.

She doesn't even have to change her name and adopt her husband's name. Even in the modern countries of the west a woman has no independent name, she is called by her father's name before and by her husband's name after her marriage.

The marriage (نكاح) contract requires the free consent of both the persons. However, both of them should be adults and have the mental capacity to make proper judgment. Marriages can be arranged by the parents only on the desire of the man or woman, but can only be finally contracted by the express permission and final consent of the bride and groom.

Moreover, specific conditions can be laid down in the marriage contract. The payment of a sum of money (مهر) to the bride, mutually agreed upon, is an essential part of the agreement. This money can be given immediately after contract or on the demand of the wife later on. However, other conditions, which are optional, may also be demanded and agreed upon. For instance the wife may insist on the specification of certain monthly expense money, or she may demand to have the right of direct divorce as in the case of a man (in addition to right of the divorce via court (خلع) which, she automatically has). Moreover Islamic law does NOT compel her to work for the parents and other members of the family of the husband. She also has the right of insisting on a separate house for herself and her children.



Consent for marriage is now usually a written signature but the spoken word is also enough. In some cultures, if the bride is too shy to do this then her nodding in assent or some other positive gesture may be considered as assent by the person appointed as her advocate (وكيل), who is also accompanied by two independent witnesses. Some scholars insist that for the protection of young girls, about to be married for the first time, in addition to their assent, the consent of the father or guardian (ولي) is also essential.

Just as a marriage is brought about by the free consent of a man and woman, similarly the marriage contract can be cancelled by either of them. In most of the modern, secular, western countries this is not possible. Even if both husband and wife agree on divorce they cannot bring it about unless a court reviews their positions, decides that their grounds are genuine and then agrees to pronounce a divorce. In some states of modern U.S.A. the couples have to go through the process of proving adultery in order to convince the court to pronounce divorce, as that happens to be the only legal ground for divorce.

Islam has encouraged people to marry the spouse of choice and then try to adjust with each other as much as possible. Since the man has a stronger sex drive, the wife has been asked to consent to sex whenever approached. Moreover, she has been asked to adopt the most attractive appearance (make up and clothes etc.) when her husband is present, and be as seductive and pleasant as a courtesan, so that both remain happy and satisfied.

The husband has to do likewise, and be loving and affectionate. Both are encouraged to forego the mistakes and irritating habits of the other, because time will usually help tide them over these problems. If the husband is not entirely satisfied with his wife, especially sexually, then he has the option of marrying upto three additional wives instead of divorcing her.



However if in spite of all efforts a husband and wife can't get along, then it is better for them to break the bond and seek another spouse who may be more suitable. Although divorce is considered "the worst of all permissible acts" but it is still better than sticking to a bad relationship, because that would encourage immoral sexual liaisons outside marriage and put an unbearable strain on the household members.

Christianity is against sex and marriage probably because Jesus⁽¹⁾ was young and single. St. Paul is reported to have said about marriage "It is better to marry than burn." Christians consider those people who remained single to be the best. Marriage was tolerated but it was considered irreversible, which meant that no divorce was allowed. Kings, barons, lords and others took to murdering their wives in order to get rid of them. King Henry the VII of England executed seven wives in succession in order to marry other women. Some years ago Alfred Hitchcock presented a series of dramas entitled "How to murder your wife."

Gradually even most Christians found ways around these brutal ways but the Catholic Church and those that follow it are still clinging to all those concepts, with disastrous social disruption.

Moreover for marriage and divorce, Christianity (as well as other religions) makes it compulsory for a priest to perform the ceremonies. However for a Muslim no such priest is needed. An ordinary Muslim can preside over the ceremony and a group of other persons is needed only to observe the marriage contract and become witnesses.

For a divorce the husband needs to pronounce verbally, or in writing, his decision three times (once every month according to most scholars). The couple can revert to the status of husband and wife at any time before the third announcement.

The wife can obtain similar rights by including it in the marriage contract. However, even otherwise she can obtain



divorce, by a process called “Khula” (خلع) wherein either the husband himself agrees to pronounce divorce or the wife approaches the court to force the husband to do so.

Islam has made marriage (as well as divorce) easy, so that men and women can get sexual, and other satisfactions inside marriage and not outside it. Marriage requires no expensive ceremonies, and is a simple contract of a man and woman before a few witnesses. Neither the law nor the priest is in anyway involved. Divorce is likewise simple. No court or priest is involved here either; and the man and woman are then free to follow their inclination as to the future spouse. There is not a single culture, religion or Non-Muslim country in the world, which makes these processes so easy and entirely dependent on the free will of the men and women concerned. In most countries even today, divorce is very difficult and such a couple are made to live a life full of grief, or go for satisfactions (sexual and others) to people other than their spouses.

At some places divorce takes a long and expensive court trial to determine if they can legally divorce or not. The final judge is still the court not the individuals concerned. Often the process is so lengthy and expensive that most follow the method called “The poor man’s divorce” which means just disappearing from the home and neighborhood and starting a new (immoral and illegal) life elsewhere.

Not only divorces but even marriages are discouraged by the, seemingly generous, provisions for women entitled “alimony”, i.e. a man has to give his house, half his estate to the ex-wife and pay for her living expenses until she gets remarried. The result is men avoid marriage altogether and just “live together” which means living like husband and wife, even having sex and children but without a formal marriage contract. Islam doesn’t allow that kind of exploitation of women nor the corruption of family life.



In the western society (and other societies which are copying the west) it is common knowledge that girls go looking for husbands, even when they are “dating”, but boys are looking for sexual pleasure and try to avoid committing themselves to marriage. The joke of the bride left waiting at the wedding ceremony and the bridegroom never appearing is so common that it is now a tragedy and shows that even after consenting (with passionate romance, courtship and sex) they back out at the last moment. Premarital sex, (living together or otherwise) results in women being saddled with the bearing and rearing children alone, because the men desert them and are not bound legally or morally to care for them. It is stated that orphanages and foster homes in USA and other western countries are full of children whose parents are living, but separated.

Extracts From the Holy Quran and Hadees

1. Hadees Ibn-e-Maja:

The revered Ibn-e-Abbas⁽²⁾ reported the Prophet⁽¹⁾ as saying “The prayers of three people (mentioned below) don’t go a hand breadth above them:-

- The ruler, of a nation, who is disliked.
- The wife who displeases her husband for a whole night.
- Those two Muslims who break their relationship due to some worldly dispute.

2. Bukhari, Chapter 122, Hadees 189, p. 116:

The revered Abdullah bin Zama⁽²⁾ reported the Prophet⁽¹⁾ as saying “None should beat his wife (like a captive). It doesn’t make sense first to beat her and then later to go to bed with her.”

3. Hadees -- Hakim:

The revered Aysha⁽²⁾ reported the Prophet⁽¹⁾ as saying “A husband has the most rights over his wife, and a



mother over her son.”

4. Hadees -- Tibrani:

The revered Memona⁽²⁾ reported the Prophet⁽¹⁾ as saying “A woman who obeys Allah’s commandments, behaves well with her husband and guides him towards righteousness, remains chaste and takes proper care of his money, will be in paradise, next only to the martyrs. Furthermore if her husband is a Muslim, and does good deeds, then she will continue to be his wife in heaven, otherwise she will be married to one of the martyrs.”

5. Hadees – Tibrani

The revered Tameemdari⁽²⁾ reported the Holy Prophet⁽¹⁾ as saying “a wife should always respond positively to her husband’s request for sex, not leave the house without his permission, not invite into the house any one against his wishes and help him fulfill his oaths.”

6. Hadees -Tirmizi:

The revered Umme-Salma⁽²⁾ reported the Prophet⁽¹⁾ as saying “If the husband is happy with his wife then she will surely go to paradise.”

7. Hadees - Muslim:

The revered Abu-Huraira⁽²⁾ reported the Prophet⁽¹⁾ as saying “A Muslim should not scold his wife for her mistakes. If she has some defects then she must have good qualities too. He should pay attention to her good points and ignore her defects.”



8. Hadees - Bukhari: Chapter 148, 224, p. 126:

The Prophet⁽¹⁾ stated, “The best of you are those who are good to their wives.”

9. Hadees – Tirmizi: 2nd vol, p. 710 & Bukhari 2nd vol, p.7:

The revered Abdullah Bin Masud⁽²⁾ has reported that the Holy Prophet⁽¹⁾ stated “No woman should describe another woman to her husband in such detail that he feels he is actually seeing her.”

15.4. Sexual Intercourse According to Quran & Hadees**1. Surah Baqra, versa #187:**

- i) “You are allowed intercourse at night with your wives during the month of fasting. They are as intimate for you as your own clothes and vice versa.”
- ii) “When you seclude yourself in the Masjid (اعتكاف) do not have sex with your wives.”

2. Surah Baqra, versa 197:

“Everyone knows the month of the Haj pilgrimage. During Haj one should avoid sex, quarreling, fighting and all other sins”.

3. Surah Rome, versa 21:

“One of his signs is the creation of wives for you, and mutual love and affection, so that you can get satisfaction and enjoyment.”

4. Muslim – p. 135 Hadees 3391:

The revered Jabir⁽²⁾ reported the Prophet⁽¹⁾ as saying



“The Jews think that if the husband has sex from behind, the child will be born with a squint. To counter this came, the passage in the Quran “your wives are like your fields, you can approach them which ever way you like.” The revered Zahri⁽²⁾ added that he also heard the Holy Prophet⁽¹⁾ say “you can have intercourse with your wives from behind but only through the vagina.”

5. Muslim, Ch. 166, p.117, Hadees 994:

The revered Jazama bint-e-wahab-ul-Asad⁽²⁾ reported the Prophet⁽¹⁾ as saying “I was thinking about prohibiting intercourse during lactation, but when I realized that the Persians and Romans adopted that practise without any adverse effects on the children, I dropped the idea.”

6. Bukhari (Saheeh), Ch. 132, p.118, Hadees 199:

The revered Abu-Saeed Khudri⁽²⁾ said that we were allotted female prisoners of war (captive maids) and we performed intercourse with the withdrawal method. When we asked the Prophet⁽¹⁾ about it he replied “Any soul that is destined to come into this world will certainly come and your method will not be able to prevent it.”

7. Bukhari Ch. 13, p. 121, Hadees 208:

The revered Anas Bin Malik⁽²⁾ said that the Holy Prophet⁽¹⁾ sometimes had intercourse with all his wives in a single night (and this was reported when he had nine wives).

15.5 Sex with female prisoners of war or captive women

(لوئدیاں)

If females (married or single) are made prisoners of war and are not exchanged for Muslim prisoners, or by ransom, nor any other agreement made for their mutual transfer, then they are not put in jail or concentration camps,



but are distributed among the Muslims by the Islamic state for safety and proper care. The state makes a kind of contract with the individual Muslims for caring for the captives and giving them proper food, clothes, respect & security. This prevents the exploitation, rape, prostitution and other suffering of these unfortunate women, which usually occurs during and after war. The men, charged with this responsibility are given the rights of a husband, who can have sexual relations too. Individuals in the army, or other civilians, cannot arrest them on the battlefield or elsewhere, for it is only the Islamic State's concerned officials who are to make them prisoner and then care for them in a proper manner. The female prisoners of war in the custody of a man will be given the rights of a wife, as far as providing security and the basic necessities of life are concerned. Her children will also have the same rights as the children of other regular wives.

Similarly male prisoners of war (غلمان) are also distributed among the Muslims for providing security and the necessities of life, which should be of the same standard that the Muslim himself enjoys.

The male and female POWs can be used as servants in the home and if they misbehave and cannot be handled by the owner they can be transferred to others on the payment of some money. There is no limit to the number of male and female POWs the state can entrust to a single Muslim, because the number of prisoners cannot be fixed before hand.

Whereas the female P.O.W. got assimilated in to family, the male P.O.W. was also treated well. He could work outside the house for wages and buy his freedom. Moreover Muslims were told that it is a very good deed to free the slaves (POWs) or to buy and free slaves (POWs) owned by others.

Slaves (POWs) became assimilated in the Muslim society and some became famous scholars and generals. There was even a whole dynasty of kings from among them, i.e. "The Slave Dynasty".

(1) *May Allah bless with eternal peace*

(2) *May Allah be Pleased*

