



# The Rights Afforded to Women in Islam

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## Foreword

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الحمد لله وكفى وسلام على عباده الذين اصطفى ،  
 أما بعد فأعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم  
 بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَافَّةً  
 وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ<sup>1</sup>

صدق الله العظيم، وصدق رسوله النبي الكريم،  
 ونحن على ذلك من الشاهدين والشاكرين، والحمد لله رب العالمين.

Allah ﷻ has perfected our Deen and Allah ﷻ has chosen for us the Deen of Islam.

This is that Deen which Allah ﷻ has chosen from the time of Rasullulah ﷺ, right up to the end of time. Every age, every era, every period, every single human being that will come on the face of the earth will have to follow this Deen. Allah ﷻ has perfected it in such a manner that it can withstand the challenges of all times and eras. It is so perfect that there are no flaws in it. We may not be able to give full expression to it, but the Deen is perfect, because Allah ﷻ himself says,

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ

*“Today I have perfected for you your Deen.”*<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Surah Baqarah verse: 208

<sup>2</sup> Surah Ma’idah: 5:3

***The rights of all are enshrined in the Quran and Ahaadith***

In the Quran and Hadith, the rights of everyone are mentioned. All the hudood, the limitations and the boundaries are mentioned. The rights of men and fathers, the rights of children and the rights of women and mothers are all found in our Deen, enshrined in the Quran and Hadith.

***Regarding Woman's Day, Mothers day, Father's day etc***

In Islam we do not have a woman's day, a mother's day and a father's day. Every day is a mother's day and father's day and everyday is a Woman's day, because their rights are enshrined in the Quran, and we as Muslims have to carry out those rights daily. We don't go by sentiments and emotions and highlight one day of the year as woman's day where everyone runs after that day, fulfilling the rights of the women - No. Every day is a woman's day. At all times, we are bound by this and we are required to fulfil their rights.

Sometimes when the western world talks about women's day, it makes a person wonder - What women are they talking about? Are they talking about the women of the past, of the days of jaahiliyat<sup>3</sup>? Then what rights can they give them? If they are talking about the women of Islam, then Allah ﷻ and Rasulullah ﷺ have given them such rights in the Quran and Hadith, that cannot be matched by any denomination and Deen. None can come near the rights, esteem, honour and dignity that Islam has afforded to the women.

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<sup>3</sup> Ignorance

And if they are talking about the women of today, then what rights are there? What have they (the west) given the women today? They have emptied her of all her virtues and virtually put her on the streets and she has become tantamount to some other object, like cars and other such items.

So which women are they talking about when they talk about woman's rights? If they are talking about the women of jaahiliyat, then in the pagan Arabian times, it was such that they had no right to even live. The people could not even tolerate their birth.

Allah ﷻ mentions in the Quran that when they would be given the glad tidings of a girl then their faces would become dark with grief. They use to hide away from the people...

مِنْ سُوءِ مَا بُشِّرَ بِهِ

“...because of the evil news that they got,”

And then they use to think and ponder:

أَيُّمَسِكُهُ عَلَى هُونٍ أَمْ يَدُسُّهُ فِي التُّرَابِ<sup>4</sup>

“Should they retain that daughter and be disgraced in the community or should they take that daughter and put her into the sand and bury her alive.”

أَلَّا سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ

“Unquestionably evil is what they decide.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Surah Nahl: 59

After Allah ﷻ mentions this scenario, He mentions how evil their decision was. How evil it was for them not to even tolerate the birth of their daughters. This was the position of the pagan Arabs at that time.

Allah ﷻ mentions in another verse of the Quran that on the day of Judgement, this child will come and ask:

وَإِذَا الْمَوْءِدَةُ سُئِلَتْ

“And when the girl (who was) buried alive is asked”

بِأَيِّ ذَنْبٍ قُتِلَتْ

“For what sin she was killed.”<sup>5</sup>

“For what reason was I killed? For what reason was I not given the right to live in this world?” - This was the position in the pre-Islamic times.

We also find that in the pre Islamic times, the women had no status whatsoever in society. She had no rights or possessions and infact she herself use to be possessed.

Like when a person dies and all his goods and wealth are distributed, the wife too use to be distributed in the manner that commodities are distributed. She had no rights of inheritance and no position whatsoever in society. How did all this change?

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<sup>5</sup> Surah Thakwir: 8-9

***Islam came with dignity for Women***

The beautiful Deen of Islam came and Allah ﷻ gave women rights that are enshrined in the Quran and Hadith. From the beginning of her existence, right to the end, we find that she has such dignity and such honour that when Allah ﷻ speaks about giving people children, then Allah ﷻ first mentions the female children:

يَهَبُ لِمَن يَشَاءُ إِنَاثًا وَيَهَبُ لِمَن يَشَاءُ الذُّكُورَ

*“He bestows female [offspring] upon whom He wills, and bestows male [offspring] upon whom He wills.”*

أَوْ يَرَوْهُمْ ذُكْرَانًا وَإِنَاثًا وَيَجْعَلُ مَن يَشَاءُ عَقِيماً إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ قَدِيرٌ

*Or He bestows both males and females [in the same womb], and He renders barren whom He wills. Indeed, He is the Omniscient, the Omnipotent.<sup>6</sup>*

Allah ﷻ first mentions that he bestows to whomsoever He wants female children, thereafter He mentions the males. On this note the commentators mention that this is also a point of fazeelat, superiority and virtue of the women over men. Due to Allah ﷻ mentioning her first, before He mentioned the boy.

من بركة المرأة ابتكارها بالأنثى

*“Amongst the blessing of a woman is that her first born be a girl.”<sup>7</sup>*

<sup>6</sup> Surah Shura: 49

<sup>7</sup> Al-MaqasidulHasanah, Hadith: 1205

The commentators write that a Mu'min<sup>8</sup> should feel happier when he gets a daughter than a son. Why? Because it goes against the pagan customs of the Arabian people of the pre Islamic days.

The lineage of Rasullullah ﷺ continued after him through his daughters.

### ***Rasullullah ﷺ's practical example of treatment of daughters***

Rasullullah ﷺ's care and love for his daughters was exemplary. Hadhrat Aisha Siddeeqa ؓ mentions in one lengthy Hadith, that I use to see Hadhrat Faathima ؓ coming and Rasullullah ﷺ use to stand up and Rasullullah ﷺ use to take her hand, Rasullullah ﷺ use to kiss her and Rasullullah ﷺ use to make her sit by his side. In some narrations it is mentioned that he use to make her sit in his place. This was the honour and respect of the women that Rasullullah ﷺ practically demonstrated to the Ummah.

When it came to the females, then this is what Rasullullah ﷺ taught us. In one hadith, Rasullullah ﷺ tells us:

*Sayyiduna Jabir ؓ reports that Rasullullah ﷺ said:*

*'Whoever has three daughters, whom he cares for, educates and gets them married, will get Jannah.'*

*Someone asked: What if he has only two daughters?*

*Rasullullah ﷺ replied: 'Even if he has only two.'*<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Believer

<sup>9</sup> Al-Mu'jamulAwsat, Hadith: 4757

### **Reward for bearing difficulties associated with having Daughters**

In another Hadith, Rasulullah ﷺ says that, that person who gets a daughter and he looks after her and cares for her and he does not discriminate, then InshaAllah he will enter into paradise.

On one occasion, a lady came to Hadhrat Aisha Siddiqah ؓ to beg for something.

Sayyidah 'Aaishah ؓ relates, "A woman came with her two daughters to beg. I had nothing but a date, which I gave her. She divided it between her two daughters and she did not eat any of it herself. Then she got up and left. When Rasulullah ﷺ came, I informed him about this and he said, 'If someone is tested by daughters, they will be a shield against Jahannam for him.'<sup>10</sup>

Regarding a widowed woman who does not marry and looks after the children,

Sayyiduna 'Awf ibn Malik ؓ reports that Nabi ﷺ said:

"I and a woman whose face has darkened [due to the hardships she endured while taking care of her children alone and she found no need to adorn herself since she did not remarry] shall on the Day of Qiyamah [some narrations have the words in Jannah] be like these two [joining between the index and middle fingers]. A woman of rank and beauty who has been bereft of her husband and devotes herself to her fatherless

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<sup>10</sup> Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 1418

children till they [grow up and are able to live on their own] or pass away.”<sup>11</sup>

Imagine being so close to Rasulallah ﷺ. These are practical points on women’s rights taught to us by Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ.

### ***The Role and Rights of Wives in Islam***

The narrations quoted above highlight the position that Islam has given women and daughters. When they become wives, then too they have rights, Rasulallah ﷺ said,

*“The best of you is the best to his wife/family, and I am the best among you to my wives”*<sup>12</sup>

This was the practical example of Rasulallah ﷺ. He was the most best to his wives and children.

In the Quran, Allah ﷻ intercedes on behalf of the wife,

وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ فَإِنْ كَرِهْتُمُوهُنَّ فَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَيَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا

*“And live with them (wives) with kindness. For if you dislike them – perhaps you dislike a thing and Allah makes therein much good.”*<sup>13</sup>

In this verse, Allah ﷻ intercedes saying, live with them with kindness. If you find any weakness with them then overlook that

<sup>11</sup> Sunan Abi Dawud, Hadith: 5106

<sup>12</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah, Hadith: 1977

<sup>13</sup> Surah An Nisaa: 19

weakness, you may find some weakness in her, but there may be so much of good in that wife of yours. Allah ﷻ mentions in another verse of the Holy Quran that they too have rights like you have rights.

وَأَهْنٌ مِثْلُ الَّذِي عَلَيْنَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ وَلِلرِّجَالِ عَلَىٰ نِسَائِهِمْ دَرَجَةٌ ۗ

*“The rights of the wives [with regard to their husbands] are equal to the [husbands'] rights with regard to them, although men have precedence over them [in this respect].”<sup>14</sup>*

At the time of Hajjatul wida<sup>15</sup>, Rasullullah ﷺ also mentioned the rights of the wife, telling the men that they have rights over you. You have to feed them, look after them etc, and as long as they are looking after their chastity etc, you should not oppress them. These words are mentioned in the Hadith of Rasullullah ﷺ regarding the wives.

Rasullullah ﷺ says,

الدُّنْيَا مَتَاعٌ وَخَيْرُ مَتَاعِ الدُّنْيَا الْمَرْأَةُ الصَّالِحَةُ

*‘The whole world is a provision, and the best object of benefit of the world is the pious woman.’<sup>16</sup>*

The world itself, the whole entire world, there are things that you can benefit from, but what is the best commodity of the world? It is a woman that is pious. Again, showing us the status of women,

<sup>14</sup> Surah Baqarah: 228

<sup>15</sup> The final Hajj of Rasulullah ﷺ

<sup>16</sup> Sahih Muslim, Hadith: 3628

that the woman that is pious is the best commodity. These are the words of Rasullulah ﷺ.

### ***The Role and Rights of Mothers in Islam***

When it comes to becoming a mother, or becoming parents, then Allah ﷻ has put in the Holy Quran so many verses where Allah ﷻ says,

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حُسْنًا

*“We have enjoined upon man goodness towards his parents.”<sup>17</sup>*

Meaning that We have emphasised upon man that he should fulfil the rights of his parents. In another verse, Allah ﷻ mentions that if both, or one of them reached old age, then do not say one word of contempt against them.

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا  
إِذَا يَبْلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا  
أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا

*“For your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And honour your parents. If one or both of them reach old age in your care, never say to them ‘even’ ‘urgh’ nor yell at them. Rather address them respectfully.”<sup>18</sup>*

<sup>17</sup> Surah Ahqaf: 15

<sup>18</sup> Surah Al-Israa:23

This is including the mother as well. Do not scold them, speak kind words to them and also become completely humble before them and make dua for them in the following manner:

رَبِّ اَرْحَمُهُمَا كَمَا رَيْبَانِي صَغِيرًا

“Rabbir hum huma kama rabbayaani saghira.”

“Oh Allah ﷻ have mercy upon them like how they had mercy upon me.”

This is the dua for the mother, in addition to the father. We are instructed to make dua for her as well.

Some places Allah ﷻ specifically mentions,

حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ كُرْهًا

“His mother carried him with hardship and gave birth to him with hardship...”<sup>19</sup>

Here, when Allah mentions the parents, He specifically mentions the mother, that she had carried him, “Hardship upon hardship, hardship upon hardship, she had carried the child. She had bore him with hardship and trouble and she had given milk to him in hardship and trouble.” Here again, specifically mentioning the woman, the mother, and the rights of the woman.

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه reports that a man once came to Nabi ﷺ and said, ‘O Rasulullah! Who is the most entitled to my good company?’

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<sup>19</sup> Surah Al-Ahqaf: 15

Nabi ﷺ replied, 'Your mother.' He asked, 'Then whom?' Nabi ﷺ replied, 'Your mother.' He asked, 'Then whom?' Nabi ﷺ, 'Your mother'. He asked, 'Then whom?' Nabi ﷺ replied, 'Your father.'<sup>20</sup>

Three times preference is given here to the mother; a woman. These are the rights of women in Islam that we find Rasulallah ﷺ teaching the Ummah.

Once Rasulallah ﷺ was sitting and a lady came towards him. Rasulallah ﷺ stood up and took his shawl and placed it down and that lady sat on that shawl. Somebody asked him, "Who is this, Oh Prophet of Allah?" He said, "This is the mother that suckled me, breastfed me." This is that mother of mine.

In the following Hadith, Rasulallah ﷺ tells us what the value of the mother is.

*Imam Nasai (rahimahullah) has authentically recorded a Hadith, in which a Rasulallah ﷺ told a Sahabi ؓ:*

*'Stick to her [his mother] for indeed Jannah lies beneath her feet.'*<sup>21</sup>

This is the value. In some Ahaadith we are asked, what are the rights of my parents? And in some riwaayaat it is mentioned, that they are your Jahannum or your Jannah. In other words, how you will care for them. In the Hadith of Rasulallah ﷺ we find the rights of the daughters, wife and mothers, and if you look at it, the beauty of Islam is that Allah ﷻ has safeguarded them to such a degree that from the time they are born till the time they leave

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<sup>20</sup> Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 5971

<sup>21</sup> Sunan Nasai, Hadith: 3104

this Dunya, they have no responsibility of caring for themselves and earning for themselves.

### ***Men are the Maintainers of Women***

All the expenses of women are either on their parents, their husbands or on the children. Even if a woman gets married and she comes back to her family, Rasulullah ﷺ says in a Hadith:

*Rasulullah ﷺ said: "Shall I not tell you [one of the] greatest forms of charity? [It is to provide for your] daughter who comes back to you [due to divorce or her husband passing away] and you are her sole source of provision."<sup>22</sup>*

Encouraging us to look after her even after she gets married and her marriage fails and she comes back, then also we should look after her and support her.

At every stage of her life she is to be cared for; when she is a daughter, the father has to look after her, the onus is on the father, and she is a queen in the house. When she becomes a wife, the first duty of the husband is "*nafaqatu was suqna*." That is the expenditure, to provide shelter, clothing and meals for her etc. When she becomes a mother, it becomes the responsibility of the children to look after her. Her expenditure is never on herself, yet Islam gives her the right of inheritance and she still gets wealth despite not even needing the wealth. This is the *ihsaan* Allah ﷻ and His Rasul ﷺ have made on the women. They

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<sup>22</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah, Hadith: 3667

have showed us what the rights of the women are. We find that the Ahaadith of Rasulullah ﷺ are replete with kindness towards the women.

As mentioned previously, whether it is the daughter, wife or mother, Allah ﷻ through Rasulullah ﷺ has showed us their rights. As mentioned earlier also, these are not only words, but Rasulullah ﷺ has practically demonstrated this when it came to his daughters and when it came to his wives. He was too young when his mother had passed away, but we see the example demonstrated when it came to his mother that had breastfed him. Rasulullah ﷺ showed kindness and love to them all.

### ***The Position of a Woman in Islam***

That is why, in Islam, a woman is the Queen of the house. She remains in the house and she is safe from all the hostilities and evil outside. She is saved from all those things that may hurt her chastity, honour and respect outside of the home.

She is not being deprived, she is being safeguarded.  
 She is not mahroom<sup>23</sup>, she is mahfooz<sup>24</sup>.  
 She is safeguarded from all the evils outside.

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<sup>23</sup> Deprived

<sup>24</sup> Safeguarded

***Regarding Maintenance and Earning of Women***

A woman does not have to earn her own living. Why is this? Because the responsibility is not on her. She lives with honour, respect and dignity and she brings up a family. That is her responsibility.

She brings up those individuals in the society that contribute to and become leaders and assets of the society. Her responsibility is to look after those very children in the home.

In this way, she becomes a means of peace and comfort to her husband and a means of serving her husband, who when he leaves his house, all of his needs are fulfilled and when he comes back in the evening, he comes back to a loving and yearning wife that is pining and waiting for him. He can feel the warmth of the home. This is a Muslim home. And this is a Muslim woman in Islam.

Her purity and chastity are of such a degree that a person cannot even imagine any evil regarding her. This is because all the laws of pardah are in place. She remains in the confines of her home where she is safe from the evil gazes of other people.

***The understanding of Hadhrat Faatima ؑ regarding the position of Women***

In one gathering Rasulullah ﷺ asked the Sahaaba ؓ, “What is the best thing for a woman?” Everybody remained quiet as there were only males there. Thereafter Hadhrat Ali ؓ went to Hadhrat Faatimah ؓ and asked her, “What is the best thing for a

woman?” Hadhrat Faatima ؓ told Hadhrat Ali ؓ that, “She must not look at men and men must not look at her.”

He came back the next day and told Rasulullah ﷺ. Rasulullah ﷺ liked this reply said, “Faatima is part of me. Faatima is part of me.” In other words, the highest degree of chastity and purity is recommended, that a woman does not look at men and men do not look at women, for this is one of the worst things.

So this is the Muslim woman who does not need woman’s rights.

She does not need secular woman’s rights because Allah ﷻ and His Rasul ﷺ have given her rights. We have failed to understand our values. We have failed to understand what we have been given, the great treasure and the great nimah<sup>25</sup> of Islam.

### ***Women who leave the home to earn a living under the pretext of woman’s rights***

But on the other hand, woman’s rights are for who? Those people who throw away their chastity and think nothing of it.

Those women who unnecessarily go out of their homes and say, “We have to earn a living and we have to be there, shoulder to shoulder with the men outside, no matter what happens.”

As mentioned, in the process, many women lose their chastity and purity. Why does this happen? Because Allah ﷻ has created them such that when they intermingle with men, then you know

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<sup>25</sup> blessing

what happens – Rasulullah ﷺ tells us so beautifully in one Hadith:

*“When a person is sitting alone, isolated with a woman then the third person is Shaytan.”<sup>26</sup>*

These are the words of who? Rasulullah ﷺ who is divinely inspired in his words, actions and teachings. The prophet of Allah ﷻ knows what he is talking about, this message came to us from Allah ﷻ via Rasulullah ﷺ.

### ***The Three Consequences Woman leaving the home are faced with***

When a woman leaves the confines of the home in the name of empowerment, emancipation and woman’s rights etc, then what we find is that the first thing that takes place is that it is hard for them to look after their chastity.

Secondly, we find that, the home which was a nest and safe haven for a woman is now ravished with all forms of evils. There is no control in that home, the children are not brought up in the proper manner. We find that the manners and codes of living of the children are not there. There is nobody to govern, look after and train those children. Now, they are no more assets to the society, rather many of them become delinquents in the society as there is nobody to monitor their actions and nobody is there to teach them manners.

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<sup>26</sup> Sunan Tirmidhi, Hadith: 2165

One of the best gifts for a Muslim child is? The manners of the Muslim home. When the Muslim mother is not there and she is out working, then the absent parent syndrome is found. When the parents are not there, then the children do whatever they want to do. This happens when the parents are out earning a living.

So firstly she loses her chastity in many cases. Secondly we find that her home has become empty and that warmth when that husband comes home is not found, because she is working lady and she comes back like he comes back, tired, fatigued, exhausted and also looking for some shelter and comfort in the home, but to get it from whom? There is nobody there to give it to them as both of them have the same needs. And what we find further is that, half the time she has to paint herself with all different colours before she goes out, because she has to mix with the men and she is very conscious about her looks, sometimes a very huge portion of her purse is gone in the same thing.

Similarly we find that when the wife also goes out to earn, then the respect between husband and wife does not remain.

That which Allah ﷻ mentions in the following verse of the Quran is missing from such a home:

الرِّجَالُ قَوَّامُونَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ بِمَا فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ

*"Men are the maintainers of women,  
because Allah has made some of them to excel others..."<sup>27</sup>*

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<sup>27</sup> (Surah An Nisaa verse 34)

Why? Because Allah ﷻ mentions here two reasons, Because of the added virtues that Allah ﷻ has given the men over the women and because of the expenditure, man spends on the women, he supports her and looks after her. But she has become self sufficient. She does not need the support, comfort, security and cover of the husband, because she has become free.

In the name of freedom what happens is she begins to lose her chastity and the inherent modesty that is found in a woman. How many a woman you will find in the market place - look at their behaviour. They have been brought down to that level where they are not even treated with human dignity. Talking about human dignity and woman's rights, is this respect to a woman? Is this maintaining the woman's right, that for every commodity that you advertise, there is a naked woman's picture on it, whether it is soap, a car you are selling, a magazine etc. Is this the respect you have for women? Are these the rights you give to the women? Is this honour and dignity for a woman? Is this the woman's day that we are celebrating?!

***Oh Muslim Women, it is time to wake up!***

No! We should wake up and open our eyes and see where we are going to. We don't need secular woman's rights, we have woman's rights enshrined in the Quran and the Hadith of Rasulullah ﷺ and this is the new era of Jaahiliyah. The only difference is this, that the slogans and words that are used, look very attractive and charming and very nice, but these days of ignorance - jaahiliyat seem to be worse than the ignorance of the

past. No shame is left in that woman that goes out and is rubbing shoulders with men day in and day out.

If you look at the duties that she has to perform, which are her duties in the house, then she feels them to be degrading to her, but if she performs those same duties sitting in the aeroplane with two hundred people, or working in a hotel or somewhere in a restaurant, then she feels dignified and honoured and she feels that now, I have got freedom.

This is not freedom! She has been tricked and fooled. This is robbing her of that position that Allah ﷻ has given her, Allah ﷻ and Islam had given her all these rights that cannot be matched by anyone else, because this is the most perfect Deen that Allah ﷻ has chosen for us. It is for us to realise this and not fall for the slogans around us, and say, today is a woman's day and so we celebrate the woman's day, as these days are EVERY DAY in Islam - woman's day, mother's day and father's day. Their rights are enshrined and we are under an obligation to fulfil their rights AT ALL TIMES, UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

### *The rights of woman not being fulfilled by some people*

Yes it is agreed, there may be some Muslims who do not fulfil the rights of the woman, **but that does not mean that Islam does not fulfil the rights of the women or that Islam does not show us the rights of the women.** As mentioned, if we look into the Quran, one whole Surah, Surah Nisaa is mentioned in the name of Nisaa (women) which is revealed by Allah ﷻ, where her rights are mentioned. And in so many verses of the Holy Quran, Allah

ﷺ mentions their rights as well, who you can marry, who you cannot marry, how they should be treated etc. And what you should do regarding their mahr<sup>28</sup>, how many women you can marry, when you can marry them and what are the conditions. All the details are mentioned. The pardah regulations are also mentioned in detail in the Holy Quran.

May Allah ﷻ give me and all of us the taufeeq to value this Mubarak Deen that Allah has given us, firstly to understand the Deen, to study the Deen of Islam, and then to understand the beauties that are in the Deen of Islam.

### ***Understanding the value of Deen***

When a person is bereft and empty of the moral values and the real ideals that we ought to have, then he or she falls prey to everything around him or her. But if a person knows the values of Deen, and knows the chastity and purity of Islam and the high value system of Islam, the rights that Allah ﷻ has afforded to every person whether it is male or female, elders, juniors, seniors etc, then he or she will not fall prey to unIslamic influences around him or her.

“Allah ﷻ has given to every person their due rights. Allah ﷻ has granted it to them.”

May Allah ﷻ give me and all of us the taufeeq to understand our beautiful Deen, practice upon our Deen and to portray our Deen.  
Aameen

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<sup>28</sup> Dowry

### ***An Inspiring Incident***

An incident transpired with Colonal Ameerudeen Rahmathullahi alayh. It is mentioned that once he was somewhere in Europe, Allah ﷻ fill his qabr with noor. He was a kernel after all and the people who have a profession, I notice those ethics and principals of a profession doesn't leave them no matter what they became.

He had become a very, very big Mubaligh in America. It is mentioned that he was somewhere in England or Europe and he was sitting with his womanfolk and they were wearing Pardah (niquaab). Some non Muslim women walked by and they said to him, "What is wrong with these women, are these women sick that they are covered like that?" It is mentioned that Kernel Saheb called them and made them sit down and after he finished speaking to them and explaining the beauty of the role of Pardah, they read the Kalimah Shahadah.

Why? Because they did not know what pardah is. They did not know what it signifies. They began to mock and jeer at it, but when he opened their eyes and he showed them the reality, then they said that we also want to accept pardah, and they read the kalimah and entered the fold of Islam.

So it is our duty first to understand our Deen, then to practice our Deen and propagate our Deen and not for our Deen to be misunderstood by the people. We should explain to them if they don't know what our Deen is. May Allah ﷻ give us taufeeq. Aameen.

