

# ***Woman In Islam***

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# Islam

- Islam is not a new religion, but the same truth that God revealed through all His prophets to every people. Muslims follow a religion of peace, mercy, and forgiveness, and the majority have nothing to do with the extremely grave events which have come to be associated with their faith.
- Holy Quran has made men and women equal to each other.

# Woman In Islam

- Status of Woman in Islamic society.
  - Spiritual Status.
  - Intellectual Status.
- Rights of Woman in Islam.
- Dress.
- Marriage in Islam.
- Role as Mother.

# Spiritual Status

The Qur'an states categorically that men and women who practice the principles of Islam will receive equal reward for their efforts:

God says:

“ Whosoever performs good deeds, whether male or female, and is a believer, We shall surely make him live a good life, and We will certainly reward them for the best of what they did" (The Qur'an 16:97).“

# Intellectual Status

The Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h) said:

"The search for knowledge is a duty for every Muslim (male or female). Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave".

In Islam, both men and women are credited with the capacity for learning and understanding and teaching, and one of the aims of acquiring knowledge is that of becoming more conscious of Allah.

# Rights of Woman in Islam

- The right and duty to obtain education.
- The right to have their own independent property.
- The right to work to earn money if they need it or want it.
- Equality of reward for equal deeds.
- The right to express their opinion and be heard.
- The right to provisions from the husband for all her needs and more.
- The right to negotiate marriage terms of her choice.

# Rights of Woman in Islam

- The right to obtain divorce from her husband, even on the grounds that she simply can't stand him. (God deeply frowns upon divorce as a solution unless there is hardly any other alternative but it does not mean that men have more right to divorce their wives than women do.)
- The right to keep all her own money (she is not responsible to maintain any relations).
- The right to get sexual satisfaction from her husband.
- Custody of their children after divorce.
- To refuse any marriage that does not please them.

# Dress

A Muslim woman may wear whatever she pleases in the presence of her husband and family or among women friends. But when she goes out or when men other than her husband or close family are present she is expected to wear a dress which will cover all parts of her body, and which should not reveal the figure.





# Marriage in Islam

- When a girl reaches the age of marriage it is customary for the Muslim parents to play a major role in the choice of the husband, but she must be consulted.
- When a girl or woman is married it is an essential part of the marriage for the bridegroom to give her a dowry (*mahr*), which may be of any value agreed upon.
- The Muslim dowry is a gift from the bridegroom to the bride and it becomes her exclusive property. (It remains her property even if she is later divorced.)

# Role as Mother

Muslim woman has a very important role as mother. The status and value attached to parents in the Muslim world is very high.

Allah says:

"We have enjoined man to respect his parents; his mother bears him with fainting after fainting, while his weaning takes two years. Thank Me as well as your parents; towards Me lies the goal" (The Qur'an 31:14)

## Role as Mother

It is reported that a man came to the Prophet and asked:

"Messenger of Allah, who is the most deserving of good care from me?" The Prophet replied: "Your mother (which he repeated three times) then your father, then your nearest relatives in order".

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