

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FAMILY ISSUES

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ABSTRACT

These days, there are many families issues spreading in the society that start to divorce and disturbed family. Therefore, the research tries to struggle how to illuminate these issues from the mind sets of objectives of Islamic law and general proves of Islamic Jurisprudence. This research perception to highlight the generalizations and considerations that arouse to the continuation of these issues. The present era family issues are many, and so as not to expand these issues, the research will focus on two serious issues, specially working wife, and domestic violence. The investigation uses basis and secondary approaches for selection of material. The mind sets of Muslim scholars are gathered and then they are concern into agreement and disagreement based on a specific issue. The Muslim scholar's concerns are manifestation along with facts and figures in the matter. The investigation of context and problems is made in the guidance of the motives of the law. The results are a wife is endorsed to work as stated in Islam and it is not opposed to purposes of law, but manipulated to standardizations' and reservations, and the working women should correspondence their daily life between working outside and giving attention to family elements. Many issues appear in the Muslim family nowadays resulting from impatient with the rights, commitments and responsibilities between the husband and wife. Each couple should do agreement to the nurturing of Islam and hold firmly its purposes of Islamic law as well as appliance them in family life. Thus, it is bright side that the family life will always be in submission to Allah.

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INTRODUCTION

Last prophet of Allah Almighty also allows women to participate in economic activities.

Jabir bin Abdullah said: My maternal aunt was divorced and she wanted to harvest her date palms. A man rebuked her for going out, so she went to the Prophet (SAW) (inquiring about

going out during 'Iddah) and he said: *'No, go and harvest your date palms, for perhaps you will give charity or do an act of kindness.'*¹

Here are number of hadiths which provide proof for economic role of women.

"It was narrated from Jabir that the Prophet (SAW) entered upon Umm Mubash-shir Al-Ansariyyah among her palm trees, and the Prophet (SAW) said to her: *"who planted these palm trees? Was it a Muslim or disbeliever?" She said: "A Muslim." He said: "No Muslim plants anything or cultivate anything, and human, animals or anything eats from it but it will be charity for him."*²

Narrated Abu Humaid As-Sa'idi: We took part in the Ghazwa of Tabuk in the company of the Prophet (SAW) And when we arrived at the Wadi Al-Qura, there was a woman in her garden. The Prophet (SAW) asked his companions to estimate the amount of fruit In the garden, and Allah's Messenger estimated it at ten Awsuq. The Prophet (SAW) said to that lady, "*Check what your garden will yield.*" When Prophet (SAW) returned from Tabuk and reached Wadi Al-Qura he Asked that women how much her garden had yield. She said, "Ten Awsuq," and that was Allah's Messenger (SAW) had estimated.³

Narrated Abu Hazim: I heard Sahl bin Sa'd (RA) saying, "A women brought a Burda. I asked "Do you know what a Buda is? They replied in affirmative and said, 'It is a Cloth sheet with woven margins.'" Sahl went on, "She addressed the Prophet (SAW) and said, "I have woven it with my hands for you to wear."⁴

Mu'awiyah (RA) said: "I had a slave woman who used to look after some sheep of mine in the region of Uhud and Al-Jawaniyyah. She went one day and the wolf ate One of the sheep.I am the man from among the sons of Adam, and I get upset as they get upset, (and in my anger) I slapped her. I came to the Messenger of Allah (SAW), and he regarded as a grievous action on my part. I said: O Messenger of Allah, should I set her free? He said: "*Bring her to me.*" So I brought her to him and he said to her: "Where is Allah?" She said: "*Above the heavens.*" He said: "*Who am I?*" She said: "*You are the Messenger of Allah.*" He said: "*Set her free, for she is a believer.*"⁵

Narrated Mu'adh bin s'ad or Sa'd bin Mu'adh: A slave-girl belonging to Ka'b to graze some sheep at Sal' (mountain). Once one of her sheep was dying. She reached it (before it died) and slaughtered it with a stone. *The Prophet was asked, and he said, "Eat it."*⁶

Narrated Jabir bin Abdullah (RA): An Ansari women said to Allah's Messenger (SAW) "*O Allah's Messenger! Shall I make something for you to sit on, as I have a Slave who is a carpenter?*" He replied, "*If you wish.*" So, she got a pulpit made For him. When it was Friday, the Prophet (SAW) sat on that pulpit. The date-palm Stem, near which the Prophet (SAW) used to deliver his Khutba (religious talks) Cried so-much-so that it was about to burst. The Prophet (SAW) came down from the Pulpit to the stem and embraced it and it started groaning like a child being Persuaded to stop crying and then it stopped crying. The Prophet (SAW) said "*It has cried because of (missing) what it used to hear of the religious knowledge.*" ⁷

The above discussion has been proved through a large amount of verses and Hadith the right of women as a career woman.

DISCOURAGING BEHAVIOR OF FAMILY

Like most of the developing countries, in Pakistan women are given a lower status than men. They are treated as second rate citizens and this behavior evidently starts from the home since birth till death. Most of the families aboard the infant before birth as they came to know that it is a female child. This behavior leads to the great discrimination between male and female gender in the society. People likely to spend money for the education of male but ignore the need of education of female though she is quite intelligent and deserving. They deny the fact that both male and female children have the right to get education. If females get higher education and want to be a professional, the family become the hinderance and hurdle in their path. They scold their daughter or sister rather they find their match in order to get rid off. This behavior causes illiteracy among women which is dangerous for the society as a whole and especially for the future of

the Pakistan. The main reason is the misunderstandings about the teachings of Islam. Muslim teachings and application of sharia are controlled by misled and ignorant people. They use Islam as a cover for themselves. People should crush or ignore them because they give birth to resentment and frustration in Muslim society. Also irritation religious discourse flourishes as there is no room for reasoned debate in Muslim societies. On the contrary, Islam has given equal status both male and female as it has divided duties among them. Men and women are different physically and mentally. The division of human race among men and women is in fact the planning of Allah for the progress of humanity. This difference is the base of all Islamic laws and rules and it is evident that all laws depend upon the rules of division not the rule of partnership. As Allah says:

*"O mankind! Indeed your lord is who created you from a single soul and from it created its mate and propagated so many men and women from them both and fear Allah matches over you"*⁸

Another verse emphasis the status of female in the Muslim society

*"And they described daughters to Allah - Holy is He--- while they themselves have they describe And one of them is conveyed the tidings of the birth of a female, his face darken while he suppressed his inward grief"*⁹

Allah Almighty says in Qur'an

*"And do not covet what Allah has given some of you more than others: the Men shall have their due share according to what they have earned and the Women shall have their share according to what they have earned. So pray to Allah for his bounty; most surely Allah has perfect knowledge of everything."*¹⁰

Islam has firmly advocated the empowerment of women and reject all the narrow mildness.

DUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A WORKING WOMAN

These days working woman has to face double responsibilities in their energies during official work and household courses. They have to keep house clean, feed family members and train them keep a pace with family. Islam has allowed women to be professional with a condition i.e., she may deprive her family members from affection and attention as a member.

As Allah Almighty says

*"So their lord answered their prayers and saying. I will not allow the work of any worker from among you, whether male or female to be lost. You are from one another. Those, there force who have emigrated and have been persecuted in my cause and have fought and been killed. I will surely remove from them their evils and will cause them to enter gardens through which streams flow a reward from Allah and with Allah is the best reward."*¹¹

Islam has bestowed various responsibilities upon women as a mother, a wife and a daughter which strengthen the status and position of women in the society. Moreover, Islam also permits women need and capable of doing or performing the dual responsibility. Professional women are restricted to about a change in their lifestyle. In Islam, motherhood is the peak of humanity. As Allah Says,

'The lord has decreed, your worship non except Him and (that you show) Kindness to parents. If one of tremor both attain old age while they are still with you, say not fie, to them nor repulse them but speaks to them a gracious

word"¹²

As a mother women are responsible to up bringing their children. According to the teachings of Islam women can not deprive her children from the bliss of domestic life in order to pay full attention to their profession.

*Hazrat Abu Baker narrated that the Prophet (SAW) SAID "Allah will forgive all kind of sins except disobedience of parents and abruptly punishes the sinner."*¹³

As a wife, women have a permanent status . It is her duty keep peace in domestic life and makes happy his husband. A good society is based upon relationship and it gives progress through the relation and matrimonial is the best manifestation of nature and all relation need essentially respect.It is her duty to console her husband, obey him and protect his respect.That's why, a profession lady has to do a dog fight in her life in order to make balance between domestic and professional life.

DOMESTIC MALE SHOWINESS AND ADJUST BEHAVIOR

Women are not slave for all male relatives rather she become beloved and Allah has created them as free as men.Due to various effects Islam has set men as the head of family but it does not mean that women are slaves rather this is the question of wisdom to give freedom and share equally to them as narrated by Hazrat Anas that Prophet (SAW) says

*"That he (SAW) would accompany the person who would have two daughters , he would would accompany the holy prophet (SAW) like two fingers"*¹⁴

DOMINANCY OF MALE EMPOWERMENT NOT ACCEPTING WOMEN RIGHTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Women are brutally treated by male relatives during there whole life. If they are educated and be professional, the situation become worst.They have to tolerate a lot. Male relatives are frequently condemn the professional women and become the hindrance in their path of progress.There is a simmering hatred and revulsion against the progress and happiness of women .On the side of male if they got chance to go abroad for study or job,they face the critical situation as the relations are intentionally strained to extremes and war hysteria.Male relatives are plunge in to reaction any query with women if they fail to make themselves capable like women.The situation become the worst among the lower and middle class of the society. To be a career woman of modern age which can destroy the equilibrium of the society respectably.Some people are fanatic among the Muslims who regard education of female is useless and non- Islamic concept is rather different and the holy prophet (SAW) has given importance to education of both genders.

DOMESTIC LIFE COMPLEXITY AND CONFRONTATION

Keeping these religious fanatic dogmas immune from criticism is both unwarranted and dangerous. Unless, we are willing to expose religious irrationality whenever it arises, we will encourage irrational behavior and promote ignorance over enlightenment for future generations.While condemning individuals we must also challenge the actions and ideas that drive them.The truth is that Islam is at conflict with sects. Muslim are divided as they try to reconcile the realities of modern world with the fundamentals of the faith part of the solution is to sort out internal conflicts and figure out how to reconcile the literal exhort-ions of the faith with more objective ideas of reality as established by reason, experimentation and common senses.Also the predominance of narrow traditionalism over enlightened rationalism ought to end. It is hard

to ignore the fact that myths, illusions, prejudices, ignorance and backwardness are part of Islam in contemporary era. This requires that the intellectual scholars among the Muslim world recover the ground lost to lethargy dogmatism. A new equilibrium between faith and reason, the spiritual and the temporal between human and human is required. Muslim display maturity as the world is waiting and rooting to a change. It is the time of durable peace and tranquility.

CONCLUSIONS

In short, according to Islam women have equal status like men. There is no difference between rights and rewards of male and female but men and women have separate responsibilities. Woman has invited roles to play. She has a share in legacy. She is free from financial earnings but can be a career woman after following some limitations. Family issues are temporary and solvable if she is careful about her responsibilities.

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