

Describe the rights of women in Islam in the context of current wave of the feminist movement?

INTRODUCTION

According to the Oxford dictionary women rights are "rights that promotes social and legal equality of women with men".

Western talk of women liberalisation is nothing, but a disguised form of exploitation of body, deprivation of owner and degradation of soul.

According to the Jen Austin, author of Pride and Prejudice "Women rights in the west did not exist

historically, including the right to own property, vote and study at par with men".

In contrast to ~~Islam~~^{west}, Islam being a complete code of life has given men and women their

due rights 1400 years ago in the

age of ignorance. According to

the Holy Quran "As to the theft be it man or women chopped of his or her hands as punishment from God" Surah Maidah: Verse: 38.

It proves that to be it "a believing man or woman if they will be treated equally according to Islam.

HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF

EARLY CIVILISATIONS

WOMEN RIGHTS :

Babylonian civilisation

If a man committed murder instead of him being punished his wife was put to death.

English civilisation -

All real property held by a female at the time of marriage becomes a property of her husband.

Women rights in early civilisations.

Roman civilisation

A man was permitted to kill even his wife.

Greek civilisation

Women were used for sex pleasure and meant to be cause of evil and misfortune in the society.

Arab. civ.

When a child female was born she was buried alive.

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WOMEN RIGHTS IN ISLAM

SPIRITUAL RIGHT

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"That any of you do deeds of righteousness be it a male or female and has faith he will surely enter into Jannah and not a least injustice shall be done to him" Surah Nisa : 124

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"O humankind refrain your guardian lord who has created you from a single person and has created a mate of his like nature"
Surah Nisa : 1

It means the mate of male is female has been created of the same spiritual nature of as that of the men.

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"It is you who has created the heaven and the earth and created like nature his mate." Surah Shura : 11

Same message of spiritual equality between men and women repeated in the Holy Quran.

(Surah Taha : 121

Al-Imran : 195

Surah Anzab : 35

INCONTEXT OF FEMINIST MOVEMENT.

There are certain non-Islamic religions that put blame only on EVE for tempting Adam to eat the forbidden fruit, because of which human kind are born in sin. There is not a single verse in the Holy Quran that blame only on EVE the blame was put on equally on both of them. Al-Quran in Surah Aaraaf : 19-23 says " Adam and Eve they have adressed dozens of mistakes, both of them have repented, both ~~are~~ are forgiven", the blame is put on equally on both of them.

By reading this, the spiritual duties of men and women are same.

ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF WOMEN

In Islam women is more ^{financially} secured than man. Before married it is duty of father and brother and after marriage it will be duty of son and husband to look after her financial aspects which includes lodging boarding clothing etc. It means financial burden is put on the man's shoulder.

In Islam there no verse in Quran that prohibits a woman to work.

She can work as long as it is within the perview of islamic Shariah. She maintains hijab. She will follow the Quran and sahih Hadith.

In the Holy Quran in these following verses women has given economic rights.

Surah 2 : 180, 240

4 : 7, 9

4 : 19, 33

5 : 106, 108

4 : 11, 12.

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SOCIAL RIGHTS IN ISLAM

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Rights of Daughter in Islam.

Prohibits the killing of any female child or female infant. Islam

⇒ In suah An'aam : 151, "kill not your children for want of sustain for it is GOD who will give sustain to you and your family".

⇒ In Sahih Muslim Vol: 4 Hadith no 6364 "Anyone who upbrings two daughters with love and affection till they grow they will be as close to me as two fingers on the day of judgement!"

⇒ same message of Prophet in Sahih Muslim Vol: 3 Hadith no: 14247

"He who upbrings two daughters with love and affection shall enter into paradise."

② Rights of wife in Islam.

Other religion than Islam they consider woman as an instrument of the devil but the Holy Quran refers the woman "Muhisina" that means "a fortress against the devil". Because a pious woman on a straight path prevents her husband going on wrong track and keeps him on the sirat-e-muttaqeen.

Surah Nisa : 19 " Do not inherit the woman against their wishes".

Sahih Bukhari vol. 7 A lady named Khansa bint Khadija she approached the prophet and said my father has married me to a person against my wishes the prophet nullified the marriage.

Surah Nisa : 19

Surah Baqara : 187 " They are your garments and you are their garments". The role of garments is to beautify to protect or to conceal each others faults. It is the role of hand and glove.

same message has repeated in

Surah Yoon : 21

Surah Nisa : 21

Rights of Mother in Islam.

⇒ Surah Isra : 23, 24, " We have ordained the human being that they worship none but Allah and be kind to the parents and if one of them reach at old age dont say a word of contempt or odd to them".

⇒ Surah Ankaboot : 8. " We have enjoined human being be kind to the parents.

⇒ Surah Nisa : 1, " respect the woman that bow you".

⇒ Surah Al-Nasaf chapter 6 : " Paradise lies beneath the feet of your mother "

⇒ Surah A'araaf : 15 " We have enjoined human beings that they must good to their parents specially mother.

⇒ Surah Am'aam : 151.

= Luaman : 14.

Sahih Bukhari chapter 2.

Rights of sister in Islam.

In Surah Tauba : 71 " That the believing man and women they are supporters unto another"

socially they are brothers and sisters.

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EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

The first revelation from GOD to the human-kind it was not to offer salah, give charity or fasting but it was "Iqra" "to read to proclaim to repeat".

⇒ Surah Iqra : 1-5

⇒ Sunan Ibn Maja Vol:1 It is obligatory on every muslim man or women to acquire knowledge"

⇒ Sahih Bukhari Vol:1.

⇒ Ummu darda, Nafeesa, Fatma bin Kais, Safia were the great scholars of their time who taught student like Imam shafi, malik etc.

⇒ Along with it Hazrat Aisha was known as most prominent scholar who wrote 2210 Hadiths.

LEGAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

In Islam legally men and women are equal. If a man kills a woman or vice versa both will be put to death.

Surah Baqara : 178, 179 " Irrespective of any organ of the body got damaged whether it is eye, nose etc their punishment will be same.

Surah Maidah : 38 " As to the theft be it man or woman chopped off his or her hands as punishment from God.

Surah Noor : 2

2 Noor : 24 " If someone lays an allegations against the chastity and modesty of women and do not produce 4 witnesses give him 20 lashes as punishment.

POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

In the Holy Quran Surah Tauba : 71
" The believing man and believing women
they are supporters to one-another
not socially but politically.

Surah Mumtahanah : 12 " women can
take part in law making "

Surah Nisa : 20

" = 32 " Allah knows
the logic we ~~are~~ dont know what
may be good or bad for us"
this ayat is related to the
women participation in battlefield.

Sahih Bukhari 401 : 1.

WOMEN RIGHTS IN CONTEXT

TO FEMINIST MOVEMENT

Women rights are basically human rights, which are entitled to all human beings regardless of ^{man} race, sex, nationality, language, ethnicity, religion or any other status. However, women since ancient times are deprived of the right to liberty, freedom of opinion and expression, freedom of work, education and many more, which ~~was~~ ~~given~~ to them since inception of the ~~Islam~~ ^{Islam}. As a result women specially in the western Europe ^{has} started the movements for their due rights known as "Feminist movement or Meotoo movement".

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

OF METOO MOVEMENT

Women in the society is treated like an pretty object based on her physique not by by character, soul, behaviour, being human they also deserve respect.

They were facing backlash, raped culture, pornography, dual labour and female genital mutilation.

They ~~have~~^d no freedom of self-pom, worship and conscience.

They were deprived of right to vote, privacy, self governance, public and political participation etc.

They were sexually harassed at working place as well as in or outside the society.

As a result they had started to regain their right to self-determination, religion, choice, many politics etc. with the course of time rights were given to them which are as follows.

- ⇒ Magna Carta 1215
- ⇒ Enlightenment period in 16. century.
- ⇒ Declaration of Human rights from 1776 / 1789
- ⇒ UDHR in 1948.
- ⇒ Switzerland gave women the right to vote in 1991.
- ⇒ USA gave women the right to ~~the~~ own property in ~~1920~~ 1920.
- ⇒ Till 1891 men could beat their wives in UK then this law was abolished.

CONCLUSION : Therefore Islam has given women their due rights 1400 year ago which can be judged by the verses of Holy Quran and the teachings of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H).