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Q3:-

What is the meaning of freedom of women in Islam? What are the responsibilities of man and women in Islam the building of the character of new generations, explain in detail.

AnswerIntroduction

Before the advent of Islam, women specifically were seen as a mere object and suffered persecution and oppression in various cultures across the globe. Their situation in the Arab world was even more miserable. Baby girls ^{born} were often seen as a burden and curse, and were often buried alive. Women were not given freedom in own property, political, social, and economic freedom at all, and even in domestic affairs she was treated like an inferior creature. But after the dawn of Islam, women were granted more rights than ~~ever~~ ever. Allah ranked both man and woman on equal footings, and assigned them their responsibilities. Both ~~are~~ are equal and the foundation of building the

character of new generation. As Allah says in the Holy Quran

"And women have rights similar to those against them in a just manner"

(Surah Baqara)

Our Holy Prophet also said

"The most faithful among the believers are the one who are good with their wives"

(Hadith)

Freedom of women in Islam

Freedom of women in Islam means the freedom granted to women within the limits of the Holy Quran and Sunnah. Without a doubt the freedom granted to women in Islam is far more than any other religion. Islam has given women political, economic,

social and domestic rights like never before. Lets discuss some rights that Islam has blessed women with:

1- Right to earn

Islam has granted women an equal right to earn along with men. Before Islam women were just seen as an object and a fragile being who is dependent on the earnings of their men. Allah says in the Holy Quran

"For men it is the benefit of what they earn and for women is the benefit of what they earn"

(Surah Nisa)

2- Right to ~~the~~ own property / inheritance

Women are given the right to own property and have a share in inheritance. Before Islam all the property and inheritance was owned by men. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

"For what is left by parents and those near you (relatives), there is an equal share for men, and an equal share for women, whether the property be larger or small"

(Surah Nisa)

3- Right ~~of~~ ^{to} legal rights

For the first time in history Islam gave legal rights to women. Women can now speak out in the courts to ~~get~~ ^{seek} justice. Women was granted an equal citizenship and she can seek justice in ~~an~~ any matter related to oppression. As Allah says in the Holy Quran

"And those who charge a false case against the chaste of women and produce ~~not~~ ^{not} more ~~than~~ four witnesses, strip them with 80 lashes"
An-Noor
(Surah ~~Al-A~~)

4- Right to consent of marriage

Islam has granted women to have a consent before marriage. No man can marry the woman without her consent. Marriage with force involved is strictly forbidden in Islam.

5- Right of dignity

Dignity is a major part of a human being. Right of dignity is a right of every human ~~being~~ being. Dignity is having respect, a sense of

belonging to a class and ^{ss} possessing a value. As Allah says in the Holy Quran:

"Do not approach the bounds of adultery"
(Surah Isra)

This Surah ayat clearly protects women and safeguards her dignity

6- Right to live

Every person in the world has an equal right to live. Women in history ~~are~~ were always killed and buried ~~at~~ alive for just who she was. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

"Whoever kills a person, unless it be for manslaughter or for mischief in land, it is as though he had killed all humanity"
(Surah Mada)

7- Status of women (Mothers)

Our Holy Prophet said

"The paradise lies beneath the feet of your mothers"
Hadith

~~These~~ This saying clearly states the rank given to women in Islam.

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Limits of freedom of women in Islam

1- To establish modesty

Women in Islam have been specifically ordered by Allah and the Holy Prophet (SAW) to cover themselves and not wear revealing clothes in order to protect themselves from arousing the opposite sex and to respect the legal bounds of marriage. Hijab is a specific dress which the women should wear in order to look modest. Modesty is loved by Allah and his Prophet (SAW), as Allah says in the Quran:

"Tell the faithful women to cast down their looks"
(Surah An-Nour)

2- Protect the family in home when the husband is not around:-

When the husband is out for work or for any other reason in the way of Allah it is the duty of the wife to protect the family behind. ~~An example~~ It is equal

rewarding for the women to take care of the family in home. ❖

Example:- Once a woman came to the Holy Prophet and asked him that if women were ^{to be} granted same virtue equal to the virtue of men who fought in Jihad and women who took care of their families back home. The Holy Prophet replied ❖ "Yes".

Allah says in Quran:-

"Verily the most honoured of you (men or women) in the sight of Allah is the one who is the most righteous of you"
(Surah Hujrat)

Responsibilities of Men and Women in Islam in building the character of new generation

Allah says in the Holy Quran

"Oh Mankind! we have created you in a single pair of man and woman"

Surah Hujrat

Allah has created mankind from a pair of male and female and they are both the wheels of a car of life. Both need each other and are ~~depe~~ dependent on each other. Islam does not favor the concept of individuality and believes in collectivism. Without man women are nothing and without women ~~and~~ men are nothing. Both need each other for producing children and carry on the generation of mankind. Men and women collectively ~~have~~ ^{bear} responsibilities in building the characters of the new generation. ~~to~~ Allah says:-

"Men and women are friends of each other"

(Surah Tauba)

It is hence the responsibility of both to build the character of new generation according to the Holy Quran and Sunnah. Let's discuss some responsibilities of both as parents-

1- Responsibility to teach the guidance of Holy Quran and Sunnah

It is a dire and foremost duty of the parents to teach their children about the guidance sent down

by Allah and the Holy Prophet.
Our Holy Prophet said:

"A person who has knowledge of Quran and learned it by heart can never be an equal to an illiterate person"

(Hadith)

Our Holy Quran and Sunnah is a complete code of life and sets the basis for every child about what is right and what is wrong. It is a complete Holy Quran is a complete code and the Sunnah of the prophet is a practical example of how to live a perfect life in all spheres of life. Hence parents should teach the teachings of Holy Quran and Sunnah to their children, in order to build their best character.

2- Responsibility to provide food

It is a responsibility of parents to take care of the diet of their children. A child who is malnourished because of irresponsibility of the parents is a tremendous sin. Parents should provide their children with the best food to their child.

3- Responsibility to provide shelter and clothes

It is the responsibility of the parents to provide shelter and clothes to their children with the best manner possible.

4- Responsibility to provide education

Islam has stressed very much on the acquisition of knowledge and education. The first revelation revealed to the prophet, clearly states the importance of knowledge in Islam, which said:

"Read! In the name of my lord,
who created man from a clotted
drop of blood, who teaches man
what he knows not, Read!"
(Surah Alaq)

Our Holy prophet also said

"Seeking knowledge is the responsibility of both man and woman even if they have to go to China"

Parents should provide highest quality and modern education to their children so that they are well aware and keep up with the

pace of the changing world. Sons and daughters both are equally rightful for the acquisition of higher education, whether in science, technology, medicine, maths, economics, ethics etc. Education undoubtedly makes a child more wise, ~~responsibility~~ ~~for equal share in~~ ~~inheritance~~ ~~of~~ ~~for~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~children~~.

civilized and develops his character in the best way.

5- Reinforce punishment when necessary.

If a child deviates and ~~do~~ commit sins such as abusing, ~~and~~ or not obeying the orders of their parents unless they are against the teachings of the Holy Quran or sunnah, the parents have the right to punish their child. They must first admonish them ~~but~~ still if they don't get on the right path then they can use force to punish them. This is also a ^{form of} love and care of the parents for their children in order to build their character in the best way.

6- Teaching moral and social responsibilities

It is a duty of parents to

Teach these children ~~not~~^{about} moral and social responsibilities according to the teachings of the Quran and Sunnah. Children should be taught about empathy, respecting elders, caring for poor, greeting someone with "Assalam-o-Alaikum", keep the environment clean, keep themselves clean (Tahliq^{Tahiyah} and Taharah both), be humble and modest, perform the five obligations (the pillars of Islam) etc. As Allah says

"Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is the one who is the most righteous of you"
(Surah Hujrat)

7- ~~to~~ Establish punctuality of ^{Salah and} ~~fast~~ ^{Salat}, Fast ~~and~~ for matured children

An adult child should be regular in his salah^{and} ^{and} fasts. They have a wide range of benefits from making a child disciplined, humbled, ^{and} health benefits to ~~the~~ thousands of spiritual advantages. As Allah says in the Quran

"For prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds"
(Surah Anhaboot)

Parents should play a strict role if necessary

making their
for on children fulfil these obligations.

All of these initiatives will play a key role in building a civilized new generation.

Conclusion

Islam is the only religion out of the 4000 others that spoke for the rights of women 1400 years ago. It not only ensured women their obliged rights but also made them an equal in front of Allah and judged them on the basis of their righteousness. Islam understands how much important men and women are for the upbringing of the new generation and hence Allah has sent divine laws for the parents on the upbringing of their children character and the character of the Holy Prophet (SAW) is a perfect role model of a perfect character to follow; as Allah says in the Holy Quran:

"Verily in the messenger of Allah you have a perfect model to follow"

Surah Ahzab