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Islam provides better rights to men and women than all other religions. Explore with arguments.

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INTRODUCTION:

Islam is a complete code of life as it provides man with a comprehensive style of living. Furthermore, the rights Islam

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provides to people are far more comprehensive and holistic in other religions. Allah says in Surah Al-Isra:

"And We have conferred upon the children of Adam, dignity and honour."

Other religions have failed to provide rights to people since the inception of mankind, while Islam provides human rights as a gift which were bestowed 1400 years ago.

Human Rights under the Covenant of other Religions:

As far as the West is concerned, the human rights were bestowed upon people in 1215 in the human right document of Magna Carta. Before Magna Carta, human rights did not exist to the fullest.

Other Religions are dependent on

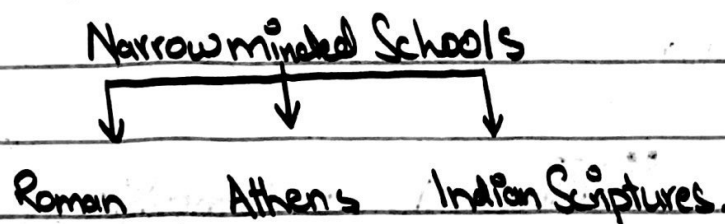
Institutions for Human Rights:

Other religions rely on institutions for providing human rights to people and the concept of human rights is seen ~~thru~~ through the lense of social sciences while neglecting the moral aspect of it.

According to UN, human rights are the natural rights of man which are inherent and one cannot survive without them.

Women Rights in Other Religions are not Comprehensive:

Different schools of thought have derived different rights of women and the most narrow minded approach has been taken by the following:



According to Romans and Athens, women were considered, "babes", "minors", and "wards". They had to fulfil whatever their parents wished for. Indian/Hindu scriptures only praised those women who ~~were~~ submitted their bodies and soul to men.

Rights of Men and Women in Islam:

The Almighty has granted and bestowed the best form of human rights upon mankind which aim to preserve one's dignity and honour as well.

1) Right to Preach One's Religion:

Islam has allowed all religions to freely preach their religion and follow whatever practices they want to conduct. In Surah Ma'ida, Allah says:

"There is no Compulsion in religion."

2) Provides and Encourages Equality among Mankind:

Islam provides equality to all people around the globe and even emphasizes on the rights of minorities. Allah has equally held Hazrat Adam and Eve for violating Allah's instructions rather than blaming any one. Allah says in Holy Quran:

“We created you male and female and each one of you would be accountable for his deeds”.

This Ayat shows that Allah only judges people on the basis of righteous deeds and not on the basis of gender.

3) Right to Life has been Provided by Islam:

Islam has provided each one of mankind to have the right to life and no one has the right to slay or murder

another person. Allah says in Surah Al-Maidah:

"One who kills a person is like he has slain the entire mankind."

4) Right of Dignity and Honour:

Allah has also provided man with dignity and honour which can not be violated through any means.

A man's life is sacred and so is one's dignity and honour. Allah has mentioned in Surah Al-An'am:

"One cannot violate the dignity and honour of an individual and cannot defame others".

Moreover, Allah also says that one cannot call a person names and make fun of an individual.

Rights of Women in Islam:

1) As a Parent:

Allah has granted comprehensive rights to woman as a parent and exalted their position in the eyes of the world. Allah says in Quran:

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ
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“And Allah has created man to worship Him and show good treatment towards his parents”.

2) Women's Right in adolescence:

Allah has vehemently opposed the burying of girl child in the old ages and has decided strict punishment on people. Allah says in Quran:

"And people bury their daughters alive and it is questioned upon them for what sin they have been killed"

3) Economic Rights of Women in Islam:

Allah has provided women with economic rights and they can get are entitled to get their right of inheritance as well. Allah says in Holy Quran:

"For women, it is what the kins and parents have left; may it be less or more."

4) Political Aspect of Women Rights in Islam:

Allah has also granted political rights

to women and they can work in ministries as well. It has been noted that once, a woman declared Hazrat Umar wrong in a conference of people which made him declare that Umar is wrong and the woman was right.

Conclusion:

Therefore, Islam is a comprehensive religion which is distinct from other religions and gifts human rights to its people. It has equally given rights to men and women which West and other religions fail to provide in the absence of an institution.