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### Introduction:

While Today's world is still fighting for Women rights, Islam gave them these rights more over, 1400 years ago. Women are struggling for education, equal rights, respect and safety. Islam gave women right to get education, right to own property, choose a partner, and gave the women a high status as mothers, daughter, wife or an individual. The problem is people misunderstood Islam and mixed culture with Islam, which is actually not Islam. Islam gave women equal rights, but the bitter reality of world is they bound the women and do not give equal rights. They raises objection on the education of women, not give equal share in property, the women's are not treated respectfully. Women's are still deprived of their rights and struggling for their rights. The Islamic teachings are still more fair to women than the modern systems.

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## STATUS OF WOMEN IN ISLAM

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- 1- Spiritual Equality: Both Men and Women are equal in the eyes of Allah. They are superior only on the basis of good character and piety. Allah will increase their ranks on the

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Day of Judgement who are pious and fulfilled the teachings of Quran and Sunnah and moreover, who is best in character.

### The Pious Saint of Basrah: Rabi'ah:

Rabi'ah, the pious saint of Basrah is known for his true deep spirituality and love for Allah. She devoted her life in the remembrance of Allah.

She said:

"O Allah, if I worship You, for the fear of hell, then burn me in fire. ~~But~~ And if I worship You for the hope of paradise, exclude me from Paradise. But if I worship You for Your sake alone, do not deny me Your eternal Beauty."

This shows that deep Muhabbah (love) rooted in pure devotion.

Islam is equal for both Men and Women.

### Society Perspective:

A woman is judged on the basis of her looks, body, and beauty. On social media or society, mainly focus on her appearance not spirituality.

If a woman covers herself or wear hijab, the society labels herself as "Oppressed", or "radical". Most of the

Islamic scholars are male or the safe society often thinks male's and females are not spiritually equal. Beyond that Islam teaches: that ~~male &~~ Men and Women are equal in the eyes of Allah.

## 2- Financial Rights:

Islam gave women financial rights such as:

- 1- A women can own a business or she can earn money.
- 2- She has the right to inherit from her parents and Husband.
- 3- She has the right to get (Mahr) which was given by the husband, and which is her personal money.

In Quran:

"... So give them those whom you marry their Mahr with good heart..."

(~ Surah An-Nisa.)

**Hazrat Khadijah (R.A) as a business women:**

Hazrat Khadijah (R.A) The wife of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W) was a great business woman. She is the true example that a women can earn money, if she wants to. ~~It~~ Hazrat Khadijah (R.A) also helped

Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W) financially to spread Islam.

A woman is not forced to spend her money for household. It is the duty of man. But if she wants to help her husband to lower his financial burden, so she can help him.

In Quran:

"For men is a share of what they earn, and for women is a share of what they earn..."

(~ Surah - An - Nisa)

### 3- Status of Women as Daughter:

Before Islam, <sup>when</sup> the daughter born, people buried them alive. They feel daughter as burden, There is no respect for women. Even though women are not given equal basic rights. Islam came and changed that thinking completely.

Hadith:

"Whoever raises two daughters with kindness, until they grow up, he will be with me (Prophet S.A.W.W) in Paradise"

~ Tirmidhi

The daughter is a blessing from Allah  
A Father should raise them with kindness

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on the Day of Judgement, Allah will surely increase their ranks.

### Society Perspective

In today's world especially in Pakistan daughters are felt as burden, they do prefer son over daughter. In our society, the daughter rights in inheritance is still not given to them in such places. Some of them kill daughter before she born through abortion. However, there is no difference between the people of Makkah, how they treated daughters before Islam or today's world.

### Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W.W) relation with Hazrat Fatimah (R.A):

Whenever Hazrat Fatimah (R.A) came into the room of Holy Prophet (S.A.W.W) He used to:

- ① He stand and greet her.
- ② Kiss her Forehead.
- ③ Seat her in his own place.

This shows that Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W.W) practically showed that how a daughter should be treated not only in public but in private also.

### 4- Status of women as wife:

~~Allah created Husband and wife~~

Islam sees marriage as a relationship

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of love and kindness. A wife is not a servant or property, she is a partner.

In Quran

"Men are protectors and maintainers of women..."

(~ Surah An-Nisa)

A man should treat his wife with kindness. Allah created the both in pairs to live with love and give comfort to each other.

Hadith:

"The best of you is the one, who is best to his wife."

A man's character is visible that how he treats his wife.

Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W.W) showed practically:

- ① Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W.W) helped Bibi Ayesha in households.
- ② He used to do his work by own.
- ③ And always treated her with love and kindness.

Society Perspective:-

A wife is treated as a property or a slave. Although they do violence on their wife 1 out of 3<sup>rd</sup> women cases are reported of domestic violence. Or they kill their wife. Still women are struggling and expect her to stay silent and protect their home.

## 5- Status of Women as Mothers:

**Hadith:**

**"Paradise lies under the feet of mother"**

Allah created a highest rank of women as mothers. Islam gives respect and rights to women.

Once a person came to Holy Prophet (S.A.W.W) and asked that I want to go for Jihad (Battle for Allah).

**The Prophet (S.A.W.W) asked:**

**"Is your mother alive?"**

**Person replied:**

**"Yes!"**

**The Prophet (S.A.W.W) said:**

**"Go back, and stay with your mother this is your Jihad"**

The Prophet (S.A.W.W) taught seeing your mother at home will be more rewarding than Jihad.

**Society Perspective:**

Today, when the mother gets old, she becomes burden to their child. So they sent her to old homes. It is

the dark reality of today's world.

The Ummah has neglected the teachings of Islam, even they raise

their voice in front of their mothers

They are various examples in Islam, which shows that how Allah increased

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their ranks, who treat their mothers with love and respect for instance Saad ibn Waqas (R.A.)

## 6- Education Rights:

**Hadith:**

**"It is obligatory for every man and women to seek knowledge"**

There is no compulsion of women education in Islam. Even Islam it is the duty of a Muslim to seek knowledge. The first word of Quran is "Iqra" which means "to read"

**In Quran**

**"Read in the name of your Lord who created you..."**

(~ Surah Al-Alaq/)

Hazrat Ayesha (R.A.) wife of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W) was the most knowledgeable people of that time.

She taught men and women about Islam, medicine and law.

It shows that women can get education or lead as teachers, scholars.

**Society Perspective:-**

Society has mixed cultural practices with Islam or forget the actual teachings of Islam. 129 million women are drop out of education. They usually spent money or prefer

education rather than women education

## 7- legal and Political Rights:

Islam give right to women to lead as a leader, justice, speak in public and can make decision.

**Women correct Hazrat Umar (R.A):**

Hazrat Umar (R.A) suggested to limit the (maheer). A women corrected him and by using a verse he accepted it.

**(The women is right, Umar is Wrong)**

## **Society Perspective:-**

Today, women are still under-represented in courts and parliament, even in developed countries. Islam allows women to participate and lead with respect.

## 8- Modesty and Hijab as safety & Protection:

**In Quran:**

**"Tell believing women to lower their gaze and wear veils..."**

Allah tells women to dress modestly, cover her body, don't reveal beauty publically. Islam does not restrict women she can earn, get education but to cover herself, protecting inner

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inner and outer beauty: purity  
In Islam, women are protected  
from rape, harassment, violence  
and public shame. Hurting a  
woman is a big sin.

Hadith:

"Fear Allah in matters  
of women"

Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W.W) people  
who mistreat women will be  
punished.

**Conclusion:-**

Islam gave women complete honour,  
respect, equal rights, even when  
would treat them badly. Islam  
sees men and women equal in  
the eyes of Allah. Islam does not  
limit women, it protects them.

Islam does not silence women, it  
lifts their voice. However Islam  
does not claim women, it gives them  
freedom with respect. The Islamic  
teaching are more fair to women  
than the modern systems. Pakistan  
should revise its policy for women  
in accordance with Islamic values.

Not just in words, but in real  
actions.