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Islam has pinpointed the rights of women and she has been properly regarded in all her capacity in the family. Elaborate comparing the fact with other religions.

Introduction:

In the era before Islam, women were the neglected part of the society. They were not provided with due rights and in many places, their freedom of thoughts, action beliefs were suppressed. Islam, which emerged in 7th century, brought a clear framework dignity, responsibility and rights of women mainly in the family. This contradicts many pre-Islamic and other religious traditions where women were having badly secondary status at homes too.

Status of Women In Islam. As A Daughter:

Women in

Islam enjoy respectable status as a

daughter. In pre-Islamic era, female Infanticide was common but Islam stopped all barbaric customs of burying girl child alive. Quran said in Surah Al-Takweer 81:8-9.

"And when the girl (who was) buried alive is asked, for what sin she was killed"

In Islam daughters are considered as blessing not burden. Prophet Muhammad regarded girl Parents as

"Who ever has daughter and treating them well, They will be a shield for him against the fire"

Islam treats girl child with immense love and care and prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) treated his daughter with so much love specially Fatima. Islam hold fixed share in inheritance in Surah Nisa. 4:11.

49% the female, a share is equal to half of that of male"

Islam provides rights of education of all being.

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and says:

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory to every Muslim male and female".

Allah ta'ala. also asked to treat daughter in well manner and will be reward in the hereafter. Prophet Muhammed once stated

"If someone has three daughters and is patient with them and clothes them from his wealth, they will be shield against fire for him".

AS A WIFE:

Status of women as wife is highly regarded. It gives women a lot of rights and charges in life. Marriage is a mutual contract not one sided contracted where women willingness is equally important. Women has complete right to accept and reject the proposal. In Surah Nisa Quran says: 'Do not inherit women against their will'.

Also, 'Meher' is form of women's gift becomes her personal property. In Surah Nisa Allah says, (Al Nisa 4:4)

And give the women [upon marriage] their meher as a free gift."

Marriage is the name of cooperation, emotional support and shared responsibilities. Both husband and wife has responsibility over each other. In Surah Baqrah 2:228, Allah says:

"And they (women) have rights similar to those (of men) over them in kindred."

Women hold rights for Maintenance, unknown as 'Nafaqah'. It includes food, clothes, shelter and health care as obligation of man.

Islam also gives right to divorce to women, as divorce is not a likeable act, but can be done if it is solution of problems in marriage. Islam prohibit all type of physical and emotional abuse and sees marriage as a contract

of mutual respect, comfort and dignity for both of the partner. Hence, for women role of wife is highly regarded and brings so much love, comfort and security in life.

STATUS OF MOTHERS IN ISLAM:

The most respectful role of a woman is as 'mother' in Islam. Role of mother is highly regarded and treated with so much love. Islam even commands to be respectful with non-believer mothers. Allah says in Quran 4:36.

"Worship God and join not God any partner with him and be kind to your parents."

Quran emphasizes the great struggles the mother goes through for her child to highlight parents' need in old age and bring focus to reciprocate them. In Surah Laqman ayat 19 Allah says:-

"And we have commanded people to honour their parents. Their mother bore them through hardship, and their weaning

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takes two years. So be grateful to me and your parents. To Me is the final return.

The crux of this ayah is: we should not ever forget that our mother bore us for nine months in our womb and bore every pain on every moon also fed us for good two years so mother's suffering should be counter with kindness and care through out child's life ^{untill} and should obey her command ~~if~~ it is against Allah's commands. Allah says in holy Quran Surah Ahtaf

"We have commanded people to honour their parents. Their mother bore them in hardship and delivered them in hardship. Their period of ~~bearing~~ and weaning is thirty months. In time when the child reaches the prime age of ~~thirty~~ forty, they pray, 'My lord! impose me to always' be thankful to your favours which you blessed me and my parents with and to do

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good deeds that please you.

Prophet Muhammad

(S.A.W) continually used to remind his following of the status of Mother and their rights. He emphasized on rights of mothers and when a man came to prophet and said:

"O messenger of Allah! Who from amongst mankind warrants the best companionship from me? He said "Your mother".

The man asked then who? So he replied "your mother". The man then asked; Then who? So the Prophet replied again "Your mother". Then the man: Then who? So he replied "Then your father".

(Sahih Bukhari, Seheh Muslim)

The late grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Shaikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Baz said: in context of this hadith that it necessitates that the mother is given three times the like of kindness and good treatment than the father.

So the status of women as a mother is at highest paramount

and treated with kindness, obedience and care. There are many more hadiths and incidents in Islamic history that highlight status of mothers in Islam. Women in this role is not only way of blissful life but also a reason of Jannah.

Comparison of Women's Status in different religions.

Islam grants women a dignified and balanced status and empowers in every aspect of life. Islam allows women to flourish economically and can possess wealth, property and business. Hazrat Khadijah (r.a.) was the prime example of this. She was the business woman and wealthy Arab woman married to Prophet Muhammad at the age of 40. But on contrary, other religions do not give right to women to properties and economic resource. This includes Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism. In Islam, inheritance

is a source of women's financial stability - but none of the other religions empower women in inheritance laws and shift all inheritance to sons.

There is another aspect of women's empowerment that is its role as a scholar - Islam has scholar women. Hazrat Aisha (R.A) is greatest scholar of all times. She suggested solutions of various issues of her times and used to educate Arab after Prophet Muhammed (S.A.W). Catholic churches does not approve women in scholarly work same as Orthodox Jew. Hindus also limits hindu female priest or main scholars.

Companionship and Marriages is huge and major part of peace of life. Islam has many rights of women over this aspect of life i.e. Mahr right, Nafkah right and right to divorce. but there is