

Islamic Studies

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

1. Introduction:

Since fourteen hundred years ago, Islam has bestowed upon humanity the supreme standard of human rights. These right restore the dignity of men, ^{and} women more than any other religion in the world. Before advent of islam, man was lost in darkness and distractions and he was unaware of his true worth and purpose. Islam came and enlightened the world with light as it gave a complete code of life and gifted human beings with a complete package of rights. All other religions

give limited concept of rights for human beings and are limited to certain nations, groups and areas. While Islam serves humanity and has given the concept of equality, justice, love, peace and dignity. Islam believes that men and women are made of same soul and share the same essence. Allah says in Quran,

"O mankind! be mindful of your duty to your Lord, who created you from a single soul and created its mate, and from the two created and spread many men and women."

2. Islam provides better rights to men and women than all other religions:

Islam is a divine religion and known

as deen that is superior over all other religions because of the fact that it gives better rights to human beings than all other religions in the world.

2.1 Islam guarantees the right to life to all humanity:

The first and foremost basic right in islam is right to live and respect human life. The Holy Quran lays down:

"من قتل نفسا بغير نفس او فسادا فى الارض
فكانما قتل الناس جميعا"

Translation: "Whosoever kills a human being for other than manslaughter or mischief into earth, it shall be as if he has killed all mankind."

2.2 Islam the only religion that emphasizes human equality and dignity:

Islam defined the human dignity and gives status of equality to all

human beings. ^{The} Prophet (PBUH) in his last sermon said,

"Arab has no superiority over non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also white has no superiority over black nor, a black has any superiority over white except by piety and good action."

2.3 The only religion that dignifies the status of women:

Islam elevated the status of women in all spheres of life. Allah says in Surah Al Baqarah; "They are clothing for you, and you are clothing for them."

while in Hinduism and Orthodox Judaism women are treated as lower entities of society.

1.4 Islam safeguards the rights of minorities:

Islam safeguards all right of minorities or Zimmies while in other religions minorities are neglected as in Israel because of Zionism, muslim minorities suffer with atrocities. There is Islamophobia in **United States** too. Muslims in India also face difficulty in exercising their religious freedom.

2.5 Islam promotes the right to Justice:

Islam advocates justice and equality, it has given a balanced equation with both rights and obligations. Leaders in Islamic states are ordered to ensure justice.

"There are seven types of individuals for whom God will provide cover. The rightful leader is [one]." (Sahih-Musli^m)

2.6 Islam advocates human's right to enjoy this world and its possessions:

The islamic ideal or perfection is beautiful in the sense that it says man has right to make full use of all the worldly possibilities of his life. Other religions like Christianity deprives man to enjoy this world. The western religions deprive man to enjoy spirituality and narrate this world is every thing. while islam gives a balanced approach. The muslims pray;

"ربنا اتنا في الدنيا حسنة وفي الآخرة حسنة وقنا عذاب النار" (Al-Quran)

Translation: "Our Lord! grant us good in this world and good in the hereafter, and protect us from the punishment of the fire."

2.7 Islam gives the concept of religious freedom and pluralism:

Islam narrates religious freedom as a human right and preaches plurality and tolerance. According to Quran:

"لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ ۚ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ
مِنَ الْبِغْيِ ۚ"

There is no compulsion in
Din. The right direction
is distinct from error."
(Al-Baqarah)

3. Critical Analysis:

Islam is
The only religion that grants
all people equal rights. The
world is currently experiencing
the worst discrimination against
human rights as in Russia-
Ukraine war and Hamas-Israel
war. Israel is constantly
violating human rights in
Gaza with impunity. Islam,
on the other hand, stands

for human rights and defends human dignity. So, adhering to islamic teaching is the only way to deal with the current turmoil in the world.

4 Conclusion:

In a nutshell, islam upholds the concept of human rights which includes the life, equality and justice. Islam is the only religion that has given women a dignified status and has defended their rights in all fields of life. Islam advocates rights of minorities also. Islam gives a balanced approach for balancing this life and ^{struggle} hereafter. Islam is the only din that upholds everyone's due rights.

"To deny people their human rights is challenging their very humanity!"

— Nelson Mandela —