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"Islam teaches the lesson of human respect and dignity irrespective of colour, race and creed." Discuss

Answer

Introduction

In Islam every human being is honored and respectable. Allah created every human with love and gave them dignity, regardless of color, race and gender. Before Islam, human was deprived of their rights, women were not respected, treated slaves badly, people were judged on the basis of their wealth, race or gender. But Islam guided that every human is respectful. Some of the examples for instance Hazrat Bilal (R.A) was a black slave was first Muzzan, likewise Hazrat Khadijah (R.A) was first successful businesswoman, it showed that Islam elevated their ranks regardless of color, race and gender. Human beings are as equal as the teeth of the comb. No one is superior to another. A human can be superior on the basis of (Taquwan) rather than race, color and gender.

What is human dignity?

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Meaning of Dignity

Dignity means honor, respect and equal.

Meaning of Human Dignity in Islam

In Islam, human dignity means every human is respectable regardless of their gender, color or race.

Quranic Foundation of Human Dignity

In Quran:

"We have honored the children of Adam..."

~ Surah Al-Isa

The verse indicates that Islam honored every human being. No one is superior to one another. Allah has given dignity to all human beings, male or female, rich or poor, black or white, etc. Every human should be treated respectfully.

Hadith Reference to Human Dignity

Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W) said.

"All of you are from Adam; Adam was from dust. An Arab has no superiority over non Arab, or non-Arab has no superiority over Arab, or for white has no superiority over black, or black has no superiority over white, except by Taqwa"

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Same Origin

The Prophet (S.A.W.W) reminded us that all human beings are came from one Father (Hazrat Adam (A.S)), Allah has created Hazrat Adam (A.S) from dust, showing us all are humble creation, not gods or kings.

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No Superiority based on Race or Color

Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W.W) said that no one is superior on the basis of their race and color. Allah created everyone with love and gave them dignity. There are just differences for identity, not rank or pride.

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Only Taqwah Matters

The only difference that make someone better from other is only based on (Taqwah) oneness of Allah. Taqwah means love for Allah, fear of Allah, which means only Taqwah matters in the sight of Allah.

Example

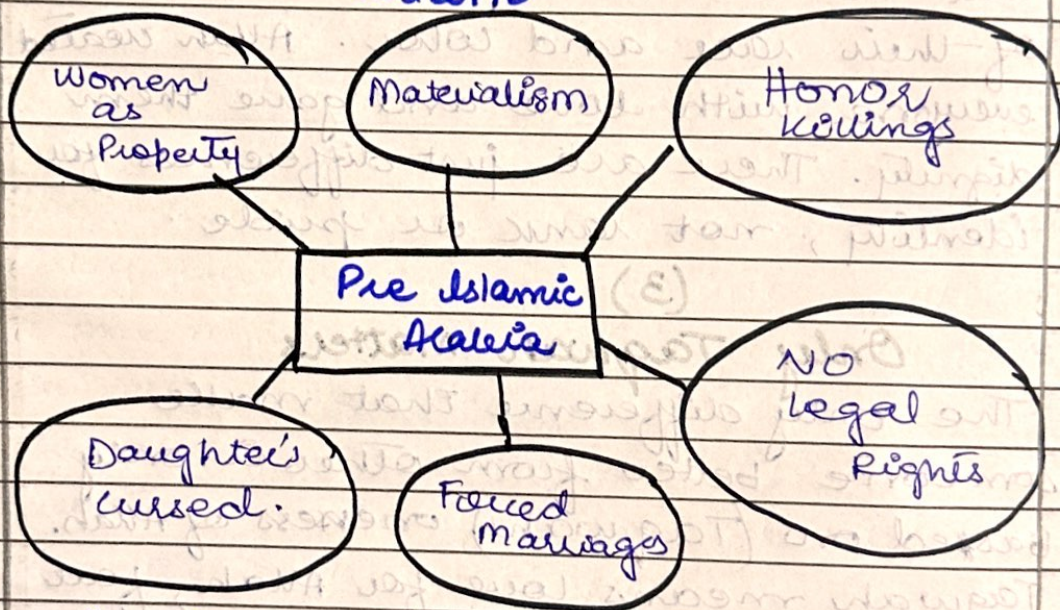
Rabi'ah a famous noble saint of Basrah, she devoted his life for the love of Allah, not for the sake of Paradise or fear of Jahanum (Hell).

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Islam broke Racism and Caste system
In the time of Prophet (S.A.W.W),
The Arabs used to think they are
better than others. But Islam
guided that no one is better to
another just on the basis of
race or caste. Allah honored every
human being with dignity.

Dignity of Women restored by Islam



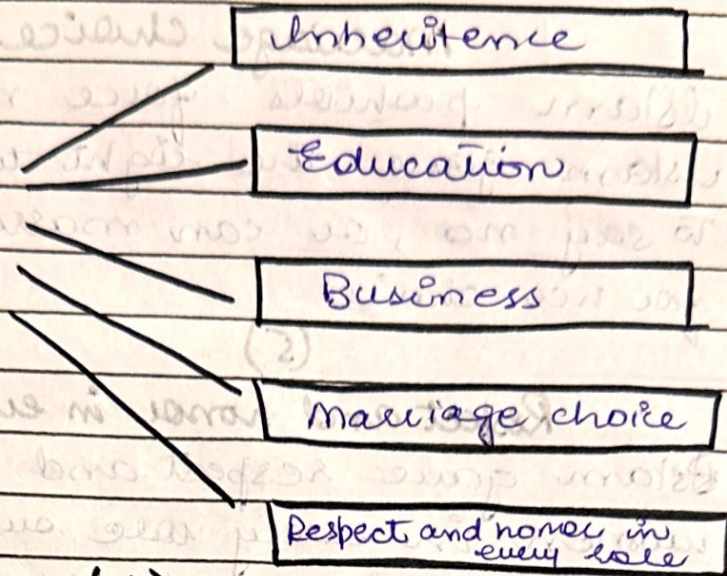
In Quran:

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

~ Surah At-Takwin

But Islam gave respect to every
human, women, slaves and
other basic human rights.

Women Rights in Islam



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Inheritance

Islam gave rights of women in inheritance, and granted a fixed share of right. A revolutionary right when they were inherited nothing.

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Education

Islam gave rights to education; it is obligatory for every man and women to get education. Islam does not privilege only the education for males.

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Business

A women can own a business, wealth, there is no restrictions. for example Hazrat Khadijah (R.A) was a successful business women.

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Marriage choice

Islam prohibits force marriages. Islam gave the right to women to say no, or can marry a man for her choice.

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Respect and honor in every role

Islam gave respect and honor to women in every role such as mothers, wives, daughter etc.

Women were honored with dignity and protection in every role.

Dignity in Social Dealing

Islam strongly emphasizes the protection of human dignity, honor and brotherhood. It forbids all forms of verbal, social and moral abuse.

Spying

Mocking

Backbiting

Insulting

Forms of verbal,
social and
moral abuse

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Do not mock or insult others

In Quran

"... nor defame one another,
nor call each other with
offensive nicknames"

~ Surah Al-Hujurat

Islam prohibits making fun of another. Every human should be treated respectfully. Mocking, name-calling or insult can damage a person's self esteem.

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Do not backbite or humiliate one another

In Quran:

"Do not spy on one another,
nor backbite. Would you
like to eat flesh of his
dead brother, you would
hate it"

~ Surah Al-Hujurat

Backbiting is speaking negatively behind a person. In Quran, Allah compares it to eating ~~your~~ your dead brother's flesh (a horrifying and disgusting act)

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Respect is a core Islamic value
Hadith

"The Muslim is one whose tongue
and hands others are safe"

~ Bukhari

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A Muslim is one from whom others are safe. It is an Islamic value which includes do not mock, insult, backbite. It is against Islamic-ethics.

Human Dignity in Islam is Universal

Islam teaches that every human is respectable. Even non-Muslims deserves dignity and protection.

Prophet (S.A.W.W) showed respect and love towards the non-Muslim.

Islam says:

Every human is honored.

Respect is a right.

Taghwa is the true honor.

Conclusion

Islam teaches every human is valuable whether Muslims or Non-Muslims. The Sharia of Prophet (S.A.W.W) is a complete code of life, that shows that how respectfully Prophet (S.A.W.W) treated the slaves or non-Muslims. Provide them equal rights. It is against the teachings of Islam to harm other human. Islam stands for respect, mercy and equality for all.