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DIGNITY OF WOMEN IN ISLAM

Before the advent of Islam in Pagan Arab, women were treated as an extra being. A baby born as a girl would be buried alive as it would be considered a shame that a girl child is born in the house. Women were considered as sex objects. They would be made to dance naked in the vicinity of the Holy Kabba during their annual festivals. This gives a very bleak image of the Arab world before the advent of Islam.

When Islam came, all such practices were condemned and uprooted. Islam wiped out all such ill beliefs and gave women a dignified position as per the teachings of Quran. Allah in the Holy Quran has on multiple occasions talked about women and described their rights. Allah named

a chapter in Quran after the name of women i.e Al-Nissa. In this chapter, Allah has described the rights of women and what rights men have over them.

• WOMEN AS MOTHERS:

The most dignified position of a woman is when she becomes a mother. Allah says a child cannot pay for all the sufferings she bore while giving him birth and nursing him during infancy. A widely known hadith states that,

"Heaven lies at the feet of mothers"

By looking at this, the importance of women in Islam is quite evident.

• WOMEN AS WIVES:

Islam has valued women once again in the form of a wife. Husband and wife are regarded as each other's garment. This means that as a garment gives warmth and cover the nakedness, in the same way, husband and wife are each a source of each other's warmth who cover each other's weaknesses and shortcomings.

A husband is made obliged to provide for his wife. All her needs are to be met by him. Women is not asked or made responsible for financial support for the family. It is the man

who provides. This shows that women enjoys a respectable position in Islam.

• WOMEN AS DAUGHTERS.

As mentioned earlier that daughters were buried alive for they were considered a shame and a reason to be mocked at by people. Islam demolished this ill practice and regarded the daughter's birth as Allah's mercy. Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) in a hadith mentions that those who nourish and provide well for two daughters will be as close as (he pointed showed the index and middle fingers held close together) with him in Paradise. This shows how well women are treated by Islam.

• MEN AND WOMEN BEING EQUAL

Islam has given the same status to women as it has to men. There is no superiority or inferiority in gender. Both men and women are graded on the basis of their good deeds. The Quran on multiple occasions calls out to believers. It does not specify believing men or believing women. This is the basic example of how Islam treats women with dignity and greatness.

CONCLUSION:

Keeping in view all the mentioned instances, it can be concluded that Islam has debunked the idea of Islam as an oppressive religion. In fact, Islam is the only religion that equates both the genders and provides women with equal rights. This dignifies women and gives her a highest status.
