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Identity and Status of Women in Islam:

It is not an overstatement to say that Islam is the first religion in the world to offer a system for the protection and wellbeing of women and their rights. This system is absolutely perfect. It offers her dignity, respect and equal status as men. In the Holy Quran, Allah Almighty instructs both men and women separately and collectively regarding their role, duties and responsibilities both as men/women and as a practicing Muslims. These instructions throw light on the purpose of the creation of both genders. They also provide guidelines using which will ensure the safeguard of the chastity and modesty of both the creations as this is important for the sustenance of the society.

Allah Almighty says in Holy Quran:

"He created you from one soul. Then He made from it its mate". (Az-Zumar: Verse 6)

Therefore, Islam pays attention to all details regarding the role of women in society, their relationship with men as mothers, wives, sisters and daughters. It provides a charter of rules and regulation to make sure that women are protected and respected in every

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possible scenario in society.

Rights of Women and its Equality in Islam:

Islam is a system of life which offers equal rights to both men and women.

The following are some examples:

→ According to Islam both men and women are created from the same source. None of them is in any way superior or inferior to the other.

The ~~pro~~ Prophet of Allah (PBUH) said:

"Verily, women are twin halves of men."

→ It is obligatory for both men and women to abide by all the laws of the Sharia in every aspect of life. They have to practice the five pillars of Islam religiously.

→ Men and women will receive similar rewards and punishments for their respective conduct and deeds.

→ Women like men can buy, sell and participate in any financial activity subject to the condition that if she is not financially supported by her guardian.

→ A person who treats women with respect and justice is doing an extremely noble deed. The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) said:

"The most complete believer is the best in character and the best of you."

is the best of his womenfolk."

→ Islam: True Elevation of Honor of Women:

Propagandists have tried to defame Islam by misrepresenting the teaching of Islam regarding women rights. True Islamic teaching regarding women rights are discussed below:

→ Islam and Polygamy:

Polygamy refers to the practice of having more than one wife simultaneously. Islam permits polygamy, but also restricts the number of wives a man can have which was not the case in the pre-Islamic Arab World.

Islam instructs and commands a man to treat all his wives with justice and equality. If he does not do so, he will be sinning tremendously.

The Holy prophet ^ﷺ by saying:

"Whoever has two wives and favours one of them over the other, will come on the Day of Resurrection with one of his sides leaning."

→ Moral and Financial Responsibilities:

A woman is created to bear and raise children in the best possible way. She is also responsible for looking after the house and belongings of her husband when he is away to work.

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→ Wife Disciplining:

Islam strongly condemns beating and abusing women. The Prophet (PBUH) always treated his wives with love, affection and compassion as stated by Hazrat Ayesha (RA) in an authentic tradition.

→ Inheritance Rights of Women:

Allah, the Exalted, stated in the Glorious Quran:

"Allah instructs you concerning your children: for the male, what is equal to the share of two females--

(An-Nisa Verse 11)

In Islam, financial responsibilities are placed on the shoulders of men only. For this reason, Allah Almighty does justice with both men and women by giving them that much share in inheritance that would make it possible for both of them to fulfill their subsequent responsibilities. A woman gets fewer shares than a man only because she has no responsibilities to look after the financial needs of the household. Despite this, she gets her share.

Quranic Codification of Rights of Women:

Islam had codified the laws to protect the rights of women, 1200 years before the phrase "women's rights"

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had been coined. It is a marvel that Islam's laws relating to women, revealed so long ago meet all the tests of modern civil law.

→ Law of Inheritance & Economic Activities:

A woman inherits a specified share in the property of her deceased parents as well as her deceased spouse. A Muslim woman is sui juris. They can go out alone and take part in social, economic and political activities or pursue a lawful vocation.

→ Fake Charge against Women:

Launching a charge against chaste women unless supported by four witnesses is a punishable offence.

And those who launch a charge against chaste women and produce not four witnesses (to support their allegations), flog them with eighty stripes and reject their evidence ever after
(Surah An-Noor: Verse 4).

→ Focus on Modesty:

To prevent any ugly eventualities, Islam emphasizes modesty. The Quran asks not only women, but also men to keep their gaze low.

* Elderly women, past the prospect of marriage, may lay aside their outer garments provided they do not make a

wanton display of their beauty".

(Surah An-Noor: 60)

Conclusion:

Islam is no doubt the true religion. It is nothing but the word of God. Islam believes and propagates that all human beings are equal. They are superior to fellow human beings exclusively on grounds such as, piety, worship and goodness.

The status and rights of women in Islamic Society have been emphasized by the Quran and Sunnah through various teaching and principles.

The Quran and Sunnah have established principles of gender justice that elevated women's status in pre-Islamic Arabia, providing them with spiritual equality, educational opportunities, economic independence, martial protection and social participation right. The Quran and Sunnah recognize women's full humanity and inherent dignity, granting them inheritance rights, property ownership, consent in marriage, financial independence and community participation.

Thus Islamic tradition present a rich tapestry of rights, responsibilities and dignities afforded to women.