MARRIAGE IS ENCOURAGED IN ISLAM

PROPHET MUHAMMAD ( PBUH ) SAID :

( O YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHOEVER AMONGST YOU IS CAPABLE OF MARRIAGE LET HIM MARRY, FOR IT HELPS HIM LOWER HIS GAZE AND SAFEGUARD HIS MODESTY; THOSE WHO ARE NOT ABLE, SHOULD SEEK HELP IN FASTING FOR IT PROTECTS THEM )

BOKHARI & MUSLIM
MARRIAGE IN ISLAM

* THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MEN & WOMEN IS REGULATED THROUGH MARRIAGE

* SUCH RELATIONSHIP IS DIGNIFIED IN ISLAM AS A SIGN OF ALLAH

* MARRIAGE IS THE SUNNAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD ( PBUH )

* IT IS THROUGH MARRIAGE THAT THE MAN BECOMES A HUSBAND & FATHER; AND THE WOMAN BECOMES A WIFE & MOTHER
MARRIAGE IN ISLAM

“O MANKIND FEAR YOUR GUARDIAN LORD, WHO CREATED YOU FROM A SINGLE PERSON, CREATED OUT OF IT HIS MATE, AND FROM THEM SCATTERED LIKE SEEDS COUNTLESS MEN AND WOMEN; FEAR ALLAH, THROUGH WHOM YOU DEMAN YOUR MUTUAL RIGHTS AND BE HEADFUL OF YOUR RELATIONS, FOR ALLAH EVER WATCHES OVER YOU “

AN-NESA’A 4 : 1
MARRIAGE IS A SOURCE OF PEACE & HAPPINESS

"AND AMONG HIS SIGNS IS THAT HE CREATED FOR YOU, FROM AMONGST YOURSELVES SPOUSES IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY DWELL IN PEACE WITH THEM, AND HE HAS PUT BETWEEN YOUR HEARTS LOVE AND MERCY. INDEED IN THIS ARE SIGNS FOR THOSE WHO REFLECT"

AR-RUM 30 : 21
SPOUSES & CHILDREN ARE BLESSINGS FROM ALLAH

“AND ALLAH HAS MADE FOR YOU MATES OF YOUR OWN NATURE, AND OUT OF THEM MADE FOR YOU SONS AND DAUGHTERS AND GRANDCHILDREN, AND PROVIDED FOR YOU SUSTENANCE OF THE BEST: WILL YOU THEN BELIEVE IN VAIN THINGS AND BE UNGRATEFUL TO ALLAH’S FAVORS? “

AN-NAHL 16: 72
WHAT SHOULD THE MAN LOOK FOR IN HIS WIFE?

PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) SAID:

( A WOMAN IS MARRIED FOR FOUR REASONS: FOR HER WEALTH; AND FOR HER FAMILY; AND FOR HER BEAUTY; AND FOR HER MORALS & RELIGION: THEREFORE CHOSE THE ONE WITH MORALS OTHERWISE YOU MAY LOOSE )

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OTHER THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN MARRIAGE

- OF GOOD FAMILY BECAUSE THEN SHE WILL BE RAISED WELL
- OF EQUAL SOCIAL STATUS TO AVOID DIFFERENCES IN EXPECTATIONS AND ONE SPOUSE FEELINGS ARROGANT
- HEALTHY
- TO LOOK AT HER
ESSENTIAL RULES IN MARRIAGE CONTRACT

1- CLEAR LANGUAGE AND ACCEPTANCE

2- BOTH THE WOMAN & THE MAN MUST HAVE NO LEGAL REASON THAT PREVENTS MARRIAGE

3- GUARDIAN FOR THE WIFE: ADULT MUSLIM, JUST, SANE, USUALLY HER FATHER OR UNCLE. ABOU HANIFA SAID AN ADULT WOMAN DOES NOT NEED A GARDIAN

4- TWO WITNESSES
THE RIGHTS OF HUSBANDS OVER THEIR WIVES

1- TO OBEY HIM AS LONG AS THERE IS NO DISOBEDIENCE TO ALLAH
2- TO SAFEGUARD HIS HONOR & WEALTH
3- NOT ALLOW ANYONE ENTER HIS HOME WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION
4- TO MAKE THE HOME A PEACEFUL AND PLEASANT PLACE
OBEDIENCE TO THE HUSBAND

- THE HUSBAND IS THE LEADER IN THE FAMILY; BOTH HUSBAND & WIFE WORK TOGETHER FOR THE SUCCESS & HAPPINESS OF THEIR FAMILY

- PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) SAID:
  ( IF THE WOMAN PERFORMS HER PRAYERS; AND FASTS RAMADAN; AND SAFEGUARD HER CHASTITY; AND OBEYS HER HUSBAND SHE IS ALLOWED TO ENTER HER LORD’S PARADISE )
  IBN HIBBAN
OBEDIENCE TO THE HUSBAND

- AS LONG AS SHE IS NOT REQUESTED TO DISOBEY ALLAH:

- PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) SAID:
  (THERE IS NO OBEDIENCE TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING IF IT ENTAILS DISOBEYING ALLAH)

AHMAD & BOKHARI
THE RIGHTS OF THE WIFE

1-TO BE TREATED WELL AND WITH RESPECT

“AND LIVE WITH THEM WITH KINDNESS AND GOOD TERMS AND EQUITY “
AN-NESA’A 4 : 19

( THE BEST OF BELIEVERS ARE THOSE WITH BEST CHARACTER; AND THE BEST AMONGST YOU ARE THOSE WHO TREAT THEIR WIVES THE BEST )

termedhi & ibn hibban
THE RIGHTS OF THE WIFE

1- TO BE TREATED WELL & WITH RESPECT:

( THE BEST AMONGST YOU IS THE BEST TO HIS WIFE AND FAMILY; AMONGST YOU I AM THE BEST TO MY WIFE & FAMILY )

TERMEDHI, IBN MAJJA & TABARANI
THE RIGHTS OF THE WIFE

2-TO BE PROVIDED FOR:

“LET THE WOMEN LIVE IN THE SAME STYLE AS YOU LIVE ACCORDING TO YOUR MEANS; ANNOY THEM NOT SO AS TO RESTRICT THEM”

AT-TALAQ 65:6

( THE UPPER HAND IS BETTER THAN THE LOWER HAND; AND START WITH THOSE YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR )

BOKHARI
THE RIGHTS OF THE WIFE

2- TO BE PROVIDED FOR:

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (PBUH) WAS ASKED: WHAT IS THE RIGHT OF A WIFE OVER HER HUSBAND? HE SAID: (TO FEED HER WHEN YOU EAT; AND TO CLOTHE HER WHEN YOU CLOTHE YOURSELF; DO NOT HIT THE FACE; DO NOT LOOK DOWN OR RIDICULE; AND DO NOT AVOID OR DISTANCE YOURSELF EXCEPT AT HOME)

AHMAD
THE RIGHTS OF THE WIFE

3- TO TEACH HER THE RELIGION OF ISLAM:

“ENJOIN PRAYER ON YOUR PEOPLE, AND BE CONSTANT THEREIN”

TA HA 20:132

“O YOU WHO BELIEVE SAVE YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILIES FROM A FIRE WHOSE FUEL IS PEOPLE AND STONE”

AT-TAHREEM 66:6
THE RIGHTS OF THE WIFE

4- TO BE TREATED WITH KINDNESS & TOLERANCE:

( TAKE GOOD CARE OF WOMEN )

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( THE MANN IS A GUARDIAN IN HIS FAMILY; AND RESPONSIBLE & ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS TRUST )

BOKHARI & MUSLIM
SEDAQ (MAHR) DOWRY

• IS THE RIGHT OF THE WIFE

• THERE IS NO LOWER OR HIGHER LIMIT: IT SHOULD NOT BE EXCESSIVE

• IT SHOULD BE GIVEN AND NOT ALL DELAYED

• IF A SPECIFIC AMOUNT IS NOT NAMED, THEN WHAT IS EXPECTED UNDER SIMILAR SITUATIONS
DO NOT ASK EXCESSIVE MAHR

* THE AMOUNT OF MAHR IS NOT AN INDICATION OF THE VALUE OF THE BRIDE

- IF THE MAHR IS EXCESSIVE FEW MEN WILL BE ABLE TO MARRY

- PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) SAID
  (THE BEST MARRIAGE IS THAT WHICH IS NOT DIFFICULT)
  ABOU DAWOOD

  HE ALSO SAID (THE MARRIAGE MOST BLESSED IS THAT WHICH DOES NOT COST A LOT)
  AHMAD
THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN & PARENTS

1- SUSTENANCE & PROVISION
2- RAISING THE CHILDREN WELL
3- SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE
4- BEING KIND WITH PARENTS
PROPER MANNERS FOR BOTH HUSBAND & WIFE

1- TO HAVE HIA’A ( FEELING IN THE HEART THAT PREVENTS ONE FROM DOING WRONG OR BEING BLAMED )

PROPHET MUHAMMAD ( PBUH ) SAID :
( IF YOU HAVE NO HIA’A THEN DO WHAT YOU WISH ) BOKHARI

2- TO FEAR ALLAH & UNDERSTAND OUR ACCOUNTABILITY TO HIM

3- TO LOWER OUR GAZE AND GUARD MODESTY
PROPER MANNERS FOR BOTH HUSBAND & WIFE

4- TO UNDERSTAND THAT MARRIAGE IS A BLESSING FROM ALLAH AND BASED ON KINDNESS, MERCY AND LOVE

5- TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES AND SACRIFICE AND IMPROVE THE RELATIONSHIP

6- MUTUAL RESPECT AND CONSULTATION

7- THE PRIORITY IS THE FAMILY NOT FRIENDS OR RELATIVES: SPOUSE & CHILDREN AND A HAPPY HOME COME FIRST

8- AVOID UNNECESSARY ARGUMENTS, SHOUTING AND IRRITATING LIFE
HOW SHOULD DIFFERENCES & ARGUMENTS BE SOLVED?

- IT IS NATURAL THAT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AND ARGUMENTS WOULD OCCUR. THESE DIFFICULTIES SHOULD BE RESOLVED WITH KIND WORDS, LISTENING TO EACH OTHER, RESPECT, LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING; AND NOT BY ANGER, HATE, RIDICULE, IGNORING THE OTHER SIDE OR HIDING; PATIENCE & SACRIFICE ON BOTH SIDES, RATHER THAN OBSTINANCE AND ARROGANCE.
NUSHOU’Z ( DISOBEDIENCE & ARROGANCE )

MAY OCCUR FROM THE WIFE WHEN SHE DISOBEYS HER HUSBAND AND BECOMES ARROGANT.

IT IS CONSIDERED A GREAT SIN: PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) SAID:

( IF THE MAN ASKS HIS WIFE TO COME TO BED AND SHE REFUSES, AND HE SLEEPS ANGRY WITH HER, THE ANGELS WOULD CURSE HER TILL MORNING ) BOKHARI & MUSLIM.

* IF SHE IS SICK OR INDISPOSED THE HUSBAND SHOULD BE KIND & TOLERANT
REMEDIY FOR DISOBEDIENCE

“MEN ARE THE GUARDIANS AND PROTECTORS OF WOMEN BECAUSE ALLAH HAS FAVORED SOME OVER THE OTHER, AND BECAUSE THEY SUPPORT THEM FROM THEIR MEANS. THEREFORE, THE RIGHTEOUS WOMEN ARE DEVOUTLY OBEIDENT AND GUARD IN THE HUSBAND’S ABSENCE WHAT ALLAH WOULD HAVE THEM GUARD. AS TO THOSE WOMEN ON WHOSE PART YOU FEEL DISLOYALTY AND ILL-CONDUCT ADMONISH THEM FIRST; NEXT REFUSE TO SHARE THEIR BEDS; AND LAST BEAT THEM LIGHTLY. BUT IF THEY RETURN TO OBEIDENCE SEEK NOT AGAINST THEM MEANS OF ANNOYANCE FOR ALLAH IS MOST HIGH, GREAT ABOVE ALL” AN-NESA’A’ 4 : 34
How can differences be settled?

Differences of opinion are bound to occur between husband and wife. Such differences are to be settled on the basis of kindness, love and talking to each other, and not by force or oppression.
Wife beating is not allowed in Islam

Those women who disobey their husbands and feel high and arrogant require special handling as the Qur’an suggests:

* Talk to them with kindness and in a loving caring manner and remind them of their duties to Allah and their families

* If they persist in their arrogant disobedient behavior and refuse to listen to reason, then the husbands are allowed not to share their bed. This is a rude awakening of how much both spouses are denying themselves the love and intimacy that Allah has put in their hearts
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The allowance given under special circumstances for husbands to discipline their wives no longer applies today as such behavior is considered inhumane and not acceptable in the society that we live in.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) our example never beat any of his wives
Wife beating is not allowed in Islam

Prophet Muhammad ( PBUH ) exclaimed how can a husband beat his wife like a slave, then seeks her favor and intimacy at night

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1- KIND WORDS & REMINDERS:

“AND LIVE WITH THEM ON TERMS OF KINDNESS & EQUITY” AN-NESA’A’A 4 : 19

( THE BEST AMONGST YOU IS THE BEST IN TREATING HIS FAMILY; AND I AM BEST TO MY FAMILY ) TERMEHI

( TREAT THE WOMEN WELL ) BOKHARI

THAT HE SHOULD FEAR ALLAH IF HE WRONGS HIS WIFE AND IS UNJUST
WIFE’S REACTION TO AN ARROGANT BAD SPOUSE

2- SEEK HELP FROM RELATIVES:

“IF YOU FEAR BREACH BETWEEN THEM, APPOINT TWO ARBITERS, ONE FROM HIS FAMILY, AND THE OTHER FROM HER FAMILY; IF THEY SEEK TO SET THINGS ALRIGHT ALLAH WILL CAUSE THEIR RECONCILIATION, FOR ALLAH HAS FULL KNOWLEDGE AND ACQUAINTED WITH ALL THINGS” AN-NESA’A’ 4 : 35

3- SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP

4- IF NOTHING WORKS OUT THEN ASKING FOR DIVORCE
DIVORCE IS ALLOWED IN ISLAM

• IF ARGUMENTS AND DIFFERENCES CANNOT BE SETTLED AND LIFE BECOMES INTOLERABLE, IT IS BETTER TO RESORT TO DIVORCE THAN COMMITT SIN

• PROPHET MUHAMMAD ( PBUH ) SAID:
  ( THE HALAL ( ALLOWED ) THAT IS DISLIKED BY ALLAH IS DIVORCE )

• DIVORCE IS NORMALLY THE RIGHT OF THE HUSBAND. A WIFE CAN REQUEST DIVORCE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS
DIVORCE IN ISLAM

DIVORCE ACCORDING TO THE SUNNAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IS:

* IN A STATE OF TUHR (NOT DURING MENSES)

* NO INTIMATE CONTACT DURING THAT TUHR

* ONE DIVORCE ONLY
DIVORCE IN ISLAM

A man has the right to utter divorce three times. After the third divorce, his wife is completely free and he has no authority over her. During the first or second divorce, as long as the wife is still in her edda, the husband has the right to return his wife to the bond of marriage, even without her consent.
CAN A WIFE DIVORCE HERSELF?

NO UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

EXCEPTIONS ARE:

- SHE CAN SEEK KHUL’ (TO SEEK HER FREEDOM) BY PAYING HER HUSBAND PART OF THE MAHR
- IF THE HUSBAND IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FOR HIS WIFE, OR IS UNABLE TO FULFILL HIS ROLE AS A HUSBAND, THE WIFE CAN SEEK DIVORCE
- IF THE HUSBAND HAS LEFT HIS WIFE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR
EDDA ( WAITING PERIOD BEFORE A WIFE CAN REMARRY )

- WOMEN WHO MENSTRUATE: THREE MENSES OR THREE TOHURS
- WOMEN WHO DO NOT MENSTRUATE: THREE MONTHS
- WOMEN WHOSE HUSBANDS DIED: 4 MONTHS & TEN DAYS
- PREGNANT WOMEN: WHEN THEY DELIVER
NAFAQQA (PROVISION FOR THE DIVORCED WIFE)

- **DIVORCE RAJ’EE (HUSBAND HAS A RIGHT TO RETURN HIS WIFE):**
  NAFAQQA & TO STAY AT HOME

- **DIVORCE BA’EN (HUSBAND HAS NO RIGHT TO RETURN HIS WIFE):**
  SCHOLARS DIFFERED: HAS RIGHT OF NAFAQQA & HOME; OR ONLY THE RIGHT OF RESIDENCE; OR NO RIGHT AT ALL

- **PREGNANT WIFE:**
  NAFAQQA & TO STAY AT HOME TILL SHE DELIVERS
SEPARATE ON EQUITABLE TERMS

“WHEN YOU DIVORCE WOMEN, AND THEY ARE ABOUT TO FULFIL THE TERMS OF THEIR EDDA, EITHER TAKE THEM BACK ON EQUITABLE TERMS OR SET THEM FREE ON EQUITABLE TERMS. BUT DO NOT TAKE THEM BACK TO INJURE THEM, OR TO TAKE UNDUE ADVANTAGE. IF ANYONE DOES THAT HE WRONGS HIS OWN SOUL”

AL-BAQARA 2 : 231