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Domestic Issues and Their Solutions



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Marriage: Domestic Issues & Their Solutions

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Discussion

- What is the importance of marriage?
- Discuss the hadith- “When a man has married, he has fulfilled one half of his religion.”¹
- What responsibilities come with marriage?



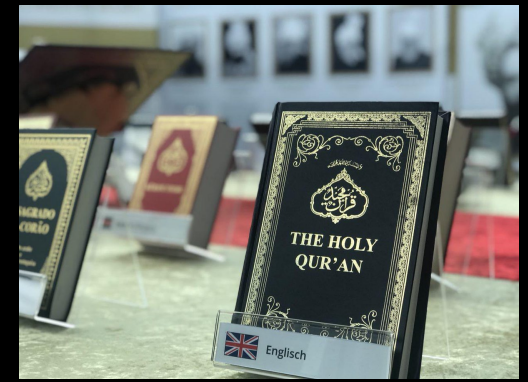
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Verses Recited at the Time of Nikkah



“O ye people! **fear your Lord, Who created you from a single soul and created therefrom its mate**, and from them twain spread many men and women; and **fear Allah**, in Whose name you appeal to one another, and **fear Him particularly respecting ties of relationship**. Verily, Allah watches over you.” (Chapter 4, verse 2)

“O ye who believe! **fear Allah, and say the straightforward word**. He will set right your actions for you and forgive you your sins. And whoso obeys Allah and His Messenger, shall surely attain a mighty success.” (Chapter 33, verses 71-72)

“O ye who believe! **fear Allah; and let every soul look to what it sends forth for the morrow**. And **fear Allah**; verily Allah is Well-Aware of what you do.” (Chapter 59, verse 19)



Nikkah: A Contract Between Husband & Wife

- A pledge to abide by righteousness and fear Allah
- A commandment of Allah ta'ala
- Haq Mehr: Right of a Woman
 - “Haq mehr is to be received and is not to be surrendered and it is a woman’s right to take it. Those who want to surrender it should first ask for it to be placed in the palm of their hands. If they have the generosity and the resolve to return it after this, they may do so.” - Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V
- “Even at the time of marriage, a woman can take an oath from her husband that he will never marry another wife.” - Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V Address at Ladies’ Session of Jalsa Salana UK 2021



Qawl-e-Sadeed: Foundation of Stable Relationships

“The tenth distinct quality of the servants of the Gracious God is that they neither tell lies nor give false testimony. Falsehood plays a huge part in the decline and ruin of nations...Thus, Ahmadis should employ 100% honesty in all their affairs and their testimonies. For example, in marital matters, during nikkah, ***it is pledged that the bond of marriage will be based on qawl e sadeed (the right word) and always the truth will be told***; unambiguous truth which will be crystal clear with no vagueness. However, after the wedding the young woman speaks dishonestly to the young man and the young man speaks dishonestly to the young woman, both sides of in-laws speak dishonesty to each other and relationships are fractured and gradually finish...In order to honor the dues of Allah the Exalted and the dues of humankind it is essential for believers who include themselves in servants of the Gracious God to ***abhor every kind of falsehood***.”

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V



Role of Husband and Wife

“Marriage is also a contract between a man and a woman. A woman is commanded that in light of this pact, she has some obligations. For example, ***she must look after the needs of her husband, nurture the children, looking after the household*** etc. Likewise, ***men have the responsibility of providing for the family*** and they have responsibility of the varied needs pertaining to this. ***Both husband and wife have joint responsibility of the virtuous upbringing of children.*** The more husband and wife care for the rights of each other while abiding by this pact, the more beautiful society will become.”

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V



Husband and Wife: Garment for One Another

- “They are a garment for you, and you are a garment for them.” -Holy Quran (2:188)
 - Cover each other’s faults
 - Garment: covers nakedness, source of embellishment and protection from hot and cold weather. Also being each other’s confidants
 - A husband and wife should not start divulging each other’s personal matters to others
 - Hazrat Abu Saeed Khudry (ra) narrates that the Holy Prophet (saw) said: “On the Day of Judgement the greatest betrayal counted in the sight of Allah the Exalted will be when a man has a relationship with his wife and then divulges his wife’s secrets.” (Sunan Abi Daud, Kitab ul Adaab)
- Marriage- commit to each other and the union of marriage, accept each other and cover each other’s shortcomings



Responsibilities of a Husband

“The best among you is he who is best towards his wife.”

– Holy Prophet (saw)

“A Hadith relates that a husband is rewarded even for putting a morsel of food in his wife’s mouth in order to seek Allah’s pleasure. The significance here is not of simply feeding a morsel...but denotes **nurturing one’s wife and children and fulling their needs**. It is the duty of a man to undertake the responsibilities of his family. If he undertakes this obligation with the intent of **fulfilling his wife’s rights**, who leaves her parents’ home for him, and to fulfil his children’s rights because Allah the Exalted has placed the responsibility on him and he fulfils it for Allah’s sake, fulfilling this obligation becomes a reward for him. **Doing so is also a form of worship.**”

– Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V



Men as Head of the Household (Quwwam)

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V has said:

- “As the head of the household it is the duty of the man to also keep an eye on the ambience of his home, to ***fulfil the rights of his wife and also the rights of his children***. He should give time to the children and be with them even if only for two days of the weekend. He should attach them to the mosque, take them to Jama’at programmes, make leisure plans with them, and be involved in their interests so that they can share their problems with him like a friend. He should ***find out if his wife has any problems or the children have any problems and then try to resolve them***. Then he can have the status of head of the household.”
- “What right does a man have to say anything to his wife who himself does not offer Salat and does not abide by religious commandments? What men have been permitted, with conditions, is actually to establish the rights of women.”



Joint Family System



- Another cause of conflict is that despite the capacity to live independently and without any warrantable reason, young men stay at their parents' home with their siblings
- If parents are elderly and have no one to take care of them, then it is the son's duty to keep them with him and serve them. However, if that is not the case, it is better to live separately
- “There is no harm...that you eat from your own houses, or the houses of your fathers, or the houses of your mothers or the houses of your brothers, or the houses of your sisters...” (24:62)
 - This indicates separation of households--mother's home should be separate from her married son's home



Suppress Anger

- A husband and wife were quarrelling while a little girl was watching them with astonishment. They asked the girl did her mother and father never argue or speak harshly? The girl replied, “Yes, ***if my father is angry my mother stays quiet and if my mother is angry my father stays quiet*** and the disagreement does not go any further in our home.”
- Hitting your wife is NOT allowed in Islam- rather the commandment is to first counsel them, then separate your beds, then light chastisement
 - “Remember if you consider yourself physically stronger than women, be mindful that ***Allah the Exalted is far Greater and Powerful than you.*** A woman has some significance before you, in fact she is equal to you however you have no significance before God Almighty. Therefore, fear Him and desist from these actions.” - Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V
- “The first instance of testing man’s morals is his wife.” – Promised Messiah (as)



“If one cannot reconcile with his wife, then he cannot reconcile with God”

– Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V



Treat Wives Kindly

A companion of the Promised Messiah (as) spoke harshly to his wife. This caused Allah to send a revelation to Promised Messiah (as):

“This is ***not a good way***. Abdul Karim, the leader of the Muslims, should be told not to pursue it.” (Arba’in, no. 3, Ruhani Khaza’in, Vol. 17, p. 428)

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“This revelation contains guidance for the whole Jama’at, that they should ***treat their wives with kindness and courtesy. Your wives are not your slaves.*** In point of fact, marriage is a covenant between man and woman. Therefore, ***strive not to be unfaithful in your covenant.*** Allah the Exalted states in the Holy Qur’an: ***lead a life of kindness and equity with your wives...*** Therefore, be good to your wives both spiritually and physically. Keep praying for them and ***avoid divorce. A person who is hasty in divorce is sinful in the eyes of God.*** Do not hasten to break that which God has brought together as though it is a dirty vessel.” (Ruhani Khaza’in, Vol. 17, p. 75)



Good Conduct

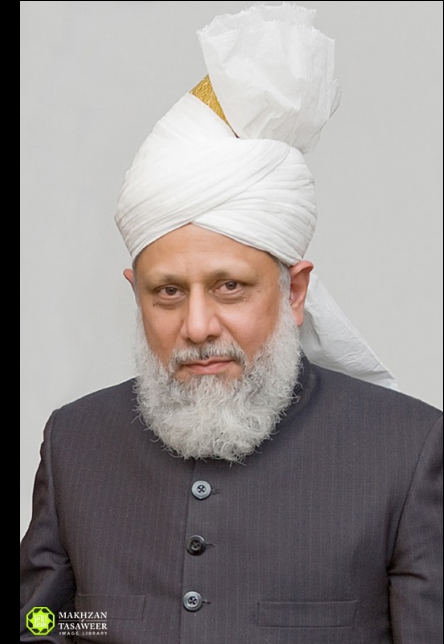
- Both husband and wife are equally commanded to be courteous to each other's relations
 - Relatives of wife have same rights as the man's own relatives
- Hadith states that a woman is like a rib. If you try to straighten it, you will break it. If you want to gain benefit from it, you do so despite its crookedness
 - Rib protects the heart and other organs
 - Rib has curvature, reason for strength
 - Women are given virtue of sacrifice- treat them well, and they will always be ready to sacrifice themselves for your desires.
- Actions speak louder than words. Set an example with **actions**



Prayer

“The home that operates on righteousness and which the Holy Prophet (saw) has defined and has prayed mercy for, is a home where the husband wakes up to offer optional Prayers (nawafil) at night and also awakens his wife. If she is in deep sleep, he sprinkles water on her face. If the wife wakes up first, she should adopt the same method to awaken her husband. Such homes, **where husbands and wives awake at night to seek the pleasure of God will certainly be heaven-like.**”

– Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V



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