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# The Significance Of Women In Islam

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Introduction:

Islam, a religion that emphasizes justice, equality, and compassion, holds women in high regard. In this, we explore the profound importance Islam places on women and examine the societal perceptions and challenges faced by women in Asian societies.

The Status of Women in Islam:

Islam grants women fundamental rights and honors their role in society. Quranic teachings emphasize the equality of men and women in the eyes of Allah. Women are accorded the right to education, work, and inheritance. Islam encourages respect for women and recognizes their significant contributions to family and community life.

Islamic Principles:

Islam advocates for the fair and just treatment of women, emphasizing kindness,

compassion, and support. The Prophet
Muhammad's teachings highlight the
importance of treating women with dignity
and respect. Islamic principles promote a
balanced approach to gender relations,
fostering cooperation and partnership
between men and women.

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Challenges in Asian Societies:

Despite Islam's emphasis on women's rights,
Asian societies often grapple with cultural
practices that may limit women's

opportunities. Traditional norms and stereotypes sometimes hinder women's progress in education, employment, and social participation. Overcoming these challenges requires a harmonious integration of Islamic principles with cultural values.

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Societal Perceptions:

In some Asian societies, women's roles are shaped by deep-rooted cultural norms that may not align with the principles of equality

and justice in Islam. Stereotypes and biases can lead to the marginalization of women, restricting their access to education and career opportunities. It is crucial for communities to revisit these perceptions and align them with Islamic values that promote fairness and equality.

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## Conclusion:

Islam places immense importance on the role of women, granting them rights and respect. However, in certain Asian societies,

cultural practices and societal perceptions
may hinder the realization of these
principles. A harmonious integration of
Islamic values with cultural contexts is
essential to ensure that women are afforded
their rightful place in society, contributing to
its progress and well-being.

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**WOMEN AND ISLAM** 

Islam has given women a very high status. It is a position that can only be held by a woman. When she is born, she comes as a mercy, and when she becomes a mother, she becomes someone's paradise. Allah has created women very delicate, but no matter how much pain they endure, they can bear the biggest of hardships. During the time of ignorance, girls were buried alive, but thanks to the Prophet Muhammad طلق بالمناطق , who ended this practice, and because of him,

women were able to achieve the highest of positions. He also had four daughters.

HAZRAT ZAINAB (R.A)

HAZRAT RUQYA (R.A)

HAZRAT UME KULSOOM (R.A)

HAZRAT BIBI FATIMA (R.A)(Queen of paradise) www.novelsclubb.com

At a time when female children were buried alive in Arab and women were considered transferable property, Islam honored women

in society by elevating them and protecting them with unprecedented rights. Islam gave women the right to education, to marry someone of their choice, to retain their identity after marriage, to divorce, to work, to own and sell property, to seek protection by the law, to vote, and to participate in civic and political engagement.

In 610 C.E., Allah began to reveal the message of Islam to Prophet

Muhammad, peace be upon him (pbuh),

inMecca. Muhammad ملتي (pbuh) called people towards the belief in one God and encouraged them to be just and merciful to one another. In reforming the pagan Arab society, he particularly transformed their mindset regarding the treatment of women. Islam abolished the practice of killing female children and raised the stature of women in society to one of dignity, esteem, and privilege.

Islam further confirms that both men and women are equal in the sight of Allah. In the

Quran, Allah declares, "...Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you..." (49:13) At another place in the Quran, Allah clearly states that all humans are equal: "To whoever, male or female, does good deeds and has faith, We shall give a good life and reward them according to the best of their actions." www.novelsclubb.com (16:97)

In Islam, Allah clearly gives mothers a high status and elevates their position in the

family. In the Quran, God mentions all the sacrifices mothers make in bearing children to remind people to treat their mothers with love, respect, and care. Emphasizing the importance of mothers, the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, "Heaven lies under the feet of your mother."

On another occasion, a man repeatedly www.novelsclubb.com asked Muhammad (pbuh), "Who amongst the people is the most worthy of my good companionship?" Each time, the Prophet (pbuh) replied, "Your mother."

When the man asked for the fourth time, he replied, "Your father."

A woman has the right to accept or reject marriage proposals and her approval is required to complete the marriage contract. She cannot be forced to marry someone against her will and if this occurs for cultural reasons, it is in direct opposition of Islam. By the same principle, women also have the right to seek divorce if they are dissatisfied with their marriage. Allah says about Himself, "And of His signs is that He

created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy..."

(Quran 30:21)

In Islam, women are not obligated to earn or spend any money on housing, food, or general expenses. If a woman is married, her husband must fully support her financially and if she's not married, that responsibility belongs to her closest male relative (father, brother, uncle, etc).

Islam gave women the right to own property and inherit from relatives, which was a revolutionary concept in the seventh century.

Whether a woman is a wife, mother, sister, or daughter, she receives a certain share of her deceased relative's property. This share depends on her degree of relationship to the deceased and the number of heirs. While many societies around the world denied women inheritance, Islam assured women

this right, illustrating the universal justice of Islam's divine law.

At the time of marriage, a woman is entitled to a financial gift (dowry) from her husband. This dowry is legally owned by her and cannot be used by anyone else. In the case of divorce, she has the right to keep whatever she owned before the divorce and anything she personally earned after marriage. The former husband has no right whatsoever to any of her belongings. This ensures a woman's financial security and

independence, allowing her to support herself in the case of divorce.

Some companions of the Prophet thought that Islam gave women more rights than necessary to elevate their status in society.

Allah declared that women will always have equal rights and the highest of positions in society.

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Yes, Allah and His Prophet have commanded women to observe hijab.

In the Quran,

سورة الأحزاب، الآية 59: يَا أَيُّا النَّبِيُّ قُل لِلأَرْوَا جِكَوْبَنَا يَكُونِيَا عِلْمُومِنِينَ يُدُنِينَ عَلَيْهِمِنَّ مِنْ جَلا بِينِهِمِنَّ ﴿ وَلَكُ أَدْنَى أَنْ يُعْرُفُنَ فَلا يُؤِذَيْنَ ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَفُورًا رَحِيًا

"O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks (veils) all over their bodies (i.e., screen themselves completely except the eyes or one eye to see the way). That will be better, that they should be known (as free respectable women) so as not to be annoyed. And Allah is Ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

The commandment of pardah (veil) is present in Islam. Women are required to conceal their identity and avoid exposing their body parts. Women are commanded to wear hijab and jilbab.

Surah An-Nur, Ayah 31: And tell the believing women to reduce [some] of their vision and guard their private parts and not expose their adornment except that which [necessarily] appears thereof and to wrap [a portion of] their headcovers over their chests

and not expose their adornment except to their husbands, their fathers, their husbands' fathers, their sons, their husbands' sons, their brothers, their brothers' sons, their sisters' sons, their women, that which their right hands possess, or those male attendants having no physical desire, or children who are not yet aware of the private aspects of women. And let them not stamp their feet to make known what they conceal of their adornment. And turn to Allah in repentance,

all of you, O believers, that you might succeed.

Islam gives women many rights, including the right to education, the right to own property, the right to work, the right to have a say in their marriage, the right to choose their spouse, the right to divorce, the right to inherit, and the right to be treated kindly and with respect. Islam also emphasizes the importance of treating women with kindness and respect.

In Islam, women have the right to education and are encouraged to seek knowledge. Women have the right to own property and are allowed to work if they choose to do so. Women have the right to choose their spouse and cannot be forced into a marriage against their will. Women have the right to divorce in certain circumstances. Women have the right to inherit from their parents and family members. Islam emphasizes the importance of treating women with kindness

and respect. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) taught that men should treat women with kindness and respect, and that women should be treated as equals.

In Quran, Surah An-Nisa, Ayah 19: O you who have believed, it is not lawful for you to inherit women by compulsion. And do not make difficulties for them in order to take [back] part of what you gave them unless they commit a clear immorality. And live with them in kindness. For if you dislike

them - perhaps you dislike a thing and Allah makes therein much good.

Surah Al-Ahzab, Ayah 35: Indeed, the Muslim men and Muslim women, the believing men and believing women, the obedient men and obedient women, the truthful men and truthful women, the patient men and patient women, the humble men and humble women, the charitable men and charitable women, the fasting men and fasting women, the men who guard their private parts and the women who do so, and

the men who remember Allah often and the women who do so - for them Allah has prepared forgiveness and a great reward. One interesting fact about women in Islam is that the first person to convert to Islam was a woman - Hazrat Khadijah bint Khuwaylid, who was also the Prophet Muhammad's first wife. Hazrat Khadijah was a التَّعْيِلَا لِمُ successful businesswoman and played a significant role in supporting the early Muslim community. Additionally, Islam

recognizes the important role that women

play in society and encourages them to contribute to their communities in meaningful ways. Many Muslim women have made significant contributions in various fields, including science, medicine, literature, and the arts.

Another example of the importance of women in Islam is the story of hazrat Aisha www.novelsclubb.com
bint Abu Bakr, who was one of the Prophet
Muhammad's منافية wives and a prominent scholar of Islam. hazrat Aisha narrated many of the Prophet Muhammad's منافية sayings and

teachings, and her knowledge and expertise were highly respected by the early Muslim community. Hazrat Aisha's contributions to Islamic scholarship continue to be studied and admired by Muslims around the world.

In Islam is the concept of Mahr, which is a mandatory gift that a husband must give his wife at the time of marriage. This gift is meant to provide financial security for the wife and is her exclusive property. The amount of Mahr is agreed upon by the

couple before the marriage, and it can be anything from a small amount of money to property or other valuable assets. The concept of Mahr ensures that women are not financially dependent on their husbands and have a degree of financial independence.

- Women have played important roles in the history of Islam, and their contributions continue to be celebrated and studied today.

- The rights of women in Islam are rooted in the teachings of the Quran and the example of the Prophet Muhammad

- Islam recognizes the importance of empowering women to participate fully in their communities, and many Muslim women have made significant contributions in various fields.

- The concept of Mahr ensures that women have a degree of financial independence and are not dependent on their husbands.

- By recognizing the rights of women in Islam and empowering them to participate fully in their communities, we can work towards creating a more just and equitable society for all women, regardless of their religious or cultural background.

- It is important to continue learning about the diverse experiences of Muslim women and to work towards creating a more inclusive and respectful society for all.

