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When money is in your hand and not in your heart, it will not harm you even if it is a lot;

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Ibn Qayyim

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Get The Respect You Deserve

"the whole world is a provision, and the best object of benefit of the world is

the pious woman"

- the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

A man can be covered from head to toe in order to devote herself to God, right?

But, then if a muslim girl does the same, why is she oppressed?



"Women are one half of society which gives birth to the other half, so it is as if they are the entire society." -- Ibn al-Qayyim

I Cover My Head, Not My Brain

The World's First Academic Degree-Granting Institution was Founded by a Muslim Woman in the Year 859

The University of Qarawiyyin was founded by Fatima Muhammad Al-Fihri in Fes, Morocco and is still in operation today. The University of Qarawiyyin was regarded as being a major intellectual centre in the Mediterranean that its excellent reputation even led Gerber of Auvergne to study at it. Auvergne later went on to become Pope Sylvester II and has been given the credit of introducing Arabic numerals & the zero to the rest of Europe. Her sister Mariam is said to have been responsible for the construction of the Al-Andalus (Andalusian) Mosque in Fes .



Tawakkol Karman is a co-recipient of the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize, becoming the first Yemeni, the first Arab woman, and the second Muslim woman to win a Nobel Prize and the youngest Nobel Peace Laureate to date



When asked about her Hijab By Journalists and how it is not proportionate with her level of intellect and education, she replied, **"Man in The early times was almost naked, and as his intellect evolved he started wearing clothes. What I am today and what I'm wearing represents the highest level of thought and civilization that man has achieved, and is not regressive. It's the removal of clothes again that is regressive back to ancient times."**



My Body: My Choice

A person came to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and asked: **"Who among people is most deserving of my fine treatment?"** The Messenger of Allah said: **"Your mother."** He again asked: "Who next?" **"Your mother."** The Prophet replied again. He asked: "Who next?" The Prophet said again: **"Your mother."** He again asked: "Then who?" There upon the Prophet said: **"Your father."**

If a woman is free to show her body why should she not be free to cover it

I Found My Answer in Her

A sister came across the story of my reversion to Islam and had questions that I haven't covered the answers in detail yet. In my story, I talk about the Muslims that I came across here & there and one of my questions was.... "Why would a man marry a 6 year old girl?" None of them could answer this for me. One who did provide an answer told me that girls back then matured faster than girls nowadays.

This wasn't an answer for me. However, I did find the answer... Mainly, the answer was in her. Learning her life story.

Aside from menstruation being the natural dividing line between a woman being of child bearing age and not. Not man-made laws that pick a number without considering each individual woman's needs or abilities. Also, aside from it being the norm for society up until recently, and in some cultures, still the norm – picking and choosing husbands and wives for newborn infants....

Islam didn't introduce child marriages, it regulated it.

Also, women can't be forced to marry against their will.

Taking a look at her life shows the real answer.

Women who are raped or molested as children, or who are sexual abused as children often have difficulties as adults. Sometimes very unstable. Also, when men are pedophiles, they rape children in secret or pay for their services. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) married Aisha when she was about 7 then she became part of his household when she was about 9, when she reached puberty. It was still her choice to say yes or no to the marriage.

During this time she became the favorite wife of the Prophet and she also became a very strong and loving supporter of him. He died when she was about 19 years old. She died in

her 60s. Throughout all those 40+ years she continued to spread his message. She became a leading female scholar. She even participated in Battles. She's the fourth largest narrator of Hadiths (sayings of the Prophet). She taught Muslims about Islamic Law. Many people came to her for advice and guidance. She was also very proud of the fact that many verses were revealed in relation to her. One instance, people were gossiping about her. Horrible things, saying she was having an affair. To this day there is a sect of Muslims who bad mouth her. However, after some days and her being so upset about the gossip she was physically ill, the Prophet also feeling very disturbed by this, the verse was revealed about Gossip and Slander and having no evidence to support our suspicions about other people. So Allah had

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revealed her innocence.

Then, when we look at the death of the Prophet. 'Aisha also felt proud that he was with her when he died. His last few moments, he was praying. Her brother came in and had Miswak (stick to clean the teeth). She saw prophet looking at it and knew he wanted it so she asked her brother for it. She then softened it in her mouth and gave it to the prophet. He died very shortly after that in her lap. He was also buried in her apartment. They loved each other. There is no doubt about that. I found my answer in her.

- Sister Samara
Editor of Dawah Monthly Magazine
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Followed Christianity in her teens,
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"I'm not here to be on display. And my body is not for public consumption. I will not be reduced to an object, or a pair of legs to sell shoes. I'm a soul, a mind, a servant of God. My worth is defined by the beauty of my soul, my heart, my moral character. So, I won't worship your beauty standards, and I don't submit to your fashion sense. My submission is to something higher."
Yasmin Mogahed - On dressing modestly and wearing hijab (headscarf)

Belief in The Angels

There are six pillars of Iman (creed and belief) in Islam

1. Belief in God
2. Belief in His Angels
3. Belief in His Books
4. Belief in His Messengers
5. Belief in the Last Day
6. Belief in Qadr (divine will), both the good and evil consequences

One of the six pillars of Iman is belief in the Angels. Angels are creatures that we can't see. God created them from pure light and gave them the inclination to obey him. They have powers to execute whatever they're commanded. They don't have free-will like we do. God said in Qur'an 21:19-20

“And those who are near Him (the angels) are not too proud to worship Him, nor do they grow weary (of his worship).”

They glorify His praises night and day and they never slacken to do so. They're so many of them that only Allah can count them.

Faith and belief in the Angels is comprised of four factors.

1. To believe in their existence.
2. To believe in those whose names are known to us, like Gabriel, as well as the ones whose names we don't know.
3. To believe in all that we know about their traits and attributes. As in when Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) saw Angel Gabriel in the original form that he was created, with 600 wings, and so immense that he covered the entire horizon. They can change their shapes and transform themselves by the will of God. They can take the shape of Men, like when God sent Gabriel to Mary (Mary, mother of Jesus peace be upon him) or when he sent Gabriel to Prophet Muhammad (peace

“Money you spent in Allah's path, money you spent in freeing a slave, money which you gave in charity to a needy person and money which you spent on your family. The greatest of them in reward is the one you spent on your family.”

- Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

be upon him) in the shape of a man wearing very white clothes and very dark hair.

4. To believe in what we know about the deeds and tasks that they perform in obedience to the commandments of Allah. Like the fact that they glorify, worship and praise Allah day and night without becoming bored, or tired.

Some angels have special jobs.

GABRIEL: “Jibreel.” He's the angel commissioned and entrusted to convey Allah's revelations to the Prophets and Messengers

MICHAEL: “Mikaa'eel.” He's the angel commissioned and entrusted to distribute sustenance like the rainfall and vegetation

ISRAFEEL: He's the angel that will blow the Trumpet at the appointed Hour of Judgement Day.

MALK-UL-MAWT: The Angel of Death. He's the angel commissioned to take the souls from the bodies at the time of death.

MAALIK: Guardian of the hellfire

There are also angels that are commissioned to the embryos while in the wombs of their mothers. Allah sends these angels after the embryos complete four months in the womb and orders them to write the decree of the person's provision, life term, deeds, and whether he will be one of the wretched or blessed.

There are also angels commissioned to guard people and record all the deeds of the children of Adam. There's an angel on the right, writing good deeds and another on the left, writing the evil ones. Some angels are commissioned to examine the dead with specific questions once they're buried. Two angels, MUNKAR and NAKEER, come and ask the dead person in his grave about his Lord, his Religion, and his Prophet.

“SUNNAH”

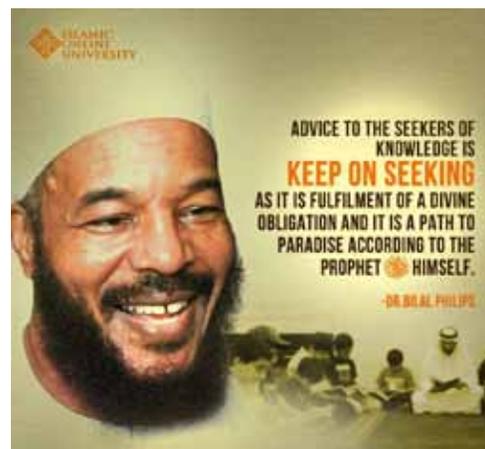
The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was born in the year 570ce from the lineage of two Prophets of God - Abraham (peace be upon him) and his firstborn son, Ishmael (pbuh). Muhammad (peace be upon him) grew up with the nickname 'The Trustworthy.' When he was 40, he was chosen by God to be his last Prophet and Messenger.

The 'Sunnah' refers to the sayings, actions and approvals of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The reports and narrations about the Sunnah are called 'Hadith' and are collected in books. Like the Qur'an, the Sunnah is inspired by revelation from God through Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Unlike Qur'an, it's not the direct literal word of God. The teachings came from God and the words were from Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

It's obligatory for Muslims to follow the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). In the Qur'an, God orders believers to obey the Messenger. God says 4:59 “Obey God, and obey the Messenger”

The purpose of life is to serve and obey God. We do this by following the teachings and practices of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). God says, 33:21 “You have indeed in the Messenger of God a Beautiful pattern of conduct for anyone whose hope is in God and the Final Day, and who engages much in the praise of God.”

The Prophet (peace be upon him) showed Muslims how to do all aspects of worship. He died at the age of 63 (in 632ce) and he was buried in the city of Madinah. He always greeted and parted his companions with salutations and invocations of peace, which is recommended for all Muslims.



the crescent & star
is NOT a symbol of Islam. During the 19th century, it represented the Ottoman Empire. The same symbol was used in other national flags introduced during the 20th century, including the flags of Pakistan (1949), Malaysia (1948), Mauritania (1959) and others

Allah means:
"the worshipped One" - One supreme being, One Creator.

Muslim means:
anyone or anything that submits itself to the will of Allah

Islam means:
peace through the submission to "Allah"

Jihad does NOT mean "Holy War" - It means to strive and struggle in trying to submit their will to the will of Allah

Muhammed Muhammad was NOT the founder of Islam. Islam is the religion revealed to all Prophets of Allah - like Jesus, Moses and Abraham (peace be upon them all)

Muslims do NOT worship the "black box" (Kabah). It serves as a focal and unifying point among the Muslim people

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Aishah

The Child Bride

Aishah was the favorite daughter of one of the closest friends, Companion and associates of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), Abu Bakr Siddique. Several Verses of the Noble Qur'an which were revealed were associated with her, and she was justifiably proud of this honor. She was in an enviable position among the Mothers of the believers in that she was considered the foremost among them.

She had a brilliant mind and a remarkable memory; and the distinction of being the source of the most hadith because of her long association with Muhammad & Her knowledge of the many branches of religion like Fiqh and Shari'ah, her wisdom in interpretation, her mastery of the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad her trustworthiness and integrity - all these qualities made her one of the most remarkable personalities of the time. She was very tender-hearted and no needy person left her house empty-handed. The Angel Gabriel personally greeted her. During her lifetime the Prophet gave her the wonderful news that she earned a place for herself in Paradise. It was while resting in her lap that the Prophet passed away, and it was her apartment that became his final resting place.

'Aishah had claims to noble birth from both sides of the family. Her mother was Umm Roman and her father was Abu Bakr Siddique. 'Aishah was born in 614 CE. Her father Abu Bakr Siddique is mentioned in the Noble Qur'an in glowing terms. He was a pure God fearing man, the foremost and staunchest

supporter of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

She had a memory like a computer, which never seemed to fail her. She hardly ever forgot something once she heard it. At the time of Hijrah, (migration) of the Prophet Muhammad to Al-Madinah, she was barely eight years old, yet she remembered years later even minor details about that historic and momentous move, when the first Islamic state was on the rise.

She was barely nine years of age when she joined the household of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). When 'Aishah joined his household in Al-Madinah, she did not find herself in a royal mansion. A number of small rooms were constructed in the locality of Bani Najjar, around the Prophet's Mosque, and she occupied one of these, located on the eastern side of the Mosque. It was about six feet wide, had earthen walls and the roof was of leaves and twigs. To prevent the rain water from seeping in the roof was covered with a blanket. The roof was so low that a person standing upright could touch the roof. There was a single shuttered door, which was never closed; a blanket served as a curtain. A mat, a thin mattress, a pillow filled with the bark of trees, a leather water bag, a small plate for dates and a glass for drinking water were all the things in the room. There were none of the signs of worldly wealth and pomp, but this little room was filled with spiritual treasures.

'Aishah maintained the Prophet Muhammad's tradition of generosity and liberality right up to her last days. During the days of prosperity, abundant riches arrived

daily, but she always distributed them among the needy by the time evening fell. The most outstanding trait of her character was her innate magnanimity and benevolence. Her generosity was well-known, and no beggar left her door empty-handed.

On one occasion, at one sitting, 'Aishah, gave away 70,000 Dirhams in charity for Allah and got up showing her empty handkerchief to the people seated there. One evening she received Dirhams 100,000 from Amir Mu'awiyah who was in Syria and by nightfall the entire sum had gone to charity. On another occasion, 'Abdullah bin Zubair sent her 100,000 Dirhams, and similarly they were also given away as early as possible.

One day she was fasting and a beggar came to her apartment and asked for some food. She told her maid to give the lady the piece of bread they had. The maid answered that there was nothing else with which she could break her fast. 'Aishah answered curtly that she should help the hungry woman and the evening would take care of itself. By the evening someone sent her a dish of cooked meat; she said to the maid that Allah had provided her with something even better than what she had given away. She owned a house which she sold to Mu'awiyah and gave away all the money in charity.

'Aishah was a modest, pure, and pious lady, yet she could not escape the slanderous and malicious plotting of the hypocrites.

'Aishah, a very slim and petite fourteen-year old had accompanied the Prophet Muhammad on an expedition. She had borrowed a necklace from her sister Asma'. On the way back when the caravan had camped in the desert, she went far into the desert to relieve herself. Suddenly she realized that the necklace had fallen somewhere along the way. She retraced her footsteps looking for it and luckily found it, but after a very long search. By the time she reached the camping site, the caravan left. Now the normal procedure was that the ladies, who were segregated from the men folk, would get into their litter and draw the curtains. Then the camel drivers would place the litter on the camel's back. Since 'Aishah was very light no one realized her absence. When she came back after her search to the camping site, she found the caravan had left. Fearless as she was she just lay down, waiting for her companions to return for her when they found her missing.

Safwan bin Mu'attal had the responsibility

of checking the campsite for things which might have been left behind inadvertently after the departure of the caravan; at daybreak he arrived to find a figure lying down wrapped in a Jilbab. When he saw it was a lady, he moved away after alighting from the camel, so she could get on to it. When 'Aishah heard him she woke up, and got on to the camel. He then walked leading the camel by the bridle.

In the afternoon when the caravan had just reached the next campsite to rest, they saw 'Aishah arriving with Safwan bin Mu'attal. She got off the camel in front of all the people assembled there. This incident became the material for a scandal for the hypocrites, led by 'Abdullah bin Ubayy bin Salool. His intrinsic nature, his natural propensity for foul and wicked suspicions, made him indulge in slanderous gossip. The whole of Al-Madinah was flooded by this filthy talk that 'Aishah was a loose woman and her character was suspect. The Prophet Muhammad was naturally extremely disturbed when he heard this talk about a member of his household, and his favorite wife; but 'Aishah was blissfully unaware of all this gossip going the rounds about her and Safwan bin Mu'attal.

One night when she went out with the aged mother of Mastah bin Athathah. The old lady tripped and started cursing her son. 'Aishah was surprised; remonstrating with her and said that he was a Companion of the Prophet who fought courageously in the Battle of Badr and deserved respect. The old lady retorted that 'Aishah was ignorant of the fact that he was involved in an awful and frightening plot; then she revealed what had been taking place behind her back to her. 'Aishah was appalled at the depths to which sheer willful malice can make a person fall. After returning home, she went to visit her parents.

They also corroborated the story she had heard. She was heartbroken and started weeping. Her sympathetic and loving mother tried to console her, but she failed to stem the flood of tears. She told her that since she was the favorite of Muhammad, the people jealous of her position had deliberately hatched this plot. She advised her to be patient and everything would be cleared up. Her father also tried to soothe her and calm her down. But this living image of purity and integrity could not accept the fact that people could descend to such cruel

Men See Bikini-Clad Women as Objects, Psychologists Say

Some men may view scantily clad women as objects rather than as people, a recent study found. The research, conducted by Princeton psychology professor Susan Fiske, Mina Cikara GS and Stanford psychology professor Jennifer Eberhardt, was performed on 21 undergraduate male students at the University who identified themselves as heterosexual. Fiske's team used an MRI machine to scan the brains of the students while they viewed a series of photographs of men and women, some of whom were fully clothed and others of whom wore only swimsuits.

The pictures of bikini-clad women activated brain regions associated with objects or "things you manipulate with your hands," Fiske said. The students also remembered the photos of the half-naked women better than they did any of the others, she added, noting that the subjects remembered the bodies, not the faces, most clearly. Fiske said the results indicated that some men may objectify or dehumanize partially clothed women, though further research is needed to confirm these findings.

"We predicted these results — that there would be activation in the tool-use part of brain [when the men viewed half-naked women] — before the study," Fiske said. "I remember Jennifer [Eberhardt] suggested it first about a year ago, and I said, 'Oh, Jennifer, that's disgusting. I can't believe you're predicting that.'"

Study participants were also asked to fill out a survey designed to measure how sexist they are. The researchers found that when the men whose surveys indicated that they were the most sexist saw the pictures of women in bikinis, they were least likely to activate a part of the brain associated with thinking about people's minds and thoughts, Fiske said.

"I think [the study] does relate to the effects of having pornography and sexualized images of women around and in the media because they spill over into how people treat women in general," Fiske said, adding that these images may dehumanize women and encourage men to see them as objects. "You have to be aware of the effect of these images on people," Fiske explained. "They're not neutral. They do have

an effect on how people think about other women."

Cikara said she agreed that the reactions observed in the study might be a consequence of society's emphasis on sexualized female imagery.

"This research can certainly help to further our understanding of the effect of sexualized women, whether in advertising or in the office," Cikara said, adding that "men can totally override this response." She noted that men do not look at their wives or sisters in the same way that they look at a sexualized image of a woman on an advertising billboard.

The study also found that men's perceptions of scantily clad women may be closely related to the ways people "dehumanize" groups from which they wish to distance themselves, such as homeless people and drug addicts, Fiske said.

Women may also see men as objects in some ways, the researchers added. "These findings are not unique to men. The results would likely have been similar for women, perhaps in terms of male status," Cikara said.

"My friends who do evolutionary psychology would suggest that women orient toward guys with status and resources, but the research suggests that this particular thing is more likely to be true of guys," Fiske noted.

Chloe Angyal '09, co-editor of Equal Writes, a feminism and gender issues blog, said in an e-mail that she was not entirely surprised by the findings.

"[I]t's certainly not uncommon for men to reduce women to body parts; objectification is the reason that men say 'get some ass' and not 'get some fully three-dimensional human,'" she said. She added that women objectify men, though that is often considered less socially acceptable.

"The findings seem to confirm what women have been complaining about for decades as they walk past construction sites, though they do give a new, scientific basis to the social phenomenon of objectification," Angyal said. "This research appears to provide evidence of a more hardwired, less socially constructed tendency to objectify women, which will make eradicating the problem that much harder."

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Islam's Position on Polygamy

Muslims are often accused of being promiscuous because polygyny is legal in Islam.

Islam did not introduce polygamy. Unrestricted polygamy was practiced in most human societies throughout the world in every age. Islam regulated polygamy by limiting the number of wives and establishing responsibility in its practice.

Monogamy of the West inherited from Greece and Rome where men were restricted by law to one wife but were free to have as many mistresses among the majority slave population as they wished. In the West today, most married men have extramarital relations with mistresses, girlfriends and prostitutes. Consequently the Western claim to monogamy is false. If a man wishes to have a second wife, whom he takes care of and whose children carry his name and he provides for, he is considered a criminal, bigamist, who may be sentenced to years in jail. However, if he has numerous mistresses and illegitimate children his relation is considered legal.

Institutional polygamy prevents the spread of diseases like Herpes and AIDS. Such venereal diseases spread in promiscuous societies where extra-marital affairs abound.

Polygamy protects the interests of women and children in society. Men, in Western society make the laws. They prefer to keep polygamy illegal because it absolves them of responsibility. Legalized polygamy would require them to support their additional wives and their offspring. Monogamy allows them to

enjoy extra-marital affairs without economic consequence.

Only a minority practice polygamy in Muslim society. In spite of polygamy being legal in Muslim countries, only 10-15% of Muslims in these countries practice polygamy.

Although the majority of men would like to have more than one wife, they cannot afford the expense of maintaining more than one family. Even those who are financially capable of looking after additional families are often reluctant due to the psychological burdens of handling more than one wife. The family problems and marital disputes are multiplied in plural marriages.

Feminists may object to this male right by insisting that women should also be able to practice polygamy. However, a woman

marrying four husbands would only increase the problem of surplus women. Furthermore, no child would accept his or her mother identifying the father by the "iny miny miney mo" method. The question which remains is, "If God is good and wishes good for His creatures, why did he legislate something which would be harmful to most women?" Divine legislation looks at the society as a whole seeking to maximize benefit. If a certain legislation benefits the majority of the society and causes some emotional harm to a minority, the general welfare of society is given precedence

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When the verse was revealed regarding multiple wives, the companions of Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) didn't run out with the attitude that they were going to get four wives all of a sudden. This was not an order to go out and get four wives. It was an order to LIMIT the number of wives. Before this, as even the Bible states, men had hundreds and sometimes thousands of wives. And the limitation was; No more than four. In fact, the Qur'an is the only religious book that tells men to only marry one.

Qur'an 4:3

".. But if you fear that you will not be just, then marry only one..."

Definitions Regarding Multiple Spouses

Polyandry - Polygamy in which a woman has more than one husband.	Polygamy - The practice or custom of having more than one wife or husband at the same time.	Polygyny - Polygamy in which a man has more than one wife.
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'Aishah The Child Bride

depths, and life could be such a mental torture. After two days and nights of continuous weeping she fell ill. On the third morning her parents were sitting with her and trying to comfort her, when the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) came to see her.

He told her very gently that if she erred she should ask Allah for His forgiveness. At this her tears dried up and she spoke to her husband and said that if she denied she was guilty, nobody would believe her; but she was innocent and only Allah knew it. The best answer to these accusations was to quote the answer of the father of Yusuf

“So (for me) patience is most fitting. And it is Allah Whose help can be sought against that (lie) which you describe.” (12:18)

At precisely this moment, the verses of announcing her innocence were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

“Verily, those who brought forth the slander are a group among you. Consider it not a bad thing for you. Nay, it is good for you. Unto every man among them will be paid that which he earned of the sin, and as for him among them who had the greater share therein, his will be a great torment. Why then, did not the believers, men and women, when you heard it (the slander), think good of their own people and say: “This (charge) is an obvious lie?” Why did they not produce

four witnesses? Since they (the slanderers) have not produced witnesses! Then with Allah they are the liars. Had it not been for the Grace of Allah and His Mercy unto you in this world and in the Hereafter, a great torment would have touched you for that whereof

you had spoken. When you were propagating it with your tongues, and uttering with your mouths that whereof you had no knowledge, you counted it a little thing, while with Allah it was very great. And why did you not, when you heard it, say: “It is not right for us to speak of this. Glory be to You (O Allah)! This is a great lie.” Allah forbids you from it and warns you not to repeat the like of it forever, if you are believers. And Allah makes the Ayat (proofs) plain to you, and Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Verily, those who like

that (the crime of) illegal sexual intercourse should be propagated among those who believe, they will have a painful torment in this world and in the Hereafter. And Allah knows and you know not. And had it not been for the Grace of Allah and His Mercy on you, (Allah would have hastened the punishment upon you). And that Allah is full of kindness, Most Merciful. O you who believe! Follow not the footsteps of Shaitan. And whosoever follows the footsteps of Satan, then, verily, he commands Al-Fahshd’ (illegal sexual intercourse), and Al-Munkar (evil and wicked deeds). And had it not been for the Grace of Allah and His Mercy on you, not one of you would ever have been pure from sins. But Allah purifies (guides to Islam) whom He wills, and Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower.” (24:11-21)

Her parents asked their daughter to rise and thank her husband, but ‘Aishah promptly replied that she was grateful to Allah for He had revealed Qur’anic verses in her honor. And these would be recited until the Day of Judgment.

After this incident with the slander the Prophet’s respect for ‘Aishah increased even more. ‘Amr bin ‘Aas once asked Muhammad who he loved most in this world, and he replied

that he loved ‘Aishah more than anyone else. Then he asked him about the men folk. And the Prophet Muhammad answered that he loved ‘Aishah’s Father.

The Prophet loved to listen to ‘Aishah talking and always smiled when she spoke. He always tried to please her.

On one ‘Eid day there were some Africans displaying their skill with spears; ‘Aishah wanted to watch this sport, so the Prophet stood so she could enjoy herself and he did not move until she tired of it.

There are two recorded incidents when ‘Aishah herself saw the Angel Gabriel personally. On one occasion, ‘Aishah saw the Prophet with his hands on the mane of a horse talking to the rider. She asked him who he was; the Prophet sounded rather surprised and asked if she had seen him. Then he told her that it was

the Angel Gabriel in vision of a human and he requested that his greetings be conveyed to her. She prayed spontaneously that Allah should give a good reward to the honored guest and to his noble host.

Anas narrates how once the Prophet Muhammad was praying in ‘Aishah’s apartment, when she saw a stranger standing outside the door. She informed him, and he finished his prayers and stepped out. Who should he see but the Angel Gabriel. Muhammad requested him to enter, but the Angel replied that they did not enter places where there were dogs or pictures.

When the Prophet looked around he saw a puppy in a corner of the room; when he was chased out, the Angel Gabriel entered.

‘Aishah attained a lofty status because of the knowledge and wisdom with which she had been blessed. She was consulted by the other Companions and women Companions on the finer points of religion. Many of the traditions and authentic hadith originate from her. From among the many Companions associated with the Prophet there are only seven noble ones to whom thousands of hadith are attributed.

Imam Thahbi wrote that ‘Aishah was superior to all other women in her knowledge and wisdom. She was a theologian of the highest order. And he was just in his evaluation; after all she was born and nurtured under the tutelage of a father liked Abu Bakr Siddique and spent her married life with the Prophet Muhammad. She imbibed divinely zinspired knowledge and wisdom directly from Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him); she was an eyewitness to the problems and questions that the divine revelations answered. Her apartment was the center where verses were revealed by the divine Mercy of Allah. Thus she was given the title of ‘Horizon of the Ladies of Islam.’

During the caliphate of the Khulfa-u-Rashideen her Fatwa (Islamic Law Ruling) was accepted. Once someone asked Masrooq if ‘Aishah had mastery over the Shari’ah laws regarding inheritance. He swore that he had personally seen revered Companions asking her questions about the finer points of the laws

“The most perfect in faith amongst believers is he who is best in manners and kindest to his wife.”

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

of inheritance. ‘Urwah bin Zubair, her sister’s son often visited her to discuss religious issues with her. Other Companions envied him as he could freely approach her at any time to clear his doubts as he was the son of her sister Asma’, and thus her Mahram (permissible).

The Prophet Muhammad loved her and respected her because of her command over religious matters and other praiseworthy qualities.

‘Aishah narrated that she was proud that in her apartment, in her lap, the Prophet Muhammad passed away. Her brother, ‘Abdur-Rahman came in during his last moments with a Miswak (stick to clean teeth) in his hand; the Prophet looked longingly at it. ‘Aishah understood what he wanted, and asked him if she

could offer one to him. When he nodded, she took it from her brother; since it was hard she softened it with her teeth and offered it to him. He cleaned his teeth; and dipping his hand frequently into a bowl of water kept near him, he kept wiping his face again and again, repeating the words, “There is none worthy of worship but Allah. Verily, death has pains.”

Then he pointed upward with his hand and said, “Toward the best friend”.

Thus the soul soared up from the prison of the body.

Imam Thahbi quoted a saying of the Prophet that a Prophet’s soul leaves its body in the place that he likes the best. Thus it is proven he died in his favorite place, the apartment of ‘Aishah.

She left this earthly existence for Paradise in the year 58 Hijirah on the 17th of Ramadan at the age of 66.

“To Allah we belong and to Allah we return.”

She was buried in the graveyard at Al-Madinah, al-Baqi’. Abu Hurairah led the funeral prayers. ‘Abdullah bin Muhammad bin ‘Abdur-Rahman bin Abu Bakr Siddique and ‘Abdullah bin ‘Abdur-Rahman bin Abu Bakr Siddique placed her gently into her grave.

“O the one in complete rest and satisfaction! Come back to your Lord - well-pleased (yourself) and well-pleasing (unto Him)! Enter you then among My (honored) servants, and enter you My Paradise.” (89:27-30)

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The Prophet Muhammad's Last Sermon *(peace be upon him)*

This sermon was delivered on the Ninth Day of Dhul Hijjah 10 A.H. in the 'Uranah valley of Mount Arafat' (in Mecca).

After praising, and thanking Allah he said:

"O People, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and TAKE THESE WORDS TO THOSE WHO COULD NOT BE PRESENT HERE TODAY.

O People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as Sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your LORD, and that HE will indeed reckon your deeds. ALLAH has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Your capital, however, is yours to keep. You will neither inflict nor suffer any inequity. Allah has Judged that there shall be no interest and that all the interest due to Abbas ibn 'Abd'al Muttalib (Prophet's uncle) shall henceforth be waived...

Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.

O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember that you have taken them as your wives only under Allah's trust and with His permission. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat your

women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friends with any one of whom you do not approve, as well as never to be unchaste.

O People, listen to me in earnest, worship ALLAH, say your five daily prayers (Salah), fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth in Zakat (charity). Perform Hajj if you can afford to.

All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor a black has any superiority over white; except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves.

Remember, one day you will appear before ALLAH and answer your deeds. So beware, do not stray from the path of righteousness after I am gone.

O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, O People, and understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the QURAN and my example, the SUNNAH and if you follow these you will never go astray.

All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness, O ALLAH, that I have conveyed your message to your people".

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