

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ، مَا لِكَ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ، نَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ حَمْدًا
يَلِيقُ بِجَلَالِ وَجْهِهِ وَعَظِيمِ سُلْطَانِهِ، وَنَشْكُرُهُ شُكْرًا يُؤَافِي نِعْمَهُ وَإِحْسَانِهِ،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ تَعْظِيمًا لِحَانِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيُّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَخَلِيلُهُ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّم وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

All praise and thanks is for Allah, the Lord of all mankind. I testify that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad is His Messenger.

We beseech the Almighty to bestow His blessing on our Prophet Muhammad, his noble family, his companions and all those who follow him till the Day of Judgment .

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَحِلُّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَرِثُوا النِّسَاءَ كَرِهًا كَرِهًا وَلَا تَعْضُلُوهُنَّ لِتَذْهَبُوا بِبَعْضِ مَا آتَيْتُمُوهُنَّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْتِيَنَّ
بِفَاحِشَةٍ مُّبَيِّنَةٍ وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ فَإِنْ كَرِهْتُمُوهُنَّ فَعَسَى أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَيَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا

“O you who believe, you are forbidden to inherit women against their will, and you should not treat them with harshness...And live with them honourably. If you dislike them, it maybe that you dislike a thing and Allah brings through it a great deal of good.” (Qur'an 4:19)

- **Stoning of Pregnant Pakistani Woman**
- **Honour Killing**
- **Killing the Honour in Islam**

Pakistan Statistics

- **Population: 184 Million**
- **Islamic Republic Of Pakistan - 97 % Population – Muslim**
- **Literacy Women 31%**
- **Ranked 134 – 183 Corruption**
- **3rd Most Dangerous Country In World**
- **1000 Average Honour Killings A Year**

“Treat your women well and be kind to them”

Women & Forced Marriages

Islam abolished forced marriages 1400 years ago

لَا تُنكَحُ الشَّيْبُ حَتَّى تُسْتَأْمَرَ وَلَا تُنكَحُ الْبِكْرُ حَتَّى تُسْتَأْذَنَ

A matron shouldn't be given in marriage until she is consulted, and a virgin shouldn't be given in marriage until her permission is sought (Tirmidhi)

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ، أَنَّ جَارِيَةً، بَكَرًا أَتَتْ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَذَكَرَتْ أَنَّ أَبَاهَا زَوَّجَهَا وَهِيَ كَارِهَةٌ فَخَيَّرَهَا النَّبِيُّ

A virgin came to the Prophet and mentioned that her father had married her against her will, so the Prophet, allowed her to exercise her choice. (Abu Dawud)

Woman's Right To Marry Of Her Own Choice

1400 years ago the Prophet sent Julaybib to a girl's house. Her parents didn't like Julaybib. He was not good looking . However, the daughter (whose name remains unknown) took a stand and convinced her parents to allow her to marry the man Prophet had sent for her.

What Happens When Male Guardian Refuses

- Nikah is still valid - Hanafi Madhab
- Guardianship passed over to Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Judge, Imam
- 1,600 Forced marriages in UK 2009 – Safe Homes – Restraining Orders – Police Interventions

Honour-Killing?

- Honour killing is not a part of Islam - No origin - No connection
- Sikh/Hindu Origin – Filtered into Muslim Countries

Killing, Murder, Manslaughter

وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُتَعَمِّدًا فِجْرًاؤُهُ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَعْنَهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُ عَذَابًا عَظِيمًا

“But whoever kills a believer intentionally - his recompense is Hell, wherein he will abide eternally, and Allah has become angry with him and has cursed him and has prepared for him a great punishment”. (4:93)

Cultural Tradition – Unjust, Barbaric And Ignorant³

وَإِذَا الْمَوْءُودَةُ سُئِلَتْ بِأَيِّ ذَنْبٍ قُتِلَتْ – And when the girl [who was] buried alive is asked, For what sin she was killed (81:8-9)

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