

The Holy Qur'an

Guidance for Mankind

HUMANITY

Women Rights

Before the advent of Islam women, as a class, enjoyed no statutory rights. Islam is the only religion which established a perfect body of percepts-giving full protection to the rights of women, making them equal of men, both in the spiritual and religious spheres of life, giving them an independent position, granting them proprietary rights, and making their responsibilities and rights a part of the divine law.

“Whoso acts righteously, whether male or female, and is a believer, We will surely grant him a pure life; and We will surely bestow on such their reward according to the best of their works.” (Ch.16 v.98)

“But whoso does good works, whether male or female, and is a believer, such shall enter Heaven, and shall not be wronged even *as much as* the little hollow in the back of a date-stone.” (Ch.4 v.125)



“Surely, men who submit themselves *to God* and women who submit themselves *to Him*, and believing men and believing women, and obedient men and obedient women and truthful men and truthful women, and men steadfast *in their faith* and steadfast women, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their chastity and women who guard *their chastity*, and men who remember Allah much and women who remember *Him* — Allah has prepared for *all of* them forgiveness and a great reward.”

(Ch.33 v.36)

In the divine scheme of regulation of the relationship between men and women, Islam has assigned a position of dignity and honour to woman. Such beneficent regulation is essential for peace, comfort, happiness, continuation of the species and progress. The Holy Qur'an emphasizes that God in His perfect wisdom has created all species in pairs, and so men and women have been created of the same species; as is said:

“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 ...” (Ch.4 v.2)

“... He has made for you pairs of your own selves ...” (Ch.42 v.12)

