

Response to Raihan

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4. Raihan here you go. You claimed Taslima didn't understand Quran properly but I see you didn't understand Taslima's writing properly. She never mentioned anywhere in her write up that Bible is better than Quran. More than that she never compared any holy books to each other as they all are more or less same (to her). You are only writing things which you consider are better written in Quran than in Bible. But my question was to you what did you find in Quran is which is written in favor of women? What you did realize and we not. I become sometimes astonished to see that people don't understand their own mother language properly but they understand foreign language quickly.

5. First of all I'm restless to know that you consider dowry as gift!!! Poor our sub continent lots of girls are dying each day due to this gift system. It is also very painful to know that a young scholar like you thinks giving dower to women is an honor!!! Beg your pardon sir?? This is a business. Buying and selling. It means to me I'm buying your daughter from you for my own purpose and desire. This is the main thing that Muslim man considers their wife as their own property and treated like that as they bought them. This way man plays superior on women in Muslim society. I'm sorry; I can't call it a noble thought of Quran. I consider it one of the worse thought.

Raihan you are damm right, yes no other holy book said that don't burry your baby daughters / girls. The most practical reason is no where were the girl's buried except in Arab. The most uncivilized part of this world. The saddest part is that who are still looking for light themselves, some people consider them as our ideology and follow them argue with those reference.

I've to tell you with my broken heart that I was expecting some better thoughts in Quran discovered by you considering you a big scholar. But with my biggest disappointment I've to tell you that you are repeating all the old same things which we have heard millions time repeated by all blind mulla's. I've to agree here with Mr. Mohiuddin if you think all those positive then it is positive, otherwise not. For example, very clear inequality between men and women in matters of giving testimony or evidence or being a witness is enshrined in the Koran: sura 2.282:

“But if he who oweth the debt is of low understanding, or weak or unable himself to dictate, then let the guardian of his interests dictate in (terms of) equity. And call to witness, from

among your men, two witnesses. And if **two men** be not (at hand) then **a man and two women**, of such as ye approve as witnesses, so that if the one erreth (through forgetfulness) the other will remember....”

How can you justify the above text? Only by saying that Muslim men are more superior to muslim women in wisdom? Yes, you can see positive things in the above verse but unfortunately being a woman I cant. There are also verses that denies women's equal right in their inheritance too, where Allah precisely tells us that male children should inherit twice the portion of female children: (4:11-12). Kindly don't bring useless dowry and Bible stuff to compare it with another rotten egg. My advice is kindly to consider women as human being and compare Islamic laws with secular laws, if you can. Then you will get the answer.

You know when some one falls in love with someone that person sees everything positive in the beloved one without any reason. Even they do not find any problem in the verse where husbands were given the right to beat their 'disobedient' wives (4:34). But for the neutral people the case is different. Here I guess the case is exactly this. As you are brain washed from your childhood with these stories and obsessed with religion and Quran, you also lost here your common sense to judge things neutrally. How can you say no other holy books said anything about burring girls??? Why they should? Did Buddha's or Jain have buried their daughter (If humanity is the issue, I think Buddhist scripture would be much more progressive than Quran)? Quran only moved around with the time and situation of Arab of that particular time, that's it. Nothing more and nothing less. And please be reasonable. No one is saying that Bible is better than Quran. No one is supported Bible and denied Quran. Even Taslima didn't promote any holy book any where.

First try to understand what the question is and than start narrate so many things, please. You were asked to describe things which were written in Quran in women favor.

4.1: O mankind! Be careful of your duty to your Lord Who created you from a single soul and from it created its mate. **Where did you find here anything special about women? I see here only written mankind and not even womenkind.**

17.70: Verily we have honored the Children of Adam. **I also don't see here anything special about woman.**

3.195: Male or female: Ye are members, one of another. **Is there anything special about women here!!!!**

2.187: They are your garments and ye are their garments. **Anywhere promoting women?**

16.72: And Allah has made for you mates (and companions) of your own nature. **Is it?**

49.13: O people, we created you from the same male and female. The best among you in the sight of GOD is the most righteous. **I also don't see anything here in women favour.**

4.124: If any do deeds of righteousness,- be they male or female - and have faith, they will enter Heaven, and not the least injustice will be done to them. **Anywhere favouring women?**

16.97: Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has Faith, verily, to him will We give a new Life, a life that is good and pure and We will bestow on such their reward according to the best of their actions. **Same as the previous one.**

33.35: For Muslim men and women,- for believing men and women, for devout men and women, for true men and women, for men and women who are patient and constant, for men and women who humble themselves, for men and women who give in Charity, for men and women who fast (and deny themselves), for men and women who guard their chastity, and for men and women who engage much in Allah's praise,- for them has Allah prepared forgiveness and great reward. **Anything special for women here?**

Thank You Raihan for your hard work, though it didn't answer my question.

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