

## The Neutral Status of Women in the Koran

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27:54 And remember what Lot said when We sent him to his people, "What? Will you act wickedly even though you see that it is wrong? Will you really lust after men rather than women? You are certainly an ignorant people." And the only answer that his people gave was: "Expel Lot and his family from your city. They wish to remain pure!" But We saved him and his family except his wife. We decreed that she would be one of those who lingered behind. And We rained down a shower of brimstone upon the others, and this rain was fatal for those who had been warned, but who did not take heed.

7:80 We also sent Lot. He said to his people, "Will you commit indecencies [homosexuality] as no creature ever has before you? You lust for men instead of women? You are indeed a people given up to excess."

28:25 One of the two women came back to him, walking bashfully. She said, "My father calls you so he may reward you for watering our flocks for us." When Moses came to him and had told him his story, the old man said, "Do not fear. You have escaped from an unjust people."

28:26 One of the two women said, "Oh, my father, hire him for the best man you can hire is strong and trustworthy."

24:4 Those who make accusations against honorable women and are unable to produce four witnesses should be given eighty lashes. Thereafter, do not accept their testimony, for they are terrible sinners, except those who repent afterwards and live righteously. Allah is truly forgiving and merciful.

24:23 Truly, those who carelessly slander believing women will be cursed in this world and the world to come. Their own tongues, hands, and feet will one day testify against them concerning their own actions. On that day Allah will give them what they have earned, and they will know that Allah is the clear truth.

75:36 Does man think that he has no purpose? Did he not begin as a drop of sperm? Later he became a clot of blood that Allah formed and fashioned and made from him a pair, the male and female.

14:6 Remind them that Moses said to his people, "Remember Allah's kindness to you when He freed you from the tyranny of the family of Pharaoh. They afflicted you with severe torments and slaughtered your male children while they spared your females." This was a great trial from your Lord. Remember. Your Lord made it known: "If you give thanks, then I will surely give you more and more, but if you are thankless, my chastisement is terrible." And Moses said, "If you and all who are on the earth are thankless, still Allah is self-sufficient and worthy of all praise."

41:47 He alone has knowledge of the Hour. No fruit grows, nor does any female conceive or

deliver without His knowledge. On the day when He calls men to return to Him saying, "Where are the other gods?" they will say, "We confess that none of us can testify for them." The gods they used to worship will fail them, and they will realize that there is no escape for them.

7:127 The elders of Pharaoh's people said, "Will you leave Moses and his people to spread corruption in our land and forsake you and your gods?" He said, "We will slay their male children and spare their females. Then they will submit."

28:4 Now Pharaoh lifted himself in the land and divided his people into classes. He persecuted the lowest class by slaying their male children, but He let their females live. He was an evil tyrant.

40:25 When he brought the truth to them from Us, they said, "Slay the sons of those who believe as he does, and spare their females," but the plots of the unbelievers only end in failure.

13:8 Allah knows what every female womb bears and of each and every change that occurs within. With Him everything is measured. He knows both the unseen and the visible. He is the great, the most high. Whether you speak in secret or freely, whether you hide yourself in the darkness or walk about in the daylight, it is the same to Him. Each person has angels all around him who guard him by Allah's command. Allah will not change a people's condition until they change the condition of their hearts. And if Allah wants to punish a people, there is nothing they can do to stop it, and without Him they have no defender. It is He who causes the lightening to flash, rousing both fear and hope, and brings together heavy clouds. The thunder sings His praises, as well as the angels, in awe of Him. He sends thunderbolts to destroy whomever he wishes while the unbelievers dispute about Allah. His wrath is strong.

3:34 Remember when Imran's wife said, "My Lord! I dedicate the child in my womb to you for Your service. Accept this of me for only you are all-hearing and all-knowing." And when the child was born she said, "My Lord! I have given birth to a female child!" But Allah knew best what she had delivered for a male is not like a female. "And I have named her Mary, and I have given her and her children to you to protect from Satan, the rejected one [Islam teaches that all new-borns are touched by Satan]."

22:2 On that day, every nursing mother will abandon her infant, every woman who is pregnant will abort her burden, and you will see people staggering around as if they are drunk, even though they are not. Allah's wrath will be powerful upon them.

51:24 Have you heard the story of Abraham's honored guests? They went to him and said, "Peace!" And he replied, "Peace, strangers." And he went among his household and brought out a fatted calf, and he set it before them and said, "Do you want to eat?" They did not, and he became afraid of them. They said to him, "Do not be afraid," and gave him the news that he was going to father a wise son. Abraham's wife came forward with a cry, striking her face, and said, "But I am old and barren!"

20:115 Long ago We made a pact with Adam, but he forgot it, and We did not find any resolve in him. When We said to the angels, "Fall down and worship Adam," all of them worshiped him except Iblis [Satan] who refused. We said, "Adam, he is truly an enemy to you and your wife. Do not let him drive

you from the garden so that you become miserable. There is enough in the garden to provide you with food and clothing forever.

19:1 . This is a recital of your Lord's mercy to his servant Zachariah when he secretly called to his Lord praying, "Oh Lord, certainly my bones are weak and the gray hairs glisten on my head, but my prayers to you, my Lord, have never gone unanswered. But now I fear what my relatives will do after me since my wife is barren. Give me, as your special gift, a successor who will be my heir and an heir to the house of Jacob, and make him, Lord, acceptable to you."

19:8 He said, "Lord, how can I have a son when my wife is barren and I am an old man whose powers have failed him?"

21:89 Remember Zacharias when he called upon his Lord saying, "Oh Lord, do not leave me without a child, though You are the best of heirs." We heard him and gave him John for a son and made his wife fit to bear a child. They rivaled each other in goodness and called upon us with love and reverence and humbled themselves before Us.

11:71 Abraham's wife was standing by and laughed, and We gave her news of the birth of Isaac and after Isaac, Jacob. She said, "Ah, woe is me. Will I bear a son when I am old and when my husband is an old man? This would be a wondrous thing."

12:19 There came a caravan of travelers, and they sent their water-carrier for water, and he let down his bucket. He said, "Ah, there, good news; this is a fine youth." They hid him like a treasure to make merchandise of him, but Allah knew what they did. They sold him for a small price, a few pieces of silver. They attached no value to him. An Egyptian who bought him said to his wife, "Treat him hospitably. He may be useful to us, or we may adopt him as a son." This is how We settled Joseph in the land [Egypt], and We instructed him in the interpretation of stories, for Allah is master of His affairs, but most men do not know it. When Joseph had reached full maturity, We gave him wisdom and knowledge, for this is how We reward the well doers.

28:8 Then the Pharaoh's family took him up from the river though, he was to be an enemy and a sorrow to them, for Pharaoh, Haman, and their hosts. Pharaoh's wife said, "He is a joy to me and you. Do not kill him. He will be useful to us, or we may adopt him as a son." But they did not know what they were doing.

28:24 So Moses watered their flocks for them then retired to the shade and said, "Oh, my Lord, I am in need of any good [a wife] you will send me."

7:189 It is Allah Who created you from a single person [Adam] and Who brought forth his wife that he might dwell with her. When they are united, she carries a light burden, which goes unnoticed until it becomes heavy. Then they cry to Allah saying, "If You give us a goodly child we vow we will be forever grateful."

3:39 He said, "Lord! How can I have a son when I am in my old age and my wife is infertile?" The angels replied, "It is Allah's will, and He does as He pleases."

24:11 Truly there is a group among you who spread that lie [During an armed raid, Aisha— Mohammed’s favorite wife since their marriage when she was age six—accidentally spent a day alone with a young jihadist. Gossip about what might have happened consumed the Muslims], but do not think of it as a bad thing for you [Aisha was cleared of doubt of sexual infidelity by a revelation in the Koran] for it has proved to be advantageous for you. Every one of them will receive the punishment they have earned. Those who spread the gossip will receive a torturous punishment.

99:1 When the earth is shaken with quakes and the earth casts up her burdens, man will ask, “What does this mean?”

99:4 On that day she will tell her news, because your Lord inspired her. On that day men will come forward in droves to witness their deeds, and whoever has done even an atom’s weight of good will see it, and whoever has done even an atom’s weight of evil will see it.

92:1 By the night when she spreads her veil, by the day when it shines bright and by Him who made man and woman – certainly you strive for many goals!

91:11 The tribe of Thamud [Thamud was a trade town in ruins north of Mecca] proudly rejected the message of the Lord. When the greatest sinner among them rushed forward, the apostle of the Lord said to them, “It is the she-camel of Allah! Let her drink.” But they called him a liar and hamstrung her, so their Lord destroyed them for their crime, one and all, and He did not fear the consequences.

54:27 We will send them a she-camel as a test. Watch them and be patient. Tell them that their water must be divided between themselves and the she-camel, and they must take equal, alternating turns. Instead, they called their companion, who killed her. My vengeance and warning was terrible! We sent a single blast against them and they became like dried sticks.

26:155 He said, “Here is a she-camel. She has a right to drink from the well, and you have a right to drink from the well, each at a scheduled time. But do not harm her, or the punishment of a terrible day will overtake you.”

26:157 But they hamstrung her, and then regretted it, so the punishment overtook them. Surely, there is a sign here, but most of them do not believe.

27:17 Armies of men, jinns, and birds were gathered together before Solomon and arranged in battle order, and they marched until they reached the Valley of Ants. One ant said, “Ants, go into your homes so Solomon and his armies do not unwittingly crush you under foot.” Solomon smiled at her words and said, “Lord, let me be thankful for your blessings which you have given me; and my parents; and that I should do good things, which are pleasing to you; and include me in the numbers of your righteous servants.”

27:38 He said to his officers, “My chiefs, which one of you will bring me her throne before they come to me and submit to Allah?”

27:41 He said, "Disguise her throne so that it is unrecognizable. We will see whether or not she has guidance."

27:42 When she arrived, she was asked, "Is this your throne?" She replied, "It seems to be the same." Solomon said, "We received knowledge long before she, and we have submitted to Allah." And he persuaded her from worshipping others besides Allah because she came from a people who had no faith.

20:25 Moses said, "My Lord, relieve my mind and make my task easy. Untie my tongue so they can understand what I say. Give me an assistant from my family—Aaron, my brother—add his strength to mine, and make him share my task. We will glorify you without pause, because you are always watching." He said, "Moses, your request is granted. We have shown you favor before. Our message to your mother inspired her saying: 'Put him into a chest and throw it in the river; the river will leave him on the bank where he will be found by an enemy to Me and to him.' But I cast my love down upon you so that you might be raised under my eye."

20:40 "Your sister went and said, 'May I bring you someone to nurse him?' Then We returned you to your mother so that her tears would be dried, and so she would not grieve. When you killed a man, We saved you from trouble, and tried you severely. You stayed with the Median [a city on the Red Sea] people for many years, and then you came here by My decree. I have chosen you for Myself. You and your brother go with My signs and do not fail to remember Me. Go to Pharaoh, because he has exceeded all limits, but speak gently to him; hopefully, he will listen or be afraid."

19:21 He said, "Even so, it will happen. Your Lord says, 'That is easy for Me.' We will make him a sign for all men and a mercy from Us. It is something that is decreed." And she conceived him, and she withdrew with him to a remote place. When the pain of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree, she said, "If only I had died before this."

19:24 But a voice from below her said, "Do not grieve; your Lord has provided a stream beneath you. Shake the trunk of the palm-tree towards yourself; it will drop fresh ripe dates upon you. So eat and drink and dry your eyes. And if you should see any man, say, 'I have promised a fast to Allah. I will speak to no one today.'"

19:27 Later, she brought the baby to her people, carrying him in her arms. They said, "Mary, you have come with an amazing thing. Sister of Aaron, your father was not a wicked man, and your mother was not unchaste." But she merely pointed to the baby. They said, "How can we speak with an infant in a cradle?" The child said, "Surely, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Book and has made me a prophet. He has made me blessed wherever I am; and has urged me to pray and give alms, as long as I live; and to be dutiful to my mother; and He has not made me arrogant or miserable. The peace of Allah was on me the day I was born, and will be on me the day that I die; and on the day I will be resurrected."

17:57 Those whom they call upon themselves seek access to their Lord and strive to be closest to Him. They, too, hope for His mercy and fear His punishment. Certainly, your Lord's punishment is something to be afraid of. There is not a single city that We will not destroy or punish before the Resurrection Day. This is written in the Book. We have refrained from sending Our signs because the

men of earlier generations have rejected them as lies. We gave the she-camel to Thamud [the people of a ruined Nabatean city near Medina] as a sign, but they mistreated her. We send signs only to make men fear.

11:64 "Oh, my people, this she-camel of Allah is a sign to you. Let her feed on Allah's earth, and do not harm her, for a speedy punishment will overtake you." Yet they killed her, and he said, "Enjoy yourselves in your dwellings for three more days. There is a promise Allah must keep."

7:73 And to Thamud's people [Thamud lay on an old trade route, north of Mecca. It was abandoned in Mohammed's day] We sent their brother Salih. He said, "Oh, my people! Worship Allah. You have no other god than Him, and clear proof has come to you from the Lord. This she-camel of Allah is a sign to you, so let her graze on Allah's earth and do not harm her, or you will be seized with a grievous punishment.

28:10 The heart of Moses's mother became empty, and she nearly claimed him back as her son, but We strengthened her heart so that she might be a believer. She said to his sister, "Follow him," and she watched him from afar so they did not know it.

39:67 They have honored Allah as they should for on the Resurrection Day the whole earth will be His handful, and the heavens will be folded together in his right hand. Praise be to Him. He is exalted above those they revere along with Him. There will be a blast on the trumpet, and all who are in the heavens and all who are in the earth will perish, except as Allah pleases. Then there will be another blast, and they will stand up waiting. And the earth will shine with the light of her Lord, and the Book shall be set down, and the prophets and witnesses will be brought up, and judgment will be given between them with justice, and they will not be wronged.

3:43 This is one of the secret revelations revealed to you, Mohammed. You were not there when they cast their lots to see who would have guardianship of Mary, nor were you there when they argued about her. And remember when the angels said to Mary, "Allah brings you good news of His Word. His name will be Messiah, Jesus, Son of Mary, worthy of honor in this world and the world to come, one who is near to Allah. He will speak to the people when in the cradle and as a man. He will live a righteous life." She said, "My Lord! How can I have a son when no man has ever touched me?" He said, "It will be so. Allah creates what He will, and when He decrees a plan, all He must do is say, 'Be' and it is!" Allah will teach him the Scriptures and Wisdom, the Law, and the Gospel. He will be sent out as a messenger to the Children of Israel saying, "I have come to you with a sign from your Lord. I will make a figure of a bird out of clay and then, by Allah's will, I will breathe life into it. By Allah's permission I cause the blind to see, heal the lepers, and bring the dead back to life. I will tell you what you should eat and what you should store up in your houses. This will be a sign for those who truly believe. I have come to fulfill the Law which came before me and to give you permission to do certain things which were once unlawful. I come to you with a sign from your Lord, so fear Allah and obey me. Allah is my Lord and yours, so worship Him. That is the right path."

3:36 So the Lord accepted her graciously and made her grow into a good child and gave Zacharias guardianship over her. And whenever Zacharias went to the sanctuary to visit her, he found her well supplied with food. "Mary," he said, "Where did all this food come from?" And she answered, "It is from Allah for Allah gives generously to whom He pleases."

91:1 By the sun and its midday brightness! By the moon when she follows him! By the day when it reveals his [the sun's] glory! By the night when it [the moon] covers him [the sun]! By the heaven and Him who built it! By the earth and Him who spread it! By the soul and by Him who formed it, and breathed into it its perception of right and wrong. Blessed is he who has kept it pure, and cursed is he who has corrupted it!

27:32 She said, "My counselors, give me advice. I never decide an issue without your advice."

27:34 She replied, "Typically, when kings enter a city, they pillage and humiliate its leading citizens. These people will do the same. I will send them a gift and wait until my ambassadors return with their response."

19:20 She said, "How can I have a son when no man has touched me, and I am chaste?"

7:77 So they killed the she-camel and revolted against their Lord's command and said, "Oh, Salih, bring about your threats if you are a messenger sent by Allah." Then the earthquake seized them, and in the morning they were found dead on their faces in their homes.

28:12 And We caused him [the baby Moses] to refuse the nurses' breasts, until his sister came and said, "Should I show you a family of a house that will rear him for you and will be careful of him?" So We restored him to his mother, so she would be comforted and might not grieve and might know that the promise of Allah was true. But most men do not know. And when he had reached maturity and had become a man, We bestowed wisdom and knowledge on him. In this way We reward the righteous.

2:69 They said, "Call on your Lord to tell us what color she should be." He replied, "Your Lord says it should be a fawn-colored cow with a pure and rich tone that gives pleasure to those who see it."

5:103 Allah did not ordain superstitions like those of the she-camel let loose to free pasture, or idol sacrifices for twin births in animals, or stallion camels freed from work [these are all customs of the ancient Arabian religions]. The unbelievers have invented this blaspheme against Allah, and most of them do not understand.

53:32 Surely, your Lord is filled with forgiveness for those who avoid great sins and shameful acts and only commit minor sins. He knew you well when He brought you out of the earth and when you were in your mother's womb. Do not try to justify yourself. He knows the Allah-fearing people the best.

20:94 He said, "Son of my mother! Do not grab me by the beard or the head. I was afraid that you would say that I caused a division among the Children of Israel, and did not wait for your word."

28:7 We inspired the mother of Moses saying, "Suckle your child, and if you fear for him, launch him into the river, and do not fear, nor grieve, for We will bring him to you and make him one of the messengers."

7:150 When Moses returned to his people, angry and grieved, he said, "You have done evil in my place during my absence. Do you wish to hasten the judgment of Allah? He threw down the tablets and seized his brother by the head dragging him to him. Moses said, "Son of my mother, the people judged me weak and almost killed me. Do not make my enemies rejoice over me or place me among the wrong doers." Moses said, "Oh, Lord, forgive me and my brother, let us enter into Your mercy for You are the most merciful of the merciful."

16:77 The mysteries of the heavens and the earth belong to Allah. The decision of the Hour of Judgment is as fast as the blink of an eye or even quicker. Allah has power over all things. Allah has brought you from your mother's womb knowing nothing and has given you hearing, sight, intelligence, and emotions so that you may give thanks.

39:4 If Allah had desired to have a son, He would have chosen what He pleased out of his own creation. Glory be to Him. He is Allah, the one, the absolute. He created the heavens and the earth. He makes night overlap the day and day overlap the night, and He controls the sun and the moon so that each speeds to an appointed goal. He is mighty and gracious. He created you all from a single being, and then He created a mate. He sent down to you four pairs of cattle [cows, goats, sheep and camels]. He created you in the wombs of your mothers, creation upon creation in triple darkness. This is Allah, your Lord. His is the kingdom. There is no god but Allah. How then are you so turned away from Him?

42:7 So We have revealed to you an Arabic Koran so that you may warn the mother-city [Mecca] and all around it, and warn them of that day of the gathering, of which there is no doubt, when some will be in Paradise and some in the Flame.

5:109 One day Allah will assemble the messengers and say, "What response did you receive from mankind?" They will say, "We have no knowledge. You are the knower of secrets." Then Allah will say, "Oh Jesus, Son of Mary, remember my favor to you and your mother when I strengthened you with the Holy Spirit [Gabriel] so that you would speak to men alike in childhood and when grown. I taught you the Scripture, wisdom, the Torah, and the Gospel, and you created the figure of a bird with clay, by my permission, and breathed into it. With My permission it became a bird. You also healed the blind and the leper, with My permission. With My permission you raised the dead. I restrained the Children of Israel from harming you when you went to them with clear signs, and the unbelievers said, "This is nothing but plain sorcery."

5:116 And when Allah says, "Oh Jesus, Son of Mary, did you say to mankind, 'Take me and my mother as two gods, beside Allah?'" He will say, "Glory be unto You. It is not for me to say what I had no right to say. If I had said that, You would have known it. You know what is in my heart. I do not know what is in Your heart. You know all that is hidden." "I only said what You commanded me to say, 'Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord,' and I was a witness of their actions while I was among them. When You caused me to die, You watched them, and You are witness of all things. If You punish them, they are Your servants, and if You forgive them, You are mighty and wise."

3:4 Those who reject Allah's revelations will receive severe punishment. Allah is mighty, Lord of revenge. Nothing in the earth or in heaven is hidden to Him. It is He who forms you in your mothers' wombs according to His pleasure. There is no god except Him, the mighty, the wise!



5:17 Surely they are unbelievers who say, "Allah is the Messiah, son of Mary." Say: Who has any power against Allah if He chose to destroy the Messiah, son of Mary, his mother, and all who are on the earth together? Allah's is the sovereignty of the heavens and of the earth and of all that is between them. He creates what He will, and Allah has power over all things.

24:61 It will be no offense for the blind, lame, or the sick to eat at your tables. [This verse changes an old Arab custom.] Nor will you be blamed for eating in your own houses, or the houses of your fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, paternal or maternal uncles, paternal or maternal aunts, in the houses for which you have been given keys, and the houses of your friends. It is no offense whether you eat together or apart. And when you enter the houses, greet one another in Allah's name, a good and blessed greeting. It is in this manner that Allah makes His signs clear to you so that you may grow in understanding.

60:12 Oh, Messenger, when believing women come to you and pledge an oath of allegiance to you and ascribe no other gods as partners to Allah and that they will not steal, they will not commit adultery, they will not kill their children, they will not slander or lie, and that they will not disobey you in any just matter, then receive their allegiance and ask pardon for them from Allah. Allah is indulgent and merciful.

53:39 Man can have nothing except what he works for. Nothing will be credited to a man which he did not earn. His effort will be noted. Then he will be rewarded, totally, justly, and completely. That is the goal of your Lord. He causes laughter and crying, and He causes death and life, and He created the male and female sexes from the fertilized sperm. He has promised a resurrection, and He gives wealth and satisfaction. He is the lord of Sirius [the Dog star]. He destroyed the tribe of Ad, and the people of Thamud, and before them, the wicked and perverse people of Noah, and left no survivors. He destroyed the two overthrown cities of Sodom and Gomorrah so that they were ruins.

27:20 He reviewed the birds and said, "Why do I not see the lapwing [hoopoe]? Is he one of those absent? I will certainly punish him severely or even kill him if he does not have a good excuse." But the lapwing was not far behind, and he said, "I have discovered something you are unaware of, and I come to you from Saba [a kingdom of South Arabia] with good news. I have found out that they are ruled by a woman, and she has been given great wealth and has a mighty throne. I discovered her and her peoples worshipping the sun instead of Allah. Satan has made their actions seem pleasing in their minds and has prevented them from finding the true path so they receive no guidance. They do not worship Allah, Who brings forth what is hidden in the heavens and the earth, and Who knows what you hide and what you admit. There is no god, but Allah! Lord of the glorious throne!"