

The Bride's Boon Tuhfat Al-'Arous

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Foreword

All praise is due to Allah, Exalted be He, the One who made marriage lawful and superior. He made it for the continuation of mankind and the population of the earth. He the Almighty said in the clear verses of His Book:

{(And among His Signs is this, that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that ye may dwell in tranquility with them, and He has put love and mercy between your (hearts): Verily in that are Signs for those who reflect)}

[Al-Rum 30:21]

These verses of the Noble Qur'an clearly show that in contrast to other religions like Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism etc. which consider celibacy or monasticism as a great virtue and a means of salvation, Islam considers marriage as one of the most virtuous and approved institutions. The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) declared, "There is no monasticism in Islam." He further ordained,

"O you young men! Whoever is able to marry should marry, for that will help him to lower his gaze and guard his modesty." [Al-Bukhari]

"Many the affectionate and fertile (woman), for I will compete with the other Prophets with the number of my followers on the Day of Judgement." [Ahmad and Tabarani]

The human desire, although common to all living beings, in case of men and women there are some unique aspects. There are in Islam, certain etiquette upon anyone who marries and wishes to consummate his marriage with his wife. Most Muslims today, even those who exert themselves in Islamic worship have either neglected or become totally ignorant of these Islamic etiquette.

It is also important that you know how to deal with your wife to get the reward of this worldly life and the Hereafter. The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) is reported to have said,

"There are three things that bring happiness: a righteous woman whom you admire when seeing her, and whom you trust as regards your honor and property when leaving her, a good mount that enables you catch your friends, and a wide house that has many utilities. But there are three things that bring adversity: a woman whom you dislike when seeing her, who hurts you with her tongue, and whom you do