

# A Woman's Guardian

## **Qur'anic Verses:**

{Marry those among you who are single,<sup>18</sup> and the virtuous ones among your slaves, male or female: if they are in poverty, Allah will give them means out of His grace: For Allah is Ample giving, and He knows all things.}  
[Al-Nur: 32]

## **Prophetic Hadiths:**

"Marriage is invalid without a guardian and two upright witnesses"  
"Invalid is marriage without a woman's guardian. (The Prophet (pbuh) repeated this statement thrice.  
[Reported by Ahmad]

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<sup>18</sup> This verse is an evidence that forbids a woman to conduct her own marriage. There should be a guardian who is responsible for concluding her marriage. The Hanafis hold that it is permissible for a woman to conduct her own marriage. They mentioned the following hadith as textual evidence: The non-virgin woman is worthier to organize her affairs than her guardian. As for the virgin, she must be asked for permission. There is no Contradiction between the aforementioned Hadith and the Prophet's saying: Marriage is invalid without a guardian. Such a Hadith may be interpreted as referring to asking her permission in the selection of her groom because the virgin may get coy when selecting her groom.

# Islam and Love

## Marriage, the Best Bond for the Lovers<sup>19</sup>

### Prophetic Hadiths:

Ibn `Abbas (may Allah have mercy on them both) related that a man came to the Prophet (pbuh) and said O Messenger of Allah! I am a guardian of an orphan girl. Two men betrothed that girl: one of them is wealthy and the other is poor. We like to give her to the wealthy but she wants the poor! The Prophet said, Marriage is the best thing for lovers.

[Reported by Ibn Majah]

## Hard Love

### Qur'anic verses:

{Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear.}

[Al-Baqarah: 286]

{Man was created weak (in resolution)}

[Al-Nisa':28]

{When they him, they did extol him, and in their (amazement) cut their hands: they said, Allah preserve us! No mortal is this! This is none other than a noble angel}

[Yusuf: 31]

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<sup>19</sup> Love does not mean the lustful desire. This is a false love. No sooner does a man desire a woman than he hates her after satisfying himself. Love, which is mainly portrayed in romantic stories, is just a kind of fiction and dreams. Love only grows between spouses. As years pass, company and kind treatment enhance such love. Real love gradually replaces the illusive love.