

A contemporary mother advising her daughter:

"O dear daughter you are going to lead a new life. You will be in the company of a man who wants you to be for his own. Let him feel that you are the wife, the mother and every thing in his life. You have to bear in mind that a man is an old child. The least of words can please him. Let him not feel that he plucked you out of your family. He also has left his family to live with you. O dear daughter! This is your present and forthcoming life. This is the family you are going to set up together.

In the Bed Room

Caressing One's Wife When the Consummation of Marriage with Her

Prophetic Hadiths:

Asmaa' bint Yazid ibn Al-Sakan related, "I adorned `Aisha when marrying the Prophet (pbuh). When I called him to see her, he came close to her and brought a cup of milk to offer her. He offered her the milk to drink but she was shy²⁵ and lowered her gaze. Asma said, Thereupon, I rebuked her and asked her to accept what the Prophet gave her. Accordingly, she took the cup and drank some (milk). Then the Prophet (pbuh) said, Give it to your friends.

[Reported by Ahmad]

What a Husband Says on the First Day of Marriage

Prophetic Hadith:

"When anyone of you marries a woman or buys a servant, let him say, "O Allah, I ask You her good, and the good You created in her; and I seek refuge from her evil and the evil You created in her.

²⁵ Shyness may motivate the males' desire, but it should not be excessive lest it may lead to his indifference. He may further think that his wife does not want him. The Prophet also sets a good example before grooms who would like, from the first time of their marital life, to have sex with their brides without giving themselves a chance to know each other or to make any kind of foreplay.