

The Tribulation of Women

Cherchez la femme

Prophetic Hadiths:

The prophet (pbuh) said,
"After me, I did not leave a harmful
temptation on men then woman."⁶⁸
[Reported by Bukhari and Muslim]

"This world is deceptive and Allah made you
His vicegerents on it to see what you are going
to do. Be ware of this world. Beware of
women. The first slipping test hold for the
Israelites was women. "
[Reported by Muslim]

"Unless Hawwa' had tempted Adam there
would not be any wife tempting her
husband."⁶⁹

⁶⁸ Some people said, "Satan addresses a woman saying, "You are the half of my troops. You are my arrows with which I fight skillfully."

Some one also said "A woman is the source of bad or happy life." Accordingly, the Prophet (pbuh) commended us to choose the righteous woman when marrying.

⁶⁹ Some people claim that the woman is the real reason why mankind does not dwell in Paradise because she asked Adam to eat from the Tree. They believe if it were not for this sin, we would have continued to live there. This is undoubtedly a naive view. When Allah the almighty willed the creation of Adam He told the angels: {I will create a vicegerent on earth.} (Al-Baqara: 30)

He did not say, "I will create a vicegerent in Paradise." Allah the Almighty knew that Adam and Hawwa' would eat from the Tree and descend on earth.

In her astonishing book "New Messages to Men", a French writer called Francois Portrait said, "Men believe that a woman is the spring from which every bad thing flows. They accuse her of every bad thing. However man is solely responsible for the misfortunes and the corruption of the society. Under the motto of freedom, the man began to seek after unrestricted lusts. This is a market where women are only used as materials. It is only men who encourage such lusts. They produce sex pictures and films. They exploit the woman's body to promote their commodities even if it is a kind of fruits or cigarettes.

I think that those women who work in such fields are the agents of men. But they are not as responsible as men are because they are enforced to work in these fields out of want, temptation or misguidance.

Therefore, man is the source of all bad-doings.

I would better change the proverb that states "cherchez la femme" to "cherchez l' homme"

Ibn Abbas said,
"Because of woman there were atheists in the past and there will be atheists in the years to come."

The seriousness of sex⁷⁰

Qur'anic verses:

{Fair in the eyes of men is the love of things they covet: women⁷¹ and sons, heaped-up hoards of gold and silver, horses branded (for the blood and excellence); and (wealth of) cattle and well-tilled land. Such are the possessions of this world's life, but with Allah is the best of the goals (to return to)}
[Al-'Imran: 14]

Prophetic Hadiths:

"Most of people enter Paradise because of God-fearing and good manners. On the other hand they mouth and genitals."
[Reported by at- Tirmidhi]

"Whoever keeps what is between his jaws or legs will enter Paradise."
[Reported by at- Tirmidhi]

I, the author, think that the woman is not completely free from such corruption. There is an Arabic proverb that states, "It is better for a woman to suffer starvation than to be adulterer."

⁷⁰ Islam laid down great importance on the question of sex. The first crime committed on earth traced to sex. The two sons of Adam had to marry their opposite female twins Cain was puffed up with arrogance and jealousy and wanted to marry his female twin because she was more beautiful than the other. He then killed his brother to marry his beautiful twin

⁷¹ Allah the almighty counts woman as the first of desires. The secret behind this is that she is the dearest thing to men. Some woman addressed men by saying, "You are all heroes unless we seduce you."