ISLAM ...! WHAT ARE THE VEIL, DIVORCE, AND POLYGAMY FOR?

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Chapter One

Is the Veil a Calumny in Islam! Truth... or... Falsehood!

A Dialogue between a Western Orientalist and a Muslim Savant about the Verity of the Philosophy of the Veil in Islam

The Importance of Marriage Contract

- † The Western scholar: You, most of the Easterners, hold fast to hereditary traditional norms in vain. These norms bequeath you diseases and psychic complexes that cause depression for your boys and girls. Thus you cut off all connections and social relations in separating the two sexes. You cover charms, beauties and juvenility in jet-black curtains that do not suit modern civilization. And your women lurk in houses. Where is the freedom then? You are earmarked in backwardness and retardation. Why are this complexity for and the separation between the sexes? Give them freedom until their motives are replenished. Then they will be bored and these psychosexual motives will be extirpated. Let the young man and the young woman set out in building up their country while the motives cooled down and the instincts were put out where the spirit was bored and exhausted of them, and its burning fire is extinguished. Then, they prepare themselves for construction and the work for fruitful production for affluence. From this side I know that you are going to answer in definite replies without logic or proof or even a dialog. You are going to tell me that this is adultery and interrupt the discussion without any understanding, consciousness or perception.
- **§ The Muslim scholar**: My brother, the Western scholar... Is that all without marriage contract?
- † The Western scholar: By God, my dear brother Arab Muslim... Is that 'the paper' which you write! Is that the thing, which makes the prohibited licit, otherwise the one enters a bonfire that burns him for enjoying beauty depriving him from paradise? Isn't God the Spring of All Beauty and He loves Beauty

too! How couldn't the creature practice praying for love and beauty except by this paper that can be blown with the wind?

§ The Muslim scholar: My brother, the Western scholar...I shall go on in the dialog a little in order to arrive at the results of this paper, and you can evaluate the problem by its results and ends. Let us suppose we have refused the paper so the young man loves the beautiful girl. She also loves him and they have practiced love without the paper and procreated boys and girls. Then the lover dies suddenly. The question: Who will take care of the boys and girls and this beloved woman broken at the death of her protector who plucked the flower of her youth and threw her without security in destitution, poverty, lowness and disgrace? What is the destiny of the orphan children? Surely, the inheritors of the young man and his family will throw the orphans and their mother to the street because their illegal father died and calamity befell on his widow and his children. Yes, the inheritors, like a brother, a sister, a father, and a mother and relatives, will take with them everything: beds, chattels, victuals, drinks and the residence by the power of law. They will say to them 'the inheritance is for the legal kinsmen, and you shall have the stone'. Then my brother western scholar for the sake of beauty and consummation you can see what did what you called a mere paper do, i.e. 'the Marriage Lines'. If that paper could make from the adulteress an honest woman and from the children of the adulteress respectable legal sons, could anyone rob the legacy of their father or drive them out of their residence. They will become poor and criminals, enemies of the severe society as they see it, only because of this paper! What will the community call the woman 'an adulteress prostitute, or an honest wife'? Who would like to share life with her as a wife and her offspring a heavy burden and an earmark of shame? Where is her inheritance? How could she live in prostitution after her youth withered away? How could she bear the difficulty and bitterness of life? Who will

befriend her? All these troubles are because of the paper that you mocked at, my dear! This is the law of the Merciful God. This is a part of a reply to the second section of your logical question. Let us tackle the first part of it.

- † The Western scholar: My brother Muslim scholar, I do not know what to say. In fact, you surprised me in your humane scientific reply, which I have never thought to be found in your religion. Verily, there is sublime elevated Aminence in your religion that contains mercy and social security in its affection. Nevertheless, it is a fortified fortress for the widow and her children for a life filled with joy and happiness... Please, give me more of gnomes of your sublime wise religion. I have never heard of such logical discussion in the studies of the Islamic religion. But how did you get the veil for the woman? A complete veil where there is no vestige in it for an entertainer. I'd like to tell you that a few days ago I was roaming down the alleys of the very old city looking for the ruins of the fathers and the forefathers during the forenoon where I was attacked by a black 'ghost'. It appeared suddenly and I jumped up into the air in fright. But it passed me peacefully. Perhaps it was a young beautiful woman, but the loose jurally veil curtained her even her face. The veil gave her the shape of a fearful black ghost... By God! What is this fearful Islamic uniform for?
- **§ The Muslim scholar**: Verily, dear scholar, it is a fearful sight... to repel the Satan of the spirit and its fatal whim, to repulse from her abomination and disgrace, and to look away from illicit and to look for the licit and accept it. By intention, we have designed this uniform for our women.
- † The Western scholar: You have liked this abnormal and discordant uniform to hide beauty, charm and juvenility?
- § The Muslim scholar: Yes... When we all maintained 'veil' from the time of the honorable Messenger (CPTH) in Al-Medina, the striking product was that we reserved the inclinations of the youth from the adolescence stage, then we guided them toward the Good, virtue and consummation, and they darted in matchless

conquests never heard of before by mankind. Many nations applied and accepted the veil. Most Asiatic and African peoples accepted it because of its sublimity by their own free will, moreover; many European nations adopted it. In fact, we preserved all Freudian sex powers by this curtain or veil and directed them toward the Good and production.

- † The Western scholar: What do you say? Do you mean by this wonderful veil you reigned and led the countries of the world? Please, more clarification, details and explanations.
- **§ The Muslim scholar:** O, the scholar who is looking after reformation. You visited our houses in its Arabic style of building, and you saw their airiness and vastness, aren't they so?
- † The Western scholar: Yes, my Muslim brother. Verily, I am amazed at their designs in construction. While we are in zigzagged old roads without art or design, I entered some old-fashioned Arab houses, I was extremely astounded at their vast yards and large courts surrounded with basins, and planted with flowers and fruitful trees of various kinds, and vineyards hanging with punches of grapes.

While the scent and fragrance of jasmines, narcissi, carnations, lilies perfumed the place. No need to say about the ponds with flowing sparking water. There is an orchard with hanging fruits in every house and the walls and the doorways reflect the green color of the garden. Thus I wondered from the despicable roads and the majesty and beauty of the houses with flourishing gardens. Why?

§ The Muslim scholar: What you said is true. We are Muslims and we did that on intention and design. We made the roads zigzagged and narrow where light could rarely penetrate them. In return for that we made paradises from our houses. Thus we realized wondrous miracles in the conquests. Suppose a certain man was lost in the jungles for a few months plucking the fruits and living on natural plants then he met a woman whatsoever the

degree of her beauty she had. Won't his heart incline to her, and accept her in this arid land from people or with loss of women in the jungles. Doesn't he accept her a partner to his life in these virgin lands? Do you think he will accept an alternative for her?

Surely, he will find her a gift from heaven or an angel landed from orbits... In the apex of their glory, the Muslim used to live that way. Wherever you go or travel or walk in a marketplace or a street, you shall find the harsh sex everywhere. There is no presence of a female except in the black shadows, which do not attract attentions or arouse charm. The women rest in Arabic houses like paradise. If a female wants to go out, she will find nothing but narrow roads that do not fill the eye with joy, and do not enjoy the viewer as the roads are void of a beautiful scene. Thus she prefers to stay in her beautiful house, and the man will not see outside his house or in his work except the harsh sex like him as if he were apart from the fair sex; like the man of the arid land or of the jungles. Whenever he enters his house and sees his female, i.e. his wife, and no one other than 'women of forbidden degree of consanguinity'. Thus in contrast with the harsh sex, he finds his wife as an invaluable blessing. In this respect he does not see any other woman more beautiful than his wife. In seclusion; in her house, the wife does not see any other man than her husband, she cherishes with him and she realizes all her dreams.

† **The Western scholar**: In fact, I hear strange things and concepts that were never heard of before... Please give me more of these brand new things. Be blessed for your knowledge.

§ The Muslim scholar: This overall screen or veil that also covers the face is not new at the Muslim whereas it was since their early life in Al-Medina where God supported his honorable Messenger and ordered him and the Muslim women to wear the veil. As well as, the moving out of the Jew of Bani Qai'noka'a took place when they belittled the veil of Al-Ansar Muslim woman and tried to take it off her face, a passer-by Muslim defended her and the Jews killed the defender.

Thus God's Messenger (CPTH) drove them out of Al-Medina and then from the entire Arab peninsula. The veil continued to exist, and prestige and victory continued to exist until the Muslim disregarded it in the twentieth century for that the Jews disdained them and they became the weakest among the nations. Thus we perceive the values of the screen and the veil. The veil was imposed on all heavenly religions. In the thirties of the twentieth century all the Christian and Jewish women were veiled in the alleys and marketplaces. As for the Muslim, there was no unveiled woman until 1950. There was not even a Muslim woman that could uncover her face in Al-Sham cities, Lebanon, Al-Ghouta at all and also in all Islamic and Arab countries. The unveiling in Egypt was a little before when the poet Hafez Ibrahim said: 'I do not say, leave the women unveiled as men roaming in the market places'.

In Great Britain the veil was prevailing even the aristocratic women used to attend the Shakespearean theater and sit veiled in closed galleries in order to see the social Shakespearean literary masterpieces.

- † **The Western scholar**: Truly, I heard of that and I forgot it. If you didn't remind me, it would be lost in a state of oblivion: God blesses you. Continue, Brother.
- § The Muslim scholar: Verily, the screen and the veil are important problems. If they were left and ignored, the capacities of the young men and women would be sucked by the sexual sides, their money was lost and their hearts were occupied by the charms of beauty, and 'the Freudian Assumption' would master their minds, and their efforts for building up their country would be in the precipice of sex of which the western scientists said, 'any person fell into it, he would never be rescued'.

The sexual outset will be their chief concern. Thus they neglect every innovation and invention. They will lose their worldly life and their Lifeafter while drowned in sex and its

frivolities: singing, mirth, music, dolls and expensive fancy perfumes; diversity in clothes, and the military effort for the protection of the country is lost, for they are plunged in charms in attaining that joy through the taboo channel. If we could organize the problems of screens and veils as God and his Messenger (CPTH) did; the young men and women will consecrate themselves for building high up, as did their fathers and the disciples of the great messengers of God. The young men and the young women will have both realized their goals. The sexual drive will be satisfied only in marriage. And both sexes will undertake to build a good country or rather a reformer for mankind, and every one will be in his/her own world for which he/she was born. When we applied this law we conquered the whole world and we were the best nation sent out for people ordering the Good and repulsing the Evil. But we nowadays became a nation that let other nations laugh at our ignorance. Thus we have not endeavored to win this worldly life and we are unable to compete with the greater states, so we have not done anything for our lifeafter where, previously by our faith we mastered the world and led the nations to light and happiness in this world and the hereafter.

Now my free European brother give me your ear to answer your first inquiry when you said the co-existence of the two sexes and the release of the desires will quench the affections and cool down the instincts even to death. I say that what fact decides is:

- First: The sexual instinct is inborn in every living creature, and it is liable to be excited on viewing beauty and the charm of the body. So long man eats and drinks, the material of life originates in him, which he was created of, is still there and it can come out in arousing it by charm and beauty.
- **Second:** The morals that grew and integrated cannot destroy the sexual instinct forces, but it can direct them towards the Good. Moreover, the complete morals cannot change the present psychic laws. These remarks will be clear when tackling the subject of the veiling and the unveiling.

Marriage and Adultery

- † The Western scholar: My brother, the Muslim scholar, you have shown in a statement beyond dispute that the paper or 'the Marriage Lines' is important and is a basic thing for building a high, advanced and virtuous community and likewise is the veil. Could you explain to me the value of marriage and its importance in order to clarify everything?
- § The Muslim scholar: My brother, the free thoughtful European scholar: Marriage: is the originator of the first social rules because it is the founder of the family and it is, as we know, the first link in the chains of the greater community. It is also a device for setting out a beautiful life immersed in affection and intimacy. The upbringing of boys and girls in a family milieu imbibes them with fine feelings from their first days of life, and promotes in them the friendly feelings that prepare them for future life and reveals in them mercy and clemency. If there were no marriage, the human race would have been extinguished a very long time ago. The perpetuation of life and its continuity on this Earth require prosperity and continuance of marriage.
- † The Western scholar: What is the effect of adultery and its social and individual effect?
- § The Muslim scholar: Adultery has a very retroactive act. It is the drive of corruption in the community, and the propagator of chaos and the lethal of progeny. When a young man rushes at whoredom, he catches an axe in his both hands in order to destroy the pillars of the nation.
- † The Western scholar: Do you have other examples to convince me?
- § The Muslim scholar: Suppose that the young man hooked a girl in this errant way, he will pass with her a long time, but he will be bored of her when he sees her beauty withering in the hands of years. He will forsake her to another woman. He will leave her at the door of aging liable to misery and poverty. If she

could find a job to keep at subsistence level, what about her fate if she became ailing for work? How hard life is! How its pains are aching in deprivation of a husband and children.

- † The Western scholar: What about the young man who got used to the way of adultery?
- **§ The Muslim scholar**: If we want to comment on the single young man who got used to the way of adultery in his future, we shall find one of two situations:

Desertion of marital life as to stay all his life going on along this despicable way, and he will not cherish a family life or participate in reviving the community, and he will be liable to the diseases arising from this life. He is no more than a destroying axe of the happiness of every young woman whom he made illegal relation with. When youth is gone and old age comes, this frivolous man will not find a supporting son beside him and not even a beloved relative, then sorrows will pervade him, and misery will burn him in the dark evening of his life.

- † **The Western scholar**: But, my brother Muslim, life is long, and the door of marriage is always open until he finds a young woman to accept him as a husband even if he became fifty years old.
- **§ The Muslim scholar**: If he married a pretty girl when his freshness begins slanting towards wilting after a long time he passed in the arms of prostitutes, no wonder he seeks a goodlooking woman. But this tender woman he chose; being in her prime youth will not be happy in his company after he had passed a long course of his life.
 - † The Western scholar: Please, explain to me more?
- § The Muslim scholar: A charming beautiful wife will not like to live with a husband at the evening of his life. Her eyes will look for men of better health and younger than him and all of a sudden she will walk into adultery to bring forth illegal children to her legal husband. If this father died, the illegal brothers will share the inheritance with their legal brothers from the mother-side. Thus corruption will prevail in this miserable shattered house.

- † **The Western scholar**: What about the wife if she were virtuous and accepted her husband and sufficed herself for the legitimate marital life than a sinful one?
- § The Muslim scholar: If that young wife could restrain the caprice of her sexual desire and she forbore herself and did not follow the road to prostitution, her aspirations will remain suppressed and her spirit covered in sorrows. Suffice it to say about the ruination that befalls the children of that family. Due to the fragile sentimental relation between the father and the mother, they will inherit feeble formation, which I shall elucidate after a while. Thus life will never be serene for the adulterer and the adulteress even if they enter a legal marital life. Ennui and boredom will spread over their life covered with sorrows, and their cauterized hearts were spoilt by sin and smeared by crime. This is the destiny of adultery. It is the cause of misery for both sexes in the future life. It is the attenuation and annihilation of the offspring, and the extirpator of virtues from the horizons of life, and it is the eraser of happiness from the pages of life too. Any aggression on the honors is nevertheless accompanied with an aggression which covers all other social affairs. How wide the difference is between the results of the marital life and the life of adultery and sin. In the former, virtues thrive, and the fine feelings grow, and the atmosphere saturated with harmony and sympathy. While in the latter, instincts control and man degraded to the animal level. Instincts absented the upper humane affections, and there will be a gloomy future void of a sympathy of the relatives and the help of progeny.
- † The Western scholar: I discovered problems; I have never thought of all my life until you explained to me their wisdom concerning the veil and marriage and the way of sin and its clear effect on the social and the individual level. What about the unveiling of the face?

§ The Muslim scholar: The unveiling leads to the deterioration of the community towards vice. It contains the breakup of the ties of the family life. It is the cause of weakness of the formation of progeny, and the sewer of alienation, dissension and severity at home and its youths. Finally, unveiling eliminates satisfaction from the spirits of the people, and it evokes their discontent, and under the shadows of discontent nothing grows save the human misery and social suffering.

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The Effect of Unveiling upon the Spirits of Single Young Men and Women

- † **The Western scholar**: I hope for more explanation and elucidation?
- § The Muslim scholar: Here is to you, my brother, the explanation and the elucidation: Let us first discuss the effects of unveiling in the spirit of the single young man and in the spirit of the single young woman. Whatsoever said about backing the unveiling from garnish of speech, the real fact is refuting. They say that if the morals are integrated and become strong with the two sexes, then the unveiling does not cause deterioration and breakup. I say: if the morals grew and integrated it cannot destroy the sexual potency. Whenever the thirsty young man is loomed with beautiful faces, and tender voices talk to him, he cannot but tends to pinup girls in infatuation of beauty. This is the first step towards adultery, and you say the same thing about the thirsty girl. She will slip herself to her young friend, and if we do not want to take into consideration what reality offers us types of vice as a result to these first social connections, it is enough to say that these connections forward anxiety and arouse sleeplessness, and how could the youths continue in building up the future and be faithful to work, to study, and to job after the feelings become vivid with the spectrum of sexual life, and the barrages are set up, and the valve of instinct is called upon to commit sin.

Instinct is blind and it does not differentiate between the Good and the Evil; and even if the thought overcomes it after it has been awakened by the sight of the pinups and it is shackled in cuffs, that is sheer suppression, which is more than evil and cunning, two struggling forces in the square of the spirit, the force of the raging crazy instinct and the force of conscious distinguishing thought. If the conscious one overcame the spirit would enter the pain of depression and the second stayed in anger

till it finds feeding, but if the other overcame, that would be the worst.

A community contracted with unveiling will never know the way of reassurance to the hearts of its youths because the factors of excitation are active and the sexual motive is agitated. It is seen in these milieus where unveiling and celibacy are prevailing that the kind of joke becomes so instinctive that all talks for fun are linked with the milestones of sexual communication or something like that to satiate the instinctive thirst which has been inflamed by the catastrophe of unveiling!

Could anyone believe that the Godly Hand that made this vast universe crowded with the wonders of creation and the grandeur of formation form these spirits in the situation of fearful rottenness and sheer decline? Nay! The Hand formed these spirits pure and dirtless but the ways in which they behave spoilt them. The unveiling exposes both sexes to the charm of look, and look leads to talks sown with expressions of endearment, flirtation and after that the deprived thirst leading to a drink from the basins of meanness and harlotry.

The Effect of Unveiling on the Class of Married People

§ The Muslim scholar: It is time now to discuss the effect of unveiling on the class of married people:

The bonds that tie the hearts of men to their wives begin to loose little by little in a community where its women are unveiled. The married man, although he is satiated sexually, will look at women that are far better than his wife in shapeliness and beauty. If his character is strong to keep himself from deviation, it does not prevent him from desiring and lamenting. He will wish for a wife like the same one who is looking at, in grace and beauty. The wish will increase with passing of days and with more meetings with beautiful unveiled women. These wishes will change into lamentations within himself and becomes resentful upon his bad luck. The same thing can be said about his wife who was seen by men and she saw men. Surely she will meet a man that possesses some factors that put him above her husband in superiority, and in many other sides. She will step the first pace and the second pace, i.e., in wishing and lamenting...

Now let us concentrate on this family and see what will follow:

Coolness of passion between them for the heart of each one is attached to someone else than his companion. He or She does not see in his or her companion save a person whom He or She will pass the rest of life with. In this world there are many husbands who are better than this husband, and there are many wives who are more beautiful than this woman. This is the fixed idea that will be concentrated in the minds of the spouses in the community of the unveiling, and it will surely weaken the sexual marital bonds between them.

† The Western scholar: Would you please explain to me this weakness of the sexual marital bonds, and does it have any influence upon the offspring?

§ The Muslim scholar:

- 1. Practical scientific researches showed that the coolness between the man and his wife is reflected on the sexual copulation in its worst reflection because the loss of the flaming affection between the couple leads to the weakness of the offspring and its tender physiological formation. When affection is activated and strong, it will produce a lot of Good at the time of the instinctive sexual intercourse. It has the most effect in producing children of sound bodies and normal formation, and vice versa. Most ailments that are contracted to children are usually inherited because of the estrangement, which is concentrated in the spirits of the parents, when they meet in a marital approach.
- 2. It can be added that the waning of affection from the atmosphere of the house makes the children live in an arid medium of affection. This will be reflected in their fresh spirits and it will implant the seeds of hardness in their hearts while they are at the doorstep of life and to stamp it with grudge.
- 3. At last, the unveiling scatters consent from the spirits of people as I said, and it will evoke resentment in their hearts upon ill-luck and life. It is said: that happiness can never be realized in a certain community unless the element of consent is fulfilled among the individuals because the lamenter for his ill-luck is wretched even if he wallows in luxury. Nothing can evoke happiness in life as consent. In the Holy Qur'an, there is no one verse orders the women to unveil their faces, but on the contrary, the order has been issued from Al'lah the Almighty by covering all over the body with the face completely.

Now let us listen to the Word of God and He is the most Omniscient in the laws of the obedient men and the ways of their Good, and He is the Loving Merciful for them. He orders the veil and shows its wisdom to the Ladies of the Messenger (CPTH) who are the examples for the Muslim women to follow them up. God said in Al-Ahzab Fortress: "...and when ye ask (his Ladies) for anything ye want, ask them from behind a screen, that makes for greater purity for your hearts and for theirs..."

The Holy Qur'an,

Fortress (33) Al-Ahzab (The Combined Clans), verse (53). Since there is unveiling to the face, as they claim, so, where is the screen?

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