

INTERMINGLING OF SEXES A STRAIGHTWAY TO IMMORALITY

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intermingling of sexes. Immorality, illegitimacy and divorce cases all result from this baneful practice.

The modern protagonists of “sex equality” are endeavouring to mislead men and women by advancing perverted definitions of this “sex equality”. To them “sex equality” means the gratification of inordinate carnal desires. They have no true desire for equality. How could they possibly desire the equality of sexes when they themselves are completely unaware what is actually meant by this term. Their only aim is sexual laxity which is being preached under the garb of sexual equality.

The only civilisation which honestly propagates true equality of the sexes is Islām. No other pattern of life, be it westernism, communism, fascism, or any other ‘ism’ has enabled and elevated womanhood to such a high pedestal. Islām, in order to regulate sex and family life which are essential constituents of a healthy stable and progressive civilisation, has laid down certain restrictions

which men and woman must observe. Islām strongly disapproves of any social pattern which desires women to neglect their primary and essential functions and indulge in other activities which cannot, but be highly detrimental to their primary duties.

In Islām segregation of the sexes is strictly enforced even in religious worship and prayers, which are the highest duties of Muslim men and women. How simple is it then to understand that if Islām banned men and women even in prayer, then it is unthinkable that intermingling of sexes with its accompaniment of all the agents of vice, is permitted in other matters.

Islām has therefore rightly condemned this practice of intermingling in order to bring about morally healthy spiritual and social life without which a nation is bound to succumb to the dictates of the animal passion, thus neglecting man to be just one other member of the family of lowly beasts.

Segregation of the sexes constitutes a fundamental aspect of the Islāmic idea of modesty and chastity. In the noble Qur'ān Allah Ta'āla commands:

"Say to the believing men that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty, that will make greater purity for them. And Allah is well acquainted with what they do." (Surah Noor-V.30).

"And, say to the believing women, that they should cast down their gaze and guard their modesty, that they should not display their ornaments except what (must ordinarily) appear thereof, that they should draw their veils over their bosoms and not display their beauty except to their husbands, and that they should not strike their feet in order to draw attention to their hidden ornaments. And, O believers! Turn all together towards Allah, that you may attain bliss." (Surah Noor-V.31).

The above mentioned are verses quoted from the Qur'ān. We shall now proceed to enumerate what our Noble Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) has said in connection

with the Islāmic demand of segregation of the sexes and seclusion.

Abu Usaidal Ansari (R.A.) reported that once whilst Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was coming out from the Masjid he saw men and women mingling in the street. Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) ordered the women to separate from the men and walk along the sides of the street (in order to avoid mingling with men). (Abu Dawood - Baihaqi).

From these quotations every Muslim can conclude for him or herself that without the slightest shred of doubt the intermingling of men and women whether in public or in private is strictly forbidden in Islām. The Islāmic demand for separation of sexes, for modesty, for purity, for chastity, and for moral decency is being nakedly abused by our persistence in this highly revolting practice of intermingling. The open transgression of the Islāmic laws of Hijāb is a gross confrontation to the divine commands of Allah.

Under the flimsy and baseless pretext of "equality of sexes" man has let loose the waves of sexual passion. The practice of men and women mixing freely has only succeeded in plunging mankind in a vast conflagration of unspeakable immorality.

Parties and gatherings, dances, mixed picnics and co-educational institutions are a shocking revelation of the sexual misdemeanours perpetrated under the guise of the "equality of sexes" is nothing but a carnal ruse to lure men and women into the pits of unbridled sexual desire and lust. In fact, up to this day the west has not yet given equality to its women-folk for this simple reason that they have yet been unable to understand what is actually meant by equality of the sexes.

For the benefit of the human race and for the healthy development of society, Islām has decreed the separation of the sexes and strictly forbidden any unlawful association between them. One of the direct causes of adultery and fornication so rampant in 'modern' society, is free