

Theme of Some Scholars' Views Regarding Women Education in Islam on YouTube Videos

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Abstract

This paper presents analysis of scholars' views about women education in Islam. The purpose of this paper is to highlight the real status of women education in religion Islam so that, those people consider Islam as a conservative; they could understand the reality about Islam. The fact is that Islam not only provided rights first from all other religion but it also promoted the status of woman in the societies. Anyhow, importance of education in Islam may be imagined from this, the first revelation was started with the word 'Iqra' (read) but unfortunately followers of Islam are lack behind in field of education. Therefore, in this paper, rather than written material, spoken words of different scholars are analyzed to present Islamic point of view regarding women education. Most of scholars opine that women education is important than education for boys. But boys are preferred more for education than education for girls. Anyhow, in this, some scholars have stated that worldly education of high level institutions is the preference of the rich while the children of the poor read in religious madaris or government, Urdu medium institutions. This is why the difference between two types of qualified persons is increasing day by day especially in job markets also where educationists of Urdu medium remain lack behind than the English medium qualified educationists. Anyhow, this paper presents theme of scholars' views regarding women education in the light of Islamic teachings and the importance of women education for family and society building and reasons of backwardness in present era especially in the education sector. In short, this paper elaborates the real picture of Islamic teachings regarding women education in the light of some famous/ eminent scholars for inhabitants of Muslim countries is proposal to stress for women education for improving their standard.

Key Words: You tube Videos; Scholars' Views; Women education; Islam; religion.

Objectives of Study

- I. To analyze You Tube videos regarding Women Education;
- II. To know about scholars' views about women education in Islam;
- III. To present theme of scholars' views women education in Islam;

- IV. To present the Islamic teachings for improving women status;
- V. To know about the reasons of backwardness of women in Muslim Societies;
- VI. To present real picture of Islamic teachings regarding women education;
- VII. To differentiate among scholars' views regarding women education.

Discussion and presentation

Theme of Mufti Ismail Menk's views about women education

Islam has bestowed rights to women and children. If you look at the pre-Islamic era, you will come to realize that women were treated like commodities, they were bought and sold. And they were not allowed to own anything at all. They were considered for pleasure of man and they were not looked at as imam being to the degree that when a person was informed that his wife delivered a girl child, he was so upset that he did not know how to hide his face from his friends and the rest of the society. Therefore, he thinks it easy to take innocent baby and to bury the little girl in a grave. When Muhammad (S.A.W) was sent to remove the darkness into light, he prohibited to not only burying the alive girls but he also prohibited to become upset from the birth of girl. Therefore, Islam considers at sin if any one becomes upset from the baby girl birth. Islam prohibited the compelling of females for doing work instead of payment of debt. Islam prescribed that needs of female are to be met by closest male relatives whether it is father, husband or grown up son or uncle. Islam has actually elevated a female to the degree of inheritance also. Islam actually raises the status of a woman because she was being treated as a commodity ownership of property is considered the right for women. ⁱ (Mufti Ismail Menk's, November30, 2016)

First commandment of Quran is to read with the name of God. It is commanded for both men and women. In Ibne Majah hadith #2, it is narrated as "seeking knowledge is obligatory to every Muslim and non-Muslim". Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) also told the parents to educate their children. It is the duty of husband to educate their wives especially religious education. Holy Prophet also advised to his companions to educate their children especially to their girls. On the demand of women of holy period, to give special time for education, Holy Prophet fixed special time for the education of women. In the days of ignorance, in hundred years, we find many Muslims women scholars but example is Ayesha Bint Abu Bakr after the death of Holy Prophet, she guided many Sahabas and even guided all Khulafa-e- Rashideen many times. History told us that she taught eighty eight scholars and she was the scholar of scholars. And only alone authority, 2210 ahadiths were reported. In days of ignorance when people were hardly educated, we find many women scholars who taught many prominent companions of Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) There are several examples who show that women were great scholars. ⁱⁱ (Mufti Ismail Menk's, October14,2019)

Theme of Dr. Israr's views about women education

The fact is that worldly education is the priority of the rich people. Dr. Zakir Naik has established an educational institution in which before the admission of child, interview of parents is conducted. In which it is asked whether in home T.V. is present and veil is adopted by ladies. In case T.V. is available or Veil is not used by ladies, then the school administration does not

give admission to this particular child. Anyhow, with worldly education, there should be arrangements of religious education for the children. From the beginning, there should be arrangement of religious/ Arabic education for children. As concerned in Saudi Arabia, the education up till matric level, education is same. There they provide Arabic education also, after this, there are different branches of education started.. In Pakistan, parents will have to establish/set up religious or Arabic learning for the children so that children could gain religious education easily. Therefore, the theories of science are static, but in humanities theories will have to be corrected.ⁱⁱⁱ(Dr. Israr's views, February 6, 2017)

In another video, Dr. Israr quoted the incident of Abdul Qadir jilani whose mother sent him for gaining knowledge in other famous city and robbers were impressed on speaking truth on mother's guidance. In one hadith, it is narrated as," whose over started travelling in purpose of gaining knowledge, Allah does his journey easy ro the paradise." In learning, mutual revision is also necessary. ^{iv} (Dr. Israr's views, February 22, 2021)

Theme of Taimor's views about women education

From his views, it may be stated that Allah makes the way of paradise easy for the seekers of knowledge. In actual the way to paradise is not easy. It is full of hurdles and difficulties. The person gains more knowledge then walking on way to paradise becomes easy. It is just like complicated game. As he will learn to play game, the game becomes easier for the players. ^v (Taimor's views, May 18, 2020)

Theme of Maham Meher's views about women education

According to tradition, "seeking knowledge is obligatory for man and woman. Holy Quran also encourages seeking knowledge in Chapter Alaq. From Holy prophet's wives, two women were educated. One was Khadija while second was Ayesha bint Abu Bakr. Ayesha bint Abu Bakr was youngest from wives. She promoted female education also. Khadija was the richest woman of Makkah . She took many steps to hold business. In present era, Abadlia Mujahid was famous American scholar in origin Egyptian, director research institute social policy in Washington D.C. She was also selected as advisor to President Barak Obama. It clears Islam promotes/ encourages female education. If you educate a man then you educate an individual but if you educate a woman then you educate the whole family or nation.^{vi} (Maham Meher's views, October 13, 2018)

Theme of Elizabeth kiss's views about women education

In her views, it is stated as, "I encourage each and every one of you to play your part. This revolution is the most profound revolution in all human history. This is women equality revolution. I also challenged several my college policies." In human right, my study informs that women rights were ignored and trampled all over the world. She says I connect my small developed passion experience for you; I developed to educating and encouraging your women. Effect for women began in earnest in the mid-19th century with effort to expand education opportunities for women. Gender restrictions were also seen in different parts of the world regarding women education. Before 55 years, sexism in Scotland was legally sanctioned. If you open newspaper then you can find ads of wanted woman and wanted man for sex.^{vii} (Elizabeth

Kiss's views, July 12, 2015) This was the real face of the present modern European world. But now situation has been changed.

Theme of Emily Blunt's views about women education

Emily discussed how women are transforming the world during variety's power of women event in New York. Blunt implored law makers to take action to help young girls denied an education. Emily Blunt is a British American Actress. She is the recipient of various accolades including a golden award and ascreen actor Guild Award in addition to nominations for two British Academy Film Awards. In her speech she also quotes: there are over 130 million girls missing out on education because they have to work or they are married by the age of 12 or they lack access to school facilities or have car for younger siblings, denying them their fundamental right to an education. ^{viii} (Emily Blunt's views, October31, 2020)

Theme of Memona Kousar's views about women education

Education is a gradual process which brings changes in human life and behavior. Education is a basic human right according to article 26 in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Every person has the right to education. Education is for the all. Gender inequality is the social process by which men and women are not treated as equal. The treatment may arise from distinction regarding biology, psychology and natural norms. As concerned education and gender disparity, gender inequality in education is a persistent problem with in society especially for economically weaker sections. Gender inequalities are important in these inequalities health, employment or pay. The major factors that promote gender inequalities in education are the condition of poverty, social infrastructure, child marriages, and education of parents, occupations of parents and lack of interest in studies. ^{ix}(Memona Kousar's views, May 13, 2021)

Theme of Malala Yousaf Zai's views about women education

Education is first step for empowerment. Education is one of blessings of life and one of necessities. We must work not wait. We all need to contribute for education me, you and we. It is our duty to work for education. We realize our importance of voice but we are silent. In North of Pakistan, in Swat, we realize importance of pens and books but we saw guns, why is it? The countries which we call strong and so powerful in creating wars but are so weak in bringing peace why is it? That giving guns is so easy but giving books is so hard, why is it? That making tanks is so easy but making building of school is so hard. One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world. Education is the only solution. If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you determined to learn, no one can stop you. ^x (Malala Yousaf Zai's views, July 22, 2020)

Theme of Asim Leghari's views about women education

Village women are more deprived of their rights than city women. In villages, schools for girls are less than cities. In village lives, in women's hands rather than books and pens viper or other instruments are given. In villages girls schools are less in number and village women are not allowed to go out for study. In villages woman is not only weak but are oppressed. With women social exploitation is being made. Village women are still deprived of knowledge and modern

skills. Therefore, there is dire need to change behavior about village women so that they could mold themselves about modern knowledge and skills.^{xi}(Asim Leghari's views, May 26, 2021)

Theme of Qasim Ali Shah's views about women education

In his views, why girls education is most important and he said if I have to power only to teach only kid then I will prefer to teach my daughter rather than three sons. The paradise is under mother's feet. This is because she trains them. While some people say that it is of because she bear the pains of birth. This is not real thing because the pains of birth also borne by animals. It is note able to mention that the important book titled is "Great mothers of famous people", written by Maqbool Rashid while published by Dua publications, I have delivered thousand books after purchasing. I do not say that there is no need to teach boys but only needs to girls. But I know about the power of girl when she becomes educated then all the offspring become able to stand. If mother is respectable and have values of women then these values also shift in their children also. Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) also said that girl is blessing of God. Smile of any person resembles 80 percent of his mother. The reason is that in every season, caretaker of every person is mother. Mother is great because the son is Muhammad bin Qasim, son is Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and son is Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. I give credit to mother because she taught me to care the kid of cat. If mother is not generous and offering Tahajjad prayers, then there would be no value of mine in your hearts. This shows that person esteem is also due to character of their mothers.^{xii} (Qasim Ali Shah's views, February 18, 2021)

Concluding Remarks

In nutshell, it may be stated that women education is crucial in Islam. This is fact that there are different views of different scholars about women education In Islam. Some scholars opine the reasons of less literacy rate in women, i.e. early marriage, poverty and ignorant parents are common. Some opine that child's habits always resembles just like his mother, if mother is pious and generous then definitely these habits will be shifted to his children. Some scholars stress spiritual values rather than worldly or cultural values in mothers' role of child's growth. Therefore, in their views without spiritual values, women education is meaningless. Some scholars presented views about women education differentiating their social status and cultural values; they opine that villagers' women have fewer rights regarding urban women in every walk of life. Some scholars opine that education of women is the only solution of all our worldly problems. In this regard especially, Malala states that one pen, one book, one teacher and one student are important for changing sociological change. While Kousar points out of reasons of backwardness in women education are poverty, early marriages, social structure and uneducated parents. In Elizabeth's views, the gender differences are laying still in the modern Europe also, this is main reason of low level of women education as compared to boys' education. In short, in the light of scholars' views regarding weaknesses of women education can be improved for future generation.

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