

Drawing room wedlock hunting – A complete disgrace

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“Women are tenacious, and all of them should be tenacious of respect; without esteem they cannot exist; esteem is the first demand that they make of love,” said Honore de Balzac.

We live in a society striped by social and moral values, where one is demanded to follow Islam only in case where elders are satisfied. But when the time comes to make a choice, that Islam allows, our society pressurizes us to leave our rights described in Islam. To a degree that elders start to blackmail by constantly reminding of how many troubles they have gone through to bring us up, the renounce they have made in educating us, and in return ask for a fee for all they have done.

Well no matter what gender you belong to, if you want to marry the person of the reversed gender you know that in the end it's your elders' choice. Whether they allow you two lab-rats to strain future generations or not.

Islam does not grant guardians to take away the authority of children in choosing their partner and enforce their opinion on them. It is a fantasy, elders always have been doing right and affluence outcomes but not in every case it results. Pakistani nationals or Indians would like to marry their children in same family or in same community but on the other side young children are not ready to follow their Parents as youngsters are grown up in a free community and believe in choosing their life partner so this leads to an uproar in a family. (sehrish butt 2014).

Allah Almighty said in the Noble Quran: “O ye who believe! Ye are forbidden to acquire women against their will. Nor should ye treat them with harshness that ye may take away part of the dower [money given by the husband to the wife for the marriage contract] ye have given them, except where they have been guilty of open lewdness; on the contrary live with them on a footing of kindness and equity. If ye take a dislike to them it may be that ye dislike a thing, and God brings about through it a great deal of good. (The Noble Quran, 4:19)”

“The human mind finds security in habit so adjusting is hard and change is frightening,” says psychologist Jade Caton.

If a girl likes a boy, her father will refuse his proposal on the ground that he is not good for the family (in reality, it's the ego that he did not choose him), similarly if a boy likes a girl, their parents will never

take the proposal to her place. On the basis, that she is not suitable for their class and most probably very cunning that he trapped our child before she enters our family.

And if they both end-up marrying, then the families will start poking in the matters so much that the married couple will end up fighting, instead of stopping their parents to stop interfering out of respect (the respect we must keep, because they are elder). Result fights, divorce, this is one of the main reasons for increased divorce rates in decay. According to some research conducted, couples in arranged marriages have more long periods of being in love than partners who choose their own mates. And arranged marriages end in divorce about 10 times less often than non-arranged marriages. (Han, Mayzin, 2013).

The biggest crime on a large scale against women in Pakistan is forced marriage, which recorded the official complaints in 77 district police stations in March 2012.

Forced marriages have replaced sexual violation at the top of the most prevailing crimes against women. The Report, sent to prosecution, notes a comprehensive increase in complaints that proves awareness on a large scale among the Pakistani women who suffers.

Out of the districts monitored, 27 are in the province of Punjab, 21 in Sindh, 19 in Khyber Pakhtunhwa, 9 in Baluchistan and one in the zone of the capital, Islamabad.

The cases of forced marriages rose from 314 to 653 and have grown seriously in the district of Lahore, capital of Punjab, where 222 complaints have been filed. 220 are cases of sexual abuse, while molestation and harassment are 270, 37 cases of honor killings.

In my perception Pakistan is a state of the Islamic republic that follows Islam in every step of life. How can a Muslim follow Hinduism and Islam at the same time? Stop blaming Hinduism for our problems. We read the Quran every day. Do what the Quran tells us to do.

It is feasible for men & women to contact in a humble aspect with the permission of their families without there being anything unethical going on! What would you go for? A purely restricted society where no one is allowed to talk to anyone of the opposite gender? So that we can be an even more irked nation? When

you segregate people completely you drive them to take severe measures or even to commit heinous crimes!

I am of the very solid belief now that the custom of drawing room proposal hunting is an absolute disgrace. I base my reasoning on the fact that marriage is an academy of love and mutual respect, where the couple is going to live with each other till-death-do-part, so why leave the decision to others? There should already be some level of devotion and care among them before they make the marriage vows. As for those who say that at such age, they are "too immature" to make such a considerable selection. Marriage is after all, the biggest agreement a person makes in their life, so if they can't take responsibility for it, so why are they getting married? Secondly, if things go bad after the marriage and it does not work, will the focal person who arranged it take responsibility? It will be the couple of who encounter the most agony, not those who arranged the sitting. What percent of Pakistani girls are educated, fair in complexion and belong to an elite class family? The average is only 5-15%. How can all men get those girls? Only 5-15% men can marry them. Others have to marry average kind of girls. If a girl is very charming and pretty, many men would choose to marry her and her family will have to go for one man indeed. Letting young people find their own life partners, sure the families can give consent. If the family raises their children properly then they would have no fears about them selecting the wrong partner.

But here we cannot miss the fact that while girls can face trauma, so can boys too. Girls and their families also pursue the 'finest package' these days, they also inspect the boys on same greedy measures, and they

also play same politics after marriage. The process of wedding proposals & arranged marriages can be equally flawed for both boys and girls.

A lot of men complain and they keep talking about money, they are not wrong, but it annoys me when people have misconception for the cause, women are directed from the day they are born that their goal in life is to get married, all they do is about marriage, even those that study and get good jobs are not looking at people but as a business deal, men are instructed that they need to support their families all people think about their future and want to be able to support themselves, men are assumed to do it by getting jobs while women are assumed to do it by getting husbands when you pick a job you look at the income, so by that logic, it makes sense that women look at their future husbands' pay slips, it is wrong and biased, but it happens because women are not encouraged to make anything of themselves, even if they have jobs they have less income than their male colleagues.

It's not fair to label the western community as "Bad" and ours as "Good". We are the nation that enforces our daughters and sisters to be considered like herds! How does that make us a "good" civilization? Islam advices us to widen our minds, to learn and endorse practices which will make us better human beings and permit us to make others' lives better as well.

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