

# Spinsterhood - its causes and treatment in the Holy Quran: Contemporary social thematic study

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## Abstract

Spinner in language The woman spins the spinster by joining spinsters and people, and Al-Asma`i said, "I was impassioned by what he did not name the perpetrator because she is whispering, and it was said that I missed, and the spinster among men and women who remain for a time after he realizes he does not marry. Most of what is used in women are said that the woman is spineless, because she is spinster, and impure, and she is stubborn if she grows up and is incapacitated. Idiomatically spinster: is the girl who resides with her family after reaching the age of marriage for a long time and she did not marry and knew her. Likewise, it is called a man who did not marry.

The scholars differed regarding determining the age of a spinster, according to several statements, It was said that spinsterhood begins from the twenty-fifth, it was said that it was thirty years, and it was said thirty-three, and it was said that it was thirty-five, and it was said forty years, and it was said that it was forty-five to sixty years, and that difference in determining the age of spinsterhood is due to the prevailing custom in each region.

## Keywords

Spinsterhood, treatment and Holy Quran.

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## Introduction

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and prayers and peace be upon our master Muhammad and upon his family and companions as a whole.

And yet...

Dear brothers and sisters, our Islamic religion took care of the formation of the Muslim family, because it is the foundation of society, and our Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, likened it to a compact Lebanon that tightens each other. Therefore, Islam put all solutions for the happiness of the Muslim family, but the reality of the family today is very deteriorating. This is because of the bad habits introduced by the variables of civilization, whose negative effects are reflected at all levels, especially social issues (Khalifah, 2021).

Among these variables is the spread (spinsterhood phenomenon) as well as within the responsibilities of the family, a large number of disability, the spread of drugs and suicide among young men and women, and other social phenomena. One of these phenomena that have caught my eye is the phenomenon of spinsterhood, which no sane person can ignore because women are half of society, and if we leave this half without care, the problem remains, which is the instability of the Islamic family.

Because of this importance in society, I studied it an objective Qur'anic study, so that I may have contributed to reducing the danger of this phenomenon to Islamic society after Islam came with several solutions to this phenomenon, so the title of my research was this (spinster \_ and its causes \_ and its treatment in the Holy Quran) is an objective study (Goel, 2014)

The nature of the research required that it be from an introduction in which I explained the importance of the topic and an optional reason for it, and a preamble in which I explained the definition of spinsterhood, and four demands, which are as follows:

- The first requirement/causes of spinsterhood.
- The second requirement / solve the problem in the Holy Quran.
- The third requirement/judgment of pluralism and opinions of thinkers / divided it into two branches
- First / the wisdom of diversity
- Second / the opinions of Western thinkers about diversity
- Fourth requirement/statistics and questionnaire
- First / Proportion of Spouses and Widows in Iraq and Other Countries
- Second / Women's opinions on diversity through questionnaire forms

Then I followed up with a conclusion in which I outlined my most important findings and recommendations.

### **The age of spinsterhood:**

The scholars differed on determining the age of the spinster to several sayings:

It was said that spinsterhood begins from the twenty-fifth, it was said thirty years and thirty-three, it was said thirty-five, and it was said forty years, and it was said forty-five to sixty years, and that difference in determining the age of spinster is due to the norm prevailing in each region.

### **The first requirement:**





- First: To put a man back and prevent him from practising his innate activity by the power of legislation and the force of law and authority. This is above energy and against the man's nervous and psychological potential, and we hate him under the legislation and the power of the Sultan - thus - hatred of marital life will be generated, and this is what Islam does not accept if it makes the house a residence and the wife a man and clothes.
- Second: In the case of the wife's illness (the wife's sterility) with the husband's innate desire for offspring, and thus he will have two paths in front of him: \_
  - A. He divorces her to replace her with another wife who satisfies his human desire for offspring
  - B. Or to marry another and remain in his intimate relationship with the first wife, the first way breaks down the women their homes and increases their suffering without a visible substitute. They fill the house with movement and joy for them, after the special deprivation (Berend, 2000).

After that we conclude the clarification of the noble verse by saying Ibn Ashur: ((Allah has legalized the multiplicity of women for the able one and just for the sake of great interests, one of which is that this is a way to increase the number of the nation by increasing the number of births in it, and from it that this means sponsoring women who are more than men in every nation, Because femininity in newborns is more than males, and because men are exposed to some of the causes of death in wars and adversities that are not exposed to women, and because women are longer than men by what Allah has ordained them for, and among them is that the Sharia forbidden adultery and narrowed its prohibition.

Because of corruption in morals, genealogy and the family system, it is appropriate for him to expand the number of women, so that the number of women is for whom among the men was inclined to polygamy compelled to him, and among them is the intention to avoid divorce except for necessity (Kelley, 1978). Thus, we contemplated real life with its practical circumstances as intended by the Noble Qur'an while it is far from a clumsy and dissolved joke that is far from reality. The enactment of this license, to be a solution to the problem of spinsterhood at all times, but is restricted by divine restrictions and is not absolute.

### **The third requirement**

#### *The rule of pluralism and opinions of thinkers*

- First - the wisdom of diversity
  1. Since Islam forbids adultery and stresses its prohibition, because of the great corruption it contains, such as killing modesty and going with honour and dignity, as well as the psychological and physical diseases available in it, such as gonorrhoea, syphilis and others. People who are separated from lineage live humiliated and despised, as we observe in human societies. On the contrary, the door to facilitating marriage by more than one person is offset by the comfort, tranquillity and mercy it contains.
  2. As it is known that women outnumber men at all times and places due to wars and other deeds. If marriage is restricted to one wife, then many women will remain without a husband, and this causes them embarrassment and distress, and this may lead to the spread of fornication and so on.
  3. Marriage is not only physical pleasure but rather comfort and accommodation. If a woman gives birth to a husband who protects and takes care of her and gives birth to a child from him, a cow is appointed to her,

space for her to live alone, and she is thrown here and there (Kanagavel et al., 2013).

4. Islam looked at all women with a fair and balanced view, and it was injected into marriage and did not differentiate between one woman and another. So what is the fault of spinsters and widows - it does not look at them with a look of sympathy and tenderness when they are in the coming of life.
5. Which is better for two wives to live under the care of one husband, or for a woman to live with a husband who has ten girlfriends or more or less.
6. The nature of a woman differs from a man in her willingness to have intercourse because of the menstrual cycle, unlike a man, who is ready for cohabitation throughout the year.
7. The wife may be sterile and not give birth, so the husband is deprived of the blessing of the child. Instead of divorcing her, he remains with her and marries the children.
8. The wife may get sick or her behaviour may be bad, so instead of divorcing her, he remains with her and marries another.
9. Marriage to the second wife brings comfort to the first wife, and this reduces her burden of serving the husband.
10. They petitioned for a reward from Allah Almighty, which is for a man to marry a poor woman or a widow without a breadwinner or shepherd, and he marries her with the intention of her chastity and care (Yacoub et al., 2011).

- Second / Opinions of Western thinkers on polygamy

The books and articles of Western thinkers have shown that there is a relationship between the prevention of polygamy and the high incidence of foundlings.

*We will show some of them as follows:*

- In the conference held by the French government in the year (1901AD) to search for the best ways to resist the spread of prostitution, they said: (The number of found fewer children gathered in the shelters of the "Seine" district alone reached (50,000) a foundling and their education is underway at the expense of the province.
- Rather, some of the employees of these shelters abhor the girls who come under their jurisdiction, but the same foundlings abhor some of them, and no grudging rebukes them. (Holden, 2011) And an English writer wrote in this regard, where she said: "Our daughters have been absent from the misfortune, and the researchers have said about the reason for this, and as a woman, I look at these girls and my heart is broken with pity and grief for them.

What is this disease ...

Where is the disease ...

Then the scientist "Thomas" answered her because I see the disease and I have prescribed a medicine for her, which is the permissibility of men to marry more than one woman, and with this, the affliction will disappear and the girls become housewives. The calamity is all the calamity in forcing the European man to be satisfied with one wife, and with this determination he made the daughters homosexual and deviant... However, I would like to point out that polygamy was permitted in Christian Europe until the era of "Sharman", who was married to more than one woman .... Then priests urged those married to more than one wife to choose one from among the wives and divorce the second, and so was the word Church On our hands did they support? (Carroll, 2007; Khasawneh et al., 2011).

The same is the case in (Turkey) when I abandoned Islam and enacted the Western law in (1926 AD) that prohibits polygamy, and after eight years have passed, secret births proliferated, custom wives increased and the number of intercourse increased (Herouach, 2020).

#### Fourth requirement/statistics and questionnaire

*And it divided into two branches*

- First: The percentage of unmarried women and widows in Iraq, and some countries of the world issued by the Organization for Women's Rights in Iraq, which is an organization concerned with defending the rights of Iraqi women and publishes monthly reports periodically. In a report published on the Internet, it indicated:
  - That 19% of Iraqi women are between widows and spinsters. The report indicated that between (90-100) Iraqi women are widowed daily as a result of acts of sectarian violence and killings. The report also indicated that there are (300) thousand widows in Baghdad alone in addition to (8) millions widows in various countries. This means that the percentage of widows constitutes (35%) of the souls of Iraq (65%) of the number of Iraqi women (80%) of the number of married women.
  - The percentage of unmarried women in Iraq reached the highest rate in the Arab world, which is (85%) of Iraqi women, between spinsters and widows, until the end of 2006 (Lister et al., 2007). In addition to that, the Global Society magazine published issue (847) statistics on the ratios of males versus females in several world countries, which are as follows:

Table 1.

Show the ratio of males to females in several world countries

<b>(3) females</b>	<b>(1) Male</b>	<b>Arab Gulf States</b>
For (4) females	(1) Male	USA
For (4) females	(1) Male	Sweden
For (5) females	(1) Male	Russia
For (5) females	(1) Male	Africa
For (6) females	(1) Male	Japan
For (10) females	(1) Male	China

- Second / Questionnaire forms that showed the results of the percentage of women who want to marry a married man, as a percentage. Contemporary research work is not without the need to take opinions or survey women's views on the question of spinsterhood and polygamy through questionnaire forms, and to fully capture all relevant information on the topic, to diagnose and organize the current reality for the better and find appropriate solutions in the future scientifically and accurately for that. A questionnaire form was prepared that included a set of questions that were formulated according to the research vision and the objectives required for this topic. The questionnaire was presented to a group of professors, experts and specialists in preparing the questionnaire forms and after taking their objective and methodological observations (Bickmore, 1993).

Praise be to Allah, the forms were distributed to different groups of girls and women, and the right to answer was given openly and unconditionally to express their personal opinion broadly and clearly (Al-Sudairy, 2017; Ngubane-Mokiwa, 2011). The forms were distributed to different groups of different ages and according to what is shown below, noting that

the share of each independent group is (two hundred) Form, and the results are as follows:

- First category / from (20) years to (25) years, the percentage was (60) approved forms out of (200) forms, so the percentage would be 30%, i.e. the percentage of consent to polygamy.
- In the second category / from (26) years to (30) years, the percentage was (129) approved forms out of (200) forms, so the percentage was (64.5), i.e. the percentage of consent to polygamy.
- In the third category / from (31) years to (35) years, the percentage was (153) approved forms out of (200) forms, so the percentage was (76.5), i.e. the percentage of consent to polygamy.
- In the fourth category / from (36) years old to (40) years, the percentage was (189) approved forms out of (200) forms, so the percentage was (94.5), i.e. the percentage of consent to polygamy.

Thus, the total number of forms that were distributed to the different groups is (800) forms and thus the result is in percentage (66) in agreement with polygamy. Thus, the Holy Qur'an came with correct solutions that agree with people's opinions to get society out of the problems of spinsterhood and thus we call for increased awareness in this area.

### Conclusion

1. Polygamy is permissible according to the consensus of the scholars, and with the evidence of the Almighty saying:  $\text{لَا جُنْحَ عَلَيْهِمُ يُكِّفُونَ}$  in it for permissibility and polygamy, as Allah says:  $\text{كُنْ كُنْ}$ .
2. The Quranic discourse is addressed to all Muslims without exception, for those who want to marry more than one woman.
3. Between the Qur'an text and the Prophet's biography, the prohibition of marrying more than four free women, and it is a requirement for the one who has justice between them by dividing, and it also includes a response to those who claim that it is permissible to have more than four wives, as the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, did.
4. The obligation to limit himself to one wife if the man fears unfairness between his wives.
5. The issue of polygamy is necessary and necessitated by the circumstances of life. So Islam came and found it absolute, without restrictions or laws, so Islam addressed it and refined it by setting laws that guarantee the wife's right to plural marriage.
6. The legalization of polygamy is one of the glories of the Islamic religion because it was able to solve one of the most complex problems facing Islamic and global societies. After all, the social fabric, such as the balance, must equalize as a girl, by maintaining a balance between the number of men and women while ensuring the rights of both parties.

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