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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

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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:

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Causes of spinsterhood:

The books and articles mentioned several reasons for the exacerbation of the phenomenon of spinsterhood, and I will mention it as follows:

- 1. A man is restricted to one wife
- 2. The woman (girl) is busy studying and rejects a lot of speech
- 3. Poor selection of the family, that is, whenever an addressee applies, they reject it and start waiting for the best, then the best does not come
- 4. Many parents prohibit their daughters from marrying because of the inheritance or wages that the girl receives.
- 5. The spread of tribal ideas in society, especially in the countryside, is called (Al-Nahwa).
- 6. Many girls insist on completing their university education and beyond university, as well as the girls 'refusal to relate to those who are less educated and less educated.
- 7. Also among the causes of spinsterhood (and Allah knows best) is not to establish borders (penalties) for adulterous men in society, and this is what causes the man to be satisfied with taboos and not to marry, and thereby increases the percentage of spinsterhood and obscene in society, while setting up borders, it pushes the man to marry More than one instead of falling forbidden.
- 8. Likewise, I see one of the causes of spinsterhood and Allah knows best is the woman's competition for a man in employment opportunities, and therefore, an ill-considered competition increases the unemployment rate for young people, and thus the young man cannot pay the costs of marriage, and the girl cannot buy a husband with the salary she requires.

The second requirement

Solve the problem with the Holy Quran

(Came in saying Allah Almighty جدَ دْ دْ دْ دْ رْ رْ رْ رْ ك ك ك ك ك گ گ گ گ ې ې چې چې چې. گ گگ ں ں ڻ نْ دْ چ.

Allah Almighty is a line for the people in this holy verse the path of their precious family life, in which their happiness, their value and the scales of their lives, to establish a full, integrated and powerful family, Its humanism and affection and the difference between male and female who are in the opinion and work are two mutually complementary parts to each other as an integral couple.

So the Islamic religion has embarked on a delicate system based on the reality that is conscious of the creation of man and consistent with the circumstances of his lifechanging in various places, various times and conditions, to make a man of prosperity and stability, Therefore, the system of polygamous marriages began with the information of the to increase the number of women in good marriage to the number of men in a good marriage, and this increase ranges from the statistics of societies from four to one or by their borders, mentioned those statistics in the fourth requirement.

So this increase how to treat?

Allah Almighty opened Surat Al-Nisa 'by directing the discourse to the people in general and not to the believers in particular, so the Almighty said: $\frac{1}{2}$ That is, open your hearts and your eyes to what you receive of innate truths, which you see as simple, but they are big, deep and very heavy facts, and in them are the origin of true civilization It is appropriate for that human soul (Popper-Giveon & Ventura, 2009) and among those legislations that Allah has enacted is the license of pluralism and the statement of wisdom from it.

So before going into the explanation of the noble verse and explaining its wisdom, we



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must show that Islam came to restrict pluralism and not leave the matter to the whims of men. Therefore, gathering with more than four women was prohibited, and this is what was proven by the Prophet's biography, that Ghaylan bin Salamah al-Thaqafi is Muslim and below ten women, so the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said to him ((Choose from them four)) (Abdelati et al., 2014) Likewise, it was narrated on the authority of Amira Al-Asadi who said - I converted to Islam and I had eight women.

So it became clear to us from this biography that the Islamic system is a realistic and positive system based on solving problems and establishing human balance and gives women their rights, without excessive or negligence. So, the multiplicity of women over men puts human societies in front of three possibilities, so let us see which possibilities are right that preserves their dignity for women.

The first possibility / is for every man who is fit for marriage to marry a woman who is fit for marriage, then one or more remains according to the degree of imbalance occurring - without marriage - and she spends her life without knowing the men. This possibility is against instinct, and against the energy of a woman who in her life does not know the man, and against what the superficial and pedantic say that a woman is dispensing with the man by work and earnings, the question is much deeper than what they say, for a thousand workers and a thousand earnings do not satisfy the woman's need for a normal life, whether in the demands of the body And the instinct or the demands of the soul and the mind from us to live and mankind with the partner, for a man finds work and finds income, but this is not enough for him so he goes and seeks to obtain the clan, so a woman is like a man with desire and instinct. (Nqubane-Mokiwa, 2011) For the Almighty says at a grave a grave

The second possibility is that every man who is fit for marriage will marry only one, legal and clean marriage, and then they intend or marry one or more women who have no equal in society from among men, so they know the man as a cheek or a friend in honour and darkness. This possibility is against the rule of clean, chaste and honourable Islam, which aims to build a society free from physical, psychological and social diseases, as well as against the human dignity of women. Women were not created to be sent by men or to be the mouth of their desires and filth, as well as a carrier of diseases among them, but rather it is higher and higher than that. And whoever says otherwise, they are insulting Allah and His law (Khasawneh et al., 2011). They enter by the Almighty saying: $\int_{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}$

As for the third possibility / which is that the righteous men - all or some of them - marry more than one, and the other woman knows the man as an honourable wife, and in the status of the light, neither a stain nor a mistress in the forbidden and the shadows. This possibility is based on realism and not positive to face the changing reality to achieve a balance between the two genders, so whoever understands the spirit of Islam and its direction, finds that polygamy in the two, three and fourths is required and desirable, because it is a necessity facing a necessity and a solution that faces a problem, and it is not the goal of it as some understand it as animal pleasure or mobility Between wives and girlfriends - Islam is a religion of instinct and realism, in dealing (Al-Tkhayneh & Nser, 2019).

In addition to the foregoing, other things call for pluralism that we must clarify, and they are different from the gender, then their convergence in it provides human life with psychological stability, increased fertilization and urbanization of the earth through multiplication and spread.

Therefore, all realism cases must be taken into consideration, including the husband's desire to perform the innate function or the desire to have children with the wife's reluctance to hinder her age or illness - with the spouses' desire for the continuation of the marital tenure and the hatred of separation (Kashgary, 2011).

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- 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).

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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.

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(3) females	(1) Male	Arab Gulf States
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

- Polygamy is permissible according to the consensus of the scholars, and with the evidence of the Almighty saying: _= ここで、 in it for permissibility and polygamy, as Allah says: 、 シ シ ン .
- 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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