

Islam Forbids Same Gender Marriages

Introduction:

There is simply no Ordinance in the Holy Qur'an allowing same gender marriage. Islam, through revealed Ordinances, in the Holy Qur'an, forbids same gender marriage. Further, Islam also forbids any description of immorality between two persons of the same gender. The Ordinances have also been supported by quotations of Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) in all of the six leading Hadith¹. Almighty God has made men and women as paired for procreation and the laws of Almighty God must never be breached for sake of sinful lust between two persons of same gender. Islam is clear in its prohibition of homosexual acts. Islamic scholars cite these reasons for condemning homosexuality, based on teachings of the Holy Qur'an and Hadith: It clashes with the "natural" order in which Almighty God created human beings. Further, it brings destruction to the family and the institutions of marriage. Furthermore, it leads people to ignore Almighty God's guidance in other areas of life. In some countries, a few of their leading politicians are leading the charge to amend their countries' laws to allow same gender marriages. Marriage between persons of the same gender is becoming so widespread in modern societies that some countries are in the process of amendments to their country's national Constitution. Islam forbids same gender marriages, regardless of country.

Discussion:

- 1) The Holy Qur'an makes clear to mankind that Almighty God created humanity to continue to procreate in opposite gender pairs, through the process of marriages. Pairing means that both male and female have same type of souls; but only the material human body has gender differences; and this fact became operational with Adam and Eve, then subsequently downstream to wider humanity. The decision to vary the genetic formula to give sons or daughters to married couples, resides only with Almighty God. Married couples must therefore pray directly to Almighty God only, wishing for sons and daughters and mankind must not ever worship idols and other objects of worship for that same wishing. Humanity must therefore not deny the supremacy of Almighty God as their Maker, as idols and other objects of worship do not have any such power of creation. The Holy Qur'an states an Ordinance at **HQ16:72** "*And Allah has made wives for you from among yourselves, and has given you sons and daughters from your wives, and has*

¹ The six top Hadith (also called as *Al-Sihah Al-Sittah*) are: *Sahih Bukhari*, collected by Imam Bukhari (d. 256 AH, 870 CE); *Sahih Muslim*, collected by Muslim b. al-Hajjaj (d. 261 AH, 875 CE); *Sunan Abu Dawood*, collected by Abu Dawood (d. 275 AH, 888 CE); *Jami al-Tirmidhi*, collected by al-Tirmidhi (d. 279 AH, 892 CE); *Sunan al-Sughra*, collected by al-Nasa'i (d. 303 AH, 915 CE); *Sunan ibn Majah*, collected by Ibn Majah (d. 273 AH, 887 CE).

provided you with good things. Will they then believe in falsehood and deny the favour of Allah?"

- 2) The Holy Qur'an reminds the wider humanity that the purpose of having gender differences between male and female is to encourage attraction of marriage only between male and female. Marriage between male and female brings about the subtleness of long-lasting friendship, which in turn brings about love and compassion between husband and wife. The wider humanity of all communities must always reflect the greatness of Almighty God, in how He has brought about subtle attraction between opposite genders, which in turn results in marriage and follows on to the process of procreation. The Holy Qur'an further states an Ordinance at **HQ30:21** *"And of His signs is this, that He created mates for you from yourselves that you might find quiet of mind in them, and He put between you love and compassion. Surely there are signs in this for a people who reflect."*
- 3) The Holy Qur'an furthermore states an Ordinance that immoral conduct between two persons of the same gender is simply not allowed. Those who are involved in such immoral practices, will need to be witnessed of that immorality by four persons. After the witnesses have testified, then the two involved will need to be given slight punishment by authorities, sufficient such as to be vociferously rebuked in society. They will then need to get correctly married with persons of opposite gender and live regular married life. Islam does not prescribe punishment of stoning to death, as may have been the case with some other societies in the past. The Holy Qur'an again states an Ordinance at **HQ4:16** *"And as for the two of you who are guilty of it (immoral conduct), give them both a slight punishment (rebuke them); then if they repent and amend, turn aside from them. Surely Allah is ever Oft-returning (to mercy), the Merciful."*
- 4) The life history of prophets always comes with exemplary lessons for the next series of generations to learn. Religious leaders are expected to quote such examples as lessons from scripture; and warn people not to involve in such sinful practices of lust of immorality between two persons of the same gender. Prophet Lot who, was amongst the descendants of Prophet Abraham, has been mentioned in several places in the mainstream scriptures of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Prophet Lot found widespread homosexuality amongst his communities, especially in the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah. He preached to them and forbade them from such sinful lust between two persons of the same gender. Instead, the sinful peoples of those communities, conspired and planned to evict Prophet Lot and his family out of their towns. Prophet Lot became helpless and sought

assistance: Almighty God intervened and destroyed both Sodom and Gomorrah with volcanic eruptions of rains of stones and ash. Prophet Lot's wife had treacherously sided with the sinful communities and she was also destroyed with them. The Holy Qur'an states this incident at **HQ7:80-84** *"And (We sent) Lot, when he said to his people: Do you commit foul deeds which no one in the world did before you? Surely you come to males with lust instead of females. Surely, you are a people exceeding bounds. And the answer of his people was no other than that they said: Turn them out of your town; surely they are a people who aspire to purity! So We delivered him and his followers, except his wife — she was of those who remained behind. And We rained upon them a rain. See, then, what was the end of the guilty!"*

- 5) The Holy Qur'an reports that Prophet Lot rebuked his communities of people practising homosexuality, with very direct and specific statements. The Holy Qur'an reports at **HQ26:165-166** *"Do you come to the males from among the creation, and leave your wives who your lord has created for you? Indeed, you are a people exceeding the limits."*
- 6) Parents and guardians are expected to keep watchful study of their children and other children under their guardianship as early as possible, so that indicators of the children's behaviours are corrected soonest possible with stern warnings and counselling; and then not allowed whatsoever to develop into any description of lust between two persons of the same gender. The warnings are also given by Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) in Hadith, as quoted below.
- 7) **Hadith Abu Dawood 32:40:87** Narrated Abu Hurairah: The Apostle of Allah (*pbuh*) rebuked the man who dressed like a woman and the woman who dressed like a man.
- 8) **Hadith Sahih Bukhari 8:82:820** Narrated Abu Sa'id al-Khudri: The Prophet (*pbuh*) said: *"A man should not look at the private parts of another man, and a woman should not look at the private parts of another woman. A man should not lie with another man without wearing lower garment under one cover; and a woman should not be permitted to lie with another woman without wearing lower garment under one cover."*

Conclusions:

- a) The Holy Qur'an as the Ordinance of supreme authority on Islam, does not permit under any circumstance, marriage between persons of same gender.
- b) The Holy Qur'an also forbids all descriptions of immorality between persons of the same gender.

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