



Islamic ethics and guidelines to avoid marital Discord

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ABSTRACT

Being as old as humanity itself, a family is the first social institution in the life of a person. It is from this that an individual attaches and understands the values of culture and acquires the experience of moral character and social behavior. It begins with the affinity between two families or prospective spouses not only with rights and duties but also with fear of God. Healthy relationship between husband and wife makes the world more colorful, comfortable and give each other purposes of life, like repose, mutual sympathy, procreation, human survival etc.,. It gives both of them motivation to work hard, move forward and make everybody happy within family. A woman has various dimensions to her personality- daughter, wife, mother, each one added to her happiness. With her, lies the secret of survival and endurance. As a householder, she along with her spouse is responsible to provide a secure and stable home environment. A well-knit family promotes a feeling of inter-dependence and a feeling of being wanted and being loved. The erosion of family values and decay of day today social life has always been a matter of concern, especially in our times. Since people in the Western societies are highly individualistic, the essential element of sacrifice for each other/one another is missing which not only perplexes an individual, but also erodes the foundation of the family, where as in Islam, it is ordered by rights and responsibilities which encourages the spiritual and social development of individuals and the community at the same time. As such, this paper will explore the ethics pertaining to emotional and social relationship for the safeguarding of the family unit and human relations in order to maintain harmony in marriage and solve or to deal with marital discord.

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