

Deceptions in Modern Societies: What is the Ideal Society? (The Islamic Society)

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Let me begin with a story. The Holy Prophet Muhammad SAW said

There was a man—a rabbi. And one night, when he went to sleep, he felt uneasy. He had a need that he could not solve. And that need... You and I have felt as well.

So the man said to himself, “I will go out tonight, and the first person I meet, I’m going to give them charity. Because if I solve someone else’s problem, Allah will solve mine.”

That night, he went out. The first person he came in contact with, he gave them charity, and ran.

The next morning, people in the city were laughing.

He asked, “What happened?”

They said, “Someone gave charity last night... to a thief!”

The man heard this—he’s a rabbi, an imam. He thought, *Allah’s not going to accept that charity. I wanted an orphan, not a thief. I’ll go out again tomorrow.*

So the next night, he went out again. And the next morning, he woke up—everyone was laughing even more.

He asked, “What happened now?”

They said, “Someone gave charity last night to a woman... who sells herself.”

The man was frustrated. *Allah won’t accept that either,* he thought. *I’ll go one more night.*

On the third night, he went out again, gave charity, and this time, the next morning, people were rolling on the floor laughing.

“What happened?” he asked. “Who was given charity this time?”

They said, “Someone gave charity to the richest man in the city!” You can imagine what people are thinking here. Even the companions are laughing.

But what the people didn't know was what happened after each night.

The first night, the thief took that charity and said, *This is enough for me*. He didn't steal from anyone else.

The second night, the woman took the charity and said, *I don't have to dishonor myself tonight*. She stayed home and protected her family.

And the third night, the king—the richest man—received the sadaqa and said, *If someone like me can be given charity, then I should be giving even more. I'll go out tomorrow and give to the poor.*¹

And then the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: **“Don't look down on a good deed, no matter how small it is.”**²

This story about these 3 people — shows a deeper deception in society. At first, people laughed and dismissed the charity as pointless because of **who** received it.. But what they **didn't** see was the *hidden transformation*. The thief stopped stealing. The woman stayed home and protected her honor. Even the wealthy man was inspired to give. The deception lies in how society teaches us to judge **worth** based on **labels** and **status**. This is exactly what modern society does — it distracts us with shallow judgments, telling us who deserves our attention or care, who is 'worthy' or 'empowered'.

Just like in the story, Society today still laughs—just in different ways. They mock the small deed. They idolize the big number.

Let's imagine something for a second. It's the year 570 AD. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was just born. And you, are immortal, and you start saving \$100,000 every single day without ever spending a cent. 1,455 years go by. It is today July 5th, 2025. You've saved \$53 **billion** dollars. And you *still* wouldn't even have Half of the money amassed by Elon Musk.

This is how twisted our view of success has become. We chase these numbers and compare our lives to billionaires, thinking **that's** what matters. But the man who gave a charity changed three lives if not more. Who do you think is richer in the sight of Allah?

We are all women here so let's Focus on the deceptions in Society regarding women.

True happiness, they tell us, is **labels** and **status**: nice clothes, a luxury bag and a large house. But a recent study showed that women have the most rights **today** than they have ever had before. But we are the most unhappy we have ever been. ³

What does the West tell us is an ideal woman? A woman who gets up at 7am, grabs her Starbucks and fights to wear as little clothes as possible because that empowers her. But a woman who looks like you and I is **oppressed**.

What is an Ideal woman in an ideal society? A woman who makes her own decisions, a woman who marries whom she chooses, a woman who is educated and can run a business. A woman with dignity and self-worth.

How does a woman gain self-worth? We have been countlessly drawn away to believe that culture and social media have figured it out. Apparently, we all need to marry a tall, handsome 6 foot man by 25. Have 2 - 3 kids by the age of 30. Have a career, but no wait don't... because then how will you do the tarbiyyat of your children? So apparently a woman needs to **build** a career like she doesnt have a child. **Raise** a child like she doesnt have a career and **look** like she doesnt have a child nor a career. Don't be loud don't complain just suffer in silence.

Let's take a step back from all these deceptions. What *is* the image of an ideal woman in Islam?"

Let me tell you about a self-made business mogul, one of the wealthiest women in Mecca, and the first believer in Islam. Hazrat Khadijah RA. She was 40, successful, and independent when she noticed a young merchant named Muhammad, SAW. He was 25, known for his honesty, and she saw his potential. So she proposed to him, and they got married despite their **15-year age** difference. In a society where younger men marrying older women was unheard of, their love was built on respect and **not** baseless traditions. ⁴

The western media will then come in and shout that women are not allowed to be educated in Islam Let's debunk that, shall we? Did you know that the **first** university in the world was actually founded by a Muslim woman?

Her name was Fatima al-Fihri, and in 859 CE, she established the University of Al-Qarawiyyin in Morocco. It's the **oldest** existing university in the world. Older than that of Oxford University, which was founded 200 years later. Most of its founders attended Fatima's university or were influenced by her work.

And she was not an exception. ⁵

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: "Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim — male **and** female." ⁶

The next idea we are fed is that we need to have children in order to have self-worth. People will ask, "You've been married for a week any news???"

Let me tell you about Hazrat Aisha (ra), she was one of the greatest scholars of her time. She taught Islamic law, medicine, and theology. **Men** traveled from distant cities just to sit at her feet and learn. ⁷

Yet she never had children. Are we to look down on her? Is she any less of a woman?

What about a woman who lost not one, not 2, but 7 children?

In her town, a witch came and told her she placed a "curse on her" That it was **her** curse that the children kept dying.

But this woman stood firm in her faith. She told the witch, "This is not from you. I believe in Allah." And she held onto sabr — the kind of patience only the righteous can understand.

After all that loss... Allah granted her an 8th child. A son.

That son's name was Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan — a man who went on to become the first Foreign Minister of Pakistan, the first Muslim President of the International Court of Justice, and a global voice for justice and Islam.

This was the story of Husain Bibi , a woman who suffered quietly, patiently, faithfully, and Allah gifted her with a son who was a gem to a nation .

I could go on and on. ⁸

Hazrat Maryam RA had no partner. Hazrat Aisha RA had no children. Hazrat Khadija RA found her best match at 40 years old.

It turns out that the best women of all time, the leaders of women in heaven, are those with destinies that seem *imperfect* in human eyes. Can you imagine today if any of these women walked among us, would we recognize them? Or would we say Oh Bechari, she's not married. Oh, poor thing she doesn't have children. Oh wow she's over 30, she won't ever find a match. Isn't this a deception? We think we know what is best for everyone. We quietly judge. Just like the man in the first story, who gave charity and people judged. ONLY ALLAH KNOWS!

Everyone has their struggle. Maybe yours isn't with relationships, or children, or getting into college. Maybe your struggle is something quieter, like thinking you're better than others. Maybe your struggle... is arrogance and ego . Just like Iblis...

Is this the Islamic Society? Are we uplifting our women like Islam has done? Or are we limiting them for not having enough children or for having a career?

Because if Women do talk back, if they get their master's degrees or their PHDs like Hazoor ABA has told us countless times.. You know what some people call them nowadays? "Modern Muslims" (Aap nay bhi soona wa ho ga. Yeh to bari Modren hai" ⁹

Please don't call women who have career goals or high standards "modern muslims" . I have heard this term a lot. **THERE IS NOTHING MODERN** about female empowerment in Islam. In Islam, we have always had our rights. We never misunderstood the value of a woman. We didn't debate whether she had a soul. We didn't blame her for the original sin. We didn't burn her at the stake, thinking she was a witch. That confusion? That crisis? That was never ours. Islam honored and elevated women long before Western feminism.

We were never behind. We were always ahead. And the world is just **now** realizing what Islam gave us all along. You know who restricts us? MEN who do not understand true Islam . WOMEN who don't understand true Islams and put culture and tradition above it.

Now let us ask the question....What is an ideal society?"

We're always offered the same answers from the Western POV: Money. Freedom. Beauty. Followers.

But Islam didn't follow the trend. Islam defined it.

The 5 am club? We have Fajr.

Meditation? We have Salat

Discipline obsession? We structure our lives around the five daily prayers.

Fasting for detox? We have Ramadan.

Manifestation? Dua.

Trusting the process? Sabr.

What the world calls wellness, we call worship. ¹⁰

But why do we seem to only trust it or do it when it's packaged and sold to us nicely on social media?

We are so distracted that we never realize that we have a hole inside of us. A GOD sized hole.

That is the real deception in modern society: To disconnect us from our Creator.

Everything around us is built to pull us away from Allah. That's the mission.

So what should Ahmadi Muslim women be chasing? Salvation. The aakhira. The hereafter.

The two most important days in your life are the day you're born and the day you find out why.

Why are we here? Allah doesn't say "worry about it" or "Stress over it". You know what Allah says in the Holy Quran? He says "Trust me" (33:49)¹¹

Allah knows and is waiting for us to reclaim our purpose to be on this earth. And we have found it dear sisters. It is right here. I look at all of you and I see myself improving a thousand fold just being in your great company. The Promised Messiah has told us to keep the company of the righteous SOBHAT E SALAHEEN because one lamp lights another. ¹² So please hold on to each other hug and learn from your sisters we are Lajna afterall.

What does Lajna Imaillah mean? It means MAID SERVANTS of Allah . Our purpose is literally in the name. That is how we achieve the ideal society. So why don't we answer the call?

Whenever Jamaat duties come calling,, why don't we say labayyk? I am ready to serve.

In the Holy Quran it says "Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in their hearts." (Surah Ar-Ra'd, 13:14) ¹³

This verse is a powerful reminder that true change starts from within. ***This is our Jihad E Akbar.*** If we want improvement in our lives, our communities, or our connection with Allah, we must begin by transforming our hearts, intentions, and actions.

The ideal society shapes itself around the true teachings of Islam

So let us all unite through our love and devotion for each other , let us not judge our sisters. Let us instead be inspired by them. Do not be deceived by what this society is telling us. Don't look down upon women who marry after the age of 40, for they are Hazrat Khadija RA, Don't belittle your daughters who have no children, for they are Hazrat Aisha RA. Don't tell your girls not to seek education, for they are Fatima Al Fihri.

For these are the Leaders of Women. These are the Maid Servants of Allah. These are the sisters who will lead us to the Ideal Society. May Allah enable us to become true maid servants of Allah
Ameen.

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