The Quranic Position on Gender Identity Homosexuality and... Part 1: Gender Clarity

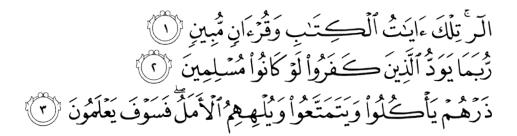


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Surely all praise is due to Allah the Lord, Evolver, Maintainer of all that exits. He is the One Who taught (and teaches) the Quran and created the human being. He sent down the Book from His Own Presence so that He would cause us to move out of the darknesses into the Light. He is the Guide, Who guides whom He wills to the Straight Path. We glorify Him with praise, we ask him for all good and we seek refuge with Him from every evil. There is none to be worshipped except Him. Then, we bear witness that there is no god except Allah and we bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.



Alif, Laam, Ra. These are the signs of the Book and a Recitation giving clear explanations. Again and again those who rejected Truth will wish they were those who submitted (to Allah's laws). Leave them to consume and enjoy themselves and be preoccupied by hopes, for soon they will know. (interpretation of the meaning of Quran Surah 15: zyaat1 - 3)

Commentaries:

Abdullah Yusuf Ali: The time must inevitably come when those who allow themselves to be deceived by falsehood or deliberately break God's Law will find themselves in a terrible plight. They will then wish ardently and again and again that they had sought God's will and walked in the light of Truth. That time may be early or late – in this life or at death or at the Day of Judgement – but it must come.

Study Quran: The Book and a clear Quran may refer to the same reality, either the Quran or this particular Surah. "A clear Quran denotes the Quran's ability to make known with clarity what is true, as distinct from what is false.

The injunction to leave the disbelievers in their state of rebellion is a recurrent thene in the Quran (See 6:91, 112; 13: 71, 23: 34, etc) Here they are to be left to eat and enjoy themselves – that is to be immersed in this worldly life ... preoccupied with the thought that they will live long lives, while failing to prepare for their final return to God. ... this can also be thought of as overconfidence.

Ibn Katheer: Here Allah tells us that they will regret having lilved in disbelief and will wish that they had been Muslims in this world. According to Abd Allah, this is about the Jahannamiyyun, the sinners among the believers who will stay in Hell for some time.

Ibn Jarir reported that Ibn 'Abbas and Anas bin Malik explained that this ayah refers to the Day when Allah will detain the sinful Muslims in Hell along with the idolators. The idolators will say to them, "What you used to worship on earth has not helped you." Then by virtue of His Mercy, Allah will be angry for their sake and He will remove them from it. Then, came the ayah "Again and again those who rejected Truth..." (Recorded by Tabaree)

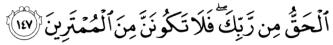
What I feel is important to take from these ayaat is that there are kafiroon – those who reject the ayaat of Allah (both the written ayaat and those in the creation) and those sent to guide them from believers and non-believers. They will wish they had not resisted the Truth of Allah, which is clear, and the path is illuminated. As Allah says:

There is no compulsion in religion. Truly the right irection is clear from deviation. So, whoever rejects that which is evil and secures the self with Allah, then they have certainly grasped a firm handhold (handle) that will not loosen. And Allah is One Who Hears and Knows (all things). (interpretation of the meaning of Quran Surah 2: ayah 256)

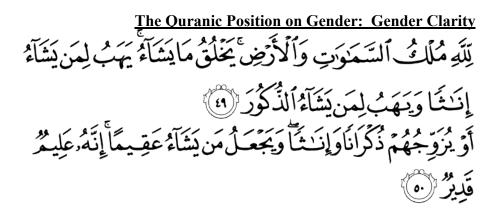
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Surely the premissable is clear and the forbidden is clear and between them are unclear matters about which most have no knowledge. ... (Recorded by Bukharee and Muslim

The laws of Allah are clear.



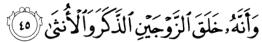
The truth is from your Lord, so do not be of those who doubt. (interpretation of the meaning of Quran Surah 2: ayah 147)



The dominion / ownership / authority of the heavens and earth belongs to Allah. He creates whatever He wills. He bestows females to whomever He wills and He bestows the males to whomever He wills. Or, he joings them as male and female and causes whomever He wills to be barren. Surely He is One All Kowing and Powerful. (interpretation of the meaning of Quran Surah 42: ayaat 49 – 50)

There are various concepts of great importance within these two ayaat. First is the sovereignty of Allah, that He has total power, authority and ownership of all that exists. Secondly, that He and He alone chooses, which life will enter into His kingdom according to His master plan. *"The growth of the population and the proportions of males and females in it have various sociological and psychological implications. ... The knowledge of science as regards the determination of sex in the embryo is practically nothing. Even is advancing knowledge threw light on what may be called the mechanical aspects of the question, the profounder problems touched by it are beyond the reach of man." (Abdullah Yusuf Ali)*

Then we have the fact that Allah says He creates female and male (note the order as it appears in this ayah), which is restated in other ayaat in other Suwar (plural).



And, truly, He created pairs – the male and the fenale. (interpretation of the meaning of Quran Surah 53: ayah 45)

Commentaries:

Abdullah Yusuf Ali: *All things are created in pairs; each sex performs its proper function and yet its wonderful working is part of the creative process of God.*

When we consider the current environment and the distortion – the expanding distortion – of the reality of gender, it is helpful to refer back to the bold statement of Shaitan to Allah as to how he would cause humans to leave the correct path and follow his misguidance. His statements are found in various places in the Quran. Here, in his arrogance, he speaks to Allah.

قَالَ أَرَءَيْنَكَ هَٰذَاٱلَّذِي كَرَّمْتَ عَلَىَّ لَبِنُ أَخَّرْتَنِ إِلَى يَوْمِ ٱلْقِيَامَةِ لَأَحْتَنِكَنَّ ذُرِيَّيَتَهُ إِلَّاقِلِهِ لَا مَتَ

He said, "Do You Yourself see this one that you have honored above me? If you will grant me a delay until the Day of Resurrection, I will surely gain mastery over his descendants, all except a few." (interpretation of the meaning of Quran Surah 17: ayah 62)

The literal meaning of the verb 'hanaka' is to put a bridle on a horse (or other riding animal) so that you can direct him / her to whichever direction you want. A statement by Shaitan giving more detail to his plans to corrupt the human beings is found in Surah 4: ayaat 118 - 121. (Also 7: 14 - 15; 15: 36 - 38; 38: 79 - 81)

As we see, the issue of gender identity and corrupting the realities of Allah to blur the truth of male and female is an offspring of the homosexual movement and their rather successful efforts to change societal opinions, positions and laws to accommodate their appetites and desires. Changes have come in state and federal laws, religioius institutions and educational systems and curriculum. If there is any defense against falsehood it is Truth.

As we entered into the month of Muharram, we are marking another year of the Drophet (saw) from his birth city of Makkah to the safety of Madinah. In a recent Khutbah, the Imam mentioned 5 levels or stages of hijr, *the first being the hijr or move from ignorance into knowledge, which precedes the hijr from shirk to tauheed.* He explained this is so because knowledge must precede and provide a foundation for spiritual certainty. Allah guides us to certainty and security. Our feet are made firm and our hearts are unmoved, not turned towards falsehood.

When there is something in the creation of Allah that He hold ain great esteem for the position of that entity of fact, He takes an oath by it . So He, izza wa jalla, says.



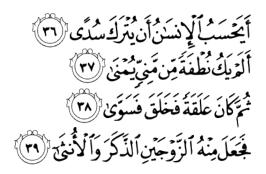
And by the fact that He created male and female, surely your striving is varied. (interpretation of the meaning of Quran Surah 92: ayaat 3 - 4)

Commentaries

Study Quran: The creation of human beings in pairs is also presented as containing symbolic meaning in Surah 78: 8.

Abdullah Yusuf Ali: The mystery of the sexes runs through all life. There is an attraction between opposites; each performs its own functions, having special characters primary and secondary within limited spheres and yet both have common characteristics in many other

spheres. Each in indespensable to the other. Love in its noblest sense is the type of heavenly love and the highest good. In its debasement, it leads to the lowest sins and the worst crimes.



Does the human one think that s/he will be left alone. Wasn't s/he a drop of fluid emitted (sperm). Then s/he was a clinging clot and He created and gave proportion. Then He made from him two genders (two sexes), males and female. (interpretation of the meaning of Quran Surah 75: ayaat 36 – 39)

(Abdullah Yusuf Ali said "genders", while the study Quran said "sexes")

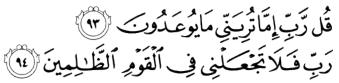
Commentaries

Study Quran: This first ayah asks, "Do people suppose that they would be left to their own desires without being obligated to follow a revealed religion and without being held accountable?

May Allah preserve us from te deviation of those following the call of Shaitan and the confused thinking that results from that. There is a purpose to the manifesting of all the wrong that we are seeing but many are not getting the message.

Corruption will become manifest on the land and the sea because of what human hands have earned, so that He will make them taste some of what they have done, so that they will turn back. (interpretation of the meaning of Quran Surah 30: ayah 41)

<u>Duah</u>



Say, "My Guardian Evolver, whether you show me what they are promised or not, My Lord, do not put me among the people who do wrong. (interpretation of the meaning of Quran Surah 23: ayaat 93 - 94)