

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



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## بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*Surely all praise is due to Allah the Lord, Evolver, Maintainer of all that exists. 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 darkneses 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.*

الرَّ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ وَقُرْءَانٍ مُّبِينٍ ١  
رُبَّمَا يَوَدُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْ كَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ ٢  
ذَرَّهُمْ يَأْكُلُوا وَيَتَمَتَّعُوا وَيُلْهِمُهُمُ الْأَمَلُ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ٣

*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 theme 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 lived 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 kafiroom – 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:

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ  
بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِرْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا  
أَنْفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

***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)

There are various offerings as to what *الكره في الدين* is referring – i.e. children of Muslims who became Christian; children wet-nursed by Jewish women who wanted to exile with them, when they were being banished from Madinah, etc. – but what I want to emphasize is the clarity of the right way from the wrong, again using the verb *بان*. The Prophet also left us a supportive Hadith:

***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.

الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُمْتَرِينَ

***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 Quranic Position on Gender: Gender Clarity

لِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يُخَلِّقُ مَا يَشَاءُ يَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ  
إِنثًا وَيَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ الذُّكُورَ ﴿٤٩﴾  
أَوْ يُزَوِّجُهُمْ ذُكْرَانًا وَإِنثًا وَيَجْعَلُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ عَقِيمًا إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ  
قَدِيرٌ ﴿٥٠﴾

*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 joins 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).

وَأَنَّهُ خَلَقَ الزَّوْجَيْنِ الذَّكَرَ وَالْأُنثَىٰ ﴿٤٥﴾

*And, truly, He created pairs – the male and the female.* (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 أَرَأَيْتَكَ هَذَا الَّذِي كَرَّمْتَ عَلَيَّ لَئِنِ أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ  
الْقِيَامَةِ لَأَحْتَنِكَنَّ ذُرِّيَّتَهُ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٦٢﴾

**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, religious 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 **حج** of our Prophet (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 in great esteem for the position of that entity of fact, He takes an oath by it . So He, **izza wa jalla**, says.

وَمَا خَلَقَ الذَّكَرَ وَالْأُنثَىٰ ﴿٣﴾  
إِنْ سَعَيْتُمْ لَشِقَىٰ ﴿٤﴾

**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 indispensable 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.*

أَيَحْسَبُ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنْ يُتْرَكَ سُدًى ﴿٣٦﴾  
 أَلَمْ يَكُنْ نَطْفَةً مِنْ مَنِيٍّ يُمْنَىٰ ﴿٣٧﴾  
 ثُمَّ كَانَ عُلُقَةً فَخَلَقَ فُسْوَىٰ ﴿٣٨﴾  
 فَجَعَلَ مِنْهُ الزَّوْجَيْنِ الذَّكَرَ وَالْأُنثَىٰ ﴿٣٩﴾

*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 the 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.

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيذِيقَهُمْ  
 بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

*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)*

### Duah

قُلْ رَبِّ إِمَّا تُرِيْنِي مَا يُوعَدُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾  
 رَبِّ فَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي فِي الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾

*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)*