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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Publishers Note



Verily all praise is for Allâh, we praise Him, seek His Help and His Forgiveness. We seek refuge in Him from the evils of our own souls and from the evil results of our deeds. Whomsoever Allâh guides, then none can lead him astray; and whomsoever Allâh leads astray, then none can guide him. We openly testify that there is no deity worthy of worship other than Allâh, who is alone without a single partner. We further testify that Muhammad ﷺ is His servant and final messenger.

To Proceed;

Before you Oh, noble reader is the English translation of "Taleemu Al-Eenaathi wa Tarabiyâtî'hina" (i.e., "Educating the Women and Nurturing Them.") In an effort to help spread clarity about this very important topic, we present this transcription of a lecture given by the Great Scholar, the Muhaddith, the Famous Linguist, the Expert Writer, the Great Poet, the Moroccan Traveler, the Pathfinder, the Salafi Shaikh, Dr. Muhammad Taqiyyu Ad-Deen Al-Hilali, (may Allâh have mercy on him).

This much needed and very beneficial lecture explains the importance of education and nurturing of the women, as well as refuting the horrific ideologies of

both past and present views on this very important topic.

Educating and nurturing the women is of the utmost importance. Therefore, it is essential for the Muslim woman to be able to read and write with full comprehension of the Book of Allâh. For Allâh says in His Noble Book

﴿ أَقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ﴿١﴾ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ﴿٢﴾
 أَقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ ﴿٣﴾ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ﴿٤﴾ عَلَّمَ
 الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ﴿٥﴾ ﴾

Read! In the Name of your Lord Who has created (all that exists). He has created man from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood). Read! And your Lord is the Most Generous. Who has taught (the writing) by the pen. He has taught man that which he knew not.

Al-'Alaq: 1-5

So it pleases us to put forth these words of the Shaikh on this much needed topic.

Books that are transcribed from lectures are normally informal in their style. Therefore, we have divided the book into several chapters to make the comprehension of the Shaikh's lecture easier to understand.

The book before you is based off of three ideologies, which the Shaikh speaks about and then refutes where

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needed. The sub- chapters will help the reader better understand what the Shaikh is speaking about. Since this book was taken from a lecture, you almost have to read it as if you are attending a lecture by a college professor who is giving an analogy on backward ideas from Muslims whom are not firm upon the correct Manhaj and those ideas of Westerners who use their ideology to enforce their views of freedom for women.

DTSSBC (i.e., Dawah tus Salafiyyah Sisters Book Club) would first like to thank Allâh and then you, the reader, for all of your past, present, and Insha Allâh, future support for our efforts in the field of Dawah as well as cultivating and educating the women of this Ummah. We would also like to thank all of those who have helped and assisted us with this publication into the English Language, such as editors, book cover designer, printer and translator. May Allâh reward them all greatly in this life and bestow upon them and their families an abundance of good, Ameen.

May Allâh allow us to see His Noble face by way of this effort, place it on our scale of good deeds and benefit the English speaking Muslims who are in dire need of knowing and having clarity on the topic of “Educating and Nurturing the Women”, Ameen!

May Allah allow this publication to benefit us all
Ameen!

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The Biography Of the Prominent Scholar, Muhammad Taqiyyu Ad-Deen Al-Hilali



His Lineage

He is the Great Scholar, the Muhaddith , the Famous Linguist, the Expert Writer, the Great Poet, the Moroccan Traveler, the Pathfinder, the Salafi Shaikh, Dr. Muhammad Taqiyyu who is known as Muhammad Taqiyyu Ad-Deen, His kunyah is Abu Shakeeb “whereas he named his first child after the name of his friend Ameer Shakeeb Arsalan” Ibn Abdul-Qadir, Ibn Tayyib, Ibn Ahmad, Ibn Abdul Qadir, Ibn Muhammad, Ibn Abdu-An-Nour, Ibn Abdu Al-Qadir, Ibn Hilal, Ibn Muhammad, Ibn Hilal, Ibn Idris, Ibn Ghalib, Ibn Muhammad Al-Makkiy, Ibn Ismael, Ibn Ahmad, Ibn Muhammad, Ibn Abil Qasim, Ibn Ali, Ibn Abdu Al-Qawwiyy, Ibn Abdu Ar-Rahman, Ibn Idris, Ibn Ismael, Ibn Suleiman, Ibn Musa Al-Kazwim, Ibn Ja'far As-Sadiq Ibn Al-Baqir, Ibn Ali Zain Al-Abideen, Ibn Al-Hussein Ibn Ali and Fatimah the Daughter of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ Sultan Hassan the first has approved this lineage on his arrival at Sajalmaasah in the year 1311 A.H.

His Upbringing

The Shaikh was born in the year 1311 A.H. in a village called “Al-Farkh” also known as “Faidatu Al-Qadeemah” some miles away from Riyadh. It is one of the villages of Sajalmasah which is known today as Taafilaalit which is located at the southern part of the

kingdom of Maghrib. He grew up in a knowledgeable and juristic family. His father and grandfather were one of the jurists of that town.

His Journey To Seeking Knowledge and His Service for the Dawah

He studied the Holy Qur'ân and memorized it from his father when he was twelve. He then perfected it with its rules of recitation under the Shaikh, the Qur'ân teacher, Ahmad Ibn Saalih and then he sat with Shaikh Muhammad Sayyid Ibn Habeebillah At-Tandaghi Ash-Shinqiti. He first memorized "Mukhtasar Khalil". He also studied Arabic lexicology and the Mâliki Jurisprudence on his hand and perfected it to the point that the Shaikh let him represent him in his absence. After the death of his Shaikh, he took his path to seeking knowledge at the hands of the scholars of "Wajdah and Faas", until he attained a certificate from the University of Al-Qarwayain. Afterwards he traveled to Cairo to study the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ.

There he met some scholars like Shaikh Abdu Adh-Dhaahir Abu As-Samh and Shaikh Rasheed Ridaa, Shaikh Muhammad Ar-Ramaali and more, likewise he attended the lectures in the Department of High Education in Al-Azhar. He stayed in Egypt for a year calling to the creed of the Salaf and fighting against polytheism and atheism. After performing the pilgrimage, he traveled to India to attain his aspiration which is the knowledge of hadeeth.

Since he met major scholars there, he had benefited the people and also gained a benefit from the scholars. From

among the major scholars he met were, the Muhaddith the Scholar, Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Ibn Abdur-Raheem Al-Mubarakfuri, the author of "Tuhfatu Al-Ahwazi" and took from him the knowledge of hadeeth and the Shaikh gave him the authorization to teach it. He extolled the Shaikh with a poem in which he pleaded the students of knowledge to hold fast to the knowledge of hadeeth and try to benefit from the aforementioned explanation of "Tuhfatu Al-Ahwazi". This poem is printed in the fourth edition of the Indian print.

In addition, he sat with Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Hussein Ibn Muhsin, Al-Hadeedi An-Ansaari, and Al-Yemani, who was dwelling in India during that era. He read on him "Kutubu As-Sittah" the six books of the tradition of the Prophet ﷺ and he also gave him the authorization to teach them. From India, he traveled to Az-Zubair (Al-Basra) in Iraq where he met the Salafi Mauritanian scholar, the Researcher, Shaikh Muhammad Al-Ameen Ash-Shinqiti, the one who established; An-Najatil Ahliyyah school in Az-Zubair, and he is different from the prominent scholar, the interpreter, the author of "Adwaail Bayan". He benefited from his knowledge. He stayed in Iraq for almost three years and then traveled to Saudi via Egypt where he received a recommendation letter from Sayyid Muhammad Rashid Rida to King Abdul Aziz Aali Su'ud. He said in that letter, "Verily Muhammad Taqiyyu Ad-Deen Al-Hilali Al-Maghribi is the best scholar ever from the scholars of the horizon who has come to you; therefore I hope that you will benefit from his knowledge". As a result, he remained under the accommodation and hospitality of King Abdul Aziz for some months until he was appointed as

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a supervisor for teaching in the Prophet mosque. He remained in Al-Medina for two years and then he was transferred to the sacred mosque in Mecca to the Scientific Institute of Saudi. He stayed there for a year.

After that he received letters from Indonesia and from India demanding from him to come and teach in their schools. So he preferred to accept the invitation of Shaikh Suleiman Al-Nadawi hoping that he would get the chance of studying in the university in India. So he became the head of the professors of Arabic literature in the college of scholars' symposium in the city of Lakanhu in India at which he remained for three years and learned the English language, but had never got the chance to study in the university. He emanated Ad-Diyaa magazine "The Magazine of Light" by the suggestion of Shaikh Suleiman An-Nadawi and with the help of his student Mas'ud Alim An-Nadawi. From there he returned back to Al-Basra where he stayed for three years teaching in "An-Najati Al-Ahliyyah School" which was mentioned earlier. He then traveled to Janif in Swiss and stayed with his friend Ameer Al-Bayan (i.e., "The leader of Clarification") Shakeeb Arsalan. He wanted to study in one of the universities in Britain, but he had never got the chance to.

However, Ameer Shakeeb wrote a letter to one of his friends in the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs in which he stated "I have with me a literate Moroccan youth, the like of him has never entered Germany, and he is willing to study in one of the universities, I suggest you help him find a position to teach Arabic literature with a salary that will help him to study in the

university". It was not long until he received an admission letter, whereas he traveled to Germany as a lecturer in the University of Bowen. He then started to study German and had obtained a diploma after a year of studying the language. Then he became a student in that University even though he was teaching there. And within this period he had translated a lot from German and to German.

After spending three years in Bowen, he moved to the University of Berlin as a student, teacher, and a director of the Arabic Radio. In 1940, he wrote his doctorate dissertation in which he refuted the false allegations of the Orientalists like "Martin Hartman and Carl Brakeman". The topic of his doctorate essay was the "Interpretation of the Introduction to the book of the Republic from the Essential Nature" with a commentary. There were ten scholars who were examining him at the seminar and all of them had agreed upon giving him a doctorate certificate in Arabic literature. During the Second World War, the Shaikh traveled to Maghrib. And in the year 1947 A.D., he traveled to Iraq and carried out teaching in the Collage of "Queen Alyaa" in Baghdad until the occurrence of the militant revolution in Iraq. Due to that, he left to Maghrib, his motherland, in the year 1959 A.D. and started his call to singling out Allâh alone in worship and abstaining from polytheism and to following the methodology of the best generation ever. In that same year, he was appointed as a professor in the University of Muhammad the Fifth in Rabat and its branch at Faas.

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In the year 1968 A.D. he received an invitation from the Prominent Shaikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Baaz the Head of the Islâmic University in Al-Medina Al-Munawwarah in that era to work as a professor in the University and a Moroccan delegate to the University. However, Shaikh Al-Hilali had accepted the invitation and remained in Media working until the year 1974 A.D. Whereof he left the university and returned back to the city of Miknas in Maghrib and dedicated his life calling to Allâh the Most High. He started to give classes in the mosques and traveled all over Maghrib spreading the methodology of the pious predecessors.

He was one of those who used to write articles in Al-Fat'h magazine which is owned by Muhibbu Ad-Deen Al-Khateeb and Al-Manar magazine which is owned by Muhammad Rasheed Rida may Allâh have mercy on them.

His Teachers

From among his teachers may Allâh have mercy on him are:

*Shaikh Muhammad Sayyidi Ibn Habeebillah Ash-Shinqiti

*Shaikh Abdul-Rahman Ibn Abdul-Raheem Al-Mubarakfuri

*Shaikh Muhammad Al-Arabiy Al-Alawi

*Shaikh Al-Fatimi Ash-Sharawi

*Shaikh Ahmad As-Sukirij

*Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Hussein Ibn Muhsin Al-Hadeedi Al-Ansari Al-Yemeni

*Shaikh Muhammad Al-Ameen Ash-Shinqiti the author of "Adwail Bayan"

- *Shaikh Rasheed Rida
- *Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Ibrahim
- *Some scholars of Qarawiyyeen
- *Some scholars of Al-Azhar

His Books

The books of Shaikh Taqiyyu-Deen Al-Hilali (May Allâh have mercy on him) are many and are difficult to be compiled, because they were authored in different time and at different places. From among them are:

- *The Hidden Wrist and the Moving Moon in Explanation of Saheeh Al-Bukhâri (one volume)
- *An Inspiration and a Favor in the Explanation of Soorat-Al-An'am
- *A Summary of the Guidance of Al-Khalil in Creeds and in the Worship of the Majesty.
- *A Guiding Gift to the Sect of At-Tijaniyyah
- *The Just Judge Regarding the Ruling of Building on Graves
- *The Chosen and Famous Knowledge and the Stretched Banner Regarding the Innovations of the Graves.
- *The Household of the Prophet ﷺ what is for them and what is on them?
- *Margins on Kitaab At-Tawheed by Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Abdul Wahhab.
- *The Terminating Sword against every Polytheist and the Hypocrite.
- *A Medicine for those who are Doubtful and a Suppressor for those who create doubts in Refuting the Atheist.
- *Biblical proofs on the Slave hood of Jesus and that he is free from being a God

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- *Freeing the Captive who suffers from the Shackle of At-Tijaniyyah
- *The Favor of the Great the Most High
- *The Beautiful Names of Allâh “a poem”
- *The Glaring Morning Regarding the Rules of the Traveler in Salat
- *A Precious Covenant in Prohibiting Birth Restraining
- *The Kind of Civilization We Need
- *Teaching the Women and Nurturing Them
- *The Foreign Languages that Exist in the Holy Qur’ân
- *The Manners of the Muslim Youth.
- *From the Inspiration of Spain

His Death

On Monday 25 Shawwal 1407 A.H. equivalent to June 22, 1987 A.D. the Islâmic Ummah was tested with a big catastrophe which was hard upon the pen to describe. It was the death of Shaikh Taqiyyu Ad-Deen Al-Hilali (May Allâh have mercy on him). This happened in his house in the city of Daar Al-Baeda in Maghrib. A big crowd accompanied his funeral including scholars, intellects and politicians who were leading the funeral.

The Prophet ﷺ has said:

“Allâh the Almighty will not take the knowledge away from the people just like that, rather He takes the knowledge away from them by taking away the souls of the scholars until when there will be no scholar who will remain, the people will however, take the ignorant people to be their leaders, And these ignorant leaders will be asked about a religious verdict and they will give verdicts

without knowledge, so they will stray and lead others astray.”

Narrated by Al-Bukhāri

Therefore, we are asking Allāh the Most Generous to have mercy on our Shaikh and admit him in His spacious paradise.

The First Ideology Based Off A Fabricated Hadeeth



We will first of all give thanks and praises to Allâh the Most High and ask Him to shower His peace and blessings upon Muhammad His messenger, his family members and his companions.

There are three different schools of thoughts on today's topic of discussion:

The First Ideology is:

Women should not be taught except the recitation of the Holy Qur'ân without comprehending it.

Those who follow this ideology said:

“It is the best ideology and the closest one to the truth. This is the ideology we found our forefathers upon, and they were better than us”.

Furthermore, educating the women leads to corrupting their manners. The women who can neither read nor write are free from taking the evil paths of the human devils. Verily, the pen as it is not hidden, is one of the two tongues. Since she is unable to read or write she will be safe from the evils of the tongue. By covering herself with a thick veil she will be safe from the evils of the other tongue. As a result of this, she will be safe.

How many educated women have we seen who evil did not come to them except by means of their education? This is with regard to the era of Islâm, the era of

modesty, the era of the Arab pride. As for this era, the flood has reached its peak and the hole has become wider than the patch. Teaching a woman how to read transfers into her brain all kinds of evil and deceptions that occur in this world and fills her brain with filthy ideologies which she was free from before.

Also the hadeeth that says: "Do not accommodate them, do not teach them how to write but teach them how to spin the spindle and Soorat-An-Nur". This is the correct nurturing" they said, because teaching them how to write leads to them exchanging letters with the wicked folk, accommodating them leads to them exchanging words with the immoral folk. However, teaching them how to spin the spindle keeps them busy in a beneficial way, because it is an exercise for their body and brain. In addition to that they make money from it to support themselves.

As for teaching them Soorat -An-Nur, it keeps them upon modesty, because it contains the penalty for those who fornicate and it warns against it.

- Also it contains the penalty for those who slander and it disciplines them,
- It contains the ruling on Al-li'aan (i.e. the curse between the husband and the wife against each other when one of them accuse the other with adultery) and the disgrace and ignominy that befall upon the doers.
- Also it contains the fabricated story of the innocent self-effacing woman whose condition is crystal clear, and it made mention of what Allâh

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the Almighty has prepared for those who accuse the chaste believing women with evil, theirs will be a painful and disgraceful punishment in this world and in the hereafter.

- Also it contains the command from Allâh to the believing men and the believing women to lower their gaze and not display their charms nor expose their goodies. By Allâh! This is the excellent manner for the women.

If the people were to implement this hadeeth, the situation of the women would have been corrected. The people would have seen a lot of good and a modesty which have been missed for a long time.

The Second Ideology

European Idea Of Freedom For Women



Teaching them and nurturing them according to the methodology of the callers to Europeanism. Those who follow this ideology said: "We don't want to prolong with hearsay and waste our time indulging in an unnecessary argument".

There are developed nations that are free and happy in their life, and there are other nations that are declining and falling apart in wretchedness. We have indeed analyzed this situation and found out that the happiness of this and the wretchedness of that are all based on work and wealth. Thereupon, we have decided to take the footstep of the developed nations in order to be like them. We will imitate them in learning, teaching, education, ideology, uniform, way of life, governmental system and in everything. From among that is, educating the woman, freeing her, and equalizing her with a man in everything without any restriction, or conditions. This is what we believe in, and we are working hard to implement it.

But as for your saying of burying the women in the grave yards of the house and preventing them from running their wealth and their own affair, you have even prevented them from taking their breath in the atmosphere and seeing the way if there is a need for them to go out. As a matter of fact, you have

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exaggerated to the point that you have made their picture privacy. You have decreased their right in inheritance by making it a half, would that the other half was given to them! For verily most of the time it goes to waste; and because of the fact that her father, or her brother or her uncle is the one who is in charge of her affair, the half that is given to her goes to waste as well. Most of the time, this relative oppresses her and eats her wealth, and the veil prevents her from demanding her right, so she is prevented from everything and she remains in the darkness of her prison complaining to her Lord of the oppression of men and their crime against her.

The matter is not restricted to that, as a matter of fact, the world is deprived of its other half. It does not make any difference whether we say as the Europeans say: "this half (e.g. women) is better than the other half (e.g. men) or say they are equal.

The fact is; how can a nation whose half is completely dead and the other half is paralyzed due to ignorance and deterioration develop when development is indivisible. It must include the fathers, mothers and children otherwise all of them will sink in backwardness. Did you ever hear of a nation whose men are educated, disciplined and civilized but their women are on an ultimate level of ignorance, loneliness and are absent minded of what is going on in this life?

Why is it that a woman cannot be a ruler, a queen, a head, a judge, a member of parliament, and one of the VIP?

Is it not brain, creativity, strong faculty and good plans the path to all these? Are they bold enough to claim that a woman is deprived of faculty of understanding and thinking, and that she is not suitable for anything except for her to be used like the horses and the cows? If that is your belief, then you have indeed humiliated your women to the lowest of the low. And by my age the like of these ideologies leads to deterioration of a nation and puts on her the garment of sluggishness. As a matter of fact, it buries her in the tomb of barbarianism.

How many millions of women have participated in the Second World War? However according to your ideology, none of these women who were buried in the prisons of their homes are able to shoot an arrow in defending her country in this tragedy. As for what you have troubled the people with regarding modesty, it is just a custom, and customs can be changed at any time; though it "modesty" was one of the things that was admired before. Now it has become an object of ridicule. We have indeed seen great men in the lands of bliss with absolute authority, among who are philosophers, teachers, leaders, and ministers. They neither care about these things nor put them in to consideration. According to their law, when a girl reached the age of seventeen she is independent and free to do what she wants, intermingle with whom she wills, and travel by herself throughout the hours of the day and night. We imitate these nations and follow their footsteps in all affairs.

The Third Ideology
Taking The Middle Course When Educating
Women



Firstly:

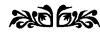
This ideology is the moderate between the aforementioned ideologies. It has taken the good and the accurate of the two and has left their evil and their error. According to the followers of this ideology; woman should first of all be educated with an education that is suitable for what she is created for, i.e. arranging the household affairs, and filling it with happiness and tidiness and making it a good foundation for nurturing pious sons and daughters.

Secondly:

We educate her in order for her to help her husband in his affairs of living, war and ethics.

They said: "Verily the followers of the first ideology are excessive and the followers of the second ideology are remissive, we shall refute both of them and clarify their mistakes beginning with the followers of the first ideology.

Refutation of the First Ideology



Verily! Your prevention of woman from learning and restricting her to just learning how to read the letters of the Holy Qur'ân without comprehending its meaning is indeed far away from the propriety. It is un-Islâmic, irrational, and far away from the pure knowledge, though you have deemed that Islâm agrees with that and believed in it solely to the point that you have stated a flimsy weak hadeeth to prove your ideology, when this hadeeth has no manifestation in it according to the scholars of hadeeth. And this is with regard to its chain of narration.

But as for the fabrication in the meaning it's obvious. For verily, the wives of the Prophet ﷺ, the female companions, and those women who came after them were able to read and write. They were preservers of hadeeth and scholars of hadeeth whom the safe-guarders of hadeeth narrated from. You will even find in the books that contain names of narrators like "Tahdheeb At-Tahdheeb, Al-Mizan, Lisan Al-Mizan and Al-Khulasah" and before these books "the Tabaqaat of Ibn Sa'd" and more. All these books are filled with the names of women who were scholars, jurists and literates. And this was during the era of Islâmic magnificence in which the banner of the Muslims was victorious while the army of their enemies were vanquished and destroyed.

But as for your forefathers, whom you want to imitate by making women ignorant, they were never worthy of

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being imitated. Their era was the last era of ignorance, and all this pain that the Muslims undergo today are due to the evil consequence of their deeds. Even with that, we will not accept that the knowledgeable people from among your forefathers used to say these contemptible statements. How could they say this, when there were female scholars and literates in their era despite the fact that they were few in number and were not totally deprived of good.

As for your saying that the pen is one of the two tongues, and that the ignorance of woman with this tongue and her covering herself with a thick veil will grant her security from the evil of the two tongues. You have indeed made a serious mistake. Do you not know that it is impossible to safeguard the female who did not have a good education even if she is placed in a safe place while she is deaf and blind? Whereas the woman who is educated upon modesty and self-restraint, evil cannot reach her even if she is in the midst of men in a manner which is free from doubt; for verily the women used to escort their husbands to the battle field and the Prophet ﷺ used to take his wives with him to battles and to perform pilgrimage. The wives of the companions were not detained in their houses, rather they would go out to take care of their business if there is a need for it, they would feed their horse and they would work hard to make money. The women used to fight after the death of the Prophet ﷺ. The proof for that is written in the books of hadeeth. Therefore, we will not prolong in mentioning it, but that did not harm them because of the strength of their faith and their modesty

To make a long story short, learning how to read and write will neither corrupt the woman nor make her pious. If she is pious already, then learning how to read and write will be an extra weapon for her, but if her nurturing is already corrupted, then learning how to read and write will only increase her in corruption. This is because having the knowledge of reading and writing is a tool that can be used for good and for evil at the same time.

As for learning Soorat- An-Nur, it is one of the greatest things by which Allâh the Almighty disciplines the believing women. It is a great treasure, and a huge provision. It is upon the woman not to desert the whole Qur'ân and study just Soorat-An-Nur. The way of learning this Qur'ân is by learning how to read, and reading will not be beneficial except with the understanding of the meaning, and the meaning cannot be understood, except by learning the grammar, the conjugation and the language.

These are all prerequisites of learning how to read and write but you have prohibited that. You (i.e. the people of the first ideology) are contradicting yourselves but you perceive not.

The Shaikh then recited;

*He is correct without perceiving
And he errs without perceiving
And how can that be anything
Other than stupidity*

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We agreed with you that it is good to teach them how to use the spinning wheel, but what is more important than that in the society at the least is, teaching them how to manage their house, take care of their health, nursing and their likes.

We also agree with your saying that if a woman in this era of ours learns how to read she will be acquainted with all kinds of evil by reading pornographic literatures and immoral magazines, but this evil reaches the ignorant woman as well by her going to the cinema even if she is to sneak and go in the absence of her guardian. It also reaches her by means of radio, by her visitors and those she chats with. If the society is corrupted, the isolation of the isolator will not benefit him. Were you to annul your methodology of teaching women, reform it and exchange it with a complete methodology which guarantees for a woman an authentic education that would have been better than your total dismissal of their education.

Refutation of the Second Ideology



As for the followers of the second ideology, they have exaggerated and transgressed the set limits of Allâh and have wandered astray. We must talk to them and clarify their weak and flimsy evidences that are weaker than the spider web.

So we say: "As for your saying that, the nations of the world are of two kinds" the developed and happy nations and the other deteriorated and wretched it is true. And you're saying that, the happiness of those who are happy resulted from their efforts and their state of affairs is true as well, but it is un-detailed. It needs to be clarified and crystallized. Due to its vagueness you were able to blend it with these distortions.

The reality is that, there is a great differing within the European nations in their creed and methodologies which leads to them declaring one another as a disbeliever. This is so much so, that the Roman Catholic is not allowed to marry the Protestant and who ever dares to do that, the church punishes him by boycotting him; and they consider it a major social disaster. Also, they differ in their governmental affairs to the point that they exterminate one another totally without exemption. They differ in the affairs of women. From among them is a group who consider it obligatory to supervise women and grant them absolute protection. Some of them give the women entire freedom after reaching what they consider the legal age of discrimination. Some of them allow legal prostitution,

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like the Latin nations in order to limit fornication in some specific areas according to what it seems to them. These people however, treat the prostitutes with kindness. Germany and Britain are amongst nations which prohibits prostitution. These nations however, treat prostitutes with harshness to the point that they consider them filthy out-cast class in the societies who are like flies. There upon it is impossible for the prostitute to have contact with one of the VIP. These prostitutes are to them like the poet said:

*You will certainly sit far away from me
For verily you are filthy outcast*

Furthermore this remissness of the Europeans regarding the matter of the woman did not result from civilizations and development; as a matter of fact there is no relation between them. It is a custom which they have inherited from their forefathers during the days of ignorance and barbarism as their history testifies to what I am saying.

Likewise some of the neighboring nations to the white Mediterranean sea other than the Europeans; I mean the barbaric tribe who know nothing about Islâm except its name. For example, tribes like Ibn Makhilid, Ait Sakhman, Ishqeran and other than them. These tribes resemble the northern Europeans in their color and in their cold blood. They lack jealousy. I saw that whenever one of them caught someone with his wife, he shoots a bullet in the sky not to harm either of them but to alarm the matter; hence, the people will gather on them from all directions. He, the man, will then say to

them: "Bear witness for me against such and such for verily I caught him with my wife". They will respond: "We will witness for you with what we have seen". When everyone in the neighborhood gathered, the husband will sue him and accuse him in front of their sheikhs, and the people would come and witness to that, but the man will still reject the allegation made against him.

However, he will be charged to pay six riyals and a ram to the husband based on their culture. But the accused will persist in denying that he did something with her and would refuse to pay the penalty. Due to that, the husband will determine to kill him and the people will rush to reconcile between them, and will end up leaving both of the penalties made against the accused.

What is the matter with us that we are going so far; it is mentioned in the authentic book of Al-Bukhāri that, *"There was a man who had a young boy working for him. This young boy fornicated with his boss's wife. The man asked some people whom he thought had some knowledge so they gave him a verdict that, it is upon the young boy to give a hundred sheep to the husband, so the young boy's father gave the husband what is demanded. He then went to the Prophet ﷺ and narrated the story to him. The Prophet ﷺ said: "this verdict is not right". And then he said: "As for the sheep, they should be returned back to the servant's father, but as for the servant, he should be lashed a hundred times and be exiled out of the city for a year, but as for the woman the Prophet ﷺ sent a man to her, his name is Unais and said to him: "confirm the matter from her, if she confesses and admits it, stone her*

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to death” You can see that this Barbaric (the Berber tribe) judgment is found within the Arabs during the time of the Prophet ﷺ”.

This is telling us that human beings are the same regardless of their tribes and nations, and no nation is distinguished from the other except with the etiquettes of the Prophets and with civilized knowledge.

Therefore, whoever combines between the two has combined between the greatest happiness. The point that I am trying to clarify here is that, the progress of the Europeans has nothing to do with their remissness in the affairs of their women, rather they followed the footsteps of their ancestors in this matter and affirmed it by acting according to it and by authoring stories and acting plays in that subject matter. Giving the women their freedom does not mean that you should violate them and destroy their modesty; for verily it is possible for women to have freedom with complete modesty, likewise it is possible for them to be in slavery with an ultimate level of violation.

We have indeed found our forefathers leading the world with knowledge, good etiquette, civilization and development. Unfortunately, we are evil successors of the best predecessors.

They were upon the straight and clear path with regard to the affairs of women. The woman was to them as an honorary and a dynamic member who participated with them in seeking knowledge and worked with them in their homes, farms and in fields of war while she was covered in order to preserve her honor and her position.

They did not prevent her from demanding her right whenever she is oppressed or prevent her from participating with them in matters of war if there is a need for them to. Due to that, our predecessors have reached the peak of civilization and the utmost point of progress for both their men and women. The etiquettes of the Holy Qur'ân are not obstacles to the progress of the woman; rather they endow her to reach the highest point of civilization while preserving her honor, brain and self-esteem.

As for our later ancestors, they have neglected the significance in seeking the knowledge of this world and the hereafter. When they lack the ability to establish the imposing structure of modesty and good manners and the ability to implement the great legislation of Muhammad ﷺ, they diverted to concealment and suppression. So they have exaggerated in the matter of the veil to the point that they buried their women as you said, and stopped them from going out. Furthermore, whenever they would leave the house they would be obliged to cover their whole body except one eye or half. They considered her voice private and have considered their speech with other men even if they were pious in the presence of their guardians or their husbands as a shameful act. They did not restrict to that; rather some of them surpassed and said: "they should not be taught how to read nor write". Due to that, they have lost their rights that are given to them by the legislation of Muhammad ﷺ in matters of inheritance, buying and selling, witness, authorization and more. So they are more like the dead than the living.

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As a matter of fact, the matter reached to the point that, it has become their custom to insert virgins in the darkness of their rooms and to veil them from women of their kind, their parents and their brethren. They have forsaken the traditions of the Prophet ﷺ in which he said: *“When one of you wants to marry a woman, he should look at her first, this is the best way for them to be pleased with each other”* and come to an agreement if they see each other without any doubts or seclusion. The crime which occurred due to exaggerating in the veil in a manner that is not legislated is a lot and can be witnessed; it is because of it that forgery cropped up in marriages. For instance a man will have two daughters, one of them is beautiful and her name is Laila and the other one is ugly and her name is Da'ad. If someone who is interested to get married comes to them but does not know either of them likewise the old lady who represents him does not know them either; they make it seem to her that the ugly one is the beautiful one. So, as a result, the man will carry this burden on him and his wealth will go to waste.

If there were pious men of understanding who carry out the responsibility of changing these customs, and bringing the women back to what they were upon during the era of the Prophet ﷺ and this is what the women of the cities and villages throughout the Islâmic world, from the beginning of Islâm until this day of us were upon adhering to the etiquettes of lowering the gaze, it would have been obligatory for them to be obeyed and aided upon that.

The people don't have any trust in their heart nor honor for most of those who call to liberating the woman and giving her, her right. Their souls are not tranquil to what they say and they don't have any manners or jealousy for their religion or their honor. So the reason why the public has accused them of that is because they have plots behind their call; like the evil plots of the fox against the shepherd. Also these people have no doubt that the evil that would reach women in displaying their charms is unlimited even though they have suffered great harm by exaggerating in the matter of the veil. It is built by the edge of a huge abyss that is way greater than the other one. The matter of reforming the states of the women is not treated by a doctor or by a curer; rather it has become a thing that is left up to two parties; the extreme and the remiss. And Allâh knows that if we were to see you Oh Caller!, to the freedom of women calling to the reformation of women, with a call that is built upon a solid foundation, sound intellect and wisdom; a foundation which enables them to become perfect mothers reproducing pious males and females and fill their houses with happiness; had we seen you like that, we would have backed you, aided you and worked with you; but we have indeed seen in you deceitfulness, bad intention, deceiving the innocent women and neglecting their modesty. You have made calamities seem nice to them, trapped them with all tricks and sent them astray from the path in a manner that an enemy would not do to his foe. And we have all seen that what you are calling to is worse than the stagnation of the dullish. But as for your saying that you imitate the Europeans, it is very amazing .It was mentioned already that the present Europeans did not

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start this madness of wickedness, rather it was from the deeds of the generations who pass away. As a matter of fact, they have strove hard to get rid of that situation. And here is some clarification for you: It is known that marriage in the lands that did not cease to hold fast to the Islâmîc legislation and its etiquettes moves well without any problem, and the percentage of the married women in these lands is almost ninety five percent regardless of what you know about their sternness in the matter of the veil. And that is only by the virtue and guidance of Islâm.

Do you know that when Hitler's government noticed that married men and women in Germany were less than forty percent. He established a law that gives five thousand marks to whoever wants to marry? This money will remain a debt on the couple, but whenever they have a baby a portion of the loan will be deducted; and if the woman continues to have children the debt will be exonerated. The government has also set a law of honoring the mothers each year in the Spring (e.g. Mother's day). The government also prepares special gifts and presents and has passed a law that gives financial aid to every parent whose number of children reached five with the obliteration of their taxes upon them. This was the situation even though the taxes of those who were single both men and women who had high salaries during the Second World War equaled one third of their salary, whereas the fathers and mother who had five children or more are exempted from paying taxes. And even with all that the percentage of married couples in the cities is no more than forty percent, but in the villages the percentage is higher than that of the

city, because of the fact that they need each other to survive. If you ask which of the two sexes carry the responsibility of the lack of marriages in the city?" I will answer without the blink of an eye, hesitation or doubt that it is the men.

All women who are not virgins are in desperate need of getting married, whether they are rich or poor. There is no topic that can be discussed with her that is more pleasing than the topic of marriage, especially if she is one of the women who were hunted by a Gigolo.

How many young beautiful girls who were like the roses of spring in beauty, happiness and bliss have these?

Wicked womanizers destroyed? These devils would come to the city in the form of youths who are in utmost beauty and they perfected all ways of flattering and seducing women with neatness, tidiness, sweet words and all kinds of dance. They are squanderers and are good at approving and disapproving things and they have various kinds of aristocratic names. They may have some identities or passports that affirm that they are from the high class family; and they only hunt the daughters of the wealthy people. This thief first appears to this young girl claiming that he is a son of a prince or a son of a wealthy person. He would then take her to the bank and withdraw a lot of money in front of her, or would send a telegram to one of his partners and would immediately receive a lot of money. So this young girl sees the images of those young girls whose greediness and whose exchange of words with him put them in to his trap she sees their beauty, their level of

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education, and the fact that they are from high class family; however her desire would arouse and she would be tempted until when the fruit of his deceitfulness is ripen and the girl becomes blind and lost her mind, he will then act like the check he requested from his dad is delayed and then creates an excuse for its delay, this deceived girl will however, go and bring him the amount of money that he wants. After receiving the money, he will easily make an excuse for an urgent travel and that he will return back to her. And that will be the last time they would ever meet. Sometimes he would leave her with pregnancy and this hardly happen because they do whatever they can to avoid pregnancy by using all means of preventing it. And they hardly ever are neglectful of this matter except after being married with them in a legal way.

Also, do these callers (e.g. to freedom of woman) know that women in Europe are in desperate need of a man to take care of their affair? Do they know that her wealth, knowledge, honor, lineage, position, etc. will never make her independent or suffice her from having a man?

It is narrated that, the great Queen of Britain, Queen Victoria, came to her husband's room and knocked the door. He said: Who is it? She said: the Queen. He said: I am not in need of a queen. So she realized her mistakes and then said: "Open, I am your lover, Elizabeth. He said: Now I will open the door.

The humbleness of a female to a male is something that Allâh the Almighty placed in the nature of every female animal both the speech and the speechless. This factor

cannot be eliminated from her nature because there can't be female without a male. Just as it is part of her nature to fondle and mollycoddle.

A woman cannot be independent from the protection of a man even if she is in one of the most developed countries of the world. I was told by Frawzle in the city of Bon that, when her husband was alive he used to make her choked, out of stress because of his girl friend. But after his death she forgot all about that and became sad for his separation from her. He had left her with a big hole in everything to the extent that, whenever she wrote a company, and made an order, she deletes her last name, so that the company will think she's a man so her order would not be taken lightly. She also informed me that, sometimes some poor men would come to her door and ask her for charity which is against the law. However, she would sympathize for this beggar and would not drive him away; rather she would throw some money to him through the door hole because she was scared that he may be a thief who came to her in the form of a beggar.

I used to have a female neighbor in Berlin who has three little children during the Second World War. Whenever I hear the warning whistle, (e.g. of the air raid) I hear it with the cry of the woman with her three children. Because she must fill up the big buckets with water in order to extinguish the fire, wake her three children up, get them dress, and she gets something for them to eat and something for them to drink, because the raid may last for six hours or more, and during that time from the beginning of the war till 1942 the air raid mostly comes

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at night. Incidentally, I remembered that the raid in the beginning era of the war was two kinds. The Russian invasion and its sign were to come half an hour after the setting of the sun, because of its closeness to Germany. The Germans were not afraid of it. And most of them didn't take any refuge from it. The British invasion was an awful devastating and fatal destruction within the Germans, and the Germans used to take it into account. As I was saying: I used to hear the cry of this mother and her children who have no male neighbors but me. So I held the hand of one of the children walking down the stairs with them. Most of the time, the air raid doesn't allow her to get prepared to come down the stairs. The tremor of the raid and the anti aircraft gun and their lights often starts before we descend, and these poor kids would stop walking pass the distance between the tunnel of the stairs and the door of the vault because it is uncovered under the surface of the sky. I was encouraging them to cross the distance, and whenever I walk down with them four stairs from the vault, she returns back out of fear, because I was not going to hide due to an argument which was between me and the supervisor of the shelter. Evidently, a missile dropped on that home and the room in which I was sleeping with everything that is in it burnt up. But this happened after I have left Germany, Walhamdulillah!

If we continue to mention proofs on the need of women needing a man's help and his protection we would have to prolonged our speech. As for the severity of the high class Europeans from among the nations against women, talk as you like about it and there would be no blame on you. From among it, is this custom of theirs that says

woman cannot get married until she brings a dowry the least of it is five thousand but the most is unlimited. And the one, who is blessed to get married, only finds the suitable husband according to the amount of her wealth. That is because the husband is not interested in the woman because of her beauty or her religion or her lineage; rather he prefers wealth over all.

Thereupon, you would see a woman spending major portion of her youth working to gather the wealth which is the only means by which she can have some hopes in marriage.

In Berlin, maids make thirty marks monthly, and in the small cities they make twenty marks per month. And this includes her food. She makes it hard on herself and prevents herself from things that she needs in order to gather her dowry. She may have a mother who is old and weak and is in need of her help and it is a must on her to help her from that little salary. If this is her situation, then imagine how long she has to serve in order to gather thousands of marks. And when she gathered the money that allows her to get married to a poor man like her, she would have the desire to go to gatherings like dance club, cinema and their like. And whenever she finds the chance of talking to a man she takes hold of it. It is their custom that the man is the one who invites the woman for a dance and initiates speech with her. She may go to one of the clubs where the people gather for past-time and spend some of her money while she is in desperate need of it. She would enter the cinema hall or a coffee shop or a restaurant or a dance club but would return unsuccessfully without a

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man. She would then have to wait again until she has another chance, because these chances only come to her once a week.

And if she is fortunate to have a man, he may be a deceiver or disagree with her in religion. If she meets a man whom she can get along with in everything, she must meet him subsequently, to examine his behavior and his situation. If she likes him, then they will make a promise to get married, as this is part of their culture. They would remain like that for a number of years. She would remain in fear within this waiting period that he may break his promise and leave her. This is what happens most of the time.

I know a female writer in the Eastern Department in the University of Bon, in whose heart is sorrow that never leaves her, because a man had promised to marry her and was living with her for thirteen years just as a husband lives with his wife. Meaning he meets up with her in her leisure time and mingles with her as a man mingles with his wife. He neither spends on her nor helps her; because they only help their wives and spend on them after legalizing the marriage on paper. Then they call them couples. But before that they just say they are engaged and that's it. And after spending fourteen years of her precious youth with him, he found a woman who was wealthier than her and got married to her and left her alone in grief and sorrow. This is just an example of thousands of its like. One of the strange things that I came across from the affairs of those who were engaged is that, a man would engaged a woman and they would agree to get marry. They would remain for a long period

of time living like married couples who are in love. What I mean by this is as we have mentioned earlier, a complete mingling like the mingling of a husband with his wife. Afterwards, they would make the marriage contract and then meet upon marriage. They would not live for a long until their companionship is tarnished, then they would disagree with each other and end it up with a divorce.

One of the strange things I heard was what happened in the city of Bon in Germany, about a couple who were engaged for twenty years and were living together in ultimate pleasure and agreement between them, and then got married after that. They did not stay together except for a year and then they got divorce. Throughout that year, they were quarreling and arguing. I asked the reason why it was like that and they told me that, when a man and woman are engaged, each of them hides his real character and behaves in a different way, faking to his partner for the fear that he or she may get bored of him or her and break the contract. But after they get married, each of them will drop the burden that was on both of them and their faking would disappear, and the hidden manners and customs that they have would appear and it would be followed by conflict, disagreement, quarreling and then divorce. With this you would know that the statement of some of the deceivers from among the orients by considering the intermingling of the couples who are engaged before their marriage, and his seclusion with her, likewise living with her claiming that, it will enable them to discover the innermost feeling of each other, then they can agree,

because love is the basic thing in a happy marriage. This statement is falsehood and is a superstition.

That is because it is impossible for both of them to know the real attitude of each other until after dropping the burden. This happens after they get married. Moreover, they are not faultless from committing sin and cannot escape from its painful consequence which is coming to them sooner or later.

This is the reason why Allâh the Most High has forbidden on the tongue of His messenger Muhammad ﷺ seclusion with a woman whom is permissible for you to marry, until you get married to her. It came in one of the narrations that: *“No man isolates himself with a woman e.g. meaning the one whom is permissible for him to marry except that Satan is their third”*. And the Prophet ﷺ has forbidden entering upon the Mughayyibaat (e.g. these are women whose husbands are away from home). And when he was asked about in-laws, he ﷺ said: *“They are death”* what he meant by that is *“their seclusion with her is riskier than the one whose relationship with her is distant”*. And he forbade for a woman to travel by herself except with her husband or a closed male relative. He forbade all that in order to protect the honor, the lineage, the religion and to maintain the good relationship between the people and to preserve the ties. But it is recommended for those who are engaged to look at each other in a manner that is free from seclusion or doubts. The Prophet ﷺ has commanded us with that, as it was mentioned earlier. But as for their saying that, a happy marriage is based on love there is a comment on that. For verily love is of

different kinds, from amongst them is: love for desire. Like the love for food, drinks, horse riding, and their likes. This kind of love in reality is a pain that tears up the soul, and its tranquilizer is magnified when it is not available; the individual just wants to fulfill his desire from the desired. After having what he desires from the desired, and his pains is tranquillized and his desire for that becomes weak, and he starts to consider it with a consideration different from the time when he was lacking it. This weakness may continue until the love disappears totally. The proof for that is, there are lots of people who used to be in love with some women, and they spent whatever they can to marry them.

When they reached their goal, it wasn't too long until they get tired of these women, and these women no longer have any value to them. That is because they only used have desirable love for them, so when the desire was over the love was also over. This is the nature of the human beings in general both the westerners and the easterners. Some of the Europeans were asked: Who do you like from women? He said: "I like all women but my wife". If that love between them did not go away at once, then it is going to get weaker and weaker, and if it happened that the lover is stern, stone hearted and has bad manners then this will lead to the immediate death of the love and sometimes it creates hatred and enmity between them.

Amongst them is the love for partnership, and this last longer than the one before it. If it happens that the lover has some qualities that are in accordance to the nature of the love one, then the love between them will get

stronger and stronger for the rest of their life and will become firm. Our purpose is not to deny that good appearance is one of the motivations of a true love. We would not say that you should disregard the physical appearance and suffice with the spiritual beauty; that will be a big mistake. For verily true love will not be complete, except if the lover is beautiful spiritually, and this type of love is built upon the legislative marriage whereof both couples would see each other before the marriage and are both pleased with each other without any force or seducement. If both of them have good manners and firm religion then this will make their love strong and firm because of its foundation. And this is what Islâm ordered with.

But as for your (i.e. second ideology) opposition against Islâm pertaining to inheritance, because it gives woman half of a man's share, this is a retarded opposition; because Islâm has legislated on men some obligations in his wealth that is not legislated on the women. From among these obligations are, paying the dowry, spending on his wife, his children, his poor parents, in addition to that, it is upon him to grant them security and defend them. So evidently, he is in need of money, unlike the woman whose need for money is less.