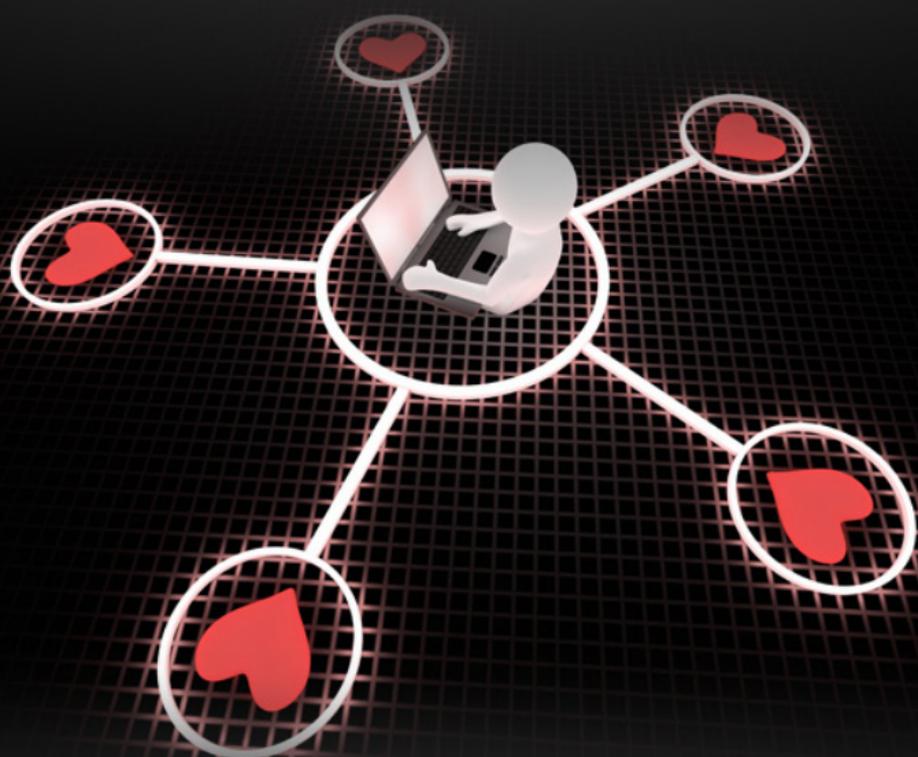


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THE PURPOSE OF THIS PAMPHLET IS TO WARN OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM FALLING INTO TO THE TRAP OF THE GROWING TREND OF TRYING TO FIND ONE'S LIFE PARTNER THROUGH THE MANY MUSLIM MARRIAGE WEBSITES ONLINE

Have you ever wondered are these so called Islamic websites even Islamic? They pull you in with their so called “success stories”. But did you know the horror stories they have given birth to. Do you know the deluge of fraud and stories of zina (fornication) that lurk behind the zippy and happy promotional material? IF NOT THEN YOU MUST READ THIS LEAFLET.

REAL CASE STUDIES

These are examples of real sisters who went through one of these sites to find their husband:

[a] “...everything seemed fine. Alarm bells began to ring when he showed no interest when our baby was born. He did not come to the hospital. He said he had to go abroad for business. I got a call that he was kidnapped and they wanted £10,000 as a ransom. I could tell it was a set-up from the way the man on the phone spoke to me. I worry for my new born daughter every day. Was her father even a Muslim...?”

[b] “...My Nikah was a dream come true. He was the perfect husband. He said he prayed five times a day. I convinced my family to the marriage. We spent a lot on the marriage. Very shortly after the marriage I learnt he was a liar. He tricked me. So much terrible things came out later his family kept hidden from me. He had even acted in a pornographic film....”

[c] "...after a long checking process I found someone who seemed to have so much in common with me. After a few months of marriage, I got the shock of my life when I found out that he was already married with kids...." *

*Please note that these are statements of real Muslim sisters we have had direct communication with. Their names have only been removed to protect their identity.

4 REASONS WHY THESE WEBSITES ARE HARAM AND UNISLAMIC

1. These websites are a means to Zina. And Allah ta'ala said: Do not go near Zina...(Sura 17 verse 32)

It is well known, these websites facilitate the direct communication of men and women which violates Islamic principles. Often a brother or sister will begin texting each other, even speaking to each other without any supervision of parents etc. Sometimes they will play with fire and even fix a date to meet at a rendezvous, usually a restaurant or shopping centre. All of this is **Haram**. The Prophet ﷺ said: **Never is a man alone with a woman except the third of them is Satan.** (Jami al-Tirmidhi, Hadith no. 1171).

2. These websites make a mockery of the Islamic principle of the wali (guardian).

The Prophet ﷺ said: **There can be no Nikah except with a wali** (Jami al-Tirmidhi, Hadith no. 1101). There is a huge wisdom in Islam's making the father, grandfather, uncle or brother the interface for seeking marriage. These guardians are an excellent firewall from the devious attacks of all kinds of smooth-talking predators. Just the presence of a wali will ward off scams. But there is virtually no provision made in these websites to ensure that communication only takes place via the walis. Secret meetings and nikahs have become common because of

these sites. How merciful was our Prophet ﷺ to guide us to the best way to conduct marriage. Yet we turn our back on his teachings. Can a person ever prosper who treats the teachings of his Messenger in this way?

3. These websites are tools of deception

The Prophet ﷺ said: **There must not be deception** [laa kilaabata] (Sahih Muslim).

Profiles are saturated with lies and false details. Miraculously middle-aged men become young again, others become towering giants, whilst others turn into millionaires. Sisters slap on tonnes of foundation, take pictures with high-heeled shoes etc. What good can come from these lies? When you know a market place is full of deceivers, who in their right mind would choose to shop from there?

4. These websites rebel against Islamic etiquettes

Films, Television and Music strip women of their modesty and God given Haya (shame). Allah loves those with Haya, especially in a woman. The Prophet ﷺ said: **Modesty is a branch of faith** (Sunan al-Nasai). Now we ask you, tell us where is the Haya in a woman sharing her photos with all the strangers of the world? Tell us where is the Haya in unmarried girls exchanging numbers with strangers and conducting private chats. And where is the Haya in a Muslim woman posing with smiles from ear to ear splattered on the front page adverts of these websites? Little do they know that they are incurring the wrath of Allah for being cheerleaders for these dens of sin. Allah ta'ala states in the Holy Qur'an: **Do not help each other in sin and transgression. Fear Allah. Surely, Allah is severe at punishment** (5:2).

Amazingly, had these sisters studied their religion they would have discovered that Haya is the key to finding a good husband. For Allah's blessings come by having Haya. The Prophet ﷺ said: Modesty only brings with it good (Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith no. 6117). So the key to finding a good husband is staying far away from all such websites that put one in touch with strangers. This even includes Facebook, twitter etc.

AN AMAZING STORY OF MODESTY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH FINDING A GOOD HUSBAND

Everyone knows the story of the Prophet Musa. As he travelled the land he came to a water well. The well was surrounded by men pulling water. Two young girls had also come to get some water. They however out of their bashfulness stood at a distance. Musa saw them and feeling their shyness was preventing them from coming forward. He pulled the water for them and gave it to their animals. They were happy at this and asked him to come to their father so he could repay him. He helped carry the water for them to their father. As they walked home, the young ladies walked at a distance from Musa.

The rest of the story can be read in the Holy Qur'an, but reflect on why Allah ta'ala purposely mentions these details? It is to teach us a lesson. Allah ta'ala liked their modesty and purity so much (they stood at a distance from the men, they walked far behind Musa) –and never forget that Allah ta'ala is Pure and He loves Pureness—that He destined that one of these women of true Haya would be worthy enough to be the wife of such a great man as the Prophet Musa (pbuh).

The Holy Qur'an says (28:27): **“He (the father) said (to Mūsā), “I wish to marry to you one of these two daughters of mine....”** Later in the story, we learn that young shy and Haya-observing lady did indeed become the wife of one of the greatest men of God.

THE LESSON IS: O SISTERS PROTECT YOUR INNATE MODESTY ALLAH GIFTED YOU WITH. THESE WEBSITES ARE REBELLING AGAINST ALLAH'S DEEN OFTEN FOR WORLDLY GAIN. MAY ALLAH TA'ALA GUIDE THEM. LOOK INTO YOUR HEART, DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT ALLAH TA'ALA WILL BLESS YOUR MARRIAGE WITH SUCCESS IF THAT MARRIAGE WAS BASED ON REBELLION TO ALLAH TA'ALA?

HOW DO I GET MARRIED THEN?

Well, the first thing is to do tawba and cancel your subscription to any of these satanic traps. The next thing is not to worry. Allah ta'ala says: **O my servants who have acted recklessly against their own selves, do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Surely, Allah will forgive all sins. Surely, He is the One who is the Most-Forgiving, the Very-Merciful (39:53).** If you turn to Allah ta'ala and make a promise to Him that you will not do anything that He has forbidden or goes against the Islamic spirit, we guarantee that (inshallah) very soon Allah will provide you with a good match. How can we be so sure? We are so sure because Allah's Messenger ﷺ is reported to have said: **Allah ta'ala makes it obligatory for Himself to help that person who wishes to marry to help him (or her) stay away from sin.** (Jami al-Tirmidhi Hadith no. 1655).

The first and most important thing is to start with Du'a. Allah ta'ala said: **Call me and I will answer you (40:60).** The Prophet ﷺ said: **The Du'a is the weapon of the believer** (Hadith). From the start of your effort, and at every stage, one must turn to Allah ta'ala for help. Apart from doing ample du'as one should also offer the Prayer of Need (Salat al-Haja) and the Prayer of Seeking Goodness (Salat al-Istikhara). If you do not know these prayers – you may find out their details in any Du'a book.

Parents and a female's walis (guardians) should help one find a suitable husband. In this respect, pious friends, relatives and the local Imam can also help. This reduces the chance of falling into the traps of the unscrupulous.

Finally, we must never forget that we are Allah's creation. He feeds us, He clothes us, He cures us when we fall sick. He looks after us. Why then would He not also have written for us a good spouse? We should thus rely and trust in our Creator: **And He provides for a person from (sources) he never could imagine. And whoever places his trust in Allah, He is sufficient for him.** (Sura 65 verse 3) And: **In Allah alone let the believers put their trust.** (Sura 9 verse 51). If we look deep in our hearts, often in the mad rush to find Mr right or Mrs right, our trust in Allah ta'ala is missing - shown by our not caring if the way we find our life companion is a way acceptable to our Creator. May Allah ta'ala guide us to be His true servants. Ameen.