

Etiquettes of Conjugal Pleasure in Islam.

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Abstract: *This paper provides the Islamic perspective on maintaining sexual relationship after marriage. These guidelines could assist Muslims to uphold sexual morality and be faithful to one's spouse, in proper dressing, marrying early, lowering of the gaze/modesty, and the concept of adultery. Islam considers sex as one of the essential human needs that must be properly satisfied. It is a necessity that requires favourable consideration. Islam treats "Zina" not only as a great sin but also as an act which opens the gate for many other shameful acts. These destroy the very basis of the family, lead to several crimes, damage reputation, destroy properties and also spread numerous diseases – both physical and spiritual. It is recommended that Muslims marry as early as they are able to, and not fear financial crises as a result of marriage. I have discussed some important aspects of sexual ethics of Islam whose ignorance has turned this act Har'am while there is Saw'ab for spouses who meet while adhering to the Talim of Islam. Lastly, it is pertinent to note that homosexuality, lesbianism, celibacy and monasticism are all prohibited in Islam.*

1). Every creation invites towards Hamd:

All Hamd for Allah who has placed man's greatest pleasure in the natural parts of the woman, and has destined the natural parts of man to afford the greatest enjoyment to woman. He has not endowed the parts of the woman with any pleasurable or satisfactory feeling until the same have been penetrated by the instrument of the male; likewise, the sexual organs of the man know neither rest nor quiet until they have entered those of the female. Hence the kiss on the mouth, on the two cheeks, upon the neck, as well as the sucking of lips are the gifts of Allah destined to provoke erection at the favourable moment.

Allah has embellished the chest of the woman with breasts, has furnished her with eyes that inspire love, with eyelashes like polished blades, and has given brilliant colours to her cheeks. He has furnished her with a rounded belly and a beautiful navel, and with a majestic crupper; and all these wonders are borne up by the thighs. It is between this that Allah has placed the sexual organ. So let us praise and exalt Him who has created woman and her beauties, with her appetizing flesh; who has given her a beautiful figure, a bosom with breasts which are swelling, and amorous ways which awaken desires.

The Master of the Universe has bestowed upon them the empire of seduction; all men, weak or strong, are subjected to a weakness for the love of woman. The state of humility in which are the hearts of those who love and are separated from the object of their love, makes their hearts burn with love's fire; they suffer under the vicissitudes of their passion: and all this as a consequence of their burning desire for contact.

2. Manners of marital joy in Islam:

During the era of Rasulallah (S) women were not hesitant to ask questions on matters of physical intimacy. This indicates that in matters of the Shariah one should not feel any shame, and instead ask openly and educate themselves about the injunctions of Islam. One of the wives of Rasulallah(S) testified: [1]

“Blessed are the women of the Ans’ar; shyness did not stand in their way of seeking education about religion.”

It is against the larger interest of the youngsters to create and maintain taboos and hide Shariah provisions pertaining to any aspects of life. Some might not feel comfortable discussing or even reading on this subject but youngsters nowadays are asking about these matters and it is not only a Sunnah but a duty to spread the education of Islam.

People today are deprived of the legal family life. This means the ‘right’ or Islamic way to conjugal pleasure. There is widespread literature available on sex, including from the canonical sources of Islam. Qur’an provides us guidance on each topic, and the topic of sex is no exception. The following Ayaat deal with it: [2]

“(Man) was fashioned from a liquid poured out. It issued (as a result) of the conjunction of the sexual area of the man and the woman.”

Sex in married life has been openly recommended in Qur’an: [3]

“When they (i.e. the wives) have cleansed themselves [after menstruation], you go into them as Allah has commanded.”

3. Necessity of Islamic Sex Education:

Islam is a scientific, systematic and perfect religion which provides guidance in all spheres of life. To overlook or neglect this topic means to neglect and overlook the Shariah. To ignore the guidance of the Shariah means Khasar al-Duniya wal Aakhirah – loss of both the worlds. While information on sex is readily available everywhere, in such circumstances it is the cardinal responsibility of the Ulama that they should pay attention and discuss the topic of sex under the guidance of Islam.

4. Protocol of Zafaf (Wedding Night):

A Hadith guides us in this regard: [4]

“Zafaf of bride should be done at night and Valimah should be held the next day”.

A Hadith available in “Da’aim ul-Islam” says:

The Walimah should be arranged the day after the wedding night. The second day is a matter of custom, but thereafter it is show off.

According to the Hadith the bridegroom should bring his bride to his home at night for Zafaf (the first night after marriage), and give a feast on the next day. Rasulullah(S) gave a Walimah (feast) on the morning of his Zafaf with Umm ul-Mumineen Zaynab (ra), at which he fed the Muslims on bread and meat.

A hadith explains the significance of sexual union and reward of being awake at night:

“You should not remain awake at night except for three purposes: [5]

1. *Reading the Qur’an or offering the Salaat*
2. *Seeking Knowledge*
3. *For sexual union with your wife”*

Generally, men and women look forward to their wedding day compared to other days. And I am sure no other night can bring more joy, though blended with fear and anxiety, than this night. Saheb al-Shariah advises us some acts to do and warns not to indulge in misdeeds. To encourage marriage among believers, Qur’an informs: [6]

“And of His signs is that He has created of yourselves spouses for you that you might rest (repose) in them, and He has set love and mercy between you. Surely in that are signs for a people who consider.”

Qur’an also advises: [7]

“Marry the spouseless among you, and your slaves and handmaidens who are virtuous; if they are poor, Allah will enrich them with His bounty; Allah is All-embracing, All-knowing. And let those who find not the means to marry be abstinent till Allah enriches them with His bounty.”

Rasulullah (S) guided: [8]

“He who desires to meet Allah in a state of piousness and purity should remain satisfied with a spouse.”

Rasulullah (S) further explained: [9]

“He, who wishes to follow my character, should abide by my practices (Sunnah), and marriage is one of my Sunnah”.

He also informed: [10]

“When a man marries in his prime youth, the Shait’an, cries out repeatedly and yells that, ‘This man has protected two-thirds of his religion from me’, and let him fear Allah in his remaining third of life by doing good deeds.”

Ali (as) informed: [11]

Whenever any of the Ash'ab married, Rasulullah(S) used to say: "Kamula Dinuhu" – his Deen has been completed. In this regard, Ali (as) has transmitted an account: [12]

Once Usm'an bin Mazun (ra) came in the presence of Rasulullah (S) and submitted: 'O Rasulullah (S), my inner voice has overwhelmed me with certain thoughts, but I will not take any action without seeking direction from you first.' Rasulullah (S) asked:

"And what is it that your soul urges you (to do), Usm'an?"

He answered:

'I am thinking of discontinuing marital relations with my wife Khawla.'

Rasulullah (S) guided:

"Do not do so, O Usm'an! Verily, when a faithful takes his wife by his hands, Allah records ten good deeds to his credit and erases ten misdeeds; and if he kisses her, Allah gives him credit for one hundred good-deeds and erases his one hundred misdeeds; and when he performs union with her, Allah gives him the credit of one thousand good deeds and erases a thousand misdeeds. Moreover, Malaek (angels) visit the couple. Above all when that couple takes the Ghusul al-Jan'abat (ritual bath), for every drop of water that drops from their hairs, Allah records one good deed for them and erases their one misdeed. If the couple takes the bath in a cold night, Allah tells His Malaek, 'Observe this couple, they are taking bath on a cold night, with the knowledge that I am their Lord. I bid you to bear witness that I have pardoned their sins', and if conception occurs that night, then their child will become a source of comfort for their mind and coolness of their eyes and will be obedient to them in the Jannah".

Then Rasulullah (S) placed his hand on the chest of Usm'an and directed him:

"Usm'an, do not turn away from my Sunnah; verily he who will turn his face away from my Sunnah will be met by Malaek on the Day of Qayamah who will turn his face away from Hawz'il Kawthar and Salsabeel."

Rasulullah (S) further educated: [13]

"When a faithful man approaches his faithful wife for intercourse, two Malaek will enclose him, and then he is like one who draws his sword for the cause of Allah. And when he is free from her after the reunion, his sins are purged off, just as the leaves fall from a tree in autumn; and when he performs bath, he is absolved off all sins."

A Hadith says: [14]

"As the faith of man in Allah increases, love for his wife increases equally."

He further said: [15]

"Allah has conferred three unique favors to His Anbiya, which are their Sunnah and to act accordingly is commendable:

- 1: Attar (to wear fragrance)
- 2: Siw'ak (tooth-stick; cleaning the teeth with Misw'ak)
- 3: Ziw'aj (spending marital life)

Abi Abdillah Al Imam Jafar us-Sadiq (as) said: [16]

When the bride comes to you, make sure that she is not menstruating, and you too should be clean.

He said: [17]

“Let a man prepare himself to go to his wife as he desires her to prepare herself for him”.
He thus referred to the cleanliness of both the partners.

Rasulullah (S) has bestowed a Dua as a Divine Gift to the newly married couple. If they are desirous of Barakah, they should recite this Dua. When a bridegroom brings his bride at home, they should offer two Rakaat of Salaat al-Sukr/Qaza'il Hawa'ij after Wuzu, and the husband should place his right hand on the forehead of his wife and recite as follows: [18]

“Allahumma Barikli Fi Ahli Wa Bariklahi Fiya, Wama Jam'ata Baeinana F'ajma Baenana Fi Khairin Wa Yumnin Wa Barakatin, Wa Iza J'altaha Furqatan Fajalha Furqatan Ila Kulle Khairin. Alhamdulillah Lazi Hada Zallati, Wa Aghna Faqri, Wa N'asha Khumuli, Wa Aizza Zillati Wa Aw'aelati, Wa Zawwaja Ghurbati, Wa Akhdama Mehnati, Wa Aanasa Wahshati, Wa Raf'a Khasisati, Hamdan Kasiran Tyeban Mubarakan, Ala Ma Ateta Ya Rabbi Wa Ala ma Qasamta Wa Ala Ma 'Akramta”

“O Allah! Make my wife auspicious for me, and make me auspicious for her. As you have united us, unite us in goodness, success and blessing. Hamd and praise to Allah Who has guided me rightly when I was on the wrong path; Who has brought me towards prosperity from poverty; has given me fame from my normal position; has given honour to me in my imperfect condition; given protection to my family; coupled my celibacy with marital life; given support for my assistance; turned my loneliness into companionship; and removed my irreverence (removed my nine difficulties and given me nine comforts). O Allah, I thank you liberally and earnestly for invoking Your blessings for You have conferred benevolence upon us and what You have deemed to be my portion to honor me.”

Then the groom should remove his hand from the forehead of his bride and recite:

“Al Hamdulillahhi Rabbil Aalamin, Allahumma Salle Aala Sayyidyna Muhammadin wa Aala Aale Sayyidyna Muhammadin Kama Sallaiyta wa Sallamta Aala Ibrahim wa Aala Aale Ibrahim Innaka Hamidun Majid, Allahumm ar Zuqni 'ilfahaa wa Wuddaha wa Rizaha be Warzuqha Zalika Minni, Wajma Baynana be Ahsanijtamain wa Aymani Aitilafin, Fainnaka Tuhibb ul Halala wa Takrahul Harama wal Khilafa”

“Hamd for Allah who is the Lord of both the worlds, Salaw'at of Allah upon Muhammad and his progeny as He sent upon Ibrahim and his progeny. He is the loftiest and greatest. O Allah, Make my wife auspicious for me, and make me auspicious for her. As you have united us, unite us in kindness, success, and blessing, and when you separate us, separate us in fairness.”

A'ameen should be said by the bride on the above Dua by the groom.

Furthermore, Al Imam Jafar us-Sadiq (as) in his generosity bestowed a valuable Dua for the benefit and betterment of the married couple before the consummation of marriage. If it is not possible to recite this Dua then at least recite “Bismillahir Rehmanner Rahim”.

The Imam (as) warned: [19]

If you do not mention the name of Allah before penetration, Shait'an will be a part of the act. “Allahumma In Qazaita Minni Alyuma Khalfan (Khalqan) Fajallhu Laka Khalisan, Wala Taj'al Lil Shaitani Fihey Shirkan, Wala Hazzan Wala Nasiban, Wajalhu Zakiyan Wala Taj'al Fi Khalqihi Naqsan Wala Ziadatan, Wajalhu ila Khairi Aqibatini”

“O Allah. If you have decreed a successor to follow me, then let him be sincere to You in Im'an and do not give Shait'an any share, interest, or portion more or less in him; and make my child clean and pure (pious) and of good nourishment and etiquettes; and do not create any deficiency or superfluity in his creation and make his end happy.”

5. The manner of engaging sexually on the wedding night:

On Lailat al-Zafaf (wedding night), the husband is normally very anxious. The wife might be suffering from menses and informs her husband about the same, but he many times does not care. It is pertinent to note that it is Har'am to engage sexually during menses according to the very clear injunction available in Surah al-Baqarah. [20] If the husband copulates with his wife and she becomes pregnant during menses, it is feared that the child born may suffer from leprosy. Mating is allowed only when the wife takes bath after completing the period of menses.

Rasulullah (S) instructs the grooms that they should prepare for the bride in the same way as they want their wives to be ready for them. Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (as) says: [21]

“Preparation means Nazafah (cleanliness) and Taharah (purification)”.

Rasulullah (S) instructed Amir al-Mumineen Ali (as): [22]

“O Ali! Do not offer dairy products, vinegar, apple and coriander to the bride for at least seven days”

Ali (as) asked the reason behind this to which Rasulullah (S) responded: [23]

“Due to eating of these foods women become infertile”

For if she menstruates after consuming vinegar she will never be entirely clean (from her menstruation) i.e. she will continue to experience minor bleeding outside her normal monthly period. And coriander will intensify the bleeding, and aggravate her labour if she were to give birth. And the sour apple would prematurely stop her menstruation bleeding which would be the cause of illness for her . . .”

6. Shariah injunctions that should be observed:

A few recommendations reach us through the traditions of the Ahl al-Bayt (as), especially from Abi Abdillah Al Imam Jafar us-Sadiq(as), as follows: [24]

- (1) Abortion would occur if the sexual union takes place under the Sun.
- (2) It would cause an abortion if the sexual unification is done on the 1st, 15th and last 3 nights of every Muslim month. Even if a child is born, he/she would be a fool, lunatic or would suffer from Epilepsy. Haven't you observed that those who suffer from epilepsy suffer from its attack in the beginning, middle or last days of the month?
- (3) If during the sexual union husband looks on the vagina and the wife looks on the penis of her husband, it is feared that the child born would be blind.
- (4) Intercourse should not take place during the time of Az'an and Iqamah because if the sperm foretells, the child would be a criminal, murderer and spiteful or malignant.
- (5) If there is pregnancy on account of the copulation being done under the sun, the child born would remain poor till death.
- (6) It should also not be done on the night of Eid ul-Fitr because due to pregnancy, the child born would be a great sinner and prone to vices.
- (7) Mating should not take place on the night of Eid ul-Adha because in case of pregnancy the child would be disabled.
- (8) The man should not hurry in performing the act. He should proceed slowly and indulge in foreplay to satisfy his partner completely before reaching orgasm.
- (9) Ali (as) disapproved that anybody copulate while facing the Kabah.
- (10) If the man feels that he is about to ejaculate, he should not withdraw himself. Rasulullah (S) said that such an act is a kind of secret burying of a child at its birth.
- (11) You should not indulge in sex when an infant is awake in the cradle.
- (12) Looking at a couple having sexual intercourse leads to blindness.
- (13) You should not converse during copulation; verily, this is the cause of the child born being unintelligent.
- (14) Sexual intimacy is disapproved from the early dawn to the rising of the sun, and from the setting of the sun to the end of the twilight.
- (15) You should refrain from sexual intimacy during the night when there is lunar eclipse; during the day when there is solar eclipse; during the day or night in an earthquake; during the times of cyclone, floods or any natural calamity. Al Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (as) said: "When a believer refrains from engaging in copulation during these periods, he will be blessed with children who will make him happy."
- (16) You should not indulge in sodomy (anal sex).
- (17) You should not share the same towel with your spouse after bathing.
- (18) Abstain from having sexual intercourse on a Wednesday night – if conception occurs from it, the child will be tyrannical or help its cause.
- (19) Refrain from engaging in sexual activity on Sunday night; if conception occurs, the child will be foolish.

(20) It is highly recommendable to engage in lovemaking on Monday night – if conception occurs, the child will be noble and obedient.

(21) Coition on Tuesday night will lead to the child conceived being chaste, generous and pure hearted.

(22) It is rather good to have sexual intercourse on Thursday night. If conception occurs, the child will be learned and wise.

(23) It is best to have sexual union on Friday night; if conception takes place, the child will be pious and virtuous.

(24) It is recommended that the couple should pass urine as soon as they are free from the sexual activity, it would protect them from urinal track diseases.

(25) 70% virgin girls do not bleed upon having sex for the first time. It is a myth and completely false that bleeding translates to the proof of purity. This has been medically proved. Men have this misconception that if a girl does not bleed she is not virgin. Due to this innumerable marriages have been broken.

7. When sexual intimacy should be avoided:

Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (as) instructed clearly that copulation should not take place on four nights in a year. The child would be born defective if pregnancy took place on these nights. Therefore these nights are not recommended for sex: [25]

Night of 1st Rajab

Night of 15th Shab'an

Night of 1st Shaww'al, Eid al-Fitr

Night of 10th Zilhajjah, Eid al-Adha.

It is also not allowed during the post-natal bleeding period (40 days).

It is not allowed during menses and prohibited by the Shariah.

It is not allowed during day time in Ramad'an because of the Siy'am.

It is not allowed when a person is in Ehr'am during Haj or Umrah.

It is not allowed during frightful natural occurrences, eclipse, hurricane, earthquake, flash of lightning.

It is not allowed from Sunset till Maghrib.

It is not allowed from dawn till sunrise.

If one does not follow the injunctions it is possible that the child conceived may be deformed.

8. Manners of sexual intercourse prescribed by Islam:

Husband should never forget that Allah has created his wife with the same desires. Asbagh bin Nubatah transmitted from Amir al-Mumineen, Ali Ibn Abi Talib (as): [26]

"Allah has created sexual desires in ten parts of the human body and conferred nine of them to the women and one to the man. Allah also conferred a part of Haya to women and very often husband ignores the desire of his wife on account of her Haya."

Amir al-Mumineen, Ali (as) has clarified that when you are aroused, do not make haste in fulfilment because a wife, too, has desire (which must be fulfilled).

Rasulullah(S) declared it unpleasant to discuss the sexual experience of a couple amongst their friends. Rasulallah (S) declared this practice shameful and a sign of illiteracy. Rasulallah (S) said: [27]

“In Qiyamah, that person holds the worst position near Allah who discussed and spread the secrets of his wife regarding their intimate experiences.”

This law applies equally upon the women too. Rasulallah (S) clearly warned: [28]

“Among those who will be in the worst position in Allah's sight on the Day of Resurrection is the man who has intercourse with his wife, and she with him, and then he spreads her secret.”

To set the mood, little signals should begin well in advance so that the wife expects what is coming. Regarding intimacy, all men know that they cannot achieve sexual fulfilment if they are not aroused. They should also realise that it is actually harmful and painful for the female organs to be used for sex without proper preparation. In simple biological terms, the woman's private parts need a kind of natural lubrication prior to penetration. For this, Allah has created special glands which provide the necessary ‘lubricant’. Abi Abdullah Al Imam Jafar us-Sadiq (as) elucidating upon this guidance further explained that equal sexual desire between the husband and wife is the best. A Hadith guides as follows: [29]

“When any of you goes to his wife, he should not make haste and should not go to them like birds (that he should not discharge before the fulfilment of his wife's desire, but as far as possible he should delay it)”.

Another Hadith informs: [30]

Sexual intercourse should not be performed like cocks (birds); but first of all the man should stimulate her by talking, kissing and touching as foreplay and after that he should begin intercourse”.

There is another Hadith in “Wasail”: [31]

“None of you should engage in sex with your wife like an animal, but should keep a messenger between your spouses.” When it was asked as to what was meant by a ‘messenger’, Rasulallah (S) explained: [32]

“It meant lovely talks and touches and kisses.”

“Zabidi” adds: [33]

“This should include not only the cheeks and lips; ... he should caress the breast and every part of her body.”

9. Why is Ghusul (bath) compulsory after copulation?

Writer of "Shara'i al-Islam" advises that after the act the couple should discharge urine; otherwise they will suffer from urinal diseases [34]. It is also recommended that instead of cold water, hot water should be used as it prevents paralysis.

Moreover, without bathing one should not consume food because in Junub (the condition in which bath is Wajib) one is deprived of Barakah and Rahmah. The one who drinks water soon after intercourse invites the disease of Asthma. Furthermore, without bathing one cannot read the Qur'an nor offer ibadah. Husband and wife should also take care that they dry their bodies with separate towels. If both of them would dry their bodies with a single towel, enmity would develop which leads to separation.

The medical reason behind taking bath is that during foreplay the circulation of blood reaches the peak due to which impurities are discharged on account of an increased movement. Other poisonous elements are also released through pores of the body. If in such a condition the skin is not properly cleansed through a bath, the pores of the body remain blocked and other impurities cannot be discharged through secretions therefore impurities remain in the blood and it creates other diseases e.g. pain in joints, stomach trouble and cough. This is why ignoring bath after intercourse is an open invitation for diseases. A Hadith communicates: [35]

"Indeed women (wives) are a source of Sakun (pleasure) so benefit from them."

The following verses of Amir al-Mumineen (as) are relevant: [36]

"Aflaha Man Kana Lahu Muzakhkha;
Yuzakhkuha Summa Yanaamu Fakhkha".

That man is victorious who has a wife;
With whom he enjoys and then sleeps peacefully

In conclusion I request all those responsible, especially the parents, educationists, media and the Ministry of Education that sex education be provided from the Islamic perspective to children from the age 12 to 16 years. It is highly preferable that youngsters learn these facts in the classroom, rather than through consumption of pornographic content. Children need to know the essential facts about sex. There is a difference of approach between Muslim and non-Muslim societies regarding the philosophy of sex. In non-Muslim societies the only purpose of sexual contact is satisfaction. Islam, however, is the only religion which has termed sexual contact between husband and wife first as Nafil Ibadah, and then as love, devotion, affection, pleasure and fulfilment of desire.

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[Additional Note] In Islamic terminology a 'day' ends with the sunset and at the same time the next day begins as opposed to the system that has currently become dominant where a day starts at 00:00, i.e. midnight. Subsequently, under this current system, a day consists of a dark part –from midnight 00:00 to sunrise, the daylight part – from sunrise to sunset, and the second dark part from sunset to midnight 00:00. In the Islamic terminology a day consists of two parts – the dark and the daylight. The day starts with the dark part – eve or night – which is from Maghrib to Fajr, and the daylight part, which is from Fajr to Maghreb. So the Eve of Friday starts when the sun sets on Thursday. In other words Thursday ends when the sun sets, while at the same time Friday begins, starting with its eve.

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