

Introduction

A. Who needs this book?

This book is compiled for those intending to marry in the near future or the newly married people. In this short handbook we have tried to put things in a nutshell. It is recommended to do a detailed reading of other books on marriage, references of which are given at the end of this book.

B. Why do we need to know the rules?

It is the duty of every Muslim to follow the Islamic laws not only in matters of prayers and fasting but in all his actions. Islam has well defined rules about marriage and sex too. So if you want to follow Islam fully, then you must know the Islamic rules and regulations governing married life. Islam has never repressed the natural feelings of human beings but provides rules that are divine.

This will not only enable you to be faithful to your religion but would also shield you from the barrage of sex literature that portrays this natural instinct as one that must be left uncontrolled. Western sexual morality permits many things that are prohibited in Islam. The reason for the prohibition of certain actions is not to act as an infringement of an individual's freedom but because Islam is concerned not only with your physical well being but also your spiritual enhancement. Moreover, we can see the degradation of society where absolute sexual freedom prevails.

C. Main Objective of the book

The commencement of a new life takes place through marriage. If Islamic rules are known and followed, the child born will be chaste.

Insha'Allah our progeny can then be capable of being the Imam's (A.S.) followers.

This is the main objective of the book.

Note

Islamic Marriage is of two types; permanent and temporary (*Muta'*). Since this book was compiled mostly for those entering into a permanent alliance, the topic of *Muta'* has not been covered.

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