

## **POLYGAMY “IMPORTANCE, BENEFITS & HAZARDS.”**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The following topic is very significant. Even through many researchers have explained the topic of multiple marriages / polygamy and a lot of researchers has also been done also on this topic so far. But the angle through which I have investigated the topic new diverse. Light has not only been send on why men seek multiple marriages but I have also explained psychosexual desire and the mean to satisfy ones psychosomatic desires. Moreover, I have also discussed in detail the reasons that presummarize men to involve in the act of multiple marriages. All they the sexual desires I both man and women are the same and both the genders seek pleasure and conventional, yet the necessity, importance benefits and hazards have also been discussed. Moreover, here the evils that have crept into the society through this act can be renowned, has also been suggested in this paper. A part from the increasing population of women in our society, it has indeed because a need for women also. Therefore, if women allow their men (husbands) to go ahead for further marriages and permit them to fulfil their sexual desires, this will put an end to this evil that is spreading like fire in the society.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This research concludes that maintaining sexual relations is not a crime, rather even the religion Islam has set certain guidelines for this and has granted permission to men and women in this respect. The best example that we find in our religion is of our Holy Prophet (may peace be upon him). Through this act only men can keep themselves away from sins and evil practices but even these women who never get married go to their eternal bed without getting married, can be. Moreover, here the evils that have crept into the society through this act can be renowned, has also been suggested in this paper. A part from the increasing population of women in our society, it has indeed become a need for women also. Therefore, if women allow their men (husbands) to go ahead for further marriages and permit them to fulfil their sexual desires, this will put an end to this evil that is spreading like fire in the society.

Thus, this research concludes that maintaining sexual relations is not a crime, rather even the religion Islam has set certain guidelines for this and has granted permission to men and women in this respect. The best example that we find in our religion is of our Holy Prophet (may peace be upon him). Through this act only men can keep themselves away from sins and evil practices but even these women who never get married go to their eternal bed without getting married, can be times, even earlier than the propagation of Islam. According to all heavenly and our heavenly religions that exist in this world, great significance has been given to the marriage ceremony (Nikkah) from the social, cultural, physical, sexual, biological, religious,

psychological and even instinctively great importance has been paid to the concept of marriage in all religions of the world, with the only difference in its ways and customs. Even through in defining relationships a man can have a number of wives which is referred to as multiple marriages.

To maintain conjugal relations with women is the basic requirement of a legal marriage. The way a human body needs sleeps, rest, food etc., in the same way marriage is also a very important institution of our lives. Because this bondage treat is created by marriage keeps the man and women dose to each other, actually of the sexually, marriage is also the fulfilment of sexual desires of men. In this research I have proved that polygamy is a very to express the Physical needs of a body that craves for it. Neither any society, more any religions conditions institution of marriage.Hence, this research slung on the importance of marriages.

In the religion Islam, multiple marriages are permissible. In the societies of Europe and for East the right of women have been exploited up to such an extent that unrest is spreading in the society. Multiple marriages are a societal issue. Europe presents the same thing in an entirely difficult manner. Even though they are not legally or religions following the rules to enter in to the agreement of multiple marriages but neither are they abstaining themselves and keeping then away from maintaining relations with women but are involved in this secretly. This fulfilment of the desires lead to social and societal unrest .Whereas Islam is such a comprehensive religion that it gives men and women the right to many more them one time but has also framed certain rules that all Muslim men and women have to follow Islam, does not condemn women no matter what relation she has, whether a mother, daughter, sister or wife.

Thus, Islam perches that men should satisfy their carnal pleasures through multiple marriages. This has been laid down also to say men from the

unlawful act of forcefully fulfilling their sexual desires. This also saves the society from performing into any immoral practices.

### **English terminology for a number of marriages:**

Polygamy is reference to a situational where one can keep more than one wives or a number of wives. But there was also a time where used to keep more than one husband to gain honour and respect for the family.<sup>1</sup>

“**When a man keeps a number of wives at the same time, it is referred to as polygamy/ multiple marriages.**”<sup>2</sup>

### **Reasons of Multiple Marriages/ Polygamy**

The origin of multiple marriages has existed in this world since the very beginning. In doing so (marrying a number of women) a man develops physical relation or conjugal relation with all the women he has mined. In the way a man and women get involved in physical relations with women .In Islam, Muslim have been given permission to many more than one women. According to Allah in the Holly Quran!

“**So the women that you like, two, three, four and many them.**” (Surah Al-nisa-4:3)

God Almighty who has related man knows and is well familiar with him. The principles of Islam have also been framed in such a way that man can comply with them. It has been made permissible in Islam that man can many and keeps four wives but not more those four. But this can only done if the husband treats all four of his wives equally. Nature has made man stronger in every scuse that is why the religion Islam permits a man to keep four wives at the same time. Whereas the physical desires one found in both men and women.

A man has many things that he must that why he looks forward to keep more than one wife.

1. During few days of every month it's not a desirable for the man to get into physical contact with the woman because it has been trend as haram.

2. The other reason is pregnancy, during the last few months" women"s pregnancy she does not raven in such a condition to get in physical contact with her husband.<sup>3</sup>

3. The third main reason is maternity, after delivering a child the women bleeding for forty days during which she is not fit to fulfil her duties. Moreover a woman is not able to copulate until she feeds her children.<sup>3</sup>

All these reasons of staying away from the husband are applicable only on women, not on men. Thus, if a man"s wife is passing through this day and he feels the desire of copulating, he will have to options to go to a woman. Therefore, more than one marriage has been made (halal) legal in the religion Islam. This is especially for those men who are sexually very strong and strongly feel the need to do sex with wives. So when the wife is unable to get involved with them in this act, they can go to their other wife rather than going to one night strands for the sake of fulfilling their sexual desires Islam has given men the permission to many and keep four wives at a time to save them from universal practices.

Man has always been in need of woman. He has always tried to derive benefit from women and seek and satisfy his pleasures even if he has to give her torture. History has proved that nothing can control a men"s desires except the fear of God. <sup>4</sup>

**A Ilama Sheikh Abdul Aziz Shah Dash Misri**, former professor at the University of Oxford and Cambridge has slated regarding this Complex matter of a women"s physical desires in his book.

**“The Nature of Religion.”**

“The Europeans have claimed in their books that the religion Islam allow its followers to many more than one woman. If these Arabs would know the

reading of the book of Allah, they would never have associated any such things with it which are against the teaching of Islam.”<sup>5</sup>

If polygamy was error for prophets and religions then the last of prophets before. Prophet of Islam religion and dates of religious leaders should be considered. Who doesn't know that our prophet Hazrat Dawood (As) had more than one hundred (100) wives and his son, Hazard Suleiman in had seven hundred (700) wives and three hundred misters. Even in Protestants, a branch of Christianity which is “Marmon” does not limit on the number of marriages a man does.

From religions scholars tell Sufis and saints no one ever worried about the number of wives they had their chambers were always occupied by beautiful women. Even the practices and scholar and Hinduism never restricted themselves from keeping a number of wives, mistunes' and prostitutes.<sup>6</sup>

In the must it has been proved through study that permission to keep more than one wife open the door to control once desires, but if we pay attention on what our religion says multiple marriages/ Polygamy have been allowed in our religion to stop these desires. Thus many its and evils that take birth in he society can be put to our end with the help of multiple marriages/polygamy.

### **SOCIAL ILLS:**

Prostitution and desires that are associated with it illegal pregnancy, the problems of ill-legitimate child birth and children and most of all the problems of those women who are left unmarried due to the minority of the male sex.<sup>7</sup>

**Well known scholar Herbert Spencer**, who is a famous specialist in gender, **Kenneth Walker and** other famous scholars of the most are fond of the concept of keeping more than one wife. They not only agree to thus due to various theories that have been proved but they strongly agree to it because of

their personal experiences. This was done because their bothers had restricted the concept of multiple marriages/ polygamy due to which they got involved with women in ill-legal relations. This same rise to ill-legitimate children and those women who were only used by men for their pleasure but these men were never ready to take the responsibility of these women. Thus, giving rise to such problems that will never end until et these women get worried to such men and they (men) accept them (women) as their responsibilities. Women these days have accepted this (polygamy) as basic needs. Even women are expressing the need of such marriages without any institution which is proved by the current statement of British famous lady Mrs. Fasten.

When we look at those women of the rest who gather on the road at night, we are forced to say that the west by what way opposes polygamy.

It is best for the women of the west and also respect full that she remains within the boundaries of Islam and follows the rules of Multiple marriages.<sup>8</sup>

**MullanaEhtashamUIHaqThanvi** in one of his notes (32) on multiple marriages said;

**“If the evils of the European society are left out and attention is paid on the contents over ones desires and multiple marriages, it can make things better.”**

For example in some country the number of males is less than the number of females and females are three times more than the males. Like now a day is the situation in Japan. In such situations  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of the women remain depend of marriages. Thus, from the social and cultural point of view this is a big nuisance more than one woman? Moreover can manner not protect then honour in this way?”<sup>9</sup>

Islam is the religion of nature and perches the right way. That is why it has allowed the concept many marriages like in battles and after wars, when women are left of all alone, without any shelter and protections; also those

orphans girls who suffer. Quran has stated the solution of such deprived women in “multiple marriages”. This practices was very common in early days among Muslims.

Thus, the concept of polygamy was present in many religions especially in the east, even before the time of our Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) but it was one in the most shameful and disgusting manners and women were only being used as a that for doing sex and fulfilling the sexual desires of men. But Islam taught them a code of life and offered better options and set guidelines for marriages so that the society does not get involved in vices and the man also remains honest.

Thus, Islam gives its people the permission to many more and keep more than one wife. Mumtaz Alum –e- den sheik Ibne Usmaneen (RE) has said! “If someone maintains a balance in making the decision regarding his wives, so after his first wife he can keep second wife and after the second he can keep a third wife. I suggest all men to many four all men to many four women and give birth to four children every year instead of one. Muslim population will increase in this way and this will increase the number of Muslims as compared to non-Muslims and Muslims will also be able to perform better in all skills them non-Muslims<sup>10</sup>

Allah Almighty and our Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw) have given complete guidelines for more than one marriages and making changes and making new rules have been prohibited, because four marriages are enough for a man to take care of and it was very necessary to set a limit to marriages in order to keep themselves (men) and the women safe and healthy. This was done because the need and desires can be well fulfilled by four marriages. Due to this reasons the religion Islam only gives permission to keep four wives and met more than four three are a lot of advantages also of many marriages. If there are advantages there are disadvantages also.



**ADVANTAGES:**

1. Sometime circumstances than out in such a way that second marriage become important, for example; long illness of a wife or when a women is not able to become a mother etc in such cases a second marriage not only same the honour of a family but also stops a man to maintain extra marital relations with other women.

2 Women who many a man get security and shelter.

3. If a man marries more than one woman's other women are benefited who are upending then lives being unmarried and even those are benefited who get old setting at home.

4. In fact as a resent of polygamy doubt full problems(issues, women`s) do not reflect correct reason for its rejection the religion Islam has been spread to provide solutions for the problems that people face in this world . Those things that cause harm and harmful are discouraged by the religion. The fact that polygamy/multiple marriages proves beneficial for the man-kuef cannot be derived in any way. For example; these men who are not desires can get satisfaction by going to his other wives and in this way he is also able to maintains his self-respect.

5. If a woman gets married she can add to the number of Muslim population. This helps widows and these women who spend all then life staying unmarried.

6. In battles a long a number of men die which also decreases the number of male population. So if more than one woman married to a man and rears his children, it might fill this gap. As far as the unpleasantness is caused by keeping more than one wife, the consequences are not intense or they arise because the man does not fulfill his duties towards his wives.<sup>11</sup>

We shall non shed light on the disadvantages of polygamy/ multiple marriages and discuss what harm does it cause to the people living in the society or what harm law it cause in the long run.

There are different wives that people share regarding such marriages.

**Disadvantages of polygamy / more than one marriages:**

1. However whatever may be the position of polygamy and whatever may be the number of women, ethics of both affected in the society marriage to marriages.
2. There is one disadvantages of polygamy that many women gather in a house but the one who is most beautiful or wealthy her level is high and is very close and living to her husband whereas the others are like maid servant.<sup>12</sup>
3. More disadvantages of polygamy is that actual system of Nikkah is also finished.<sup>13</sup>
4. One more disadvantage is there is load on one father of the whole family inclusive and children and he cannot afford the whole family as a result he is always worried and tension.<sup>14</sup>

Here I would like to quote an example of Nigeria, where polygamy is an advantaged not disadvantaged. What 1<sup>st</sup> wife is called Queen and occupies central position. She selects 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> wives. The second helps senior in maintain home and look after all children and 3<sup>nd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> go for job and assist the family and husband to meet all aspect strong financial position and they lead a happy life.”

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**Polygamy a Tool for controlling Corruption:**

Famous sexual expert **James Hilton** has suggested polygamy for revolve/ eradication of vulgarity and adulteration. According to him an unchanged a

fixed method of marriage (Monogamy) result in vulgarity where as if there is a flexibility than vulgarity can be avoid.<sup>15</sup>

Famous sex expert “**Gallin chain** in his book “**Human Love**” writes!

If reach and wealthy person are given chance for polygamy notable the financial problem of women is solved but corruption in also be decreased. But besides all these facts, temporary or permanent sexual relation and free love amongst people in western countries with mutual till will take the place of polygamy instead of Monogamy and no force can stop this change because the condition and circumstances are totally in favor of this.”<sup>16</sup>

Further according to Gallin chain:

**“Man is motivated toward polygamy”**

Finally due to commendable circumstances and need for polygamy, Islam has permitted polygamy with condition of justice with all wives and it is better than the person become committed for unethical, unnatural, unlawful, and against sheria for his actions.

## **CONCLUSION:**

After a sound research on this topic we reach to this conclusion that Islam is a natural religion and Quran its spokesman, hence Islam has permitted polygamy because it is very much relation to natural process. But Islam does not make it compulsion a Fars or Sunna that man should show justice and equal rights to all wives of he can afford all of them and fulfill all their responsibility but if he can’t do so he is not permitted to go for polygamy. Man is saved from adulteration and illegal act due to polygamy. It is became some people when not satisfy with one women go for take whatever step for their satisfaction that will be wrong, illegal and haram. It is better to go for polygamy for a man in order to save himself from “sin” and haram because this will make a good environment but also will save the society from sexual

vulgarity(jinsy be hayaai).Therefore polygamy is such is pillar and applicable method through which man and woman can satisfy their sexual need. Because existence of woman even with all its beauty and attraction is incomplete without any men as the first step in the create becomes the symbol for complete existence. Therefore in present period polygamy is also a need for women because number of girls in more than number of men are due to this can balanced number marriage of virgin girls has become a problem and waiting for their marriage they reach at the door of old age and the world population increases the number of girls will also increase. At the same time when the population of virgin girls is at the head what will happen to widows and divorced for their great loss. Today if all the religions of the world adopt the procedure of Polygamy like Islamic law of divorce and “khula” then disrespect of women will be finished and all the number of virgin girls will be reduced. This show that under unavoidable circumstances men has ordered polygamy on the basis of total needs under the condition of justice and equality.

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