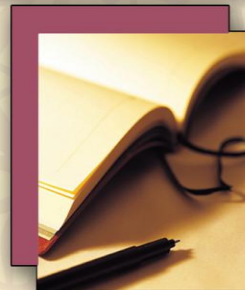
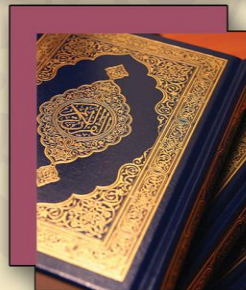
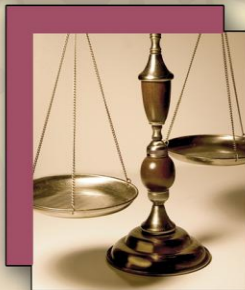


# STATUS OF WOMEN IN ISLAM

The status of women in Islam is often interpreted in ways that are sexist and not true to the true teachings of equality in the Qur'aan and the model provided by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Islam gave women rights over 1400 years ago which they had never been granted before during the era of Jahiliyyah (ignorance)

## OVER 1400 YEARS AGO:-

- Islam and the Qur'aan declared women and men equal in creation.
- Islam gave women the right and duty to obtain education.
- Islam condemned pre-Islamic practices degrading and oppressing women.
- The right to express their opinion and be heard.
- The same injunctions and prohibitions of Islam equally apply to both sexes.
- Islam gave women the right of inheritance and the right of individual independent ownership of a property unhampered by anyone.
- Islam gave women the right to accept, reject or negotiate a marriage proposal free from pressure.
- The right to obtain a divorce from her husband on bad grounds. She can also gain custody of their children after the divorce.
- Women were given the right to work or trade to earn money if they so wished. Her earnings are her own to do with as she chooses, as it is the duty of the Muslim man to provide all the necessities for his family.
- As far as religious obligations are concerned, a woman is to be considered not much different than a man with regards to her responsibilities towards God and has equality of reward for equal deeds.



## THE HEAD-COVERING (HIJAB) - VEIL

Muslim women wear the head-covering (hijab) and sometimes a veil that covers the face except for the eyes, in fulfilment of God's decree to dress modestly. From a practical standpoint, it serves to identify one as attempting to follow God in daily life and, therefore, protects women from unwanted advances from men. This type of modest dress has been worn by righteous women throughout history. Prominent examples are traditional Catholic Nuns and the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus. The rule of dressing modestly also applies to men