Model wives in Quran, the book of revelation

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Abstract

Human development of women in the light of the divine law of Islam is indubitable. In this paper, the influential angles of the biography of brave and role model wives mentioned in our holy book, the Quran, are considered. Those women who could get along with their husbands enduring figures leave behind. Drawing portraits of women and splendid spouses are to explain the values of Muslim ladies. This article template for unveiling the issue in a library research method. These women never lost their hopes and attention to God in any severe circumstances, such as Asiye as the wife of Pharaoh, the great pagan of his time, and others like Zakariya’s wife who accompanied his husband until death. It’s clear that women with such history in the path of righteousness deserve receiving the message of God and this revealed proof of the claim of sex equality in the area of faith and piety.

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Introduction
Wide society of women comprises more than half of the population of human beings. Understanding the moral, psychological characteristics, needs, abilities, and subtle aspects of women's wonderful world have significant position in the society. Without this awareness, it's not possible to use the power, emotions, and perceptions of women in negative or positive dimensions. The holy Quran opened the path of moral behaviour for women, so that reminded the wife of Pharaoh as the pattern for all believers since the good women and holy patterns can be good for others.

This article examines the sample women in the form of role model of Quran's wives and discusses the duties and tasks of women regarding other family members, especially for the sake of husband; then, we comprehend the real face of Muslim women and the height of the female character in Islam. The women who follow the proverbs, words, and patterns of Quran are the example of sample people who ranked higher than men and men must also pattern of them.

The methodology of this research is still based on library procedure analysis regarding the descriptive form and practical attitude. The important sources used interpretive books and other books like Javadi Amoli's one named 'women in the mirror of beauty and virtue'.

Sareh, the wife of Abraham, Biography, Sareh's virtue
Sareh was a woman of virtue and goodness of God, including the ladies was addressed by God and the divine inspiration angels and she could hear and speak to them and she was the cousin of the Prophet Abraham. The mother of Abraham and the mother of Sareh are twins and they were the daughters of the Prophet Laheghe. Sareh's father was a man, her mother was Varghase and her brother was the Prophet Lout. She was a pretty and wealthy woman who set her assets in the access of her husband to accomplish his mission of prophecy. She married the prophet Abraham at the age of 36 and supported him completely. Due to her spirit of God, she defended Abraham before the marriage and even during the incident of fire drop. She heard the voices of inspiration and at the age of 99, she was the owner of Ishaq (Shiravani, 2000).

The inspiration of child to Sareh
Love to guests, the contents of Abraham and higher than that the affection of God for Sareh provided her full faith to where she spoke to the angels and heard them. The same spirituality led to God reward this devoted wife in an old age and announced her for children that each would have the Prophet mission.

In this field, we expressed the words of Javadi Amoli (1992) that God explained the Sareh's state when she heard the voice of God, " And his wife was standing (by), so she laughed, then We gave her the good news of Ishaq and after Ishaq of (a son’s son) Yaqoub".(Surah Hud, 71).

So we proclaimed him to Ishaq and after Ishaq to Yaqoub; meant that besides children, we announced him for grandchildren, then his wife said, "Oh my God, Am I bringing children while I am an old woman and my husband is old too?" Angels told her,"Do you excite of God's command? This is the mercy and bless of God for the prophecy and you have seen so much of these blesses" (Shiravani, 2000). In this regard, the direct contact of Sareh with God's angels and
accompanying Abraham in getting God's words lead to introduction of unification and continuous generation of prophets as the witness of greatness and purity.

The death of Sareh
There's no accurate news about the date of her death but some historians had mentioned that she was 127 years old when she died and she was in the village of Kanaan's traitors. Some said that she lived after Hajaar. It's true that Hajaar died after Sareh (Khoramshahi, 1988).

Properties and Sareh's virtues, Companions of angels
Sareh is overwhelmed with faith and she accompanied the angels and spoke to them. The reward of this devoted wife was to be announced that she had a child similar Ishaq and for Ishaq a child as the same as Yaqoub. God said, " They said: Do you wonder at Allah’s bidding? The mercy of Allah and His blessings are on you, O people of the house, surely He is Praised, Glorious"(Surah Hud, 73).

Javadi Amoli (1992) said in this issue that it's narrated after receiving the promise, said to Gabriel, "What is the right clue of this good news?" he picked up a dry piece of wood and rolled in drum and it changed to green wood.

Samples of virtue and piety
Abraham and his wife, in the middle of the road during a trip encountered the king of neighbor land; the king looked at Sareh and asked their relation. Abraham knew the king's intention and scared, due to this he said, "She is my sister" but he meant sisterhood in language, religion and humanity. The king supposed that she was widow, then he ordered to take her to his palace. During this, Abraham went to Sareh and asked her to confirm the story and his remarks, and he thanked of goodness and God. Sareh was taken to king's palace and delivered her beautiful clothes and jewels but she didn't show any affection to them. She just thought about her husband. When the king saw Sareh in that case, he tried to relieve her grief and sorrow, but he got angry of her, since he couldn't get to her. Then, he was afraid of Sareh and when he slept, he dreamed the truth and he knew that she had a husband and he should never rape her; so, he let her go and gave her Hajaar as the servant and sent her back to her husband".(Shiravani, 2003).

Hospitality of Sareh
Hospitality was one of the unique features of Sareh which was mentioned in Quran, too. God said, "Has there come to you information about the honored guests of Ibrahim?" (Surah Adh Dhariyatud, 24). He was so kind and hospitable and Sareh was so skillful in performing the ceremonies in a way that she prepared a roast beef for her guests in a short time. God said, "And certainly our messengers came to Ibrahim with good news. They said: Peace. Peace, said he, and he made no delay in bringing a roasted calf"(Surah Hud, 69). One of the principles of hospitality is that the food should be prepared in a short time since the quests, especially if they were passengers, often were hungry and weary, so they needed food and rest, and their meal should be prepared as soon as possible to provide them enough time to relax. Sareh treated the guests like this and she was ready for their services (Majlesi, 1981).
Zakariya's wife, biography, Zakariya and his wife desires

Isabat was the wife of the Prophet Zakariya and the aunt of Maryam the prophet. She was known as the humble woman. Many years passed they were old and didn't have any child and they were sterile (Soleimani, 2010). God said, " And Zakariya, when he cried to his Lord: O my Lord leave me not alone; and Thou art the best of inheritors"(Surah Al Anbiya, 89). Zakariya was in the hope of a child who followed his divine programs and finished his incomplete campaign and stood against others who wanted to grasp at the properties in the temple of Israel. Meanwhile, he requested a noble child with all his heart from God and called for God with a prayer that overwhelmed with politeness. So, he said while praying God. "There did Zakariya pray to his Lord; he said: My Lord! Grant me from Thee good offspring; surely Thou art the Hearer of prayer"(Surah Al 'Imran, 38).

God announced him of a child in his words in which 'Jesus' was confirmed. "Then the angels called to him as he stood praying in the sanctuary: That Allah gives you the good news of Yahya verifying a Word from Allah, and honorable and chaste and a prophet from among the good ones"(Surah Al 'Imran, 39).

The role of devotion of Maryam in demand of Zakariya

After Zakariya adopted Maryam, he was surprised about the divine goodness to Maryam and attracted to the spiritual virtues of Maryam and he wished God awarded him a child like her; thus, he worshiped God to give him a divine generation. Zakariya has seen the characteristics of Maryam and wished to have such a child as noble as she was. Since her features were the sign of God. Since many years had passed of the life of Zakariya and his wife and regarding the normal standards, it was impossible for them to have child. It was God’s favour for them to have a child. When Zakariya worshiped God, he asked God to have a child (Makarem Shirazi, 1997).

Announcement of angels of Yahya’s birth

When he was at alter and praying God, the angels called him and announced him of Yahya’s birth while the word of God recognized the Christ and announced as the noble generation. Thus Allah dedicated Yahya to Zakariya. Due to accompanying Zakariya, his wife honoured to be a noble person and merited to be given a child.

The features and virtues, Isaat as the model purity

Isaat, the Zakariya's wife, was mentioned in Quran as the model woman of charity and she was known as owning outstanding features like obedience of God and husband and hope to God’s favour. One of the most prominent qualities is to be the wife of Zakariya and raising Yahya as the divine child to follow his programs and accomplish his incomplete campaign (Shiravani, 1997).

Prominent features of Zakariya and his wife

God expressed prominent features of Zakariya and his wife in Quran, " So We responded to him and gave him Yahya and made his wife fit for him; surely they used to hasten, one with another In deeds of goodness and to call upon Us, hoping and fearing and they were humble before Us""(Surah Al Anbiya, 90).
The Queen of Sheba, Biography of the Queen
Belghis the daughter of the kings of the Sheba ruled great and far-reaching realm and she had lots of troops there. The Suleiman and Queen of Sheba’s story was mentioned in Quran in details (Naml Surah).

Her governance
Queen of Sheba governed the Sheba country in the Suleiman era and he wasn’t aware of her government. Suleiman with a group of the hosts had gone to Syria to the path of Jerusalem and after finishing his work he went to Mecca. He settled in the land of Mecca and for a while and then he took a decision to return. In the way back, he reached the land of “Sanaa” in Yemen and they were in demand of water, after searching many places, they couldn’t find any.

The role of Hoopoe in the fate of Belghis
Suleiman understood the language of birds and sent them sometimes after the mission where the hoopoe called him to send in search of water but he did not find it. Sworn that if he has good reason for his absence did not punish him hard. Soon the hoopoe returned to Suleiman, he said that I am informed it that you do not know it, and you've got definite news from the land of Sheba.
Hoopoe observed that if the rage on the face of Suleiman and to solve problems first implicitly expressed his short story as an important issue even the King Suleiman with all the knowledge was not aware of it when the anger subsided.
Hoopoe said bluntly, my absence had a major reason; I've brought you news of it. Hoopoe in the story as saying:
"I found her and her people adoring the sun instead of Allah, and the Shaitan has made their deeds fair-seeming to them and thus turned them from the way, so they do not go aright" (Surah An Naml, 24).
Their religious and spiritual situation further determined that they are mired in idolatry and the government promoted the chameleon. Its pagodas and other things that they insisted in the wrong way and loved it. And in such circumstances, the people and government were in a line, directing them seemed very unlikely (Makarem Shirazi, 1997).
Suleiman listened to the words of Hoopoe carefully and pondered.
Suleiman believed that this news may be more right for this to more research in this area must be done. Then, "He said: We will see whether you have told the truth or whether you are of the liars"(Surah An Naml, 27).

Lifesaver Letter
Suleiman didn't charge Hoopoe and he didn't reject the saying without recognized reason; however, Suleiman wrote a very brief and profound letter and gave it to hoopoe and said," Take this my letter and hand it over to them, then turn away from them and see what (answer) they return"(Surah An Naml, 28).
Queen of Sheba was aware of the content of the opened letters and the name and fame of Suleiman, and the content of the letter showed that a new decision about the Land of Sheba made
and because of the important issues to saline country with his entourage and invited them to the meeting and told them:
She said: O chief! Surely an honourable letter has been delivered to me”.
But truly the queen of Sheba had not seen the messenger, but by reading the message, a sense of the authenticity of the letter was achieved, and there was no possibility that the letter was unknown?
Or she saw the messenger with their own eyes and the wondrous situation on the evidence of this fact was that it was not a normal issue. Whatever it was, he confidently relied on it.
This was the Queen said that the letter was valuable may be due to its deep content, dating back to the name of God and ending with the proper signature of the King or the sender was magnanimous person and may all be together in a holistic concept.

The management Queen of Sheba
The Queen mentioned the letter and said:
"Surely it is from Suleiman, and surely it is in the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful" (Surah An Naml, 30).
It seems unlikely that Suleiman wrote the letter with the words and Arabic words. Therefore, the above sentences can be summarized the letter of a Suleiman told the Queen for her nation.

The content of the Suleiman's letter:
Interestingly, the theme of this letter was not more than three sentences:
Including the name of God and described the expression of mercy and Rhythm;
Recommendation to control the source of many evils of passion and leave the individual and social hegemony; and devoted to the Allah.

Saba's people tend to War:
The queen of Sheba said to her people: She said: O chiefs! Give me advice respecting my affair: I never decide an affair until you are in my presence (Surah An Naml, 32).
In response to her words, they said: We are possessors of strength and possessors of mighty prowess, and the command is yours, therefore see what you will command (Surah An Naml, 33).
Thus, both showed their submission to His commandments and their willingness to rely on the power and presence on the battlefield.
When the Queen saw their interests at heart of war while she did not wish to do it, she said: Surely the kings, when they enter a town, ruin it and make the noblest of its people to be low, and thus they (always) do (Surah An Naml, 34).
Queen of Sheba, after hearing a report with a number of people came and people of Suleiman decided to personally investigate the matter to determine what the ritual was.

Lady Asiyeh, Biography of Prophet Asiyeh:
The wife of Pharaoh was Asiyeh and his father's name was Farahm. She was one of sample female in the Quran. Asiyeh means ASEAN which is a sad woman.
Asiyeh was introduced as a model of faith in the Qur'an as his faith was so that over the centuries different cited her in the Qur'an as an example of the good believers. And Pharaoh's wife said: A
refreshment of the eye to me and to you; do not slay him; maybe he will be useful to us, or we may take him for a son; and they did not perceive" (Surah Al Qasas, 9).

And in other Surah said: And Allah sets forth an example to those who believe the wife of Pharaoh when she said: My Lord! Build for me a house with Thee in the garden and deliver me from Pharaoh and his doing, and deliver me from the unjust people (Surah Al Tahrim, 11).

The death of Asiyeh:
In some traditions when Pharaoh was informed that his wife believed in God, he ordered her to return to skepticism. She did not accept to worship anyone other than God, Pharaoh ordered a large stone on her head so that she crushed under the stone.

Conclusion
According to opinions expressed in this research, I get to the conclusion that although the circumstances of each society has a profound effect on women's lives, contrary to public perceptions, women have a greater impact on society because they are in the heart of the community and especially family emotional soul, the spouse. Review of women's lives and examples mentioned in the Qur'an teaches us that in the most difficult situations with patience a person can be cleared while not despair of God's mercy. Being a woman is never a source of humiliation and low, what can be proud of and what could be a source of pride, faith and practice that both men and women can afford competent of his possessed duty.
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