

Vulgarization of Sacred

In this age of turmoil, confusion and hostilities the easiest way of becoming famous, respectable and getting labeled as intellectual is to write a book (or even an article) presenting Islam in bad manner.

If you are not Muslim, you may be a cartoonist, film maker or even Pope, produce something inconsistent, non-factual, illogical but full of slanders and insults, you get an immediate recognition. You are bound to be a hero, a great academician, a great thinker and visionary. Baseless, dishonest, shameless and most of the times idiotic writings will be above condemnation since "freedom of expression" is the holy cow especially in case of Muslims and their Prophet.

In case you are a Muslim and want to gain quick name and fame, start condemning Islam. The probability of your becoming an instant celebrity is almost 1 (in other words most certain).

Whether it is a fiction written by Salman Rushdie or some cheap memoirs written by Taslima Nasreen, it is bound to be great hit. These authors' own characters are despicable but they have full liberty to character-assassinate the men and women of highest characters. There are many such 'great' names. They write nothing worthwhile but their net worth increases exponentially.

Now we have a new name in the list of those "enlightened authors". This time the woman appears to be very pious outwardly and she claims so too. If you want to see the innocent face of this new author, please [click here](#). What a nice appearance! This is how she appeared during a long interview at Al Arabia TV. Her name is Bassant Rashad. She is a graduate in Psychology from Alexandria University's College of Arts.

To me it appears that she wrote the book with the sole intention of becoming controversial and notoriously famous. She pretends that she has done a great research work but instead of submitting her work in a serious research journal, she released the book in an international book exhibition. Now she regularly appears on TV and articles are being written for and against her. She gets threatening messages and thus she has achieved her objective of gaining instant fame. Not only this woman author, but her publisher also (who is responsible to get this book released with a bang) has become very prominent.

This controversial book has been condemned by the greatest Sunni Islamic University in the world viz. Al-Azhar of Cairo, Egypt. Copies of the book have been withdrawn from the shops. Somehow I could get some excerpts from the original through internet. The text is in Arabic. I got few passages translated and they are so disgusting that it became necessary for me to write this article.

Even to discuss this book is too lowly for me but I am doing this to keep my friends aware of the dangers from such writings and to inform my readers what all manipulations are being made from within. What is my suggestion to my friends and youngsters? My advice is to follow the great scholars like those in Al Azhar. **Ignore and discard the book.** The question then arises why I am writing an essay regarding it instead of ignoring it altogether? My answer is simple. Ignore it must; but ignore it knowingly. One should be adept in differentiating what is good and what is evil. After realizing what is dangerous, vicious, and obscene and then discarding it is much more virtuous than just discarding unknowingly.

Coming back to the book, I shall now give some information about it. This book has been released in January 2008. Title of the book is "الحب والجنس في حياة النبي". The simple translation of the book's title is "Love and Sex in the life of Prophet". For a Muslim the title itself is sufficient to throw this book in the nearest trash can. A Muslim is one who reveres, respects and honors the Holy Prophet (peace and blessing upon him). For a believer it is too abject, coarse, contemptible, despicable, disgraceful, dishonorable, offensive and trashy. Only a scandalous and wretched mind could think of such a title.

Now hold your breath. The title is nothing compared to the contents within. Author's opinions, insights and inferences are so vulgar and trashy that I am truly in deep pain even to mention these sickening

rotten thoughts projected here.

The book has a chapter titled "Skill in Bed". It has topic like "French Kiss", "The Art of Lust ", "Sex culture", "The fastest way to ecstasy" etc.

This author has great grudge with Ummul Mumineen Khadija (RA) Ummul Mumineen Aisha(RA) and others. This woman emphasizes that Prophet was always scared of Khadija(Radhi Allah Anha) because of his monetary dependence on her. The great Ayesha (Radhi Allah Anha),has been described as pampered and disobedient. Author also finds many faults with Imam Bukhari. She turns great Muhadith almost into a Majoosi.

This woman says that after the death of Hadrat Khadija (RA), there were 52 ladies in prophet's life. She comes up with the statistics that on average after every 52 days he (pbuh) had a new partner.

I have no courage or patience to throw more light on Bassant's mental and spiritual darkness. She comes up with utter nonsense that too without any reference. She describes her objective as to set right the previous misconceptions and errors. But to me her real objective is very evident. She has debased the decent. She has vulgarized the sacred. She has taken up an indecent and impossible task of lowering the zenith. We must realize how these sources of mischief are growing amongst us and how insensitive and ill-informed we have become. I can't imagine how such trash gets released in book exhibition with great pomp and ministries of religious affairs remain sleeping in Egypt and other Arab countries. This Ummah has recently seen many such characters who think being insane to be same as being academic. Don't you think when we have Taslimas, Rushdies and Rashads within our ranks why should we grudge about people from Holland and Denmark. I shall now not quote her any further in order to preserve my faith as well as sanity.

In her interviews and writings, she tells a lot about the various categories of hadith and the problems therein. Hence I shall just jot down some points only from the greatest source of information viz.Quran.

This lady should be reminded that the Holy Quran says (Surah 33:Verse 6):

النبي اولى بالمؤمنين من انفسهم وازواجه امهاتهم

(The Prophet is nearer to the believers than their selves and his wives are their mothers)

This is a very important statement which describes our relationship with our dearest Master and Patron Syedna Muhammad (pbuh) and his beloved wives. My pen wants to go in detail about the significance of each word of this Ayah but I want to keep my article brief. However the translation itself is enough to ponder on the greatness of these sacred personalities. Some translators have used the words "as Mothers". It is not so. The text says" Mothers" - not "As mothers". They are our mothers, parents' mothers, great parents' mothers and thus any attribute which has been described about one's mother is applicable to them in entirety and with much more emphasis. If any one wants to land in paradise, he or she will have to find it under their sacred feet. How dare a Bassant has the courage to use inappropriate words about Khadija and Ayesha (RA)? She wants to land directly to hell and take all her readers along with her.

Muslims are told not to discuss their own sex lives, leave aside that of their mothers. She is treating them a subject of the test cases for her stupid psychological theories just because she has graduated in psychology. She herself baldly needs a psychiatric treatment Even a humble docile guy when told about her mother's private lives gets furious. If there was any iota of shame and faith left in this woman Bassant Rashad, for the sake of small price she would not have stooped so low. Price of the book is around US\$3.50.

Muslims use the word "Adhwaaje Mut-taheraat" for their reverent mothers since Holy Quran (33:33) has used the term **ويطهرکم تطهیرا** (cleansed to utmost purity). Almighty Allah has described these pious

personalities in such a dignified manner but this woman has different opinion. May Allah protect her. More importantly, May Allah protect the Muslims from her. Aameen.

Quran clearly says (33:32) that the Wives of the Prophet are not like other women, but this non-entity Bassant is adamant to weigh them on the ordinary scales of ordinary women. Tragedy is that this woman has the cheek to use her common yardstick to evaluate even the Holy Prophet(pbuh).

The Holy Quran certifies (53:7) وهو بالافق الاعلى (And he is at the highest horizon).

The Holy Quran proclaims (33:21) لقد كان لكم في رسول الله اسوة حسنة (Indeed the prophet is the perfect model of virtues in all walks of life)

The Holy Quran announces (68:4) وانك لعلى خلق عظيم (you are indeed of outstanding moral character).

In spite of all these and many more such attributes of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) described in the Holy book, this woman insists to paint our master and patron (pbuh) with an altogether different brush.

I feel pity for Bassant Rashad and her likes and stripes. They do not know what they are doing.

When non-entities like Bassant pass judgment on the character of the Holy Prophet and his beloved wives, it hurts, annoys, aggrieves and torments Rasool Allah (and hence Allah the Almighty.)

Just to warn these Bassant Rashads, I shall quote only one Ayah. Quran (33:57) says:

ان الذين يؤذون الله ورسوله لعنهم الله في الدنيا والخرة واعد لهم عذابا مهينا

(Surely, those who annoy/hurt/cause pain to Allah and His messenger, Allah afflicts them with a curse in this life, and in the Hereafter. He has prepared for them a shameful retribution.)

I shall now like to add few words for those who are sympathetic to such writers. They consider these authors great scholars since these authors appear to be very credible. These sympathizers claim that these non conventional authors quote Quran, authentic Hadith and passages from renowned and respected scholars. In reply I have to just say that from these great reservoirs the bee sucks the honey but the spider sucks the poison. Moreover it is well known that devil always quotes the scriptures.

One way of Allah's curse and punishment is that people get attracted to these trashes in the name of intellectual pursuits. May Allah grant us discerning minds and protect us from Rushdies and Rashads and their writings and also from those who favor such writings. Aameen !

Some friends ask me what we should do of such authors. My humble opinion is that violence against such characters makes them more heroes like. Our enemies get the chance of further maligning us. Best is to be aware of these **FITNAs** (roots of all problems) and guard our selves. As regards tackling these authors, Allah the Almighty has his superb plans and methods. We should always keep in mind verses like 33:57 mentioned above. At other place, in Ayah 108:3 Allah comforts His messenger (pbuh) by saying: ان شانئك هو الابتر (Indeed your enemies, your tormentors will be cut-off; having no posterity)

I shall like to conclude here with full confidence that this short essay of mine will be useful in informing as well as alarming the readers. More importantly, it will please our sacred mothers. Each vein passing through their feet is a stream in the gardens of paradise for the believers. We badly need their blessings. Moreover, I am sure that this will bring a sweet smiling glance of admiration from the one who is closer and nearer to me than me. Such a glance of appreciation from our Master (pbuh) is sufficient for the salvation and for the infinite bounties in this life as well as in the Hereafter. Insha Allah.

*Peace and Blessings upon Allah's Habeeb – our Master and Patron -the one who is Mercy for all the worlds
Also Peace& Mercy upon those honorable purified ladies- our mothers, so dear to Allah's Habeeb!!!!*

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