

Surah al-Baqarah ayahs 221-228

These ayahs give us the shariah about some matters for a Muslim society.

Holy Quran 2:221

وَلَا تَنْكِحُوا الْمُشْرِكَاتِ حَتَّى يُؤْمِنَ ۚ وَلَا أُمَّةً مُّؤْمِنَةً خَيْرٌ مِّنْ مُّشْرِكَةٍ وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَتْكُمْ ۚ وَلَا
تُنكِحُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ حَتَّى يُؤْمِنُوا ۚ وَلَعَبْدٌ مُّؤْمِنٌ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ مُّشْرِكٍ وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَكُمْ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ
يَدْعُونَ إِلَى التَّارِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُو إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ بِإِذْنِهِ ۗ وَيُبَيِّنُ آيَاتِهِ لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ
يَتَذَكَّرُونَ

And do not marry polytheistic women until they believe. And a believing slave woman is better than a polytheist, even though she might please you. And do not marry polytheistic men [to your women] until they believe. And a believing slave is better than a polytheist, even though he might please you. Those invite [you] to the Fire, but Allah invites to Paradise and to forgiveness, by His permission. And He makes clear His verses to the people that perhaps they may remember.

One sahabi liked a woman who was not Muslim and he asked the prophet(SAW) if he could marry her. This ayah was revealed prohibiting the Muslim men from marrying polytheistic women , if she becomes a believer then they can marry. you may like a mushrik woman, for her beauty, status, wealth but Allah says that a believing slave woman is better for you than a mushrika. This shows the value of Iman. Same goes for women, do not marry your women to mushrik men. Why are the men being addressed regarding the women, because a woman should be handed over by her father or brother or whoever her wali. A believing slave is better than a mushrik man. The slaves had the lowest status in the society, and still Allah says that a believing slave is better than a wealthy, respectable man. SubhanAllah how Iman elevates your status in Allah's eyes. If one marries a mushrik and gets influenced by him or her then they would take you to eternal hellfire, whereas Allah(SWT) wants forgiveness and Jennah for His believers. Allah has made it clear that no Muslim man or woman can marry a mushrik woman or man. Christians and Jews have a separate position with Allah(SWT), and they are called the people of the book. Muslim men do have permission to marry women of the book, who believe in Allah and the day of judgment, but not recommended.

Holy Quran 2:222

وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْمَحِيضِ ۗ قُلْ هُوَ أَذَىٰ فَاعْتَزِلُوا النِّسَاءَ فِي الْمَحِيضِ ۗ وَلَا تَقْرَبُوهُنَّ حَتَّىٰ يَطْهَرْنَ ۗ فَإِذَا
تَطَهَّرْنَ فَأْتُوهُنَّ مِنْ حَيْثُ أَمَرَكُمُ اللَّهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ وَيُحِبُّ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ

And they ask you about menstruation. Say, "It is harm, so keep away from wives during menstruation. And do not approach them until they are pure. And when they have purified themselves, then come to them from where Allah has ordained for you. Indeed, Allah loves those who are constantly repentant and loves those who purify themselves."

Menstruation blood is unclean, the rest of the body is fine. Azan also means a difficulty. Husband wife can have normal relations during her menses except for sexual relations. When the wife is clean(no more menses) and she has showered then husband can come close and have sexual relations with wife. Allah has ordained for people to have sex from where the menstrual blood flows. Anal sex is kufr. Allah(SWT) loves those who repent to Allah and stay pure. Menstruation should not last for more than 10 days and if there is bleeding in between periods then it is a sign of illness and May require medical attention. On a side note when a girl reaches puberty she is considered an adult, fasting is obligatory for her whatever the age may be. She can get married. During menstruation women do not pray salah, fast or make tawaf. Missed Obligatory fasts are to be made up later, not the salah. Hajj can be performed, except for tawaf and they have to wait to be clean for that, all the rest of the rituals they do as others, like going to Mina, Arafat and Muzdalifa.

Holy Quran 2:223

نِسَاؤُكُمْ حَرْثٌ لَّكُمْ فَأْتُوا حَرْثَكُمْ أَنَّى شِئْتُمْ^ط وَقَدِّمُوا لِأَنفُسِكُمْ^ج وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا
أَنَّكُمْ مُلَاقُوهُ^ظ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Your wives are a place of sowing of seed for you, so come to your place of cultivation however you wish and put forth [righteousness] for yourselves. And fear Allah and know that you will meet Him. And give good tidings to the believers.

Women are like the farmland, it is the husband's responsibility to take care of her and provide for her. Men are to establish good relationship with the wife and they can come to wife in different positions but stay away from kufr. Although husband and wife are having sex for their pleasure or to have kids but they get good deeds because they are seeking pleasure from halal means. Allah reminds the believers that they have to return to Allah, and there is good news for the believers.

Holy Quran 2:224

وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا اللَّهَ عُرْضَةً لِأَيْمَانِكُمْ أَنْ تَبَرُّوا وَتَتَّقُوا وَتُصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

And do not make [your oath by] Allah an excuse against being righteous and fearing Allah and making peace among people. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing.

Muslims swear by Allah's name only. In this ayah Allah(SWT) is stopping people from swearing in Allah's name and making it an excuse not to do a good deed. Like if one gets offended with a friend or relative and says "by Allah I'm not going to talk to her again", or "I'm not going to help this person ever again" these kind of words should be avoided and if someone makes such mistake then break this promise and pay the kaffara. Allah hears everything and He knows your heart.

Holy Quran 2:225

لَا يُؤَاخِذُكُمُ اللَّهُ بِاللَّغْوِ فِي أَيْمَانِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ يُؤَاخِذُكُمْ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ قُلُوبُكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ حَلِيمٌ

Allah does not impose blame upon you for what is unintentional in your oaths, but He imposes blame upon you for what your hearts have earned. And Allah is Forgiving and Forbearing.

Some people as a habit say things and say wallahi but they have no real intentions. Allah(SWT) is kind and He would not hold you responsible for what you did not intend.

Holy Quran 2:226

لِلَّذِينَ يُؤْلُونَ مِنْ نِسَائِهِمْ تَرَبُّصُ أَرْبَعَةِ أَشْهُرٍ فَإِنْ فَاءُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

For those who swear not to have sexual relations with their wives is a waiting time of four months, but if they return [to normal relations] - then indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.

If a man swears not to have sexual relations with his wife, then he can't stay away from her for more than 4 months. After 4 months she has a right to ask for khula or divorce. Divorce is initiated by the man and he cannot ask for the gifts he has given her back. Khula is initiated by the wife if for any reason she doesn't want him.

Holy Quran 2:227

وَإِنْ عَزَمُوا الطَّلَاقَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

And if they decide on divorce - then indeed, Allah is Hearing and Knowing.

Many times in divorce and khula things get ugly and there is a blame game going on, Allah(SWT) reminds the believers that He hears everything and knows everything. So

even if he says she said and she didn't say, Allah knows exactly who said what.

Holy Quran 2:228

وَالْمُطَلَّقَاتُ يَتَرَبَّصْنَ بِأَنْفُسِهِنَّ ثَلَاثَةَ قُرُوءٍ ۚ وَلَا يَحِلُّ لَهُنَّ أَنْ يَكْتُمْنَ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ فِي
أَرْحَامِهِنَّ إِنْ كُنَّ يُؤْمِنْنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ۚ وَبُعُولَتُهُنَّ أَحَقُّ بِرَدِّهِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ إِنْ أَرَادُوا
إِصْلَاحًا ۚ وَلَهُنَّ مِثْلُ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ وَلِلرِّجَالِ عَلَيْهِنَّ دَرَجَةٌ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

Divorced women remain in waiting for three periods, and it is not lawful for them to conceal what Allah has created in their wombs if they believe in Allah and the Last Day. And their husbands have more right to take them back in this [period] if they want reconciliation. And due to the wives is similar to what is expected of them, according to what is reasonable. But the men have a degree over them [in responsibility and authority]. And Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise.

After divorce the man can approach his wife if it was the first time of divorce, the divorce is finalized the third time. The women are not allowed to remarry until she has gone through 3 menstrual cycles. If the woman is pregnant then her waiting period is until she delivers the baby. If the woman doesn't get menses and she is not pregnant then she should just wait for 3 months. If a woman finds out she is pregnant in her waiting period then she should not hide the news of pregnancy, and the husband has a right to take her back if he really wants reconciliation. Husband and wife both have rights and responsibilities over each other. Husband is responsible for providing for her food, clothes and shelter. Responsibility of the woman to protect this house and not let anyone come in the house who husband doesn't permit. The best person is the one who is best to his family and our prophet(SAW) was best with his family. The man has a degree over her in the sense that he is allowed to take her back but she is not allowed to take the man back if she takes khula, or if the divorce is going on. Husband and wife both have their roles and sometimes women feel they are suppressed, that is because the men are not following the deen. Both husband and wife have to make each other happy, care for each other, and earn their Jennah, while remaining within Allah's limits. Allah(SWT) reminds the believers that in the end He is the mightiest and wisest. May Allah(SWT) give us wisdom and ability to follow His commands in the best of manners and remain steadfast in deen at all times.