

There must be something more behind this...

Sahih Bukhari Volume 1, Book 4, Number 148:

Narrated 'Aisha:

The wives of the Prophet used to go to Al-Manasi, a vast open place (near Baqia at Medina) to answer the call of nature at night. 'Umar used to say to the Prophet "Let your wives be veiled," but Allah's Apostle did not do so. **One night Sauda bint Zam'a the wife of the Prophet went out at 'Isha' time and she was a tall lady. 'Umar addressed her and said, "I have recognized you, O Sauda."** He said so, as he desired eagerly that the verses of Al-Hijab (the observing of veils by the Muslim women) may be revealed. **So Allah revealed the verses of "Al-Hijab" (A complete body cover excluding the eyes).**

For further detail on the covering of women, see Qur'an 24:31 and Sahih Bukhari Volume 5, Book 60, Number 318.

Allah also helped Muhammad discipline his harem!

33:28. O Prophet (Muhammad)! Say to your wives: If you desire the life of this world, and its glitter, Then come! I will make a provision for you and set you free in a handsome manner (divorce).

33:29. But if you desire Allâh and His Messenger, and the home of the Hereafter, then verily, Allâh has prepared for AlMuhsinât (gooddoers) amongst you an enormous reward.

33:30. **O wives of the Prophet! Whoever of you commits an open illegal sexual intercourse, the torment for her will be doubled,** and that is ever easy for Allâh.

33:31. And whosoever of you is **obedient to Allâh and His Messenger , and does righteous good deeds, We shall give her, her reward twice over,** and We have prepared for her Rizqan Karima (a noble provision Paradise).

33:32. O wives of the Prophet! You are not like any other women. If you keep your duty (to Allâh), then be not soft in speech, lest he in whose heart is a disease (of hypocrisy, or evil desire for adultery, etc.) should be moved with desire, but speak in an honourable manner.

33:33. **And stay in your houses, and do not display yourselves like that of the times of ignorance,** and perform As-Salât (IqamâtasSalât), and give Zakât and obey Allâh and His Messenger. Allâh wishes only to remove ArRijs (evil deeds and sins, etc.) from you, O members of the family (of the Prophet), and to purify you with a thorough purification.

33:34. And remember (O you the members of the Prophet's family, the Graces of your Lord), that which is recited in your houses of the Verses of Allâh and AlHikmah (i.e. Prophet's Sunnah legal ways, etc. so give your thanks to Allâh and glorify His Praises for this Qur'an and the Sunnah). Verily, Allâh is Ever Most Courteous, WellAcquainted with all things.

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Islamic Misogyny

Sahih Bukhari Volume 3, Book 48, Number 826:

Narrated Abu Said Al-Khudri:

The Prophet said, **"Isn't the witness of a woman equal to half of that of a man?"** The women said, "Yes." He said, **"This is because of the deficiency of a woman's mind."**

[Emphasis added]

Sahih Bukhari Volume 1, Book 6,
Number 301:

Narrated Abu Said Al-Khudri:

Once Allah's Apostle went out to the
Musalla (to offer the prayer) o

'Id-al-Adha or Al-Fitr prayer. Then he
passed by the women and said, "O

women! Give alms, as **I have seen that**

the majority of the dwellers of

Hell-fire were you (women)." They
asked, "Why is it so, O Allah's Apostle

?" He replied, "**You curse frequently**

and are ungrateful to your husbands.

I have not seen anyone more deficient

in intelligence and religion than you.

A cautious sensible man could be led
astray by some of you." The women

asked, "O Allah's Apostle! What is
deficient in our intelligence and

religion?" He said, "**Is not the evidence**

of two women equal to the witness of

one man?" They replied in the
affirmative. He said, "This is the

deficiency in her intelligence. **Isn't it**

true that a woman can neither pray

nor fast during her menses?" The
women replied in the affirmative. He

said, "This is the deficiency in her
religion."

Allah seems to have a low estimation
of women!!

The feminine intellectual deficiency is
reflected in Islamic law on contracts

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...**And if there are not two men (available),**
then a man and two women, such as you
agree for witnesses, so that if one of them
(two women) errs, the other can remind her.

...

Their lower value is also reflected in Islamic
law on inheritance.

4:11. Allâh commands you as regards your
children's (inheritance); **to the male, a portion**
equal to that of two females; if (there are)
only daughters, two or more, their share is two
thirds of the inheritance; if only one, her share
is half. ...

Allah set a limit on Muhammad's harem, with
one loophole:

33:51. You (O Muhammad) can postpone (the
turn of) whom you will of them (your wives),
and you may receive whom you will. And
whomsoever you desire of those whom you
have set aside (her turn temporarily), it is no sin
on you (to receive her again), that is better; that
they may be comforted and not grieved, and
may all be pleased with what you give them.
Allâh knows what is in your hearts. And Allâh
is Ever AllKnowing, Most Forbearing.

33:52. It is not lawful for you (to marry
other) women after this, nor to change
them for other wives even though their
beauty attracts you, **except those**
(captives or slaves) whom your right
hand possesses. And Allâh is Ever a
Watcher over all things.

Allah had some important dictates
concerning male/female relationships &
how men should discipline their wives!

4:34. Men are the protectors and
maintainers of women, **because Allâh**
has made one of them to excel the
other, and because they spend (to
support them) from their means.

Therefore **the righteous women are**

devoutly obedient (to Allâh and to
their husbands), and guard in the
husband's absence what Allâh orders
them to guard (e.g. their chastity, their
husband's property, etc.). As to those

women on whose part you see
illconduct, admonish them (first),

(next), refuse to share their beds, (and
last) **beat them** (lightly, if it is useful),

but if they return to obedience, seek not
against them means (of annoyance).

Surely, Allâh is Ever Most High, Most
Great.

Why do Muslim women wear
Burkas?

33:59. O Prophet! **Tell your wives and your**
daughters and the women of the believers
to draw their cloaks (veils) all over their
bodies (i.e. screen themselves completely
except the eyes or one eye to see the way).

That will be better, that they should be known
(as free respectable women) **so as not to be**
annoyed. And Allâh is Ever OftForgiving,
Most Merciful.