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This is indeed a very important occasion for all of us. No doubt, you have all gathered here to achieve some objective, which is to fulfil your obligation in grooming yourselves to play a very important role: that of a Muslim lady in the non-Muslim society.

Contrary to the position of women in the western society, the Muslim lady is a symbol of honor of the Muslim home and society. To revere and protect the honor and person of the Muslim lady is the foremost duty of every Muslim. As such, no Muslim lady has ever thought of surrendering this unique and unparalleled position given to her in Islam in exchange for mere "equal rights".

Islam is the only social order and legal system which gave women dignity and a sense of self-respect. In Islam it was established that for the well-being of the society at large, generally women should remain at home to look after the interests of her mate and raise his children, while he is urged to provide for her and the household, and afford them protection. But even the women of the 1980's will have to admit when the traditional roles of men and women are reversed, and the men stay at home to raise the children and mothers go out into the job market seeking careers, a very negative environment is produced to the detriment of the family, and eventually, the society at large. This new system is not a proven one, and is destined to collapse, but only after damaging the very fabric and social character of the society.

In our studies we find the dawning of Islam came at a time when women in Europe, Africa, the Middle East,

and Asia were subjected to various forms of prostitution, slavery, and surfdom, and for centuries these oppressive tactics against "the fairer sex" were considered to be normal in their pagan culture. Neither did women as a general body anywhere possess the right to inherit property or hold any assets, run businesses, testify in a court of law, file a lawsuit, or press legal charges against someone, select or reject a suitor in marriage, nor seek any form of family planning. Yet, these rights and more were given to all women since 1400 years ago.

In Christianity women have been condemned and held responsible as the culprits and perpetrators of the first crime ever committed, namely, luring our father Adam to sin against God Almighty, for which he was duly punished. This view was propagated for centuries to the detriment of all women until, like a breeze from heaven itself, the Benefactor of all Mankind, the Holy Last Messenger Mohammed, sallallahu alaihi was salam, brought relief to the suffering of millions when he declared that the Almighty had spoken: "Women are the garments of men, and men are their garments." (meaning that each should take care to look after the interests of their partner and not stain either their reputations, or abuse one another, nor damage their property, etc.). The Holy Last Messenger further added that men and women are like twins.

At the same time, you should reflect upon this unique status which the Almighty has bestowed upon you, and think about the role which you were created to play. Whether it is the role which you have played in the past, or at present, does it reflect Islamic tradition, and Sunna of the Holy Last Messenger? We know that the protection of an Islamic government and social order, which is known as the duty of an Islamic State towards its subjects, is absent in the United States. In brief, you are living in a society which does not look after your interests, uphold your rights, or (in practise) guarantee your religious freedoms. As a matter of fact, its entire system is geared to oppress all anti-European cultures and Islamic Jamaats in the U.S.

It is not expected of Jews, Hindus, and other groups to merge into the western culture, abandoning their traditions and customs. Nobody seems to mind if saffron-robed men and women go about singing and dancing, observing their custom of smoking hashish, or if "conservative" Jews don daily their traditional black dress, speak in Hebrew, living, doing business, and associating only amongst themselves. It is all considered to be normal in America. there are more than 5,000 churches of Satan where human sacrifices are offered and rites of black magic performed, not excluding acts of cannibalism. These customs are tolerated, and the rights

of such perverts are protected. Even dogs have rights in the United States.

But when Muslims try to follow their culture, then we observe a change in public attitude, which in regards to them is sternly opposed, based on the general disapproval of Islamic lifestyle and particularly Muslim dress. Isn't it strange that Christians go to church every Sunday and pray to a statue of a woman who is cloaked and covered in much the same manner that the Muslim ladies dress, yet when they see the Muslim, they despise her?

At present, there are three types of Islam being practised. The first group belongs to the doctored or government sponsored brand of Islam, namely, Wahabis, Qadianis, Ansarullah, Bilalians, and all other deviates. According to these groups, all other Muslims who are outside their ranks are either Mushrik or Kafirs. They have completely assimilated into the kafir way of life, denouncing hardly any act which we today find so common in the West. Therefore, they are afforded financial backing and are protected by those who use them as decoys to lure innocent individuals into the folds of their brand of Islam, which is really a false religion which they have created. Want to drink alcohol? Eat pork? Can a man keep a girlfriend? Can a woman forego covering herself? Well, why not? This is twentieth century Islam! These alledged "Muslims" even erect centers which they call masjids. And so they are able to gather lots of followers who profess Islam, but who actually are nothing but deviants.

The second group is comprised of those who are foreigners, and Muslims by birth. They refer to themselves as being Muslim, and apparently they have nothing against any Muslim groups. They are generally from Asia and all the Arab countries, and some African countries. These people, with the exception of Shi'ites, maintain their Islam at convenient times and places, not allowing it to hinder their climb to worldly success and achievement. The individuals which belong to this group are outwardly Muslims but inwardly are really kafirs, and Holy Quran has declared them as Munafiqeen. Their women wear tight dresses, makeup, and sport trendy hairstyles. Of course, they take a lot of pride in their association with the opposite sex at the workplace, at parties, and simply in general, and they will always be found to avoid American Muslims, but rather prefer to keep the company of European Americans.

The third group of Muslims and perhaps the only group of it's kind in the U.S. is our Jamaat, which believes in and upholds the universality of Islamic brotherhood, practising deen in light of the Holy Quran and Sunna of the Holy Last Messenger, and is struggling with might and main to wipe out all anti-Islamic customs from

# مع القرآن الكريم

## I Aqida عقيدة :

Beliefs (faith tenet doctrine creed conviction and ideology)

a) عقيدة - a thing which a person believes or accepts with his heart and believes in it.

(II) There are two kinds of عقيدة ;

a) Dzaana (ذنبا) - That which when a person does not have this belief he is considered a sinner. If a person does not agree with us regarding the physical maraaj he is gumrah.

b) Qatae (قذرة) - When one disbelieves in this belief he is Kafir. For ex. when one rejects the miraaaj totally he is Kafir.

(III) Terms :

a) Wajib - means compulsory literally it is a quality of الله when we use wajib for الله; it means that his presence is, was, and will be. No one can be included in the word except الله and his sifat. When we use this word for other than الله the meaning will change, it says wajib is between fordk and sunna.

b) Makin; means the presence or absence of the creation is not wajib. Everything or particle of the Universe is makin.

All has three kinds

1. Aql - that which our intelligence says is possible whether by its own power or permission of Allah.