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is the
Queen

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Introduction

In this beautiful story book, Dr Al-'Areefee examines in an admonishing yet entertaining manner the moral decadence that has afflicted Muslims generally and the Muslim woman most especially as she has been the consistent target of the antagonists of Islam who masquerade as her liberators.

He begins with a reminder of the high and exemplary character and sacrifice of the earliest believing women and takes the reader on an ethical story-telling journey to the situation of today's Muslim woman and the contrasting realities between these generations.

The author reminds the Muslim woman of the honorable Queen that she really is by Allah's design if she keeps the moral code prescribed for her beyond needing any demeaning alternative.

The book closes with a charge for the individual to avoid the bandwagon effect in copying modern trends whose popularity generally suggests acceptability but which negate the high moral standards and personal accountability taught by Islam.





Entry

She was a Russian girl. She came from a conservative family but was orthodox and very zealous about Christianity.

A Russian merchant had requested that she and some other girls join him on a trip to one of the Arabian Gulf countries to buy electrical gadgets meant to be sold in Russia, but he soon revealed his true nature on their arrival there: He made sexual advances at them seeking to entice them with his abundance of wealth and wide social influence. Most of the girls fell for this deceit except this particular girl. She resisted his advances and was mocked by him. “You’re lost in this land. You’ll get nothing from me apart from those clothes on you,” he said, seeking to frustrate her.

The man accommodated all the girls in a flat and hid their passports. All of them, except this particular girl, accepted their fate and embraced the temptation. She remained chaste, insisting to be given back her passport or be returned to her country. He refused.



One day, she searched the flat and found her passport. Grabbing it, she ran into the street. She wandered about helplessly not knowing where to go. There was no family here or there, no acquaintances, no money and no house. Confused, the poor girl began to turn anywhere she could and then suddenly, she saw a young man in the company of three women and admired his appearance, so she approached him and began to speak to him in her native Russian. The man apologized to her and so she said: “Do you speak English?” He and the people with him replied with yes and she could not help crying from joy.

“I’m from Russia,” she said and went on to tell them her story and how she was without money or house and would like to return to her country. “I only request that you accommodate me for two or three days until I can sort out my affairs and contact my family and siblings back home.”

For some time, the young man hesitated as he wondered if she was not a fraudster while she kept looking at him in tears as he sought the advice of his mother and two sisters.

At last, they took her home and she began to contact her people, but it was no use as phone lines had become faulty in their town back home. She repeated the attempt after every hour and while she did so, they got to know that she was indeed a Christian but they remained kind to her, so she fell in love with them but refused to accept Islam when they invited her to it. She would not even want religion to be discussed between them as she came from an orthodox background. She hated Islam and Muslims.

Entry

Khalid visited an Islamic center and brought her books of invitation to Islam in Russian language. On reading them, she became influenced positively while they kept on persuading her until she became convinced and embraced Islam at last.

Soon after her Islam, she made effort to improve her understanding of it and kept the company of good people. She even feared to return to her land in order not to find herself returning to Christianity.





Marriage

Khalid married the Russian lady and she became even more devoted to Islam than many women who were born as Muslims. One day, she accompanied her husband to the market and saw a Muslim woman who was completely veiled. She was surprised as that was her first time to notice such, so she asked: “What is this about?” wondering if the woman had a facial defect that she needed to cover.

Khalid replied: “No! The woman you see is wearing a garment that is recommended for women by Allah and his Messenger ﷺ.”

She was silent for a while and then she said: “O yes! This is the Muslim covering that has been prescribed for us by Allah and His messenger.”

“But how are you so sure of that?” Khalid asked in curious amazement.

