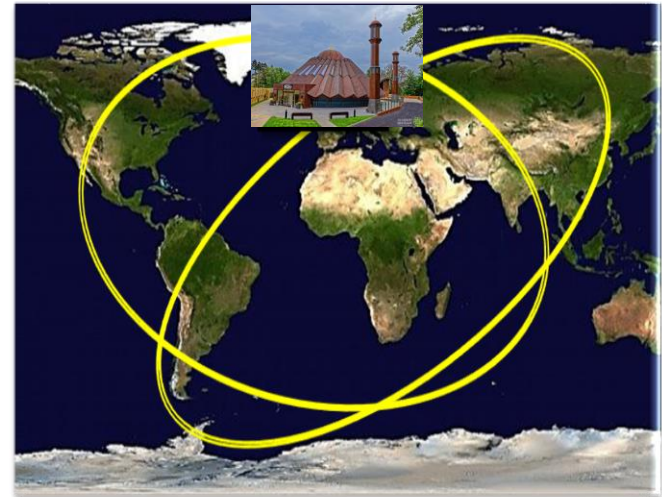


# Hazrat Zaynab bint Jahsh (ra)



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# Summary

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# Hazrat Zaynab bint Jahsh (ra)

Holy Prophet (sa) married Hazrat Zainab bint Jahsh (ra), who was a divorcee of his adopted son.

At the time of her marriage, Hazrat Zainab bint Jahsh (ra) was thirty-five years of age

Hazrat Zainab (ra) was a very righteous, pious and affluent lady

She was very kind towards relatives, she was most generous and worked tirelessly for goodness and to attain divine nearness

The only thing was that she was a bit heated in temper, but immediately thereafter, she would feel remorse herself

Hazrat Aisha (ra) relates: 'On one occasion, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to us, i.e. the one from among you who has the longest hands, shall be the first to pass away after my demise and join me.'

Hazrat Aisha(ra) states that, 'We inferred this to mean physical hands, and would often measure our hands with one another.'

However, when the Holy Prophet (sa) passed away and Zainab bint Jahash (ra) was the first to leave this world, it was then that the secret revealed itself to us that the word 'hand' referred to charity and alms, not a physical hand.'

The hypocrites started a baseless campaign of false rumour after the marriage of Hazrat Zainab bint Jahsh (ra) with the Holy prophet (sa).

They spread the false rumours that the Holy Prophet (sa) was (God-forbid) entranced by the beauty of Hazrat Zainab bint Jahsh (as).

Hypocrites alleged that the Holy Prophet (sa) forced his adopted son to divorce his wife, so that the Holy Prophet (sa) could marry her.

Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib writes that as the purpose of this marriage was to wipe out the ignorant Arab customs, it was inevitable that such allegations were raised.

Hypocrite distort and twist a simple tradition that ...

... once the Holy Prophet (sa) went to the home of Zaid Bin Haritha (sa) and called out for him. He was not at home, so Hazrat Zainab (ra) came to the front door and said, O prophet of God, may my parents be sacrificed on you, please do come in. The Holy Prophet (sa) declined and returned.

Some lying and weak-minded narrators have related this incidence in a most unpleasant manner saying that as Hazrat Zainab bint Jahash (ra) rushed to the door, after recognising the voice of the Holy Prophet (sa), she did not have her scarf on, this revealed her beauty to the Holy Prophet (sa), who (God-forbid) got besotted by her beauty and asked Hazrat Zaid (ra) to divorce her.

These are utterly false and baseless fabrications.

While truth of the matter is recorded in the most authenticated book of Hadith, the Bukhari

It states that Zaid (ra) presented himself before the Holy Prophet (sa) and complained about the hot temper and harsh behaviour of Zainab (ra) and expressed his intention to divorce her.

On hearing this, the Holy Prophet (sa) responded, "Fear God and do not divorce her."

This highly authenticated narration renders all other versions of these events false and unreliable.

Logic also does not support these allegations either, Hazrat Zainab (ra) was the paternal-cousin of the Holy Prophet (sa), he clearly had seen her as a cousin because the Divine commandment of Purdah was not revealed till after the marriage of Hazrat Zainab (ra) and the Holy Prophet (sa), **rendering any such allegation as a clear and blatant lie.**

In the context of this fabricated tale, it should especially be remembered that this time was an era in the Islamic history when the hypocrites of Madinah were at full force.

A full-fledged conspiracy to defame Islam and the founder of Islam was being hatched under the leadership of 'Abdullah bin Ubayy bin Sulul.

It was their custom to concoct false and fabricated tales and propagate them in secret; or if the actual case was something else, they would twist it, add a hundred lies to it and begin to publicize it covertly.

Soon after this incidence, the terrible incident of slandering Hazrat 'A'ishah (ra) transpired. 'Abdullah bin Ubayy Sulul and his wretched followers propagated this lie so widely and disseminated such a twisted and deceitful lie to create unrest amongst Muslims.

They would spread rumours in surreptitiously and this meant that the Holy Prophet (sa) and his respected companions would not have a chance to openly refute these.



Sir William Muir was a bitter critic of Islam.

Despite being a historian, when he found a reference in the Muslims literature about this incidence, he availed this as a great opportunity to criticize the Holy Prophet (as).

He did not critically analyse the incidence in its proper context.

He also made the hurtful remark that "...with the Prophet's (saw) advancing age, the carnal passions of the Holy Prophet (saw) grew as well". – God forbid - Sir William Muir attributed the marriages of the Holy Prophet (sa) to – carnal passions, God forbid.

Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib rejected this ridiculous allegation by saying,

- “Undoubtedly, without any historical evidence, rather, in contradiction to clear historical fact, to assert that the marriages of the Holy Prophet (saw) were, God-forbid, owed to carnal passions, is far from the greatness of a historian, and even further still from the greatness of a noble man.

Mr. Muir was not oblivious to the fact that...

- ... at the age of twenty-five, the Holy Prophet (saw) married a forty year elderly widow (Hazrat Khadijah (ra)), and then, until the age of fifty-five, the Holy Prophet (sa) practically had only one wife, and this wife (Hazrat Saudah (ra)) also happened to be a widow, who was a lady well advanced in age.

Sir William Muir was not at all unaware of the historical fact that ...

...when the people of Makkah sent a delegation to the Holy Prophet (sa) asking him to stop preaching Islam in return for wealth and power, they were prepared to give him any girl he desired. At that time, the Holy Prophet (saw) was not very old, and physically strong, he rejected all these offers to continue to spread the message of Islam.

This historical occurrence was also not hidden from the eyes of Mr. Muir that prior to his divine appointment -

... until forty years - the people of Makkah considered the Holy Prophet (saw) to be a man of impeccable character.

However, despite all these testimonies, ...

.... Mr. Muir chose to write that after the age of fifty-five, the Holy Prophet (saw) became indulged in sensuality and lust, despite his declining physical strengths and increasing responsibilities.

Anyone is free to say as he wishes and others do not have the power to stop such a person, but an intelligent person should not make a statement which common sense rejects.

Indeed, all these marriages of the Holy Prophet (saw) took place in his old age proves that they were not motivated by carnal desires.

An evil person searches for an evil motive in the actions of others, and due to his own immoral approach, is often at a loss to understand the pure intentions of others.

In Islam, and this should be clear, that in Islam, the purpose of marriage is not so that a man and woman can come together in order to satisfy their carnal desires.

Although the union of man and woman is a genuine purpose of marriage so that human life can continue, there are also many other wholesome purposes as well.

.. ‘And Allah alone is the Helper against that which they allege.’”

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) explains that God Almighty desired to demonstrate to the people that the Holy Prophet (sa) had no male offspring; be they blood-related or by law.”

The Holy Prophet (sa) had no biological son, but according to the national constitution and the law of the land at the time, he had children, for example, Hazrat Zaid (ra). The people would call him by the name *Ibn Muhammad* [son of Muhammad].

Through the incident of the marriage to Hazrat Zainab (ra), God Almighty established that one's children are only those according to the laws of nature, i.e. biological children.

The divine wisdom behind this incidence was to clearly establish that though one may have children according to the law of the land, they are not the same as biological children.”

# Hazrat Zaynab bint Jahsh (ra)

The Holy Prophet (sa) established equality amongst freed-slaves and free men.

- The Holy Prophet (sa) appointed his freed slave, Zaid bin Harithah (ra), and his son Usamah (ra) as the commander of many military campaigns establishing true equality.
- Hazrat Zaid (ra) participated in the battles of Badr, Uhud, Khandaq, Treaty of Hudaibiya and the Battle of Khaybar alongside the Holy Prophet (sa).
- The Holy Prophet (sa) appointed Hazrat Zaid (ra) as the Leader of Mecca upon his departure for the expedition of Muraisi (another name for Banu Mustaliq).
- After the conclusion of the Battle of Badr, when the Holy Prophet (sa) was leaving, he dispatched Zaid bin Harithah (ra) towards Medina and instructed him to go in advance and inform the people of Medina about the good news of victory.
- On the day of the expedition of Khandaq, the flag of the Emigrant companions was also in the hands of Zaid bin Harithah (ra).

Next, there is some saddening news. Respected Maryam Salman Gul Sahiba, who was the daughter of Mubarak Ahmad Siddiqui Sahib, passed away on June 17, at the age of 25 years. To Allah we belong and to Him shall we return. Her illness was discovered only a few days ago.

All of those who knew her have said about the deceased that she was a very loving and courteous individual. She was very regular in her daily prayers; she was empathetic and helpful to others. She possessed a loving relationship with Khilafat. Aside from her parents and her husband, she has left behind her two daughters named Nayab and Zaryab – Nayab is five years old and Zaryab is one and a half. May Allah have mercy on her and grant her forgiveness, and just like the hope that this girl had about her Lord, may Allah Almighty treat her with even greater love, and may He take her in the embrace of His love and continue to elevate her status in paradise. May God Almighty always keep her daughters in His protection and refuge, and may He accept all those prayers which she has offered for her daughters. May He grant her parents true patience and fortitude; may they also be completely resigned from the depth of their hearts to the will of God, and may they bring up her daughters in an exemplary manner. May Allah enable her husband to give them the love of both a mother and a father; may Allah continue to elevate her status in paradise.