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Before Islam, widowed and divorced women were not permitted to remarry. Women in Arabia, like their sisters elsewhere in much of the old world were not allowed to inherit property, and in certain tribes female infanticide was practiced. The Holy Qur'an made a reference to this criminal habit:

And when the female infant is asked for what reason was she killed. Qur'an 91:8

It was not until the advent of Islam, in the early 600 CE, when women were recognized as equal partners to men. Their status and role in the family and society became dignified and rights in inheritance, marriage, and divorce were established. Islam teaches that:

Women shall with justice have rights similar to those exercised against them, although men have a degree (in responsibility) above women. Quran, 2:228

Islam allowed women the right to:

- 1 Inherit.**
- 2 Make and keep their earnings.**
- 3 Accept marriage and to request a divorce.**

Women have the right to inherit wealth and property and to establish and engage in business. Islam gave women equality to men; what the Qur'an tells you and what society imposes on you are two different things. Whatever a man possesses is hers and whatever she possesses is hers as well. What applies to men applies to women in religion, in duty and in relationships.

Women in Islam

Islam grants women many rights in the home and in society. Among them are the right to earn money, to financial support, to own property, to an education, to an inheritance, to being treated kindly, to vote, to a bridal gift, to keep their maiden name, to worship in a mosque, to a divorce, and so on.

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