
The Role of Religion in Preventing Chastity-Related Murders

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ABSTRACT

The ultimate goal of Islam is to cultivate a mature human being who is devoid of either psychological or emotional coarseness. Inspection of murder cases have shown that many of them have happened because of honor motivations. Treachery among married couples, sexual deviation, doubt, pessimism, deviations in childhood and puberty, fault, and unrestrainedly were regarded as the reasons of chastity-related murders. The aim of this study was to investigate the role of religion and Islam doctrines in preventing chastity-related murders. Based on the results of the study, it was shown that Islam, its doctrines and particularity about the doctrines has the power to prevent chastity-related murders. The observation of religious standards including: creating a well-founded behavioral situation in families, respecting Hejab (Veil), modesty, virtue, avoiding the commitment of suspicion, unlawful morsel, unlawful eyeing, certainty of chastity, observation of sexual behavior, respecting marital duties (including: apparent adornment, holding trust, good environment, choosing the proper spouse, etc) are all regarded as the main issues which can prevent chastity-related murders. This was a qualitative study in which various research tools were used. Participation, interview, direct observation, note-taking, and analyzing different documents were the research tools.

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Introduction

In order to understand crime in any society it is important to take economical, social, cultural, and educational issues into account. Accordingly, it becomes clear that whether or not the mentioned factors are productive and human-based or destructive and crime creator. The point is

that no one is born criminal. In all societies crime is inevitable and depends on various factors. The factors can be the cultural and social context, political and economical status, and cultural and religious norms. These factors are different from each other in different societies (Farjad, 1990).

There are different viewpoints regarding crime and its basics. The viewpoints are different from each other based on their belonging criminal school. The main basics of crime can be sought in the educational and growth environment of youth and adolescence. Crime reasons are not single, and different factors are summed up to shape crime in various people. In knowing the reasons of crime creation as a social issue, it is not possible to analyze it from a single viewpoint. This is because different social issues have their own complexities. It is necessary to investigate the complexities deeply and thoroughly to be able to understand the different reasons of crime commitment.

On the other hand, according to sociologists and criminologists, the only way to remain safe from the evil of crime is to learn how to prevent crime. Crime prevention decreases the field of offense and is also cheaper in the economical perspectives. In addition, the incidence of crime is irreversible and irreparable.

Islamic doctrines as common place doctrines of our country (Iran), have always mentioned that face of human beings is a really important factor which must be kept as it is. One of the deadly sins is killing of a person whose prophet and God has prohibited his death. In this regard, no one can plan for the death of his beloved, family members and relatives because of their not proven sins which are based on perceptions. Murder is among the sins which god has promised about its punishment explicitly. In this regard, Nesa Surratt of the holy Quran (verse 93) has mentioned: "And whoever kills a believer intentionally, his punishment is hell from which it remains eternal. God sends His wrath on him and makes him away from His mercy, has prepared for him an awful doom".

The Status of Chastity-related murders in Iran and Abroad

Studying the murdering happened in 2012 (In Iran) shows that 33 percent of them have happened because of family problems. In those studies it was proved that killer and victim have had family relationships which each other. Among the family related murdering, the highest statistics goes for wife/husband murdering, especially murdering of wife by her own husband. Looking at the events page of different magazines and journals has shown that the happening of family related murders (especially wife/husband murdering) is an alarm which has started sounding (Taken from Khuzestan news, June-2012).

According to the UN population fund, every year about 5,000 women are murdered in chastity-related murders. There was also a published investigation in Turkey in December 2008 which showed that a number of 300 chastity-related murders have happened in this country recently, and most of these murders have happened in Kurd districts (Shahrzad news).

The importance of this study

Family roots and factors that may underlie the killings are mainly taken from sexual, cultural beliefs, religion and tradition. Murdering and wife killing rarely happen because of simple disputes. Due to the growing trend of chastity killings in recent years, we realize that various factors increase the crime statistics in this regard so that the alarm has sounded. So far, most studies on this issue are mostly statistical or due to the occurrence of this crime. Research conducted in this regard has often relied on library resources and material on web sites. However, this study is an attempt to also take advantage of the resources and related books of Islamic

jurisprudence through direct interviews with judges, investigators and officers investigating the crime and murder, As well as actual case or, better facts in criminal cases with a fairly complete compilation of research methods. It was tried to seek for the effective Islamic methods in preventing or decreasing this crime.

Definitions

Honor is the force which has brought up another body rather than his own body into his own object and has defined its especial redlines. It is indicated that if any one crosses the defined red lines, there will be strong penalties. The concept of honor protection in Iran and some other neighboring countries is not only included in the marital relationship between husband and wife , but also between father and brother, uncle (mother's brother) and mother, sister and other women (Shahrzad news, 2009). In other definitions, the closest meaning to honor: (besides wife) is all the other women who are owned by a man. This can be mother, sister, and daughter who are all the same family. (Aryan pour, 2000).

The word honor has its roots the ownership feeling which a man has towards his wife. Based on the old traditions, a man must take care of his honor (chastity) at all costs. If his chastity is exposed to foreign aggression, then his murdering will be lawful and legal.

Rape

When women are closely associated with the entry so that the act of defloration in a virgin woman happens and pregnancy or the so called consequences happen, the act will be regarded as rape. (Godarzi and colleagues, 2005).

Faith

Religion is the set of beliefs and moral rules that prophets have taken from Allah to guide human beings. Faith is the wholesome of believing in these rules and orders which will result in happiness and prosperity for human beings in the both worlds (either now, and the eternal life) (Tabatabaee, 2000). Faith is when religious beliefs are learnt by heart. Faith (Iman: in Persian language) is Persian language has taken its root from Amena which means safe and sound. It seems that a believer has faith in its safety and security, and will not hesitate. It is believed that plagues doubt. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in this regard has stated: "Faith acknowledged with the heart, acknowledgment with the tongue and action of the organs."

Crime Prevention

Prevention means to Prevent, hinder, and prevent transmission ... It is. (Aryan pour, 2000). It is also said to be a set of measures to prevent harmful interactions contingent on the individual or the group coming to action; such as prevention of work related accidents, prevention of juvenile delinquency, and prevention of accidents. (Golmohammadi e Khamene, 2003).

The Effect of Islamic Doctrines in Preventing Chastity-related Murders

Factors of Commitment to Crime

The main causes of crime must be looked in terms of biological factors and educational needs of young people. The reasons of crime commitment are not one single reason most of the times, however; many reasons have taken hands to each other and have created bases of crime commitment in different people. So, in knowing about crime as a social issue, it is not possible to analyze it from one single

view point. Social factors are complex and compound and this is the main reason to study social factors deeply and in a scrutinized manner. It is good to try for knowing the different reasons of crime commitment and offer the suitable ways of crime prevention. (Farjad, 1990).

Nowadays, some people say that the main reasons of crime commitment are because of Emotional instability, Anti-Sociality, moral, material and social deprivation, family discontinuities, thought involvement, intellectual and moral vacillation. It is concluding to say that the issue of delinquency and crime commitment is complex in the way mentioning a single reason, and a single treatment is really difficult. Delinquency as a type of sickness is not a microbe-related illness which can be treated by medicine. Delinquency is the sickness which has been living during the years and it is not possible to diagnose and cure it all of a sudden. (Farjad, 1990, p.31).

Islam's View point in preventing crime

Islamic doctrines do not have the individual or devotional dimension only; they are also enriched with social dimensions also. These social dimensions must be taken care in social cooperation, otherwise; it can cause serious problems. (Yaqmayee, 2005). In scrutinizing Islamic verses and doctrines it is shown that respecting and accepting Islamic doctrines and rules prevents many people from committing to the mentioned crimes of the society. The wholeness of these doctrines is in the way that it endorses different phases of human beings life. (from years before marriage, conception, the importance of lawful morsel, the way of gaining wealth, the way of educating and growing kids, parents and children behaviour to each other, until death and even after death).

The wholeness of Islamic doctrines and laws in crime and criminology has been taken into account by the criminologists of western countries. In this regard, Charles Raymond, the French lawyer and chairman of the Supreme Court has referred to such issues. He stated "Islamic criminal law is 12 centuries ahead of us" (Keynia, 1996, p.61).

Islamic Ways in preventing chastity-related murders

Preventing childhood deviations

Some of the deviations and chastity-related murders are rooted in childhood deviations. One of the most difficult issues in child's education is sexual education for children and teenagers. This desire (sexual desire) has been hidden during childhood and is growing as a child grows too. The belief that children do not have sexual desires, and it is not necessary to take care of this desire in them is a false perception. The other important issue which parents must be careful when dealing with their kids is sexual arousal in children. Verse 58 of Surah Noor (in this issue) has stated "o you who believe in God to be the civil servants and your children who have not reached puberty yet, time and time autoerotism must ask permission of you three times a day: once, before the morning pray, the second, after the fourth praying of the day (Isha pray), and the last, the moment in which you want to have your own privacy (the moment you are naked).

This prose orders parents to set a separate bed room for their children. It is also said that "in those three times of the day in which most people are naked and may not have a pleasant way of looking, children must learn to enter their parents' room with permission. This is because such scenes are provoking to their children and may result in premature puberty."

Television programs must not be directed in the way that awakens children sexual desires earlier than its suitable time. Showing boys and girls' relationships and friendships in child programs and films is meant to indirectly plan for such relationships. Girls participants of 7 or 8 years old in the type of child programs in which girls are wearing especial make up and ornamentation or are dressed half-naked, can arouse children's curiosity. Such scenes invite children to be more curious and plans questions for them. It also makes the question and answering task difficult for their parents. (Hosseini, 2011, p.192).

Some of the issues which can sexually provoke children are:

- 1) Staying alone at home, especially in places like bath room.
- 2) Kids (boy) showering/bathing by their mother. Kids (girls) showering/bathing by their father.
- 3) Leaving two kids alone at home, even if those kids have family relationship with each other.
- 4) The sleeping ways this can be unsuitable. (Naked, sleeping on your stomach, and too many movements in the bed).
- 5) The habit of touching the genitals
- 6) Inappropriate physical jokes and speaking evil against children
- 7) Parents inappropriate dressing in front of their children. It is recommended to wear suitably and hide the arousal parts of their body from their children.
- 8) Inappropriate dressing of kids, such as very tight dressings.
- 9) Inappropriate kissing and fondling from different sex members. It is recommended that a father kisses her 7 years old daughter or older to her forehead, and insensitive parts. It is recommended that a father does not hug her daughter and a

mother her son. Of course, fondling (head, face, and hands) is not problematic.

10) Provoking child playing such as bride and groom.

11) Mothers make up at home

12) Hanging provoking pictures at home (such as lovers and loving pictures)

13) Controlling children's access to internet and satellite

14) Sharing kid's bed. In this regard, Prophet Mohammad has stated that "kids of 10 years (either boys and boys or girls and girls) must sleep separate from each other. (Bihār al-Anwār, volume 10, p.96)

15) Romance and love making in front of children

Child growth in womb

Prophet Mohammad said: be careful about where (which womb) you place your child. It is important to know that origin and family roots are important". (Kanzol Amal, volume 15, p.855). Prophet also mentioned "choose the best womb for your semen. This is because your wife will bring up the type of children who are like your brothers and sisters. (Nahjol fasahe).

During the pregnancy period there are various materialized and spiritual issues which can have important effect on children's bliss. Mother's behavior, beliefs, actions, and her type of nutrition have a strong effect on embryo. This is because of embryo's attachment to mother's body during 9 months. (Basirat, 2010, p.71)

Strengthening the family

Family is a dynamic social system which has got its own structure and members. As experts say family is one of the five major bases of a society which is beside politics, economics, religion and education. Family is regarded as the criterion of knowing society damages. In order to know about the roots of many existing problems one must refer to family. Based on the

analyses, there are various issues in the families of victims of chastity-related murders and the victims of murdering incidents which must be deeply sought in their families. Families are the only place in which curing the related problems can be started. Some of the issues which can prevent the mentioned corruptions are stated as the following:

Marriage

Islam has invited its believers and followers to legally satisfy their sexual desires by the act of marriage. Enjoyment and sexual satisfaction is one of the issues of marriage which Islam has named as a desirable tradition. The importance of marriage (sexual relationship in this regard to be more specific) is shown when some companions abounded themselves from their wife for the purpose of praying and friendship with their creator, but Prophet Mohammad criticized them. Prophet Mohammad mentioned "the men's sitting beside their wives and children is even more respectful than secretions at mosques. (Vasael o shiee/ Wasā'il al-Shī'a, volume 15, p. 175).

Of course marriage purpose in the Islamic view point is not limited to sexual satisfaction only. In this regard, sexual satisfaction is one of the important parts of marriage. Islam wants to encourage the type of sexual satisfaction which is only gained by marriage. This need is in agreement with emotional needs and the investigations of this regard (Qaemi, 2005).

One of the blessings from God is the existence of a suitable and qualified wife which is regarded as a peace making chance. As is stated in Quran "Among the signs of Allah is that He created for you spouses of your own kind so that you can enjoy peace with them". It is also said "He is the God who created you from one man,

and his wife is made up from his characteristics so that he can have rest and enjoy peace beside her". Thus Tranquillity of these two creatures (husband and wife) is resulted in happiness, and prosperity. It also provides the chance of compliment for the couples. Each of the couples is not complete without the other. It is a natural fact that the result of this partnership will be something peaceful and tranquil. The feeling of tranquillity is shown in different dimensions of spiritual, individual, and social. The problem is that when the sexual desire cannot be satisfied from the legal way (marriage), it forces its holders to be satisfied from other unlawful ways such as rape, homosexuality, masturbating, and sodomy.

Tranquility

Family as a system is planned based on the equality of husband and wife spirits and needs. One of the important duties of women is creating balance between bliss, and peace among the family members. This is regarded as wife duty because their personality has got characteristics which provide the opportunity for women to do such peaceful acts. If husband of the family is stocked in the load of boring and saddening duties and responsibilities, it is wife duty to calm down her husband and the family atmosphere in the best way possible. The wife can logically help her husband. In this way, the problem can be solved in a cooperate manner. This duty is a shared duty, but in our culture (Islamic culture) the load of this responsibility (the internal peace and happiness of the family) is on wife shoulder. In different sayings women are recommended to try to provide peace and happiness at home and try to satisfy their husband. In the holy Quran women are regarded as peace makers and tranquilizers of family.

6.6 Holding Trust

Wife must be reliable and be able to protect the secrets of her husband. Prophet Mohammad has mentioned one of the Gods' sayings in this regard. "Everyone in the world is a four-character personality. He is given this world and the hereafter. He takes his interest from the both worlds, First; the type of virtue which prevents human beings from commitment to unlawful acts. Second; the good behavior which lets human beings to live together happily, third; the patience which clears the ignorance of the ignorant people, and fourth; the worthy and suitable wife which helps either in the duties of this world and the hereafter. (, Bihār al-Anwār, Volume 69, p.404).

Obedience

Obedience is the requisite of husband's management at home. It is also regarded as the requisite of bliss and kindness in the family environment. The type of obedience which is related to sexual matters and issues of marital life is regarded as an incumbency issue. Islam has required wife to obey her husband in sexual related issues. A wife is required to be prepared sexually for husband all of the times. (Except in fast times, and menstruation).

Apparent adornment

A wife must be always adorned for her husband. There are various Islamic verses in this regard. A smart wife knows that the foundation of marital life is on kindness and sexual satisfaction. Kindness and sexual satisfaction need beauty and adornment. One of the most important effects of wife adornment is husband's prevention of behavioral deviations. (Such as looking at others' wives).

Avoiding unrestrained behavior

The idea that limitation and following some limitations can bring human beings restlessness has created the issue of crime commitment for some people. The western liberalism has also its roots in this issue. The main question is that "are those millions of crime committers living happily"? The existing realities show that the answer to this question is negative. Even those people (believers of this idea) have admitted that liberty without boundary cannot bring them happiness. It is possible that crime commitment brings happiness and a short-lived satisfaction for its committers, but in the long run the results will change. This is because crime/sin commitment is regarded as the important factor which deprives of peace and rest.

Good environment

One of the most effective ways in human education and training is the environment in which he grows up. In analyzing different people of various societies it will be shown that such people have similar moods and behaviors. This similarity shows that environment has effect on its people. The environment in which the majority of people are bad ones or are regarded as bad, the person who decides to live in that environment will also change. The religion (Islam) has ordered its followers to leave the environment in which people are not good. In the hereafter world, when some crime committers say that the reason for their faulty life is their unhealthy living environment, their excuse will not be accepted. The answer to this group is "the earth is vast enough".

Attention in choosing mate

If mate is a good and moral mate s/he can prevent his/her partner from dispute, separation and the related problems. A

good mate will also provide the opportunity of having a peaceful life. A good mate can be also being a good counselor, colleague, partner, and a good trainer for children. Prophet Mohammad stated "the bliss of a man is to have a good and Righteous wife". (Kitab al-Kafi, volume 5th, p.337).

Observance of Chastity and Islamic boundaries in family relationships

When partners don not bound themselves in relying on moral and religious values, and easily commit to sin the case of dispute and argument among them rises. To have a healthy life it is necessary to have a type of life which is enriched with chastity and virtue. It is a must that husband and wife keep relying on their religious beliefs. Keeping chastity and virtue is a healthy decision which must be made at the marital life and it is not only very good from the religious view point but also it is necessary to keep the marital life continued. Virtue partners hide and clean each other's problems. As is stated in Quran: "they (wives) are your dress and you (husbands) are theirs dress". After marriage husband and wife will be living in the space in which god has ordered them to live. This living is in the way that after marriage their talking (talking with their intimate members) even will be limited. The limitation is to avoid any despair and dispute. (Hosseini, 2011, p.44).

Chastity

Chastity means observation of ethical and piety principles and resistance. Aqaint sin commitment in fact, it is the creation of a status in human being which protects from being overview by passim illegally. when meeting the opposite sex.

One of the other good characteristics which Islam has mentioned for a woman is her chastity. Chastity must be both in private and in apparent. It means wife must keep her chastity either when her husband is with herself or when he is away. (Mazaheri, 2006).

Unlawful eyeing

Banning the unlawful eyeing is the first step in the religious view point which controls the sexual relationship between two strangers. Islam believes that unlawful relationships must be controlled from the beginning. Islam says no strange man and woman must look at each other passionately. This banning is because eye is regarded as the door towards sensations and feelings. When eyes are controlled the feelings will be controlled. It has been cases that such unlawful eyeing has created such a strong thunder storm in the heart of strangers and has created many problems at the end. (Dastqeyb, 2010).

Pendency

Pendency: (Hayaa in the Persian language means avoiding embarrassment and Obscenity). Pendency is one those mentioned ethical issues in Quran. (Khoram Shahi, 1993, Volume 1, p.969) in other words, pendency is the effect of self on the type of action which is regarded as bad and its results will be also bad. (Majlesi, 1998) Imam Sadeq says (regarding pendency): "pendency is the light which is lightened by belief. It means one must be prepared to have self-avoidance for those illegal acts (the acts which are in line with Monotheism and knowledge)" (Mohammadi Reyshahri, 2005, volume 3, page 1352).

Doubt avoidance

Some of the issues that will ultimately lead to crime commitment are emanated from skepticism. Skepticism is the reason of worrying. The person who is skeptical with family, society, relative, friends, and even God can not have a peaceful and relaxing life. This is because such types of skepticism have a negative effect on human beings spirit and creates obsession. Obsession and worrying loosen the happiness and bliss of life. According to Quran verses: *“O you who believe! The very concept in each other's right is avoidance. Some types of suspicions are sin.”*

Avoidance of unlawful morsel and wealth

In different sayings the effect of unlawful morsel and wealth has been shown in people's beliefs and thoughts. In referring to Islamic doctrines and verses it is obvious that unlawful morsel has effect in behavioral deviations. The belief is that unlawful morsel destroys the bliss of this world and the hereafter. The effect is strong in the way that in the embryo it can also be felt. Imam Sadeq says: *“unlawful wealth is shown in family and children”* (Kitab al-Kafi, volume 5, p.125).

Respecting Hejab

Among the animals there is no boundary of Hejab and coverage. Animals freely communicate with each other. The first rule says that because human beings have an animal dimension also they can also freely communicate with each other, but the case is that human beings are called *“the highest of all creatures”* and this is the reason that human beings are ordered to follow their logic. There must be a boundary of coverage between men and women. It is stated in Quran that when you are talking with wives of prophet, it is

recommended to have a type of Hejab. This coverage is good for clarity of your heart and eyes. Based on the verses of Quran, women are ordered to cover themselves from strange men. Women are also ordered to dress in the way that their body can be protected from unlawful and passionate eyes. (Motahari, 1989).

Adultery veneration

Adultery is one the cases which prepares the situation for crime commitment and deviation. God has forbid human beings to commit adultery. *“And do not approach adultery which is a very bad task”*. Prophet Mohammad says: *“when adultery and lucre are shown in a place, people of that place will be left in sadness and trouble”*. (Nahjol fasahe, 2002).

Results

Analyzing and securitizing chastity-related murders shows that various factor such as infidelity, sexual deviation, unrestrained sexual behavior, paranoia, and extreme actions in children training cause chastity-related murdering. After knowing the reasons of committing to chastity-related murders it is necessary to seek for the methods that can decrease commitment to chastity-related murders. Undoubtedly, Islam as the last and best religion has tried to offer the ways which can prevent chastity-related murders. This is because Islam has got especial doctrines and laws which prevent its believers to commit to sexual deviation, and chastity-related murders.

Islamic doctrines which are obvious in all aspects of human life, the God's source of the doctrines helps the believers to stand away from any type of mistake and deviation. The only way to get rid of adultery and the existing crimes is to get back to the origin of the Islamic doctrines which are true and without deviation.

The training system in Islam starts from the very beginning in human life (since the creation of sperm). psychologically Training recommendations which are related to choosing a mate, issues in the embryo period, breast feeding period, childhood, and adulthood issues teaches the Muslims to focus on psychological issues and psychical issues in choosing their partner.

Deviation and infidelity in believing in the Islamic doctrines and behavioral issues are regarded as the reasons of chastity-related murders. Being a religious person, and following the doctrines are regarded as the only way of preventing such deviations. What was stated in this study was only some part of the mentioned strategies of chastity-related murders. There can be more investigations in future to know about the reasons of chastity-related murders, and the Islamic orders with regards to such issues.

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