



A Study of the Common Attributes of Righteous Women in the Holy Quran and the Bible

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to explain the common characteristics of righteous women in the Holy Quran and the Bible. The understudied universe was the verses of the Holy Quran and the Bible. The sample of the research particularized the divine verses of the Holy Quran and the Bible in relation to the common attributes of righteous women in the Holy Quran and the Bible. This research was descriptive-analytical and the data was obtained through documents and libraries. The analysis was performed using the data obtained from Quranic verses and the Bible. The results of the present study indicated that in the Holy Quran and the Bible, attributes were expressed for competent women in both individual and family domains. According to the Holy Quran and the Bible, righteous women in the personal sphere have attributes such as faith, righteous deeds, piety, chastity, truthfulness, modesty, hijab, refraining from showing off and being none lascivious. Also in the family field, competent women were introduced with traits such as being nice in the life with husband, housekeeping and parenting.



Extended abstract

Introduction: Explaining the characteristics of righteous people, both men and women, had been considered in all divine religions and holy books. Enumerating the characteristics of a righteous person as well as telling the story and deeds of righteous people is an example for all God-seeking and virtuous human beings. Hence, the characteristics and attributes of righteous men and women have been repeated many times in the Bible and in the Holy Quran. The attributes of righteous women had been emphasized by various divine religions and have been considered in the words of all the prophets. Addressing the issue of the characteristics of competent women, in addition to expressing their competent traits, includes another important point, and the point is that the criterion of superiority in the sight of God is human actions and behavior, and not being a man or a woman is the criterion. This shows that the Torah (the Old Testament), the Bible and other divine books, although they have been distorted and deviated a lot, but its basis is rooted in revelation and is in accordance with the Holy Quran, the miracle of the Last Prophet. Hence, the divine words are in confirmation and along with each other, although the Holy Quran completed the contents of the previous monotheistic religions and is the final seal on them. In this regard, the common attributes of righteous women in the Holy Quran and the Bible, although no independent research has been observed, but a lot of independent research has been done in the Holy Quran and the Bible. For example, in the book "Characteristics of Worthy Women in the Holy Quran" written by Abbas Ali Kamranian in 2009, the Holy Quran's view of the status of women and the characteristics of epitome women was expressed. In an article entitled "Characteristics of worthy women from the perspective of the Holy Quran" in 2012, the criteria of female superiority from the perspective of Islam and the Holy Quran were stated. Women have also been studied in the Bible in various books and articles. In the book "Woman in Christianity" written by Hans Kung in 2011 and also in the book "Woman in Holy Texts" written by Reza Alikhani in 2011, issues related to women in the holy books were mentioned. However, the study of the common divine teachings in the Holy Quran and the Bible is limited to a handful of cases, such as the position of women in the holy books and Islam, the hijab in the divine religions, and so on. For example, the book "The Holy Quran and the Bible with Common Themes" written by Deniz Mason and translated by Fatemeh Sadat Tahami in 2007, the common contents of the Holy Quran and the Bible had been collected and the subject of women has been mentioned in a few short pages. What distinguishes this study from others is the study of the common attributes of righteous women from the perspective of the Holy Quran and the holy books, the study of the distinction of some cases and thus the complementarity of the verses of the Holy Quran as a divine miracle of the last Prophet. Considering the above mentioned statements the purpose of this study was to explain the common characteristics of righteous women in the Holy Quran and the Bible.

Method: The understudied universe was the verses of the Holy Quran and the Bible. The sample of the research particularized the divine verses of the Holy Quran and the Bible in relation to the common attributes of righteous women in the Holy Quran and the Bible. This research was designed as descriptive-analytical and the data was obtained through documents and libraries. The analysis was performed using the data obtained from Quranic verses and the Bible.



Results: The results of the present study indicated that in the Holy Quran and the Bible, attributes were expressed for competent women in both individual and family domains. According to the Holy Quran and the Bible, righteous women in the personal sphere have attributes such as faith, righteous deeds, piety, chastity, truthfulness, modesty, hijab, refraining from showing off and being none lascivious. Also in the family field, competent women were introduced with traits such as being nice in the life with husband, housekeeping and parenting.

Conclusions: The Holy Quran is the most complete divine book that had been revealed after the previous holy books, and the correct content of the Holy Quran and the conformity of all its verses with any common sense, far from religious prejudices, is a strong sign of its non-distortion. In the Holy Quran and the Bible, many attributes were mentioned for worthy and righteous human beings, some of which are specific to women due to the special creation of women, and some of which are related to both men and women. A search of the original sources of the Holy Quran and the Bible showed well that many attributes are mentioned for righteous women. Attributes that can be a suitable model for women and all of them can be a roadmap for women to achieve worldly and otherworldly happiness.

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