이슬람 성문화의 이중성에 관한 고찰

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<Abstract>

A Study on the Double Faces of Sexual Lives in Islam

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The religious doctrine of Islam teaches that love is a mimicry

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of the creative act of God. So, in most of Islamic societies, the sexual relationship is regarded as important religious duty, because it means the realization of will of God who said, “Couple and Multiply.” From this point of view, the concept of sex in Islam is quite different that of other major religions such as Buddhism and Christianity. In Buddhism, the monks must keep their celibacy for life as a condition of religious devotion. In case of Christianity, Augustine, the founder of the patristic philosophy, considered the sexual desire as the result of original sin. So he claimed that celibacy is the necessary virtue for the Christian priests. But Islam doesn’t force anybody, priest or layman, to keep the celibacy. Rather it demands people to get married so as to fulfill their religious duties. The following verse of the Qur’an shows the Islamic concept of sex mentioned above: “You People! Have Fear of your Lord, who created you from a single soul. From that soul He created its spouse, and through them He bestrewed the earth with countless men and women.”(Qur’ân 4:1)

Islamic societies, however, have imposed more strict law of segregation between men and women than any other societies. And this law seems to contradict with the above mentioned teaching “Couple and Multiply”. In fact, shari’a, the Islamic law, relating to sex and marriage are full with conflicting views. For instance, the Shari’a permits polygamy, according to which Muslim men can have as many as four wives. Islam has permitted this practice, because sexual satisfaction can prevent moral deviations and help fulfill religious duties. It is believed that men, if not sexually satisfied, are tempted to choose inappropriate means such as prostitute, rape, adultery, etc.