

Bye Bye Macho Men

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*She (Maryam) said: "O my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man has touched me?"
He (angel) said: "Even so. God creates what He wills. When He decrees a plan, He but says to it 'Be' and it is." (The Quran 3:47)*

The great auk is gone, the passenger pigeon has disappeared, and Carolina parakeet is extinct. Whales are disappearing and rhinoceros are on the verge of being extinct, but who would have thought that one day men would also become extinct. Yes, if we the men do not do anything about it, we for sure would become extinct.

On average, if we the humans do not tinker with Mother Nature, the ratio of male to female childbirth is in male's favor. On an average more male babies are born than female babies. But, from then on it is downhill for males. Due to higher susceptibility to infection and disease more male babies lose their life and the ratio starts moving in favor of females. By the time the baby population reaches adulthood, there are more women in a given population than men.

As if Mother Nature was not enough to extract a toll on men's population, men themselves do enough harm to themselves to increase the odds against them. Who does those daredevil acts? Who has not heard of Evil Knievel? Who races those Indy 500 cars? Who does most of the fighting in wars? Who mostly gets killed in those wars? The bottom line is that by our own actions we the men keep increasing the odds in favor of women.

I do not know who created the myth that big boys do not cry. Women can relieve their stress by crying, but men cannot. We do not cry all right, but we end up getting stress and heart attack and die young – another toll on men's population.

Mother Nature had given the men two assets: muscle power and sperm. With our muscles we have been doing things, women could not do and with sperm we had secured our share in the propagation of human race.

With all these odds against us, we were still hanging in and had maintained some parity with women by our muscle power. But with everyday improvement in technology, almost everything can be done by the touch of a button. Who is paying the price for all this? We the men. The way the world is getting mechanized and computerized, women will be able to do almost anything. The need for men for their muscular power will diminish, except for changing tires.

Wait a minute; won't we still be needed for our sperms? Think again. Read between the lines. Read what is happening in the cloning industry.

Mother Nature had ensured the lifelong demand for men by creating sex. Men were needed to provide sperm - the one half of the cell needed to produce babies. Women did the rest – they provided the egg - the other half of the cell, the womb – a safe haven for the cell to grow into a baby, and the nourishment for the baby.

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With the development of cloning, the need for men will disappear. Women would provide the nucleus, the egg, the womb, and the nourishment. Do you see men in this picture? Men will not be needed to do the job they had done the best for all these years: providing half of the cell for the survival of human species.

If the two assets – muscle power and sperm - men had are not needed, who will need men to hang around. I know what is going to happen. Suzie Q. will get her own skin cell implanted in her own egg in her own womb and there you go, there will come another Suzie Q. What will all the Johns Doe? They will leave this world without any progeny. The men will slowly become extinct.

The extinction of men will put many of the Quranic verses in jeopardy. Women will be their own protector^a and matrimonial injunctions, such as marriage (*Nikah*), dowry (*Mehr*)^b, divorce, and waiting period^c will become obsolete. In the absence of the piercing eyes of men, women will stop wearing hijab^d and beaches will be filled with topless women. Not only women will be leading the prayers and giving sermons, they will also become the absolute ruler of the world. With no men to guide them, this spells disaster. This will also put the Quranic inheritance laws^e in jeopardy. In the female-only world, the share of husband, wife, father, son, and brother will disappear. Instead of sixteen rules, only five rules will apply.^f The inheritance laws will become so simple; the need for scholars to explain those laws will vanish. This spells disaster for their job security.

Before this disaster strikes, we must act before it is too late. Our scholars must issue a fatwa (religious verdict) banning cloning. Not just human cloning, but any kind of cloning. We must kill the beast before it becomes a monster. We must ask the Congress to legislate laws placing men under endangered species list.

To the women I will say: support our 'Save the Men Movement,' because if we, the men, become extinct, who would bring you flowers and who will give you TLC?

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^a Men are the protectors and maintainers of women because Allah has given the one more (strength) than the other and because they support them from their means. ---- (The Quran 4:34)

^b And give the women (on marriage) their dower as a free gift. (The Quran 4:4)

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^c Divorced women shall wait concerning themselves for three monthly periods. (The Quran 2:228)

If any of you die and leave widows behind they shall wait concerning themselves four months and ten days.
(The Quran 2:234-235)

^d O prophet! tell thy wives and daughters and the believing women that they should cast their outer garments over their persons (when abroad): that is most convenient that they should be known (as such) and not molested: and Allah is Oft-Forgiving Most Merciful. (The Quran 33:59)

And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty (*faraj*); that they should not display their beauty and ornaments (*zeenat*) except what (must ordinarily) appear thereof; that they should draw their veils over their bosoms (*joyoob*) and not display their beauty (*zeenat*) except to their husbands their fathers their husbands' fathers their sons their husbands' sons their brothers or their brothers' sons or their sisters' sons or their women or the slaves whom their right hands possess or male servants free of physical needs or small children who have no sense of the shame of sex; and that they should not strike their feet in order to draw attention to their hidden ornaments. And O ye Believers! turn ye all together towards Allah that ye may attain Bliss. (The Quran 24:31)

^e The Quran, 4:7-12

Shafi, Mufti, Ma'arif-ul-Quran," Adarah-tul-Ma'arif, Karachi, Pakistan, 1989, Explanation of the Quranic Verse Chapter 4, Nos. 7-12.

- If the deceased has left a will, up to one-third of his wealth will be distributed according to the will. ^e (will stay)
- As a general rule male gets twice the share of a female (will become invalid).
- The husband or wife will be given their share next (two rules: one for childless couples and one for couples with children) (will become invalid)
- The father and mother will then be given their share (three rules: deceased with child, without child, with brothers and sisters) (father's share will disappear)
- The rest will then be awarded to the children (three rules: one daughter, only daughters, and son and daughters) (sons' share will disappear)
- Brothers and sisters will only receive inheritance if the deceased has neither parents nor children (six rules: two for uterine brothers and sisters, four for full brothers and sisters) (brothers' share will disappear)

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- If the deceased has left a will, up to one-third of his wealth will be distributed according to the will.
- If the deceased's mother is alive, she will receive one sixth of the inheritance, daughters will receive the rest.
- If the deceased's mother is not alive, daughters will receive all of the inheritance.
- If the deceased has left no children (daughters), mother will receive all of the inheritance.
- If the deceased's mother is not alive and had no children (daughters) and only has sisters, all of the inheritance will be distributed among them.