

lem who lives up to his privileges and who follows the example of "the saints" in his calendar can have four wives and any number of slave-concubines; can divorce at his pleasure; he can remarry his divorced wives by a special though abominable arrangement; and, in addition to all this, if he belong to the Shiah sect he can contract marriages for pleasure (*Metaa'*), which are temporary. "The very chapter in the Mohammedan Bible which deals with the legal status of woman," says Mr. Robert E. Speer, "and which provides that every Mohammedan may have four legal wives and as many concubines or slave girls as his right hand can hold, goes by the title in the Koran itself of 'The Cow'"; and in Turkey the word cow is actually applied to women by the Moslems.

The degrading views held as regards the whole marriage relation are summed up by Ghazzali when he says: "Marriage is a kind of slavery, for the wife becomes the slave (*rakeek*) of her husband, and it is her duty absolutely to obey him in everything he requires of her except in what is contrary to the laws of Islam." Wife-beating is allowed by the Koran, and the method and limitations are explained by the laws of religion. It is very common in Arabia and Persia.

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