

JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF WOMANHOOD

The Noble Birth

After Rasulullah (SAW) attained the 'nubuwwat' and visited 'Jannat', 'Jibraeel' (AS) gave him a "Jannat nu tufah" (An Apple) which he consumed after which Maulatena Fatema (AS)

was conceived. Maulatena Fatema (AS) had the grace, beauty and fragrance of the "Hur-ul-Een" of 'Jannat'. The distinguished home of Rasulullah (SAW) was illuminated with radiant light by the noble birth of Fatema (AS).



At the time of the birth of Maulatena Fatema (AS), her mother Khadija (AS) sent for neighboring quraish women for assistants. They flatly refused, saying that khadija (AS) had betrayed them by supporting prophet Muhammad (SAW). She was perturbed for a while, when, to her great surprise, she sighted four strange tall women with halos around them, approaching her. Finding her dismayed, one of them addressed her thus, "O Khadija (AS)! I am Sarah, the mother of Ishaq, and the other three are, Mary the mother of Christ, Asiyah the daughter of Muzahim, and Umm kulthum, the sister of Moses. We have all been commanded by God to put our nursing knowledge at your disposal." saying this, all of them sat around her and rendered the services of midwifery till Rasulullah (SAW) daughter Fatema (AS) was born in Mecca. She was born on 10th Jamad il ukhra in the first year following the Nubuwwat of Rasulullah (SAW). The motherly blessings and affection received by Maulatena Fatema (AS) were only for five years, after which Khadija (AS) left for her heavenly home . Hereafter the Holy Prophet brought her up.

Like the rays of the sun, the moral tutoring of the Prophet of Islam was directly enhancing the luster of this incomparable gem. Among the ladies whose company Maulatena Fatema Zahra (AS) could have had was Fatima binte Asad (AS), the mother of Ali ibne Abi Talib (AS) or her (Fatima binte Asad's) sisters including Umme Hani (AS) and of her own aunt, Safia binte Abdul Muttalib (AS). All of them were elderly and noble ladies who must have showered all their love and affection on this infallible child. It was in this environment that Maulatena Fatema (AS) passed her childhood days. When Maulatena Fatema (AS) was born, the heavens glowed gloriously and the whole of Mecca glowed and Rasulullah (SAW) said that she is the 'sayyeda' (leader) of the women of the world. Rasulullah (SAW) had held Maulatena Fatema in such high esteem, which upon her arrival Rasulullah (SAW) would stand up as a mark of love and respect. Even the 'Farishtas' take pride in her because of her exalted qualities.

Her birth was to change the dignity of all women, who prior to Islam were considered inferior to man. In fact the earlier Arabs were so ashamed of daughters that they used to bury them alive. With the advent of Islam and birth of Maulatena Fatema (AS), women were given exalted position in an Islamic society. There have been many women who have made an everlasting mark on the history of civilization and mankind. They have been great in various aspects. Yet one lady contributed more than perhaps any one else, while she was not more than a young girl. She had all the great and virtuous attributes of the women of respect and honor - and more. Her prayers and supplications were no less than the most inspiring words of poetry to her Lord. Her eloquence of speech, her bravery and strength, her loving tenderness towards her noble father, husband and children are what philosophers still write and speak of in terms of a cure for the ills of today's society. She was filled with spiritual devotion, as is becoming of any true saint. Her actions were her belief, without fault or mistake. She rose above the frail diversions of this life and was truly the best example for all women throughout all time.

Rasulullah (SAW) had described women as 'wazirs' (Ministers) in the home and without them the home was incomplete. Our beloved Nabi (SAW) has taught us that the 'zeenat' of a home was a woman who plays a pivotal role in the education and the upbringing of children. In fact Rasulullah (SAW) likened a woman to a flower in a beautiful garden.

A Devoted Daughter:

Fatema (AS) was distinguished by a noble and divinely inspired upbringing, Rasulullah's (AS) aspirations were fulfilled in her. He held her in great regard; on her arrival Rasulullah (SAW) would voice his praise of her: "O Fatema, my soul is sacrificed upon you; you are Syedaa of all the women in the world." For Rasulullah (SAW), Fatema (AS) was the most beloved of all women.

She had the spirit of Rasulallah (SAW), his characteristics and morals. Indeed, she was the complete inheritor of her father. The distinguished relationship between Rasulallah (SAW) and his dear daughter attracted the attentions of those who lived nearby. They talked about the resemblance between the father and the daughter. Rasulallah (SAW), who spoke only that which had been revealed to him, addressed Fatema (AS) in these words: "Oh Fatema! Allah, the Mighty, the Exalted, is angered at the one who makes you angry and is satisfied with the one who pleases you". He was often heard saying "Fatemato Umme Abiha (Fatema (AS) is the mother of her Lord - her father)". He used to say, "My life is for your sake, Oh! Fatema (AS). You are the leader of the women of this world" She was the possessor of life, honor, beauty and high stature, living under her father's care. It was such a unique relationship that it made Ayesha used to say "Never have I seen anyone more like Rasulallah (SAW) in his solemn way {of standing and sitting} than Fatema (AS)" she added, "When she {Fatema} (AS) came to see him, he would rise to his feet, take her hand, kiss her and seat her where he was seated . And when he came to see her, she would stand up, take his hand, kiss him and seat him where she was seated". Nothing can be said more than that he was born and brought up in the household of Rasulallah (SAW).

A Revered Wife:

Providence had destined Maulatena Fatema (AS) to wed Maula Ali (AS). In fact Allah had blessed their wedding in heaven.

The wedding of these two eminent personalities was an example to behold as it set the guidelines to all wedding ceremonies in Islam. Islam had made it easy for one to get married so that it is not a burden on its followers.

In celebration of her wedding, the shia were bestowed with inscriptions stating that the flames of hell would never touch them.

Maula Ali (AS) only had a 'talwar' (sword) and a 'bakhtar' (armor) to offer for 'mehar'. Rasulullah (SAW) accepted only the 'bakhtar' as he knew Maula Ali (AS) would need the sword for the various battles to protect and expand Islam.

The 'bakhtar' was sold for 480 dirhams and the money was used to buy 'attar', clothes and some essential household goods. On the wedding night, Maulatena Fatema was taken in a procession to Maula Ali (AS) abode, on Rasulullah's (SAW) 'utni' (she-camel) which was covered with a 'chatai'. Rasulullah (SAW) together with Hamzah (AS), Aqil (AS) and the Banu Hashims followed along side with swords. Also in the procession were daughters of Abdul Mutalib (AS) and the women of Muhajirin and Ansars. On arrival at Maula Ali's (AS) residence, Rasulullah (SAW) sprinkled 'shifa nu pani' on the bride and groom and then offered dua for both of them.

The day after the marriage, Rasulullah (SAW) asked Maulatena Fatema (AS) why she was wearing the old dress and not the new one he had gifted to her. Maulatena Fatema (AS) related that she had given it away to a needy person. Rasulullah (SAW) asked if she had taken the permission of Maula Ali (AS), Maulatena Fatema (AS) replied that she had indeed taken permission, and that Maula Ali (SA) was pleased by her gracious act. Rasulullah (SAW) was greatly pleased by Maulatena Fatema's (AS) display of ta'at. Maulatena Fatema (AS) was married at the age of thirteen; Maulatena Fatema (AS) and Maula Ali (AS) were together for approximately ten years. All this while Maulatena Fatema (AS) never complained of any hardship, never ever told a lie, and was never ever dishonest.

Maulatena Fatema (AS) fulfilled her obligations as a wife and mother with such 'shaan' that it was a great example for all women of the world. She considered her children as Allah's 'Azeem Amanat' and spent night and day nurturing Maula Hassan (AS), Maula Hussain (AS), Maulatena Zainab (AS), Maulatena Umme Kulsum (AS) and Maula Mohsin (AS).

In her 10 years of marriage she never complained of destitution or poverty. Nor did she ever command or order. But to the contrary she was always humble and obedient. Maulatena Fatema (AS) was also noted for her 'Pardah'. She observed it so strictly that she would not remain without 'Pardah' even in the presence of a blind man.

She would do the household chores all by herself. But her 'shaan' was so great that Jibraeel would come and help her, and the Farishtas would sweep her home, grind the wheat and assist in swinging the cradle of Maula Hassan (AS) and Maula Hussain (AS).

Maulatena Fatema (AS) performed 'ibaadat' with great 'ikhlas' both in 'zahir' and 'batin'. Her prayers were always answered. There is a 'riwayat' that once her household went without food for three days. On the third day Maula Ali (AS) obtained some money but on his way home he met an 'ashab' named Miqdad who was hungry for four days. Maula Ali (AS) gave him the money because he felt that Miqdad was in greater need of it. Such was Maula Ali's (AS) 'sakhawat' (generosity).

The same day after 'maghrib namaaz', Rasulullah (SAW) decided to do the 'iftari' in Maulatena Fatema's (AS) house. With this sudden decision both Maulatena Fatema (AS) and Maula Ali (SAW) were distressed as there was no food in their house. Nevertheless Maulatena Fatema (AS) prayed to Allah to safeguard her household's honor and her prayers were answered with a 'thal' full of 'maa'adat' (jama'an) from heaven. Such was Maulatena Fatema's (AS) 'shaan'.

A Doting Mother:

Sadly, very sadly, after Rasulullah's (SAW) 'wafat' his beloved daughter and her family were subjected to much 'zulm-o-sitam'. Once Maulatena Fatema (AS) described the 'zulm' such that if a similar 'musibat' were to befall upon the day it would become a dark night. She grieved and wept day and night upon the 'wafat' of her father. Despite this tragedy she was patient in her sufferings and prayed for 'mumineens of all times to be forgiven.

Maulatena Fatema (AS) remained a devoted mother throughout her lifetime until the very end when she was weak and frail with illness. She bathed Imam Hasan (AS) and Husain (AS), she cooked for them and fed them knowing that it was the last time. Maulatena Fatema (AS) had four children, Maula Hassan (AS), Maula Husain (AS), Maulatena Zainab and Maulatena Umme Kulsum. The fifth child was Maula Mohsin (AS)

Maulatena Fatema who is also the 'mansoola' of the night of 23rd of Shere Ramzan passed away exactly 70 days after Rasulullah at the tender age of 23 years. Maulana Ali was greatly saddened by the sudden loss of his faithful and 'azeem' partner whom he described as the pupil of his eye.

May Allah shower Maulatena Fatema-Tuz Zahra with 'salawat' and 'salam' and grant us the 'taufiq' to follow the foot-steps of this 'khatun- e-janaat' who now rests peacefully in Jannatul Baqi in Medina.

Aimmat Fatemiyyin is the true progeny of Rasulullah (SAW), Ali (AS) and Fatema (AS). And during the seclusion of the Aimmat (AS), the Duat Fatemiyyeen (RA) guide mumineen. This chain of succession will continue until the Day of Judgment.

A Divine Intercession:

Maulatena Fatema (AS) cried during nights and gathered tear drops in a vessel, she gave this vessel to Maula Ali (AS) and asked him to put this in her grave. So that if any sinning mumin or mumina was thrown into the flames of hell, she would sprinkle her tears and put out the fire.

In the darkness of the jet-black night, when eyes were asleep and voices were silent, a Heavenly procession left Maula Ali's (AS) house while carrying the Messenger of Allah's daughter to her final abode. This was the night of 10th Jamad il ula, 10th H. Her qabr mubarak is in Jannat ul baqee, Medina.



Moula's only Desire

Build the Zarih of Rasullulah.
Build the zarih of Moulatena Fatema-tuz-Zahra.



We Pray

- **O`Allah, bless the land of Jannatul Baqi**
- **O'Allah, bless the Qabr Mubarak of Fatema(AS)**
- **O'Allah, with Wasilla e Panjatan Paak(AS), Aimat Tahireen(AS) and Duat ul Mutlaqeen bless our beloved Moula(TUS), Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin(TUS)**
- **O'Allah, show us the day soon when Moula(TUS) fulfills His UMEED of building a ZARIH at Baqi**
- **O'Allah show us the day soon, that we the Shia of Fatima(AS) reach Jannataul Baqi with Moula(TUS)**
- **O'Allah grant us our wish of performing Ziyarat of Fatima(AS) with Moula(TUS) at Jannatul baqi**
- **O'Allah bless all mumineen and always guide us on the right path to abide by the teaching of Aqa Moula(TUS)**
- **O'Allah grant our beloved Moula a very long, healthy and prosperous life till the day of judgment**

We pray to Allah to fulfill our beloved AQA MOULA wish soon and bless our lives long enough to witness this glorious occasion of the Iftetah of the zarih.

We follow you and love you and venerate you with unquestioning devotion. Our heart is full with your personality and spiritual inner qualities. You have set fine examples of dedicated wise and good leadership for all your countless followers across the continents.

May Allah fulfill Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin's (TUS) desire to make the zarih Mubarak of Fatema (AS) in gold and silver?

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