

## **The impact of the endowment on women's advocacy (calling to Allah)**

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The introduction to the book, the author talks about the following:

Endowment (Waqf) is considered one of the acts of righteousness in Islam, and it is an everlasting charity whose endower receives a reward in his life and after his death. Likewise, calling to Allah (Dawah) is one of the charitable deeds that achieve good for others. This correlation and similarity between the endowment and calling to Allah in terms of the continuation of the reward in the life of the caller to Allah and the endower and after their death is one of the secrets of this great religion of Islam. Whereas, women calling is one of the fields of call to Allah.

Because calling to Allah, in the past and in the present, is linked to kindness of the good-doers, spending of donors and endowment of endowers; therefore, this book deals with these two main topics (endowment and calling to Allah).

The subject of the book (Impact of Endowment on Women Calling to Allah): That is, the endowment has a positive impact in the past, in the present and in the future on the means and areas of women calling to Allah in terms of its expansion, spread and coverage when endowments are allocated to women calling to Allah, highlighting what the good-doers have done in the past and present in this field to be example to follow.

The importance of the subject of the book: The importance of the topic of the book in its connection with the greatest form of spending - namely, the endowment - in terms of the continuation of its reward, and its connection to the call, which Allah called: (best of saying). The book explains the intimate relationship between endowment and calling to Allah. Calling to Allah is one of endowments outlets, and endowment is one of the sources of calling to Allah. Due to the diversity of women calling to Allah methods in this era, it requires double support with

funding through endowments of their own.

The subject of the book aims to contribute to spreading the culture of endowment on the fields and means of women calling to Allah and to highlight the attention of Muslims - in the past and in the present - in women calling and their endowments. The book introduced the conferences and seminars devoted to the topic of endowment and previous studies on this topic and similar to it, then the book dealt with the following chapters:

First chapter: The concept of the endowment and some of its rulings.

First topic: Definition of the endowment in terms of language and terminology.

Second topic: the ruling and legality of endowment on the media, and types of endowment (private and charitable).

Third topic: the importance and preference of the endowment to the individual and society and the benefits of the endowment.

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Fourth topic: the legal rooting of the women endowment from the Qur'an and Sunnah and what predecessor and successor women did in this regard, then the rulings of the endowment of women, women as endower, endowed or endowment administrator.

Second chapter: The fields of endowment and the role of women.

First topic: It talks about modern areas of endowment, such as endowment on the social, health, educational, service and other fields, and the endowment funds.

Second topic: The role of women in the endowment and examples thereof, in the past and in the present, with a discussion models of women endowment in the past, then examples of women endowments at the level of the Islamic world in the modern era, and the contribution of women to the endowment through research and authorship. The topic was concluded with examples of endowments that were attached to the study.

Third topic: Recent individual and institutional endowments regarding women calling, such as endowments for women calling to Allah fields, book and school endowments and endowments for memorizing the

Holy Qur'an, as well as institutional endowments such as endowment academic program (chairs) and some charitable institutions.

Chapter Three: Women calling to Allah

First topic: The concept and importance of women calling to Allah.

Second topic: Examples of women calling to Allah in Islamic history from the Qur'an and Sunnah, including the Prophet wives, All Prayers and Blessings of Allah be upon him, and the role of predecessors and successors women in this regard.

Third topic: Women calling to Allah in the modern era, as in Egypt, Morocco, Yemen, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia, then talk about the reality of women calling to Allah according to its fields in Saudi Arabia and the obstacles and restrictions on women calling to Allah.

Chapter Four: The impact of the endowment on women calling to Allah. The chapter dealt with the impact of the Western feminist movement and the importance of the endowment's impact on the areas of women calling to Allah in the media, continental, scientific, medical and economic fields.

Chapter Five: Endowment projects on women calling to Allah. In this study, the researcher has suggested projects that he deems important to be endowed.

First topic: Talking about the history of women endowment in general and examples of them.

Second topic: Endowment of women calling to Allah or some of its means, fields, and examples thereof.

Conclusion: The findings and recommendations, which included the following:

Findings:

1. The old areas of the endowment included the social, educational, calling to Allah and economic needs of society at the time.
2. The areas of modern endowment are renewable and changing according to the conditions and development of societies, and that the endowment revolves with those needs and develops in its fields whenever they change or develop.
3. There are distinct efforts to endow the needs of women, in the past and present, from endowers, men or women, but they do not suit the urgent need, especially

in our present era.

4. The clarity of the positivity of Muslim women and their interaction with the needs of their society; they had a prominent role in the history of the endowment since the early days of Islam. Islam also encourages women to endowment in all areas of righteousness.
5. The diversity of women's contributions to the endowment; as its endowments were not limited to one field alone, but rather their endowments were diversified to include all good deeds. This is in response to the needs of its community, and in line with the spirit of its time.
6. The endowment has great and clear effects on the call to Allah, in the past and in the present, especially on the students of Islamic legal science, and it has had a distinguished impact on the transfer and journey of science students to different Islamic universities, securing the needs of proselytizers (da'iyah) and scholars and seeking knowledge, thus creating the appropriate scientific climate.
7. The impact of the endowment, in the past and in the present, on preserving the identity of Islamic societies, and protecting them from Christianization institutions that use fund(money) methods to pressure the needy Muslims.
8. The Messenger, All Prayers and Blessings of Allah be upon him, took care of calling women, reforming them, guiding them and proving their right to call according to their nature, and that they are qualified to do so.
9. The Islamic history is full of distinguished efforts in caring for women in terms of guidance, education, reform and calling.
10. Unless there is cooperation between businessmen and proselytizers in the service of women calling to Allah by financing its programs and means and endowments, the negative impact on women: (mother, wife, sister, or daughter) will be general and inclusive of society, and will be difficult to ward off, so prevention is better than cure and jostling is one of the rules of life;
11. The endowment has a tangible positive impact on women call to Allah in

activating, developing and coordinating it, and that the areas of women call to Allah and its means remain rigid and static unless they are supported and moved through the financial component on which most of these areas and means depend, and the most important financial element is the endowment that bears the characteristic of permanence on the one hand, and the institutional work on the other hand.

12. The importance and impact of the endowment on the media when it is invested in women call to Allah, raising key issues, and establishing some important legal issues, and all of this requires continuous support to continue giving; and
13. The importance of endowment on websites; due to its prevalence, ease of dealing with it and its universality, and its potential for good investment in calling to Allah Almighty.

Recommendations:

1. Holding educational sessions, forums, and issuing brochures to endowment administrator, as well as computer forums in which knowledge is exchanged between endowment administrators.
2. Encouraging associations based on endowments, facilitating their tasks, supporting their founding activities, and providing support to official and private institutions working in the field of women.
3. Reassuring the endowers and shareholders in the endowment projects regarding the legitimacy and integrity of the dealings of the endowment-based bodies and the competence of those in charge of them, which leads to strengthening confidence in these endowment bodies and institutions, and increases the willingness of the wealthy to deal with them.
4. Facilitating the participation of the general public in forming new endowments of whatever capacity, by facilitating the administrative procedures.
5. Expanding the concept of the endowment among the general public so that it is not limited to some traditional aspects, and explaining what the endowment presented in the past, and what it might offer in the future in all areas of the social life of Muslims in their religion and life matters.

6. Asking endowment administrator (public and private) to spend on women calling and female students from the endowment dedicated for students, or calling to Allah.
7. It is necessary to establish endowment funds that deal with the endowment of women calling, and the areas of women's reform and its means in various scientific specialists.
8. Taking care of the endowment on Islamic women's sites and supporting them, and establishing multiple sites, taking into account coordination between them.
9. Ensure that every charitable project, whether it is a Masjed (mosque), school, hospital, or charitable complex, is accompanied by an endowment project that supports these projects to ensure its continuity and operation, and to spare it from the constant search for irregular donations.
10. Encouraging distinguished women's initiatives, and honoring creative female figures in the fields of endowment and calling.
11. The Muslim female proselytiser should make use of modern technologies in a way that suits the Islamic religion, and the innovation in calling methods in line with the times, to stand up to contemporary challenges.
12. Students, female students in particular should pay attention to studying women calling field, because it still needs more study and research.