

Muslims Advised To Engage In Group Sex

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Islam cannot now be seen as conservative and boring.

In a move that didn't just raise eyebrows but also one's pulse, Rohaya Mohamad, the vice-president of the Obedient Wives' Club (OWC), has given a welcome boost to religious study and an odd twist to sex and warfare.

Regardless of the consternation it might cause but conscious of her desire to titillate and recruit potential members, the racy Rohaya has published a 115-page sexual manual, complete with extremely graphic pictures.

Despite the title "*Seks Islam, Perangi Yahudi untuk Kembalikan Seks Islam kepada Dunia*" (Islamic Sex, fighting Jews to return Islamic sex to the world), the OWC has instructed the Muslim husband to have sex simultaneously with all of his wives.

In other words, group sex.

Is the first edition going to fly off the shelves of all major bookshops?

The contribution of the fight against the Jews to 'return Islamic sex to the world' however, seems debatable.

Last June, Rohaya sparked outrage when she called on wives to be whores in bed so that their husbands would not go astray, engage the services of prostitutes nor indulge in other social vices.

She said, "A man married to a woman who is as good, or better than a prostitute in bed, has no reason to stray.

"A man's appetite, which is greater than women's, cannot be denied and rather than allowing him to sin, a woman must do all she can to ensure his desires are met."

Although the OWC has grown in popularity with Muslims in South-East Asia, it has only managed to enlist 20 families in Singapore, 800 members in Malaysia and a further 200 members in Jordan.

Many wrongly perceive Islam to have inequality between the sexes, but Rohaya's "successful formula" to happy marriages, has elevated the woman's role and entrusted her with enormous responsibility as 'family saviour'.

Various women's groups and an equal number of men have challenged her and said that her views degraded women and portrayed men as slaves to their sexual urges; nevertheless, Rohaya has remained unrepentant.

According to Rohaya, the OWC's teachings would ultimate protect the family institution and social ills like prostitution, domestic violence, human trafficking and abandoned babies would be eliminated. Her analysis is that unfulfilled sexual needs at home create many of the problems society faces today.

The OWC was formed by Global Ikhwan Sdn Bhd, which in turn was founded by former members of the banned Al-Arqam Islamic sect, which practises polygamy and relies on sex as part of its recruiting technique.

The latest publication carries a photograph of the banned Al-Arqam leader, the late Asaari Muhammad on its cover and said that research showed that 'women only gave their husbands 10% of what they wanted from their wives' bodies'.

According to various reports, there were explicitly sexual passages throughout the book and that chapter eight dealt exclusively with "how sex becomes worship".

One excerpt reads: "*Kemuncak cinta kita ialah celah kangkang. Tangan, kaki dan segalanya terdorong kuat untuk menuju ke situ*", which means "The peak of our love is what's between the legs. Hands, feet and everything are strongly driven there."

Already comparisons have been made with a book of cartoons which was banned and many wonder why this explicitly sexual book has not been withdrawn from sale. Muslims are angry that Islam has been associated with lewd sex.

The Malay-language daily, Berita Harian, reported that the Malay-Muslim community was upset that the book contained a photograph of Asaari on its cover, and that it also contained pictures of a sexually explicit nature.

This sparked further anger because the teachings of this deviationist group are wrong and undermine Islam, and the work done by women's groups to raise the self-esteem and rights of women were neglected.

One woman who belonged to an NGO which deals with women's issues said, "Marriage and the family institution are based on love, respect, and trust, not just sex. The teachings of this OWC deviate from the norm. This group is misleading people."

"The OWC is a cheap publicity stunt which belittles and insults the woman's role as wife. First it embarrassed women by asking them to behave like first class prostitutes to satisfy their husband's lust, reducing wives to mere sex slaves. Now, it is telling them to indulge in group sex."

Another observer said, "Is this Malaysia's answer to the Kamasutra? Perhaps it was written by a woman, or man, who was fantasizing, after reading the Kamasutra."

The Kamasutra has ten chapters dedicated to amorous advances and illustrations of different positions of sexual union and two chapters describing the 'duties and privileges of the wife, including those of the chief wife and other wives'.

Regardless of the publicity generated, will Rohaya manage to excite Muslims to join the OWC and look forward to orgies? Will her book make it to the bestseller's list in the region?

Perhaps the sexual guide will be an anti-climax, remaindered and pulped within six months of publication because it "*mati-pucuk*"?

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