

'It takes two to carry...'

MUHAMMAD RAMZAN remarks on harmony and compatibility as a necessary binding factor in any successful marriage

Women's contribution and role as wives in enlivening, beautifying and ameliorating the world is surprisingly remarkable and marvellous. Man and woman as successful and loving husband wife feel an organic integration of soul and body. Obsessed

with love and affection they wash away their troubles on the spur of the moment. "No life without wife" is a very old concept and quotation but it still holds good as a universal truth. Scholars, poets, writers and intellectuals in the east or in the west have been using great verbosity in applying and lauding the role of woman and wife in an endless series. Having a good wife is "paradise gained" and (unluckily) losing her is "paradise lost." So to say

every good wife provides paradise on the earth. Therefore, we must have a futuristic approach and must take care so that 'paradise gained' does not end in 'paradise lost.' In exercising that care and caution, it should be ensured that male domination in the form of male chauvinism is not used to avoid a discord. Delicate people should be dealt with delicacy, decency and decorum. Surely roughness in attitude creates roughness in the relations of the

spouses.
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good-tempered, well-dressed and well-groomed."

However, the scribe is of the view that love in the case of husband and wife would be much more than a refreshment—rather a very sweet bond (without chains) binding hearts, minds and soul of both together.

In the Mughal, era, the love of emperor Shah Jahan and Empress Mumtaz Mehal had been symbolic in the history of India. They were ideal lovers and ideal husband and wife. However, as fortunes favour nobody all the time, the death of Mumtaz Mehal darkened the happy life of emperor Shah Jehan. Later he gave vent to his feelings of immense love for the departed soul by constructing a magnificently

multi-dimensional like cleaning and decorating the house, cooking for the husband (and other inmates), to arrange for the boarding and to make the house a real love-nest. When she burns fire on which she cooks meat, vegetable and pulses, at times it gives a flavour that impels watering the mouth. A delicious dish served in a decent way with a genuine smile on the face, helps setting the mood of the husband. A bit of praise, some pleasant vocabulary and favourable terminology used for the wife, suiting the occasion, creates a marvellous effect in harmonising the relations and making the environment more and more cordial. It is always useful for both the life partners to be compatible with each other.

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born) "The most important
thing a father can do for
his children is to love their
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To cut short, nature itself
is full of love stories. Take
for example the cranes
amongst the migrating
birds. Cranes flock to-
gether in good number for
very long distances, not
only cross country but also
even cross continent. The
most wonderful and
interesting aspect of their
life is that every one of
them chooses its own mate
and then throughout their
5-6 years life remains loyal
to the other. According to
bird-fanciers there is no

partners proves so shock-
ing and so heart rending
that it succumbs to the
grief of separation of its
companion.

To substantiate my
point, I would refer to an
anecdote that appeared in
the press some time ago.
Some cranes were flying in
the form of a flock. A
hunter fired from his gun
and one of the cranes got
injured and landed on a
tree in a village. The
villagers would throw
some bits of food, grains
and vegetables for the bird
to eat and the poor crane
would flutter down, eat
the stuff and would again
fly to rest on the tree.
However, it could not fly
for long distance or at a
high altitude. After some
time a flock of cranes flew
over the tree where the ill
fated bird was living. As
usual, the cranes in the
flock crackled. Hearing
their voice the crane on
the tree also started
crackling. The villagers
observed that a crane from
the flock landed on the
tree and sat very close to
the injured crane, crossing
their necks as if to soothe
and share each other's
grief of separation.
Reportedly, the other
crane was the mate of the
one already on the tree.
After some time both of
them fell down on the
ground breathless and
lifeless. Naturally, this
incident impressed very
much the villagers and all
those who heard this sad
incident. This is no doubt
a reminder and a lesson
for the human beings
especially for husband and
wife regarding sincerity,
loyalty and faithfulness.

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