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DR. ABU SHUQQAH AND PARTICIPATION OF
MUSLIM WOMEN IN SOCIETY

Women, their rights, and freedom are the hot issues of debate. Everyone is trying to draw some outlines of it, in his or her own perception. While some people try to make women equal to men in all fields of life, some others don't ready to give them right to even education in this twenty-first century also. These are absolutely the two extreme points of view which exploited the women much more. That is why the women could, so far, not get the respect and value they deserve.

Agreeably, it is Islam that gives the woman the actual respect and value. Islam encourages women and gives them all the fundamental rights and freedom, and makes their value and status equal to men with maintaining and respecting all the natural differences between the two. We can see in the Qur'an that Allah addressed with the words like *Mu'mineen*, or 'Human Beings' or 'People' without making any difference between men and women. At one place, Allah says in Qur'an:

¹ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَقْدَمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيِ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

*The analytical study of the research work, namely تحرير المرأة في عصر الرسالة by Dr. Abdul Haleem Abu Shuqqah has been put forth in this essay. For this purpose I have put before me the Urdu translation of this book, translated by Dr. Mohd. Fahim Akhtar with a title *Awnat Abd e Risalat Mein*, published by Qazi Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, 3rd edn., 2013.

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