



The Age of Aisha (ra)

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01 ✨ Introduction ✨





Some aspects of Islam like the age of the Aisha (rad) when she married the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, might seem strange to people who aren't Muslim.

As Muslims we believe that Allah, the All-Wise has a reason for everything, even if we don't understand those things right away.

By learning from Islamic scholars, we can understand and appreciate the wisdom behind these practices.

02 ✨ The facts regarding
Aisha's (ra) age ✨



The Prophet ﷺ married Aisha at the age of six and was sent to live with the Prophet ﷺ at the age of nine (Bukhari).

In addition to this authentic Hadith, there are additional evidences that indicate that Aisha (ra) was six when she married the Prophet ﷺ and nine when she started to live with him.

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Aisha (ra) was
already an adult





Aisha (ra) was an adult when she moved in with the Prophet ﷺ because she started living with him after having reached puberty.

Puberty is a more consistent way to determine adulthood, rather than the cultural understanding which always differs and is inconsistent.

For example, a person in Vietnam is considered an adult at the age of 16, but in the US, a person is considered an adult at 18.

Therefore, there should be no objection to the Prophet ﷺ marrying Aisha because she was already an adult when she moved in with him.

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Is there really a problem
with Aisha's (ra) age
when she got married?



It is unfair to compare certain cultural practices today with the same practices historically, as both times and cultures were different.

What is considered to be acceptable in a society is *subjective* or based on opinion.

Globally, it was normal and accepted to marry people of a younger age up until very recently.

At that time, for the Prophet (ﷺ) to marry Aisha at a young age was perfectly acceptable in their society.

After all, the enemies of the Prophet (ﷺ) accused him of all sorts, but they never criticized him for marrying Aisha (ra).

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Why do people have
an issue with it?





Historically, Christian law and European civil law considered seven years as the age of marriage.

If the Prophet (ﷺ) was to be accused of doing something wrong, then everyone else who allowed child marriages should also be included.

However, regarding this custom, it seems that only the Prophet ﷺ is being accused of this custom, even though it was perfectly normal at that time.

Sadly it seems that certain groups of people try to make the Prophet ﷺ look bad, when in actuality, they are okay with others doing the same thing.



06 What to focus on instead



The most important fact of 'Aisha's (ra) life is not that she married young. Her level of scholarship, her love for the Messenger ﷺ, and her love for Islam are the most important aspects of her life.

Non-Muslims would benefit so much more, if they were to realize the incredible life Aisha (ra) lived instead of worrying about her age.

May Allah swt allow us to benefit from the great life of Aisha (ra) and may He allow us to always be pleased with Islam.

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