

The Concept of Rizq

“There is no moving creature on earth whose provision is not guaranteed by Allah.” {Hud:6}

*“If you were to rely upon Allah with the reliance He is due, you would be given provision like the birds. **It goes forth hungry in the morning and returns with a full belly at dusk.**”*
{Hadith by Tirmidzi}

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Rizq of Children

“Do not kill your children for fear of poverty. We provide for them and for you. Surely killing them is a heinous sin.”
{Isra:31}

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Family Planning in Islam

“We used to practice coitus interruptus during the time of the Messenger of Allah when the Qur'an was being revealed.”

{Hadith by Bukhari}

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According to Imam al-Ghazali, abortion is totally prohibited, even during the early stages of pregnancy for it is the basis of humans' life. However, he states that it is permissible to practise coitus interruptus, if there are permissible reasons for it, which includes the factors of economy, wife's health, and to maintain wife's beauty to ensure prolonged love and care between the couple (to prevent divorce). He also states a sinful and unacceptable reason for family planning, which is the fear of getting a daughter. Refer ***Ihya' Ulum al-Din***

On May 1997, Syeikh 'Atiyyah Saqr issued a fatwa through ***Dar al-Ifta' al-Misriyyah***, answering the question on sterilization for family planning due to health reasons or others for a certain duration. It is permissible on the condition that the reproductive ability is undamaged and he or she can reproduce again after the set duration. Thus, if the sterilization is absolute and permanent then it is prohibited, unless there is a desperate and serious danger or threat towards his or her life. Refer ***Fatawa Dar al-Ifta' al-Misriyyah***

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Fatwa decision by Fatwa Committee of Singapore: Ruling on Family Planning (17/6/1987)

“...from these statements, we can deduce that Islam prioritises quality over quantity. Muslim jurists believe that family planning practices, such as the consumption of pills or other forms of contraceptives, are temporarily permissible as long as these methods do not harm the health of the user. Contraceptives should not render the person barren but allow the person to plan his family with care and order”

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