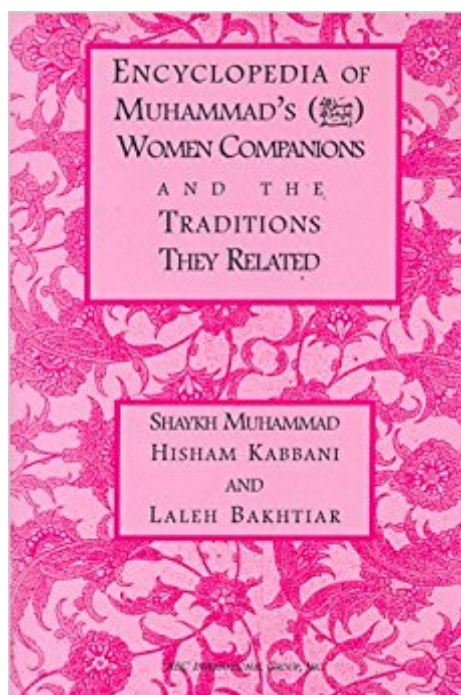


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# Encyclopedia Of Muhammad's Women Companions



## Synopsis

This work is divided into two books: Book I contains all of the Traditions (ahadith) related by 150 women Companions of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) according to the six canonical books of Sahih al-Bukhari, Sahih Muslim, Sunan Abu Dawud, Sunan Ibn Majah, Sunan al-Nisai and Sunan al-Tirmidhi. The Traditions are organized according to the Divine Law (shariah), but this work begins with moral character development. A brief glance shows that women Companions related Traditions in many areas and not just in areas relating specifically to women. Where there is more than one Tradition on the same topic, one is presented and references to the other versions are indicated below that specific Tradition. Book II contains the biographies of over 600 women Companions of the Prophet including her name, her mother's name, the name of her children, the name of her husband (s) and where information is available from the earliest sources of Ibn Ishaq and Ibn Sad, her biography.

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## Customer Reviews

Shaykh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani is a scholar from the Middle East. he graduated with a B. A. in chemistry from the American University College of Beirut and then went to Louvain, Belgium to continue his medical studies. He later received his Islamic Law degree from Damascus. Laleh Bakhtiar, Ph.D., a well-known author on Sufism, is the first person to unearth traditional psychology which had been buried in medieval philosophy. With this work she shows that traditional psychology is alive and vibrant and should be an alternative psychology to modern schools as the stress is upon morality and ethics. She is a nationally certified and licensed psychotherapist.

This is a beautiful book! Unfortunately so much has been lost in the Islamic tradition of our female scholars. Thus this book is a rare gem, which makes you glad at the wisdom that it contains but sad for so much more that must be lost. As others have said the first half are collections of traditions and sayings about the early days of Islam or by the Prophet Muhammad himself, narrated by women. The second half are biographies of the women themselves. My husband and I have studied in this area for many years, but there was still SO MUCH in this book that we had never heard about before. I would say that this book is necessary for any decent Islamic studies English library. Kabbani is a "Sufi" scholar, and Bakhtiar has a reputation as a feminist. Both of these things are avoided by certain Muslims. To those people who are considering this book but turned off by the authors, I would beg you to look past your bias. Remember that knowledge is the lost property of the Muslim wherever you find it. This book is full of lost wisdom, so don't hesitate to pick it up. For non-Muslims, the authorship actually makes this book so approachable to Western audiences. It reveals realities that are unknown in the West's view of Islam, and that even Muslims fail to grasp. This is a book about real women, who not only lived as Muslims but helped form the religion of Islam itself. A very valuable collection indeed.

This book most likely gives a "Sufi" perspective in the selected quotations from the women who knew the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) of Islam fame. "Shaykh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani" is the author of "The Naqshbandi Sufi Way", "Encyclopedia of Islamic Doctrine," and has an Islamic law degree from Damascus. "Leleh Bahtiar" wrote "Encyclopedia of Islamic Law" and "Sufi Expressions of the Mystic Quest." Women who knew Mohammad provide quotations on the following topics: "Behavior:" the Prophet, household chores, laughing, sitting; "Companions": Zubayr, Qahafa, Rahman, Yasir, Malek, Bakr, Umayy, Qaqqas, etc.; "Wrongdoing": don't abuse the dead, anger, boasting, cursing, jealousy, prohibitions, etc.; "Good": good deeds, blessing a new born child, animal sacrifice, hot baths, toothpick; "Supplication": Shaban, Allah's names, night, morning, sleeping, leaving the toilet, storms, etc.; "Monotheism": jinn, prophethood, Abraham, Resurrection, Gog, Last Hour, Paradise; "Economic Issues": charity, the dead, blessings, inheritance, war spoils, borrowing money, pawning, wages, income from a slave; "Ablution" (20 pages), childbirth, female circumcision ("do not cut severely" according to the Prophet -- but a weak tradition), menstruation, remainders of a cat, sexual defilement, experiencing orgasm without moisture, henna on hands, modesty, etc.; "Fasting": Ramadan, seclusion, moon; "Prayer": freeing of slaves at the time of an eclipse, "Suitable Dress": against wearing silk, Sunan prayers, supplication, times, animal sacrifice,

"Pilgrimage" to Mecca (10 pages), "Government": women, lashes, oaths, military battles, witnesses, alcohol, dates, vinegar, divorce, dress and hair, slaves, food, funeral, hunting, "Marriage" (15 pages); "Medicine and spells", "Modesty", intercourse with a nursing mother; "Mosques", "Music and Singing"..and much, much, much more. That was Section One (260 pages). Section Two has 230 pages of biographies of women who knew Muhammad and had something to say about either him or his beliefs. [I confess, I don't know if this book favors a Sunni or a Shiite perspective.]

**PRIMARY SOURCES - WOMEN WHO KNEW THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD!**Part One contains the Traditions (Hadith) related by 150 women Companions (comparable to "Disciples" when speaking of Jesus) of the Prophet Muhammad. The Hadith traced here show that women Companions related Hadith in many areas - not just in areas relating specifically to women.Part Two contains the biographies of more than 300 women Companions of the Prophet, including (at minimum and in this order): her name, her mother's name, her father's name, her tribe, her children's names, and then her husband's name.Finally, all of this biographical information is followed by anything else Muslims know about this woman, and most importantly if she is the authority for any of the teachings, saying, stories about the Prophet Muhammad. There is no "hear-say" in Islam. Every story, phrase, saying, must be traceable back in an unbroken line ("line of transmitters") to someone who heard it first-hand and is known to be a very reliable source.It is absolutely astounding that we know so very much about their important 7th century women - the first Muslims. This is a testimony to the historic record-keeping of the time, to Islam's concern for scholarship, and to the respected roles played by women among the Prophet's Companions.Teachers/Librarians: To know that such scholarship exists is important. To know that women (and so many of them) were held in such high regard is important. To know that tracing every story and phrase and teaching of the Prophet Muhammad back to the actual person who heard it with their own ears, is very important. All these things point to the importance of scholarship and intellectualism in Islam.You must have this on your shelves. 9th grade to Adult.

Excellent collection and invaluable to understanding the contribution that women made to the early Islamic community and also gives insight into the issues that affected women and their concerns.

What a beautiful gem of a book! Any book by Shaykh Hisham Kabbani may Allah be pleased with him is a gem. I especially love this book because finally we can read about the women Companions of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings upon him) from a trustworthy source! The first part of

the book contains all the traditions related by the Prophet's women Companions and the second part contains the biographies of over 600 women Companions of the Prophet pbuh! This book is packed with gems of wisdom!

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