

The Difference Between the
Marriages of King Richard II of
England (d. 1400) to **Six Year Old**
Isabella and King John (d. 1216)
of England to **Twelve Year Old**
Isabella and ...



... The Pedophilia of **Gary Glitter** and **Jimmy Saville** as a Representation of The Pedophilia of **British, European, American** and **Australian** Nations, Their **Political Establishments, Stars, Sportsmen, Actors, Singers, Celebrities, Businessmen** and **Common-Folk** on the Back of the 20th Century Licentious Liberal Philosophies of **Sigmund Freud, Wilhelm Reich, Rene Guyon, Jean-Paul Sartre** and the Depraved Sex-Addict **Alfred Kinsey** Whose Fraudulent Research Forms the Basis For the **Sexual Indoctrination** of Children in Western Societies and the Attempted **Normalisation and Legalisation of Pedophilia** Under the Guise of “Child Rights”

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Disclaimer: There is no obligation (*wujūb*) to get married before the age of 16 in Islāmic law and each nation has its own laws regarding the legal age of marriage. This treatise merely discusses marriages of the past in various locations including European, Asian, African and Arabian societies with a view to providing the context for past social norms and customs and refuting the baseless charge of pedophilia against the Prophets of God and also against European royalty and aristocracy of the past. This treatise does not encourage the breaking of any law and is simply an academic discussion of a matter that has been distorted and misrepresented by those with ideological hatred for Islām.



INTRODUCTION

This treatise is a response to those spiteful Islām-haters who make the accusation of “pedophilia” against the noble, revered Prophet of Islām, Muḥammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), and by extension against the Prophets of God. Likewise, against not only European royalty and aristocracy, but both the elite and common-folk of many nations, societies and cultures in history. This accusation is false and baseless and is made only by three groups of people:

1. Those who are genuinely ignorant and do not harbour any malice or hatred as such but they are confused on this issue, and simply desire to understand how a six year old was betrothed to the Prophet of Islām because it is at odds with current social norms. They have heard about this and are seeking to understand it, but without any ill-will or malice. We will call this category, **the Inquisitive Truth-Seeker**.

2. The rank ignoramus from the common riff-raff who harbours spite and hatred without due right, having subscribed to the views and sentiments of nationalist and far-right groups. Such people have no understanding of culture and civilisation and little knowledge of history and of the principles of those sciences by which the cultures and social norms of societies are studied. These are uneducated, intellectual cripples and are to be put alongside domesticated animals. We call this category, **the Ignorant Blind-Follower Devoid of Rational Faculties**.

3. The sophisticated, ideologically motivated Islām hater whose aim is to ridicule Islam and belittle Muslims due to ideological hatred that is often coupled with aspects of racial supremacy. They do this with full knowledge that they do not

seek truth, but only the attainment of agendas. Many of these people are aware of some of the issues that will be discussed below regarding this particular matter. However, they find Muslims who are ignorant or are unable to articulate and express views in a clear, lucid manner. They engage such Muslims in a dialogue in order to catch them out, and then use the material for anti-Islām propaganda. We call this category **the Inflamed Hateful Loon** whose undergarments are ablaze with rank hatred. This seething hatred is frequently concealed by an outer appearance of civility and pretence of impartiality, genuineness and seeking of truth. Despite this, the hate is all but evident on their screwfaces. A hatred that is blazing and kindles a person's undergarments cannot be kept concealed outwardly for any length of time.

By reading this brief treatise and understanding it well, the reader will be able to immediately categorise any person who raises or debates this issue within a matter of minutes. The reader will be able to distinguish between the **sincere truth seeker** from the **pretentious ignorant retard** and both of these from the **blazing hate-filled loon** on an ideological mission that he will never attain because the outcome of lies and fabrications is always failure.

OUTLINE AND APPROACH

In this treatise we will outline the following:

1. Adulthood, in the history of cultures and civilisations, was linked to the onset of the signs of puberty. A child *graduated directly into adulthood upon puberty* and was considered an adult. Puberty rites to mark this event were common in many cultures and societies and remain to this day.

2. Mental maturity (bulūgh) and puberty which signifies biological adulthood are two separate things. A child can reach mental maturity but not display the signs of puberty, and a child may display all the signs of puberty but not possess mental maturity till years afterwards.

3. Cultural, environmental, social and economic factors determine the age of adulthood and mental maturity. The concept of adolescence—slow graduation into adulthood—was not known prior to the 20th century. It is something novel in modern industrial societies brought about through socio-economic factors. Only a hundred years ago in England and in nations in general children were mentally mature at a much younger age due to the socio-economic conditions. With changes in these conditions, the transition to adulthood slowed down and the concept of adolescence came into being. Thus, what is perceived as “adulthood” does not have any fixed timeframe, though historically among nations, it was tied to signs of puberty.¹ Thus, mental maturity may come before puberty, or it

¹ The matter of adulthood is subject to debate even today in light of socio-economic factors. An January 2018 article in the Telegraph notes reports on the subject matter, stating, “Adulthood does not begin until 24, scientists have concluded because young people are continuing their education for longer and delaying marriage and parenthood. The traditional definition for adolescence is currently between the ages of 10 and 19, which marked the

may come long after puberty. As a result, *adulthood*, for any given person, is not fixed but is fluid, because onset of puberty, as well as mental maturity are not fixed at any particular age.

4. In light of the above, **attitude towards sex, sexuality, marriage and age of consent for marriage** are all determined purely by the cultural and social norms of societies which determine when a child reaches adulthood and mental maturity. Further, these were largely **private issues** in which parents and families made decisions for the best interests of their sons and daughters, mostly without the intervention of state authorities.

5. **The role of licentious and liberal atheist philosophies in the early 20th century and the sexual revolution of the 60s** in producing a predatory sexual interest in children and calls for lowering or abolishing the age of consent to facilitate exploitation of children for sex. Nihilistic, existentialist philosophies founded upon atheism are the driving force behind sexual liberation movements and the present day attempts to legalise pedophilia in Western nations, following the same pattern as the legalisation and normalisation of homosexuality.²

6. **The impermissibility of evaluating past social and cultural norms regarding marriage through the modern-day interest in pedophilia.** This interest, as found in Western societies, was spawned by the aforementioned liberal and licentious lifestyle philosophies. To make claims of “pedophilia” against past Prophets of God [or against European royalty and aristocracy] is

beginnings of puberty and the perceived end of biological growth...” However, the article goes on to cite a contrary opinion to give a balanced viewpoint, “However other academics argued that just because young people were unmarried or still in education did not mean they were not fully functioning adults.” Sarah Knapton. *Adulthood now begins at 24, say scientists as young people delay work, marriage and families*. Daily Telegraph Online, 19 January 2018.

² For more details refer to www.islamhomosexuality.com

academic fraud. Anyone who does this—after his ignorance is removed—exposes himself or herself as either a hate-filled liar, seething with hatred or a retarded ignoramus on a par with domesticated animals with respect to his or her intellect and comprehension.

It is not possible for any person of any religious or ideological background to actually use this argument of pedophilia against the Prophet of Islām (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). Neither a Christian, nor a Jew, nor an atheist, nor any other religious background. It is quite easy to expose any person of any background who insists on making this accusation as either an ignoramus or a deranged Islām-hating loon, as has preceded.

PUBERTY AND MARRIAGE

The first thing to establish **the incontestable fact and reality** that adulthood and age of consent are determined by socio-economic and environmental factors. These are not fixed matters but tend to change within societies due to changing circumstances. In fact, they also vary from individual to individual within the very same society, culture, climate and environment.

This is well established in the research literature and in anthropological studies. None denies them save an ignoramus of the highest rank or an arrogant, blazing loon. If you are sincere truth seeker, you will be inquisitive and eagerly anticipate the information that is to follow, because it will illuminate you and remove the difficulty this issue has caused you. As for the biased ignoramus or the hate-filled loon, he or she can only become inhibited and try to divert and deflect from this fact and reality. Though there are many quotes that can be brought, we will mention only a handful here which are sufficient for the task at hand.

So let us start with a resource titled “*Adolescence, Sexuality, and the Criminal Law: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*”—this is a handbook discussing the state regulation of adolescent sexual behaviour and provides some very useful historical information. This book is written for those in the legal profession interested in issues of criminality and the sexuality of children and adolescents, so it is a highly appropriate book to cite from. In the chapter on Age of Consent: A Historical Overview there occurs:

◎ “**Age of Consent** throughout history has usually coincided with **the age of puberty** although at sometimes it has been as early as seven. Early on age of consent was **a familial or tribal matter** and only became a legal one in the Greek-Roman period. The Roman tradition served as the base for Christian Europe as well as the Christian Church itself which generally, essentially

based upon biological development set it at 12 or 14 but continued to set **the absolute minimum at seven.**”³

Also:

☉ “In the twentieth century, however, we began extending the age of adolescence to meet the demands of modern society for greater education and job training. Age of leaving school was raised as was the age for driving for drinking, for smoking, and numerous other aspects of life. Age of marriage has also risen, not necessarily because of laws, but **because of changing roles of women and men in society.**”⁴

And also, speaking of the Roman customs which were passed on to other parts of Europe:

☉ “Marriage and age of consent remained **private matters between the families involved** until the time of Augustus in the first century when the state began to intervene. Marriage then legally became a two step process, a betrothal which involved an enforceable agreement between the heads of two households, followed by marriage itself. Women who were not yet of age could be married with the consent of their fathers. While the women’s consent was not necessary for betrothal, it was for marriage. **Usually if a girl was betrothed before she had her first menses, the couple were to wait for this before consummating the marriage which can be regarded as the age of consent.** But such a delay was not necessarily enforceable and was not always observed (Friedlander, 1913). It was only late in the Empire that it became law that children must be able to understand what they were consenting to if they married, **and this came to be accepted as occurring by age seven** (Balsdon, 1962).”⁵

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³ “Age of Consent: A Historical Overview” in *Adolescence, Sexuality, and the Criminal Law: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. 2005, Routledge. pp. 25.

⁴ Ibid, p. 38.

⁵ Ibid, pp. 29-30.

In another work *Marriage Customs of the World*⁶ there occurs:

◎ **“Age at Marriage.** The age of the couple at marriage varies among cultures according to religious and civil law and local custom. According to Sharia (Islamic) law, for example, a girl should marry soon after puberty presumably to ensure that she retains her virginity for her husband. Thus, an Iranian girl may be married at the age of nine years. Tibetans generally marry in their mid twenties. Polish Gypsy girls would generally be married at around twelve or thirteen years of age. Romanian Gypsy girls are still married at about fourteen. **These ages seem to have been common across many cultures. Puberty has been seen as the acceptable age at which a girl could marry.** However, such a young age has become less and less acceptable over the last century or so. The Hindu Laws of Manu set out the ideal age difference between a man and a woman for marriage, saying that the man should be three times the age of the girl—a man of twenty-four should marry a girl of eight. However, it also occurred in Hindu writings that a man of thirty should marry a girl of twelve (the age difference here being two-and a half times the girl’s age) and that it would be sinful for a man to breach this rule. Early Hindu religious writers wrote that a girl should be married by the age of ten or twelve years, and if she was not married by this age, she should be immediately married off, even in the season when marriage was prohibited. However, intercourse before puberty was forbidden. The age at which a person can be married is obviously related to the legal “age of consent” for sexual intercourse, which in turn relates to the age of puberty, to perceived ages of adulthood (although in many communities adulthood is perceived to be arrived at upon marriage—in Ireland, for instance, an unmarried man of any age would be treated as a child in his family, unless, of course, he had

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⁶ George Monger, *Marriage Customs of the World: From Henna to Honeymoons* (2004) Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, pp. 7.

entered the priesthood), and to the ability of couples to set up individual family units.”

And also:

◎ “However, the age for betrothal or spousal may have had little relationship to the age of puberty and may be much younger than the age of marriage. Betrothal was the contract between two families and was often viewed as tantamount to being married (but without the sexual rights). In Hindu practice, it was quite common for a young girl to be promised in marriage to an older boy or man. In British and European practice, it was not uncommon for young children to be espoused but with the actual wedding not taking place until the boy was fourteen and the girl twelve--that is, when they had reached puberty.”⁷

In his work *The Wedding Day: In All Ages and Countries*, **Edward J. Wood** writes:

◎ “Fathers who possessed rank and wealth affianced their children at a very early age, and compelled them to marry on arriving at puberty...” and a page later, “Thomas, Lord Berkeley, was contracted to Margaret, daughter of Gerald Warren, Lord Lisle, in the forty-first year of Edward III and by reason of her tender age - she was then only about seven years old - it was arranged that she should remain with her father for four years; but sickness happening in the family, they were married in the November following,”⁸

Another author, **Arthur Siccan** writes:

◎ “Traditionally, across the globe, **the age of consent for sexual union was a matter for the family to decide, or a tribal custom.** In most cases, this coincided with signs of puberty, menstruation for a woman and *pubic hair* for a man. Sir Edward Coke in 17th century England ‘made it clear that the marriage of

⁷ Ibid. pp. 7-8

⁸ *The Wedding Day: In All Ages and Countries* (1869, Harper & Brothers), p. 209.

girls under 12 was normal, and the age at which a girl who was a wife was eligible for a dower from her husband's estate was 9. The American colonies followed the English tradition, and the law was more of a guide. For example Mary Hathaway of Virginia, was only 9 when she was married to William Williams... I believe that a lot of our current mores come from reluctance to let our children mature mentally as quickly as our bodies do. Keep in mind that not all societies share Western mores. And to my surprise, until the latter part of the 19th century, children in the Western nations were engaged and married at a much earlier age. The trend to give children more time to mature is relatively new. In his book, *The Emphatic Civilization*, (Penguin, NY, 200) Jeremy Rifkin points out that the concept of adolescence only emerged during the last decade of the nineteenth century and the first three decades of the twentieth century. Society started to think of childhood as extending beyond puberty, into the later teenage years. **Before that, children were considered to graduate into adulthood with the onset of puberty.**"⁹

Finally, Professor of History, **Margaret Wade Labarge** writes, © "It must be remembered that many medieval widows were not old. Important heiresses were often married between the ages of 5 and 10 and might find themselves widowed while still in their teens."¹⁰

From these quotes, keep in mind the differences between *betrothal*, *spousal* or *contracting* and *consummating* a marriage. Parents would betroth their children into marriage and when they reached puberty [which signified mental maturity] and they would allow for the consummation of the marriage through cohabitation. The child was viewed to have reached adulthood

⁹ In *What's Wrong in America: A Look at Troublesome Issues in Our Country* (2012, Kindle edition).

¹⁰ *A Medieval Miscellany* (1997), p.52.

and maturity. Understanding this—which was a known practice in most societies including Britain, Europe and the American colonies—will help refute doubts that Islām-hating loons try to bring.

ENGLISH KINGS AND EUROPEAN ROYALTY

Once the above information has been digested—and provided you remain an inquisitive truth seeker, and are not showing any signs of inhibition, rejection, denial, diversion or hasty retreat—you are now in a position to be informed of some notable examples from past English kings:

⇒ **Richard II** was the King of England between 1377 and 1399 and as a widower, he took **Isabella of Valois** as his second wife at the age of **six (6)** and she became the Queen consort of England shortly after her marriage. They were married on 31st October 1396.

⇒ **King John** (d. 1216), also a King of England, married Isabella of Angouleme in 1200, when she was **twelve (12)**. He was 34 at the time.

⇒ **Agnes of Essex**, Countess of Oxford was betrothed at age **three (3)** to Geoffrey de Vere, brother of the first Earl of Oxford, and turned over to be raised by the Veres soon thereafter. Agnes later rejected the match with Geoffrey and by early 1163 at the age of **twelve (12)** was married to his eldest brother **Aubrey de Vere III**, 1st Earl of Oxford—who was aged forty-eight (48) at the time—as his third wife. She had her first child—also called Aubrey, who later become 2nd Earl of Oxford—in the same year.

⇒ **Mary Henrietta**, eldest daughter of King Charles I, was married to William II of Orange in 1641 at the age of **nine (9)**.

Here the following must be understood well:

These unions were theoretically rooted in

- **the tradition of marriage**,
- built upon principles of **fidelity** and **chastity**,

- were **overseen** by **parents** or **legal guardians**,
- and the aims behind them were to **produce heirs** and
- in cases may have had political or financial considerations.

Practically speaking—among aristocracy and royalty—there were social, political and financial considerations in play. This indicates that age at marriage was tied to social custom and influenced by financial and political considerations as well.

It is crucial to separate between:

- Customs in most cultures and civilisations including Europe right into the 19th century,
- and

- Sexual lifestyle philosophies that lie behind the modern interest in pedophilia and which come from those with atheist backgrounds and rejection or disdain of religion. We shall look at this in more detail in a later chapter.

As alluded to earlier, a Jew or a Christian or a Hindu or any other religion cannot really make this argument of pedophilia against the Prophet of Islām as one only need to look into their own history, their religious books and their notable figures as it relates to the customs of marriage and their dishonesty is immediately exposed. However, there are hate-filled Christians—such as the nationalists of EDL, Britain First and other dishonest, liars—who use this issue only to rile up the ignorant and win support for their cause by fostering hatred against Islām and Muslims through distortion and misrepresentation of this issue.

Once, the above is clear, two other issues need to be grasped. The first is the **historical age of consent laws** and the second is, “**adolescence**” which is a modern construct, a modern invention, and was not known prior to the 20th century. We will dedicate specific sections for each of these two subjects in what follows.

HISTORICAL AGE OF CONSENT LAWS

The intent behind this section is simply to support what has preceded, which is that age of consent laws are tied to what the state, the society or culture believes and knows to be the age of mental maturity alongside the age of puberty. **In general, these two matters coincided and mental maturity often came before the signs of puberty.** The disparity in these two events—puberty and mental maturity—comes down to socio-economic and environmental factors as has preceded, and even individual biological constitution is a factor, since in the same society, the same socio-economic conditions and environment, one girl may reach puberty and maturity at the age of nine and another much later, at twelve, or even later.

In the 19th century, the usual age of consent in the US was **ten years** and in the state of Delaware until the mid 1960s it was **seven** years.

In *A Guide to America's Sex Laws*, the authors note:

☉ “The law governing the age of consent has changed dramatically in the United States during this century. Most states codified a statutory age of consent during the nineteenth century, and the usual age was ten years” as stated by Richard A. Posner (Chief Judge of the US Court of Appeals) and Katharine B. Silbaugh (Associate Professor at Boston University School of Law)¹¹

Professor of Sociology Anthony Joseph Paul Cortese states:

☉ “In 1962, the American Law Institute recommended that the legal age of consent to sex - that is, the age below which sex is defined as statutory rape - be dropped in every state to age 10 (Katchadourian and Lund 1972: 439). In fact, until the mid 1960s, the legal age of consent in Delaware was 7 (Kling, 1965: 216). So a

¹¹ *A Guide to America's Sex Laws*, 1996, (University of Chicago Press), p. 44.

50 year old man could legally have sexual intercourse with a 7 year old boy or girl.”¹²

Mike Males, American sociologist and professor at the University of California, writes:

⊙ “These early laws specified that a girl consenting to sex had to be at least 10 to 12 years old in most states, with a few specifying ages as old as 14 or 16. In Delaware, the age of consent was seven, based on ancient English laws setting the age squire.”¹³

Kristin Luker writes:

⊙ “According to British common law during the colonial period, **the age of consent was seven**. Today we are astounded that girls of this age were assumed to know enough about sex (or about sin) to make such a decision competently.”¹⁴

Carolyn Cocca writes in *Adolescent Sexuality*:

⊙ “At what age is a person capable of making an informed decision about whether or not to engage in sex? Would it be 7,10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, or 21? Over the last 300 years, all the ages listed above were thought to be that magic age at which one could make such a decision, and all the ages listed above have, at various times, been inscribed into law as the age of consent to sex.”¹⁵

Sinikka Elliot notes:

⊙ “As the United States grew increasingly urbanized in the late 1800s, young people were gradually removed from their role in the labour force and were conceptualized as innocent and vulnerable. The statutes governing the minimum age under which sex cannot be legally consensual, and laws concerning

¹² In *Opposing Hate Speech* (2005), p. 85.

¹³ *Teenage Sex and Pregnancy: Modern Myths, Unsexy Realities* (2010), p. 40.

¹⁴ *Bastardy, Fitness and the Invention of Adolescence within American Families Past and Present: Social Perspectives on Transformations* (2006, Rutgers University Press, edited by Susan Ross), p. 40.

¹⁵ Refer to *Adolescent Sexuality: A Historical Handbook and Guide* (2006, Greenwood Press), p. 15.

marriage and workers' rights, were modified to reflect these changing discourses around childhood. Age of sexual consent, for example rose from 7 during colonial times to 10, 12, and even as high as 14 during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.”¹⁶

From the above it should be clear that age of consent laws were tied to puberty and the reaching of mental maturity, which in the past was a lot earlier than today. Next let us look at the concept of “adolescence” which is recent and new to the 20th century, or at the earliest, the late 19th century.

¹⁶ *Not My Kid* (2012) pp. 14-15.