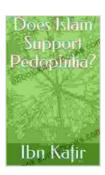
Does Islam Support Pedophilia? Honest Islam

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Evidence from Islamic Texts

Some critics of Islam argue that the Quran and Hadith (sayings and actions of the Prophet Muhammad) condone pedophilia. They point to the following passages:

 Quran 65:4: "And for those who are not yet married, they should abstain from sexual relations until they are married. And for those who cannot afford to marry, they should fast until they are able to marry." Hadith Sahih al-Bukhari 5134: "The Prophet said, 'Aisha was six years old when I married her, and she was nine years old when I consummated the marriage with her."

These passages have been interpreted by some as evidence that Islam allows for the marriage and sexual activity with young girls. However, it is important to note that these interpretations are not universally accepted. Many Muslim scholars argue that these passages must be understood in their historical context. They point out that child marriage was common in pre-Islamic Arabia, and that the Quran and Hadith were intended to reform and regulate this practice, not to endorse it.

Evidence from Islamic History

The historical record shows that child marriage was indeed common in the early Islamic world. However, it is important to note that this practice was not unique to Islam. Child marriage was also common in other cultures and religions at the time. In fact, the age of consent for marriage was not raised to 18 in most Western countries until the late 19th century.

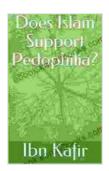
There is also evidence that the Prophet Muhammad discouraged child marriage. In one Hadith, he is reported to have said, "Do not marry young girls, for they are like unripe fruit." In another Hadith, he is reported to have said, "Do not marry a woman who is still a child, for she will not be able to fulfill your rights as a husband." These hadiths suggest that the Prophet Muhammad did not endorse child marriage, but rather sought to protect young girls from exploitation.

Evidence from Islamic Culture

In many Muslim-majority countries today, child marriage is still practiced. However, it is important to note that this practice is not endorsed by all Muslims. In fact, many Muslim scholars and activists have spoken out against child marriage. They argue that it is a harmful practice that violates the rights of children.

There is a growing movement within the Muslim world to end child marriage. In 2014, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) adopted a resolution calling for the elimination of child marriage. The resolution states that child marriage is "a violation of human rights and a form of violence against children." The OIC also called on its member states to take steps to end child marriage.

The relationship between Islam and pedophilia is a complex and controversial topic. There is no easy answer, and any discussion must be nuanced and evidence-based. The evidence from Islamic texts, history, and culture suggests that Islam does not condone pedophilia. However, it is important to note that child marriage is still practiced in some Muslimmajority countries today. This practice is not endorsed by all Muslims, and there is a growing movement within the Muslim world to end it.



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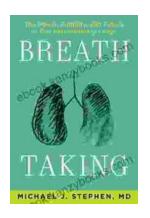
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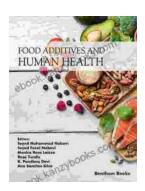
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