

Out of Sight in the Buraydah

When people mention about Islam, Muslim, or Saudi Arabia, there are many ideas shown up in mind. If you ask an American, he or she may say 911 or bomb. What is worse, this is a typical answer when someone asks a Taiwanese about the character in the Muslim. There are 1.6 billion Muslims in the world; however, no one really knows their culture or value. The most famous but shameful thing which has been discussed by many people is Feminism.

Few years ago, Saudi Arabia government allowed women to drive and watch the sports games. It is the normal thing in any civilized countries, but that is a huge improvement in Saudi Arabia. We can also see how backward their women's rights are. Many people may say that their religious law causes these problems of women rights. That is the point, but it is not the major one. In the past, religious law gave women some rights such as property rights and freedom of movement which do not exist nowadays. However, society was dominated by men, so law needed to be interpreted by men. As the result, women's nightmares showed up and they needed to live under patriarchal society. Year after year, women get used to the misinterpreted law and no one dares to challenge the tradition. They are trapped in the cage and stay in it for their whole life.

Now, it is time to change and rewrite the rules. Women who are Muslims must not be bounded by law, and they need a new education system to find what they like and be someone who they want to be. After that, they will find that they are not the appendage of men; they are free and independent. Oprah Winfrey said 'So, I want all the girls watching here now to know that a new day is on the horizon! And when that new day finally dawns, it will be because of a lot of magnificent women, many of whom are right here in this room tonight, and some phenomenal men, fighting hard to make sure that they become the leaders who take us to the time when nobody ever has to say, "Me too" again.' One day, girls will be able to lead the world and become the driving hand of social development.

Although the issue of feminism in Saudi Arabia is almost unsolvable because of the religious system, that conservative thinking will be changed as time goes by. In Taiwan, we can start from ourselves and eliminate the Masculism, making Taiwan the most gender-equal country in Asia. I believe that men and women are the same and women can be a superhero; men can also be a beautiful person.