119400 - Ruling on those who say that Islam is unjust to women and that it has kept half of society idle

the question

Some people started believing in what the media of the enemies try to spread, which is an intellectual planned invasion. Like when they say: " Islam is unjust to women, Islam has kept women at their homes and thus kept half of the society unemployed". What is your answer and comment on this lie?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

My comment on this is that these words can only come from one who is ignorant of sharee'ah, ignorant of Islam, ignorant of the rights of women, and is impressed by the attitudes and ways of the enemies of Allaah who are far away from the truth. Islam – praise be to Allaah – did not take away women's rights, but Islam is the religion of wisdom which gives everyone his or her rightful status. Women's work is in the home, and her staying at home is for the purpose of looking after her husband, raising her children, taking care the household affairs, and doing work that is suited to her. The man has his own work to do, which is usually earning a living and benefiting the ummah. When she stays at home to look after him and her children, and the interests of her children, that is the work that is suited to her. It is also a protection for her, as it keeps her far away from immorality which may occur if she goes out and works with men. It is well known that when women work with men that also adversely affects the man's work, because the man has a natural inclination towards the woman. If he works with her he will be distracted by this woman, especially if she is young and beautiful. He will forget his work and if he does it, he will not do it properly. The one who studies the situation of the Muslims at the beginning of Islam will see how they protected their womenfolk and how they did their work in the best manner. End quote.