

Imam al-Munaawi rahimahullah said: "if a man looks at a strange woman and love overcomes his whole heart then marrying her will bring increased love. This is what at-Tiybi mentioned. What is more eloquent than it is the statement of the Senior scholars that the meaning is that the greatest cure for passionate love is marriage. So it is the cure which cannot be turned away from in favor of something else for the who can find a way for it (marriage)". [Fayd ul-Qadir]

So we learn that girlfriends and boyfriends are not a means of fostering love nor a means of sustaining harmony. Instead, it is a childish behavior borne of irresponsibility and selfishness. Women and men have become too stingy or uncommitted to marry their partners, which is actually an indication that such a relationship is short lived. If a man or woman are serious about their relationship and desire longevity, then they would not hesitate to marry and instead resort to common law relationships.

The Permanent Committee for Scholarly Research and verdicts answered a question on girlfriends saying:

"**Firstly: having a girlfriend is considered Zina (sexual intercourse outside marriage), which is prohibited according to the Book of Allah, the Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet) and the Ijma` (consensus of scholars)...**".

[Taken from: <http://www.aliftaweb.org/FatawaContent/Pages/PermanentCommittee.aspx?language=ar&View=Page&PageID=8335&PageNo=1&BookID=3> ]

Therefore, we learn such a relationship is zina. Allah says about zina:

"**And come not near to the unlawful sexual intercourse. Verily, it is a Fahishah [i.e. anything that transgresses its limits (a great sin)], and an evil way (that leads one to Hell unless Allah forgives him)]". [17:32]**

So inshallah it is clear, oh readers, that girlfriends and boyfriends are prohibited in Islam due to the many harms associated with it, from loss of chastity to having children outside of marriage to exposing oneself to the punishment of Allah in worldly life and hereafter. It does not matter if this practice is common among Non-Muslims, as Muslims, we need to return our affairs to the pure legislation that Allah has revealed to all of mankind. May Allah guide us to that which is most correct in conduct and belief. And may he save the Muslim youth from the fitan that is open and hidden. Verily He is Capable of all things.

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# THE PROHIBITION OF GIRLFRIENDS & BOYFRIENDS IN ISLAM



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**Bismillah ar-Rahman ar-Raheem**

**All Praise is due to Allah. May Peace and Blessings be upon the Prophet, his Companions, and his followers until the Last Day.**

**As for what proceeds:**

Dating has always been a big issue among teenagers and it continues to be a problem in today's society. Boyfriends and girlfriends are a norm in most teenage social circles and to shun this practice has become akin to social suicide. However, Islam has always been against girlfriends and boyfriends because of the many social and religious harms. There is not a time where this message is more relevant than in today's time. It is common for Muslims to have boyfriends and girlfriends or be involved in common spouse relationships.

The fears associated with fornication and adultery have dissipated in face of a relaxed cultural attitude to non-marital relationships. In effort to restore morality in our Muslim youth and explain the dangers of dating, I present this short reminder on the prohibition of boyfriends or girlfriends in Islam.

I ask that Allah benefit the readers by it and that the Muslim youth return to Allah, his religion, and chastity.

### **Evidences Against Boyfriends and Girlfriends**

Allah says:

**"So marry them with the permission of their people and give them their due compensation according to what is acceptable. [They should be] chaste, neither [of] those who commit unlawful intercourse randomly nor those who take [secret] lovers". [4:25]**

Imam al-Qurtubi rahimahullah:

**"Secret Lovers means friends upon wickedness" [Tafsir Qurtubi]**

Mujahid ibn Jabr rahimahullah commented on the verse saying:

**"Secret lovers means a girlfriend / companion a man takes or a boyfriend/ companion a woman takes"**

[Reported by Imam Tabari in his Tafsir with a **Saheeh** chain]

So this ayah clearly displays the prohibition of girlfriends and boyfriends.

Allah says:

**"...not unlawful sexual intercourse or taking [secret] lovers..." [5:5]**

This ayah strengthens the one before it in the prohibition of taking girlfriends and boyfriends in Islam.

In actuality, this type of relationship does not foster love and harmony. While love can be found outside of marriage, it can only be fostered in marriage.

The Prophet sallahu alayhi wa salam said:

**"There is nothing like marriage, for two who love one another."**

[Saheeh Ibn Majah no. 1509]

Imam Abul-Hasan as-Sindhi rahimahullah said in commentary:

**"The meaning is if there is love between two people, then this love cannot be increased by anything from the types of relationships [i.e girlfriends/boyfriends] in terms of growing and sustaining this love except through marriage. If there is marriage between them along with with this love, then there love will increase everyday in strengthen".**

[Hashiyat 'ala Sunan Ibn Majah]