


Misconception: Martyrs will receive 72 virgins in paradise



Background: Some think that Muslim men will receive 72 virgins in paradise for being a martyr.

This teaching is nowhere to be found in The Quran.

It is a tradition associated with the reported sayings of prophet Muhammad, as recorded by others.

Some cite 44:54, 52:20, 55:72, 56:22 as evidence for virgins in paradise for men only, however the Arabic word "huri" in these verses can be the plural of both "awhar" (masculine) and "hawra" (feminine), but even if it is taken as female, the word itself would mean "companions pure/fair, most beautiful of eye".

There is also 37:48 (companions of modest gaze) and 78:33 (splendid companions, well-matched).

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