

WSR CAFE SERIES: GHAZALA ANWAR KHADIJA: A MODEL WORTHY OF EMULATION

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This talk is based on research on the portrayal of Khadija, Prophet Muhammad's first wife in hagiographies and biographies of the Prophet written by Muslims and non-Muslims as well as modern hagiographies of Khadija herself. This research found that no matter what the theological position of the biographer of the person of the Prophet is, Khadija's character is invariably portrayed with respect and high regard. To the extent that even a highly controversial writer like Salman Rushdie in his work the Satanic Verses, while consistently irreverent towards all the characters held in the highest esteem by the Muslim community, portrays Khadija with sympathy and respect. Thus the person of Khadija may be considered as presenting a model worthy of emulation by commonly held human standards.

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