

Women Under Islam

A feminist takes an unblinking look at gender repression in the Muslim world.

Daphne Patai writes in [Islamic Gender Apartheid: Exposing a Veiled War Against Women](#), by Phyllis Chesler (New English Review Press, 462 pp., \$29.99)

Phyllis Chesler's crucial early encounter with the reality of Muslim social norms began in 1961, when, at the age of 20, she married an Afghan student she met while attending Bard College. Totally unprepared for what was to follow, she accompanied him to his family home in Kabul. Nearly 50 years later, Chesler told this extraordinary story in detail, in her 2013 book