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Kecia Ali is a Professor of Religion and Chair of the Religion Department at Boston University. Her research ranges from Islam's formative period to the present, and focuses on Islamic law, gender and sexuality, and religious biography. She is the author of several books including *The Lives of Muhammad* and *Sexual Ethics and Islam: Feminist Reflections on Qur'an, Hadith, and Jurisprudence*. Her work explores the complex intertwining of Muslim and Western norms about gender, sexuality and marriage. Her current projects include an introductory book, *Women in Muslim Traditions*, as well as work on gender, ethics and popular fiction. Dr. Ali holds a Ph.D. in religion from Duke University. You can read more about her work at www.keciaali.com.

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