

## BRIDGING TIMELESS WISDOM AND MODERN REALITIES IN MUSLIM CHILD-REARING

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### Abstract:

parenting in Islam is steeped in a sound knowledge of teachings and hadith of prophet which is integrative in nature and encompasses holistic moral education and self actualization of the spirit.

prophet Muhammad ( peace be upon him) presented him as exemplifying balance in parenting. It involved both affection and Guiding and involved balance in devotion and instruction. He Inspire affection towards the young and emphasized the cultivation of islamic morals as well as emotional and psychological maturity.

The importance of this study is in aiding Muslim parents dealing with the complex issues of child upbringing in this age of modernity, globalization, and multicultural interactions. The historical and spiritual context of prophetic parenting practices, when integrated with contemporary parenting, guides parents towards effective and Islamic-centered approaches that meet the unique challenges and leverage the opportunities of today's world.

## Introduction

parenting in most culture is a very critical function in the moral and the cultural behavior of the people. It is a religious duty in islam and stems from spiritual guidance and the prophetic example. Approaches to Parenting islamically is not merely a social function of the community, It is a sacred obligation which integrates psychological and spiritual dimensions of the child.

It embraces even the biological and Islamic education, spiritual development, emotional development as well as personal development. In the present era of fast change, faith based guardian face new challenges such as contemporary media the modern media, the changing traditions, and greater interactions along with contact with.

Islam places great significance on Muslim families to be the core unit of society. Allah (SWT) has said,

“O you who have believed , protect yourself and your families from a fire whose fuel is people and stones ...” (surah tahrir 66:6)

The contemporary world makes it increasingly hard for Muslim families to observe Islamic principles. Often the principles of Islam are not holistically acknowledged, with many only partaking in the outer garments of Islam. In response to these challenges, Islamic parents need to apply the teachings of the Prophet to everyday life, and instill a genuine belief in these principles.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

“Every one of you is a shepherd and every one of you is responsible for his flock...”

(Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 893; Sahih Muslim, Hadith 1829)

This Hadith underscores the great responsibility put on the shoulders of parents to protect and nurture the faith and spirituality of a child.

It is vital to understand and explain that there are many underlying reasons that challenge the traditional principles Muslim parents follow, and the ways in which these principles are put into practice. Middle Eastern parents have observed the world's dramatic shift due to unprecedented factors like modern technology, social norms, and multi-culturalism.

### **Impact on society and communal obligation**

Children learn from home and in the case where Islam is the religion in question. It is the responsibility of the core guardian to ensure that the Islamic practices and morals of the religion are rightly instilled in the children. Islam enables the guardians to indulge in the religion using the modern resources that are present in the world like the internet.

#### **The Prophet ﷺ said:**

“Command your children to pray when they become seven years old...”

(Abu Dawood, Hadith 495)

The Islamic teachings on parenting that are practiced ought to instill the children with the desire and motivation to learn the tilawat - e- Qur'an, namaz and all the rituals that the religion entails like zakath, Hajj, and many others. Islamic tutors and scholars are also essential for the guardians to assist them in intertwining the Islam morals with the present world for them to be functional in society.

Islamic conception of upbringing the family unit is with an obligation of honor.

Islamic culture and laws put an unparalleled importance on raising the coming generation as not as for mere replacement but as a custodial culture obligation.

## Islamic view of parenting as a Trust of Responsibility

Islamic jurisprudence clearly sheds light on the value of raising a child. It is not merely seen as a biological function but a cultural responsibility that is to be cared for by the custodian of the child. This view enables caregiving to transform from a mundane task in to an act of worship with the possibility of immense merits in this life and the Hereafter.

“ We have permitted to man the lust of wealth and children sahada minad djonsi haayat...”

(Surah Al-Kahf 18:46)

The essence of this verse is that as part of the worldly undertaking, there's a child to care for. This is a significant reward in a responsibility given by the creator and this intrinsic sense of obligation demonstrates a great deal of spiritual depth to child care and upbringing.

Dhakara al llah fi aaya to zainul aayat, alad dholmi'

Children are among the bounties of Allah to mankind.

"To Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. He creates what He wills. He gives to whom He wills female [children], and He gives to whom He wills males."

(Surah Ash-Shura 42:49)

The Qur'an states clearly that neither gender is superior to the other; both are considered blessings. The term used in Arabic "He grants" in **He grants something to Allah conveys yahabu**" also implies a gift. Allah grants one something to honor the person warmly.

## Islamic law and Rights of the child

Within the Islamic legal framework is included the basic rights of children which incorporates the right to food, safeguarding, education, and being treated fairly. It therefore provides distinct and enforceable duties for parents to meet these basic needs. This aspect of law illustrates the significant religious position of parents in Islam, who are obliged to provide prospects, proper parenting, and education for the future generations. Islam considers this as a shared duty which enhances the community's welfare and strength, and not merely individual or private.

### Stepping Stone for Successful parenting

To foster and properly raise children in a righteous manner and to ensure overall health and education, there needs to be a wholesome relationship and communication between the parent and the children. A parent holds three fundamental responsibilities for their child.

1. Their Health
2. Their Safety
3. Their Religion

As has been relayed, Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, once said:

“He is not of us who does not have mercy on young children...” (Sunan Abi Dawood, Hadith 4943).

This Hadith elucidates well the relationship between parents and children.

Marriage, health, and many other vital areas of life desired by many, require, at the very least, a sense of compassion and support from all parties. This is the essence of sunnah for the parents in Islam.

## Role of the Sunnah in Child Rearing

Prophet had a strong influence and promoted the learning in aspects of the holy Qur'an, the basic principles and practices of Islam and acquisitions of practical skills, which could be applied to lead a life. He (PBUH) showed the significance of emphasizing knowledge, particularly on the primary importance of knowledge to both the spiritual and material well-being of both the individuals and the community. His orientation toward learning created a significant and enduring precedent regarding the importance of literacy and intellectual growth, given that it should be regarded as a life process.

When discipline is required, it is treated in prophetic Sunnah with a lot of guidance, patience and moderations. The principle of responsibility was explained and inculcated, but rather than employing harshness, punishment, or humiliation in front of others, all the stress was on correcting the actions through kindness, understanding, and patience beyond measurement. The discipline strategy used by the prophet to make children realize the difference between what is wrong, to make them feel responsible for the deeds they do, to emphasize the importance of positive reinforcement, and finally to follow good examples.

The authentic accounts of the Prophet Muhammad designed from his words and actions provide the teachings of the scriptures of Islam with a credible basis and are authentic exegeses of the doctrines of Islam with regard to child rearing.

"The best of you is the one who is best to his family and I am the best among you to my family."

(Sunan Ibn Majah, Hadith 1977)

These authentic reports illustrate meticulously the numerous benefits that arise from parenting endeavors through mentorship and dedication. The actions

and sayings of holy prophet often highlights the benefits of nurturing morality as a gift from Allah of perpetual reward (sadaqa tul jariyah).

“When a person dies, all their deeds end except three: a continuing charity, beneficial knowledge, and a righteous child who prays for them.”

(Sahih Muslim, Hadith 1631)

This angle underscores the guardians' enduring efforts (barakah) and their ceaseless gifts.

## Conclusion

The perspective of Islam as a parenting guide, particularly drawn from the actions and sayings of prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, aids in in upholding the dignity of parenting as well as merging the spiritual growth into our children.

This serves as a foundational element that instills a healthy confidence in the Divine, the assured possibility of spiritual reward and bounties, the children's fundamental and irrevocable privileges, and a society that is balanced, just, and successful in its essence. Such a perspective enriches Muslim parents with strong motivations, critical principles, and a legal basis to raise, embody and instill the Islamic way of life to their families.

### Keywords

Prophetic parenting, Islamic child Rearing, Parenting in Islam modern parenting issues, Qur'an and sunnah, Muslim families, Child and Youth Spiritual Development, Islamic Parenting Guidelines, Child Rights in Islam, Faith-based Parenting, Ethics and Values Teachings, Parenting in the Age of Technology, Parent-Child Relationship in Islam.

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