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RIGHTS OF PARENTS ON CHILDREN

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Unfortunate is he who is not regardful of the needs and comforts of his aged parents

It is related by Aboo Hurayrah ؓ that the Apostle of Allah ﷺ said, 'May he be humiliated; may he be disgraced; may he be brought low.' 'Who?' the Companions ؓ enquired. 'The unfortunate person whose parents or any one of them attain old age in his lifetime and he dies having not earned Paradise (by being kind-hearted and dutiful to them).' (Muslim)

Commentary: 'Parents are the Heaven and Hell of their children' This is obvious too, that parents need to be looked after very carefully in old age and to serve them devotedly in that state is the most pleasing to Allah ﷻ and an easy way to attain Paradise. Hence, anyone who gets an opportunity to serve his parents in the declining years of their lives and does not make the best use of it, as a means to the attainment of Paradise undoubtedly, is a most wretched person.

When Service To Parents Is More Preferable Over Other Virtuous Deeds

Abdullah Ibne 'Amr Ibne Aas ؓ narrates that a person (once)

came to the Apostle of Allah ﷺ and said that he wanted to participate in Jihaad. 'Are your parents alive?' enquired the Prophet ﷺ 'Yes' he replied. 'They are alive.' The prophet ﷺ, thereupon, observed. 'Then strive in their service and bring aid and succour to them. (This is your Jihaad.)' (Aboo Daawood)

Commentary: Perhaps, there was a reason for the holy Prophet ﷺ to believe that the parents of the person concerned were in need of his help and attention and he had left them and come out for Jihaad without taking their leave. That is why, he told him to go home and take care of them for, in those circumstances, the service of the parents was more important.

It must, however, not be supposed that anyone whose parents are alive should not take part in Jihaad, and only those were to do so whose parents had died. In fact, the parents, of the large number of the Companions ؓ who joined in Jihaad along with the Apostle of Allah ﷺ, were living.

Heaven Lies Under the Feet of the Mother

Mu'aawiyah Ibne Juhaymad ؓ relates:

My father Juhaymah ؓ, went to the Apostle of Allah ﷺ and said, 'I intend to go on Jihaad and have come to seek your advice.' The Prophet ﷺ asked him, 'Is your mother alive?' 'Yes', he replied. 'Then stay with her and look after her needs. Your Heaven lies under her feet', said the Prophet ﷺ. (Ahmed, Nasa'ee)

Commentary: Apparently, the mother of Juhaymah ؓ needed attention, and hence, the Prophet ﷺ gave him the advice.

Service of the Mother Can Atone for Major Sins

Abdullah Ibne 'Umar ؓ narrates that a person came to the Apostle of Allah ﷺ and said, 'Sir, I have committed a deadly sin. Can my repentance be accepted, (and my sin forgiven?)' 'Is your mother alive?' asked the Prophet ﷺ. 'No, she is dead', he replied. Upon it, the Apostle of Allah ﷺ enquired, 'Is there a sister of your mother?' 'Yes', replied the man, 'A sister of hers is alive.' 'Then treat her kindly and well. (Allah will accept your repentance through it's propitiousness and forgive you your sin)', said the Prophet ﷺ. (Tirmizi)

Commentary: Though all good deeds annul evil deeds, some are more efficacious. The above Tradition tells us that the service of parents, maternal aunt and maternal grandmother are among the acts by whose propitiousness even

the repentance of the worst of sinners and evildoers is accepted and they are forgiven.

Even an Infidel or Polytheist Mother Has a Claim to Kindly Feelings and Sympathy

Asmaa Binte Aboo Bakr ؓ narrates: During the days of the Treaty (of Hdaybiyah) between the Apostle of Allah ﷺ and Quraysh of Makkah, my mother who still followed her pagan creed came to me (travelling all the way to Madeenah Munawwarah). I then asked the Apostle of Allah ﷺ that my mother had come and she was in need: could I help her? The Apostle of Allah ﷺ replied, 'Yes: heal her; (and treat her as a daughter should treat her mother).' (Bukhaari, Muslim)

Commentary: Hadhrat Asmaa ؓ was the daughter of Hadhrat Aboo Bakr ؓ and an eldest sister of Hadhrat Aa'ishah Siddiqah ؓ from a different mother. Her mother's name is given in the narratives as Qutaylah Binte Abdul Uzza, and Hadhrat Aboo Bakr ؓ had divorced her even during the age of Perversion. Anyhow, she had ceased to be his wife before the dawn of Islaam and had held fast to her polytheistic creed. When, after the treaty of Hdaybiyah, it had become possible for the pagans of Makkah Mukarramah to go to Madeenah Munawwarah

and for the Muslims of Madeenah Munawwarah to go to Makkah Mukarramah, she had come to Madeenah Munawwarah to visit her daughter, It was, then that Hadhrat Asmaa ؓ enquired from the Apostle of Allah ﷺ how she was going to treat her; whether she would have nothing to do with her, as she was a pagan, or treat her like a daughter should and show kindness. The holy Prophet ﷺ told her to be kind and considerate and behave towards her as was a mother's due.

Earlier, we have quoted the Qur'aanic verse that if anyone's parents were polytheists and they also wanted him to follow the faith, he should decline to do their bidding, but continue to be kind and respectful to them.

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SAJDAH (PROSTRATION TO ALLAH ﷻ)

“Sajdah” is an Arabic word, which means conducting prostration before Allah Ta’ala in the direction of the Qiblah (the Holy Kaabah), and is occasionally performed while offering the Fard (Obligatory) and Nafl (Optional) Salaah. During this condition, a Muslim Praises and Glorifies the Name of Almighty Allah, by repeating the following phrase at least three times:

“Subhaana Rabbee al-A’laa” - (Glory be to my Lord, the Most High).

The above-mentioned expression completes the true gist of being in the powerless situation in front of our Rabb. Therefore, it is not merely a state of lying down but is actually the most perfect and complete form of Worship of our only Creator and Sustainer – Almighty Allah.

Almighty Allah says in the Quran-e-Kareem:

“Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; and those with him are forceful against the disbelievers, merciful among themselves. You see them bowing and prostrating [in prayer], seeking bounty from Allah and [His] pleasure. Their mark is on their faces from the trace of

prostration. That is their description in the Torah. And their description in the Gospel is a plant which produces its offshoots and strengthens them so they grow firm and stand upon their stalks, delighting the sowers – so that Allah may enrage by them the disbelievers. Allah has promised those who believe and do righteous deeds among them forgiveness and a great reward.”

(Surah Al-Fath, 48:29)



The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

“My nation (ummah) on that day (Judgement Day) will surely have bright faces because of sujood (that they would have had performed), and bright arms and feet because of wudu (ablution).” (Ahmad)

Prostration to Allah – referred to as Sajdah (plural: Sujood) – is an

important part of a Muslim's prayers. A Sajdah to Allah reflects humility and Khushoo' that is in one's heart. Both the Quran-e-Kareem and the Ahadith have highlighted the numerous blessings associated with the act of Sajdah (prostration). More importantly, Sajdah provides the Muslim with an opportunity to get closer and nearer to one's Creator and Sustainer – Almighty Allah.

Actual Manner and Position of Sajdah

According to the following Hadith narrated by Abdullah Ibn Abbas ؓ, one comes to know about the actual manner of prostrating before Almighty Allah, in which the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"I have been ordered to prostrate on seven bones i.e. on the forehead along with the tip of the nose and the Prophet pointed towards his nose, both hands, both knees and the toes of both feet – and not to gather clothes or the hair." (Bukhari and Muslim)

It is also noted from the above Hadith that while being in the state of sajdah, one should not worry about setting one's clothes and hair right, because this condition of humility requires complete and total submission towards Almighty Allah.

Benefits and blessings of performing Sujood

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"The nearest a servant of Allah is to his Rabb (Lord) is in the state of Sujood (Prostrations) so increase the Dua (that you make to Allah)." (Sahih Muslim)

"Whoever humbles himself in front of Allah, He will raise him (in status and rewards)." (Muslim;Tabrani)

"Perform Sujood much because there is no Muslim that prostrates (performs Sajdah) to Allah except that Allah raises him one degree (in Jannah) by it and forgives for him a sin." (Ahmad)

When in Sujood (in state of prayers), one should make a lot of Dua.

Outside the regular prayers, the Prophet's Hadith taught us to perform Sujood in the following conditions:

1. Sajdah At-Tilawah (Sajdah during recitation)

This refers to the Sajdah that a person performs when reciting some special verses (as marked in the Quran-e-Kareem).

2. Sajdah Ash-Shukr (Prostration of Thankfulness)

This refers to the prostration when a person performs in gratitude and in thanking Allah. The prophet ﷺ performed this Sajdah at numerous occasions when he received good news. Similarly, the companions of the Prophet ﷺ did the same.

The Importance of Makatib

(After School Islamic Education)

The first word of the Qur'an which was revealed was 'Iqra' - READ! Seek knowledge! Educate yourselves!

“Read and your Lord is Honourable, who taught (to write) with the pen, He taught man what he knew not.” (Surah Alaq)

Children are invaluable assets of the future generations. Islam has given particular attention for their education and training as well as for their love and affection.

A major portion of the life of Nabi ﷺ was spent in the establishing of Makaatib. Amongst the first Makaatib established was in the house of Faatima binte Khattaab ؓ. This very Maktab was the means for Sayyidina Umar ؓ accepting Islam.

The best education that we can provide to our children in this life is Islamic Education. We always worry about the standard of education in schools, but why not about Islamic education? Islamic education is essential to protect our children from evil and to raise them as Allah fearing people.

By virtue of the role of the Maktab (primary Islamic education), generations will become the torchbearers of Islamic values and play an effective role in the present world. Today we need an educational system, that can



produce, what a famous scholar once referred to as, “Muslim philosopher, Muslim scientist, Muslim economist, Muslim jurist, in brief, Muslim experts in all fields of knowledge who would reconstruct the social order in accordance with the tenets of Islam.”

It has been proven over centuries that sending our children to Maktab is one

of the most vital tools for preserving the Islamic identity of our children. In many countries where there is or was no Maktab system there is very little sign of Deen at all in these countries. May Allah ﷻ grant us all the ability to value our makatib and strive to assist them. The children, our children are the future. Their future lies in our hands, but only through knowledge because whoever neglects learning in his youth loses the past and is dead for the future.

Providing children with an atmosphere as close to the Islamic ideal as possible, strengthens them to meet and deal effectively with the challenges of living in a multi-cultural, multi ethnic society, and to instil in them a pride in their heritage by enabling them to approach knowledge from an Islamic point of view.

GOOD CHARACTER

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Arrogance (Takabbur)

Definition

This is a stage beyond ‘Ujb’. ‘Ujb’ is self-conceit; arrogance is conceit plus an attitude of superiority – others are regarded with disdain and contempt.

Dangers and Consequences

- Arrogance is very subtle in its different modes of presentation. The danger lies in the fact that one can easily be deceived into thinking that one does not have this illness! It is necessary to seek the service of an expert diagnostician to uncover arrogance in one’s self.
- Arrogance makes one opinionated, quick-tempered, stubborn, disdainful towards others, and one becomes haughty in one’s behaviour.
- It was arrogance that caused Shaytaan to disobey Allah ﷻ, causing his own downfall.
- A Hadeeth states: He who has a grain of arrogance in his heart, will not enter Jannah.

Prevention and Treatment

- Acknowledge that only Allah ﷻ is Perfect in all his qualities
- Look at one's own insignificance; one's beginning was a mere clot of blood, and one's end will be a lifeless corpse, and between those two stages, one is walking around with a container – one's bowels – full of filth...! Is there any cause for arrogance?
- Humble one's self in front of those who one considers inferior and extol their good qualities.
- Supplicate to Allah ﷻ for refuge from their evil traits,

Show/Ostentation/Insincerity (Riyaa)

Definition

To have an intention of appearing good or pious in the eyes of others and thereby enhance one's dignity in appearing obedient to Allah ﷻ. The intention is not solely to gain the Pleasure of Allah ﷻ.

Dangers and Consequences

- One's intention in Riyaa is two fold – Riyaa is thus considered to be shirk-asghar (minor shirk)
- Rasoolullah ﷺ said that a deed contaminated with even an atom of Riyaa is unacceptable to Allah ﷻ.
- Riyaa is another illness that presents itself deviously and very subtly: it may manifest in body form and features; in speech and name-dropping; in one's dress; in public association with the pious, etc. It is essential to have the guidance of an expert to prevent one from falling into the numerous pitfalls present.
- Riyaa may be absent initially, but may present itself during the action or even after the action is completed – sometimes years later!



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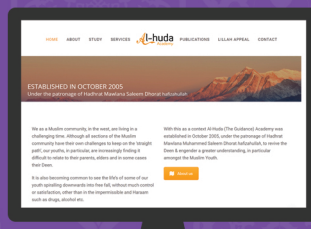
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