



## THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN THE MATURATION OF A CHILD IN ISLAM

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**Abstract** *This article talks about the morals of the child, the responsibility of parents, and the formation of education as a whole. The importance of the role of the family and parents in the proper upbringing of a child, which is mentioned in the holy religion of Islam, is analyzed. It is mentioned in the hadiths and the Holy Qur'an that the duties of parents towards their children are important in making the child moral.*

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### **Literature analysis and methodology**

Today, the upbringing of the future generation is important. If we allow shortcomings in the upbringing of our children, we will be jeopardizing the future of our country. In fact, there are many hadiths and books about this in Islam. It is not for nothing that the saying "Let us leave behind us well-bred children, so that only good deeds and no evil may follow us" is said.

Education is declared as an obligatory act in our religion. I think that the words education and mentor that we use most often are derived from the same root as the name of Allah, "Lord," which increases the responsibility of educators. So, this is not an easy task. Education is not just influence, order, or control, or inspection, it is something divine. Education means always controlling and monitoring a child, because Allah Almighty says in the first verse of Surah Fatiha, "Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds." In this verse, Allah mentions the name of Rab. "Rabbil al-A'lamiyn" means the teacher of all the worlds. If Allah stops teaching, controlling, and monitoring His children for a moment, the worlds will go astray. If a teacher or a parent neglects their child for a moment, the education of children will be ruined. The education of parents the importance of this hadith from the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is as follows: "Every child is born with the nature of a Muslim, but it is his father who makes him a Jew, a Christian, or a pagan." (Narrated by Imam Bukhari). Education begins with choosing a child's father and mother, because the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Choose a suitable bride or groom, for race is hereditary." That is, the character of the parents is passed on to the child, so for the child to be well-educated, the father must be well-educated. If the mother is of good lineage, pure, and religious, and if the father is also.



of good lineage, the child will certainly be drawn to his lineage and will not be able to escape from it. That is why it is not for nothing that it is said that lineage reaches 7 generations. We can give an example of how Amir Temur also asked about his family tree, lineage, and 7 generations when choosing a bride for his children. When Hazrat Umar gave a sermon, he said: "O believers, ask about your lineage." He quoted the hadiths of the Prophet, peace be upon him, which ordered to study lineage. The incident that led to Hazrat Umar's sermons was that two people got into a fight and complained to Umar ibn Al-Khattab. Then Hazrat Umar asked them about it, and they turned out to be relatives. He said: "Ask about your lineage, your love will increase." If they had known that they were really relatives, they would not have fought or complained. A well-mannered child would never fight with his close relatives. The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "No father can give his child a gift greater than good manners." (Narrated by Tirmidhi)

"To raise a child with love and proper manners is perhaps the greatest blessing granted to a human being. Today, many parents are deeply concerned about the upbringing of their children. There are even parents who live in fear of their own sons or daughters. Some elderly parents, when speaking of their disobedient children, say painful words such as: 'It would have been better if they hadn't been born at all. I used to think I'd find peace when they grew up, but instead, my worries have only grown. Now it feels like they are waiting for me to die. Can you imagine raising a child with great hopes, only for that same child to one day wait for your death?'

Such words break one's heart. In old age, a person realizes that neither their own wealth or status, nor that of their child, can bring them true peace of mind. What matters most is the child's kindness, sincere care, and eyes full of love and respect. Unfortunately, many parents realize too late that only the teachings of Islam can nurture such a noble human being. It is essential to focus on moral and ethical upbringing from a young age.

Let us teach our children the priceless lessons found in the Holy Qur'an! Let us guide them toward becoming true Muslims. Islam is the ship of salvation, the path of happiness. Its guide is the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). Whoever boards this ship will not drown in the troubles of life. Whoever walks this path will not be left lost and humiliated in the darkness of this world. There is no other path to salvation." In Islam, physical development, spiritual nurturing, intellectual and cognitive growth, willpower, work ethic, and moral upbringing all hold great importance in raising a child. In fact, Islamic child upbringing begins even before the child is born. A father who truly wishes to raise righteous, faithful, and trustworthy children must first choose a mother who is herself devout in faith, pious, trustworthy, honest, and possesses good character. This is the first step in a child's upbringing.

Once the child is born, parents should express gratitude and praise to Allah for this great blessing, share their joy with others, recite the adhan (call to prayer) into the baby's ear, give the child a beautiful and meaningful name, feed them from lawful sources from day





one, and begin instilling good manners. These are some of the foundational principles in the Islamic upbringing of children. Let us look at how the mother of one of the world's most renowned Sufi scholars raised her child. Shaykh Abdul Qadir al-Gilani (may Allah have mercy on him), a famous figure in Islamic mysticism, recounts: From early childhood, I was taught to be truthful and honest. One day, I set out from Makkah to travel to Baghdad in pursuit of knowledge. My mother sewed forty gold dinars into the lining of my robe to cover my travel expenses. Before I left, she took a promise from me — that I should never lie, no matter what circumstances I face.

When we reached the region of Hamadan with a caravan, a group of bandits attacked and took everything from the travelers. One of them asked me, "What do you have?" I replied honestly, "I have forty gold dinars sewn into the lining of my robe." He took me to the leader of the bandits. The leader asked, "What made you tell the truth?" I said, "I promised my mother I would never lie under any circumstances."

Upon hearing this, the leader was suddenly overcome with fear. He tore his clothes and cried out, "You fear breaking a promise made to your mother and confess to having gold, but I do not fear breaking the promise I made to Allah!" He then ordered his men to return everything they had stolen, and said, "Here, in front of you, I repent to Allah for all my sins." The other bandits then said to him, "You were our leader in robbery; now be our guide in repentance as well!" Children primarily learn everything from their parents as they grow. They take example from them, imitate them, and gain life experience by observing their behavior. If you are rude and ill-mannered yourself, yet expect your child to grow up respectful and well-behaved, you are gravely mistaken. There are many well-known stories about this. For example, once the whole neighborhood witnessed a young man pulling his father by the beard and beating him. People were deeply shocked and saddened: "How can a son beat his own father?" But then an elderly man who had seen much in life said, "There's no need to be surprised. When this man was young, he used to pull his own father's beard and hit him in exactly the same way. Now it has come back to him."

Indeed, what goes around comes around. In raising our children and managing our household affairs, we must be examples and role models ourselves.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, to eliminate deficiencies in child upbringing, we must turn to the hadiths and teachings found in Islam. Upbringing is a comprehensive and continuous process. If we fail to educate and raise a child properly from an early age, correcting them later becomes very difficult — like trying to straighten a crooked branch of a tree after it has already grown.







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