



**Sohbats by**  
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**THE IMPORTANCE OF RAISING CHILDREN**

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Auzu Billahi Minashaytanir Rajeem. Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem,  
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People of this day and age are suffering hardships due to their serving their ego. It is easy at first. It is enjoyable for a person to appeal to the ego, to do what the ego wants. However, the person suffers its punishment afterwards. What a person is to suffer in the hereafter is another thing. However, people suffer a lot in this world too, especially because of their children.

If you give the child everything it wants and do everything it likes, then the child wants more. And that is ego. The ego does not get enough. They do everything a child wants, but do not do what Allah wants. They start at age three with kindergarten and this and that private school. They also want a special private school and do not like it either. They struggle and toil and moil wanting a better one. You would be surprised how much effort they show.

Our Holy Prophet (SAW) says, "Teach them to pray at age seven. Let them not miss a prayer at age ten. Be careful!" These ones have reached age twenty and neither know ablution nor prayer (namaz). They do not know fasting at all. They say, "Sir, the child has exams, and cannot fast and do the obligatory of Allah." Then you have yourself trouble. They run here and there to doctors, psychologists, and hospitals and what not.

Allah (JJ) is also giving trouble in the world. You have to train their ego and give them these things while they are children and babies so they do not turn out trouble for you later. They are a blessing (nimat) of Allah for you. Do not turn His blessing into trouble. We see that it is like this in all countries and not only here. It is the same everywhere. People have forgotten Allah: "School this and school that; school this and school that," they say. They do not like the schools and what they study is not worth five pennies either. Then they beg and weep to others, "Save me!"

We cannot save you. How can we? You have raised the child in this manner: no prayer, no supplication, no ablution. There is nothing. This child of yours is Muslim and entrusted. Let them learn the truth and faith. As our Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "The child



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has rights over the parents. They need to give the children a good name and teach them Islam.” There are a few other rights but these are the most important. When you do not do these, you are cheating the children of their rights.

The parents have rights too, and you are not teaching that at all anyway. You are treating the children as if they were your parents. You are respecting them while you are not respecting your parents. You would not give a plate of food to your mother, and you do not leave a thing you do not do for your child. Then you think, “Why are they turning out like this?” and weep and cry.

Turn to Allah. Obey the commands of Allah. Allah does not oppress anyone. Allah knows how much a human body can endure. People can fast, offer prayers, and do everything comfortably. Pay attention! They are entrusted to you. You will also be questioned in the hereafter after suffering the punishment here. They are a trust. They are the trust of our Holy Prophet (SAW). They are his Nation (Ummah). Teach them their religion, teach them their faith, and you will be comfortable.

May Allah grant us all to be successful in listening to this advice Inshallah. Sometimes they say, “The truth hurts.” It is bitter but the bitter medicine is the good one. Most of the time with heavy diseases the medicine is useless if it is not strong. May Allah not make anyone suffer pain, because if they do all kinds of filth once you have passed you would also receive their sins. If they do good it would be for your good, and you would get gifts in the hereafter.

May Allah make it good generations. We are saddened: these are the children of the Nation of Muhammad. They are the children of Muslims, but you see that they do what the giaour (unbeliever) cannot do. They do all kinds of vileness. We are saddened. Very saddened. May Allah reform them Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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