

How to instil love of Allah in children

- Introduce them to certain texts e.g. sahifa sajjafiya
 - The duas have an immense maairfa of god e.g.:
 - “O my god if you were to place me on chains and you were to expose me and separate me and condemn me to punishment even then I wouldn't loose hope in you and will still hope your forgiveness would encompass me. Your love will never leave my heart . I will never be able to forget the immense favours you bestow upon me
- Dua arafa – so many lessons
 - At every stage God took care of us

41:53

سَنُرِيهِمْ ءَايَاتِنَا فِي الْأَفَاقِ وَفِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ حَتَّىٰ يَتَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُ
الْحَقُّ أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِ بِرَبِّكَ أَنَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ﴿٥٣﴾

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We will show them Our signs in the horizons and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that it is the truth. But is it not sufficient concerning your Lord that He is, over all things, a Witness?

86:5

فَلْيَنْظُرِ الْإِنْسَانُ مِمَّ خُلِقَ ﴿٥﴾

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So let man observe from what he was created.

- There are so many blessings we have been gifted - until we loose them we don't appreciate them.
- Value of human is priceless

14:34

وَأَتَاكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ مَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُ وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ لَا
تُحْصُوهَا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَظَلُومٌ كَفَّارٌ ﴿٣٤﴾

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And He gave you from all you asked of Him. And if you should count the favor of Allah , you could not enumerate them. Indeed, mankind is [generally] most

unjust and ungrateful.

- نعمة - singular (in the verse the word bounty is in singular format)
 - We can't even count one bounty
- Prophet "should I inform you of a group of people who are neither prophets or martyrs but Allah will place them on thrones of light - and they will ask who they are. These are the people who instilled the love of Allah in the hearts of his servants

Misrepresentation of Islam

وَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَلَّا تُقْسِطُوا فِي الْيَنْمَىٰ فَانكِحُوا مَا طَابَ لَكُمْ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ مَثْنَىٰ
وَتِلْكَ وَرُبْعٌ فَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا فَوَاحِدَةً أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ذَلِكَ أَدْنَىٰ
أَلَّا تَعُولُوا ﴿٣﴾

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And if you fear that you will not deal justly with the orphan girls, then marry those that please you of [other] women, two or three or four. But if you fear that you will not be just, then [marry only] one or those your right hand possesses. That is more suitable that you may not incline [to injustice].

- Verse is regulating institution of polygamy
 - Polygamy was rampant already but Islam came to regulate it.
- Context of the verse - after battle of Ohad they were many widows. To support them polygamy was allowed.
- The doors of polygamy are open but the keys to this door is in the hands if the woman
 - During nikah the woman's side initiate and man accepts it
 - Man doesn't initiate
 - Even in polygamy the woman initiates
- Further to the context many narrations emphasis on the regulatory aspect of this polygamy:
 - "Any man who marries more than one and doesn't give justice .. he will go to hell"
- Verses need to be looked at holistically
- Islam looks at women individually
- As daughters -
 - how Islam liberated daughters . people used to bury their daughters



وَإِذَا بُشِّرَ أَحَدُهُم بِالْأُنْثَىٰ ظَلَّ وَجْهُهُ مُسْوَدًّا وَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ

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And when one of them is informed of [the birth of] a female, his face becomes dark, and he suppresses grief.

يَنُورِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ مِنْ سُوءِ مَا بُشِّرَ بِهِ أَيُمْسِكُهُ عَلَىٰ هُونٍ أَمْ يَدُسُّهُ



فِي التُّرَابِ أَلَّا سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ

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He hides himself from the people because of the ill of which he has been informed. Should he keep it in humiliation or bury it in the ground?

Unquestionably, evil is what they decide

- Prophetic narrations on the importance of daughters:
 - "What great gifts are daughters.. They are blessed
 - Prophet when addressing a person who was sad that a daughter was born :
 - Why are you worried - the earth will carry her weight, the sky will shade her, Allah will provide for her, she will be a flower that gives out a beautiful smell
 - "There is no parent who gives birth to 3 daughters or raises 3 daughters and he is good to them , Allah creates a barrier between that person and hell
 - In another hadith - jannah is wajib for such a person
 - "...One who raises them well until they get married or even if they pass away, then I and this person will be so close in heaven – just like to these 2 fingers (and he pointed to his index and middle finger, bringing them close to each other
 - Someone asked what about 2 daughters - he said even for 2 is the same
 - What about 1 - even for 1 is the same
 - Imam Baqir :
 - Whoever brings joy to the heart of his daughter is like freeing a slave from the children of prophet Ismail