

Moral degradation- Solution:

HOW CAN WE SAVE OUR CHILDREN FROM THE DETORATING MORAL CONDITIONS?

Islam shows us how!

1. Instil into them the fear of displeasing Allah--- The Sole Creator and Manager of our affairs in this life and the next. Start while young.
 2. It is very important to make them realise that, whatever good we do, we will be rewarded and whatever bad we do, we will have to undergo the punishment for it, and the consequences of our deeds, not only in the Hereafter, but also here in this world itself!---Al-Quran- 32: 21// 36: 45
 3. Warn them of peer pressure.
 - a. Tell them it may lead to drugs, cigarettes and obscene thoughts and acts.
 - b. That, Alcohol and drugs act as brain poison for teenagers! Even a peg taken goes directly to the brain!!!
 4. Teach them to be sportive and to accept defeat. Tell them that Allah may not give all that they pray, if it is not good for them. The increasing stress at schools to do well is a cause for depression. One must realise that not all can come 1st in class.}
 5. Provide them with good, homely, tasty food instead of junk food, which makes them prone to stress. Children eating a bagful of junk fried food every day and not exercising, put on weight that leads to diabetes and heart disease within 2 years!---Science Express 12-11-2015
 6. Arrange for a discussion with the teachers on an appointed day, e.g., Vocation guidance day, for the children to open up their aptitudes and subjects of interest.
 7. This way, we can know what they want and find where our children are lacking and try to impart knowledge in that subject. This will help us to guide them along to form a bright future.
 8. Discourage sedentary games like caroms, cards, etc. or throwing stones, by which they may harm others! (Bukhari Hadith 5479) Today, the Mobile has replaced all this.
 9. Train them to play outdoor games, which will improve their health.
 10. Teach them the Etiquettes of Islam:
 - Our Prophet ﷺ has said, 'There are 360 joints --do 360 good deeds in a day! Glorifying Allah to removing a stone from the path of harm'—this will save him from fire'— (Bukhari Hadith -6675)Allah says in Surah Al-Hujurat: 49:7, "Those who find, hateful to you ---- Kufr and Shirk)- disbelief and setting partners with Allah, (Fusuq) ---big sins like obscenity, and slandering etc.; And, (Isyam) --- small sins, such are those who are the rightly guided"-
It is this dislike which we have to inculcate in our children- this apathy, for hateful acts which Allahut'alah abhors, and which our Prophet ﷺ has forbidden. Then they themselves will turn away from the forbidden acts when they grow.
- THEY SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO HATE DISBELIEF, NOT THE DISBELIEVERS.
11. Teach them to beware of the company they keep, who can lead them towards evil, even without their knowledge: a chocolate or a cool drink spiked with drugs can make them addicted to it and ruin their lives.
 12. IF every family keeps this in mind and brings up their children on the right path that Allah has shown us, we will have a whole generation of righteous Muslims as a shining example for the whole world.
- AND, CHILDREN ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY.
13. And to achieve Righteousness and HIS pleasure, we again need Allah's Help, for He says in "You cannot get what you wish, unless Allah Wills it."^{6:30}
This is to make us Humble and know that everything is possible only through Him.

For example:

- If we want to control our anger,
- If we begin to feel jealous of others,
- If we are tempted towards Fahisha-obscenity, etc.;
- If we are worried over any matter,

We should realise that Only Allah can help us. We should seek HIS refuge, which is the only way to save ourselves from going astray!! -

“I seek refuge with Allah from the Accursed Satan” This should be our Mantra always, when temptation or prodding comes from Satan: (Surah Fussilat: 41: 36)

14. And: in all our daily matters: “Alallahi Yatawakkalul Mutawakkiloon”- ‘One who trusts puts his trust only in HIM’- (Surah Ibrahim: 14:12)

It is here that Sala’at comes in. Regular Sala’at 5 times is a must.

The Quran is not only a source of guidance, but bestows solace and peace to the human mind and heart. Allah orders us to wake up and

“Hold the Handle of Allah” (His Book and Ways of the Prophet ﷺ for it will NEVER Break” (2:256)

15. Make them realise that:

The Quran is certainly NOT,

Just a book of old man’s tales, as people thought,

Or outdated rules, as some depict them to be.

On the other hand, in it is a treasure of unimaginable Peace.

All the Good deeds which HE Has ordained (Shari’ah), for ease,

And the Sins which Allah has forbidden,

It is as fresh and as alive and necessary today,

As it was 1450 years ago that we have to obey.