

ATFAL PARENTS DAY

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Majlis Atfalul
Ahmadiyya USA

72. ^eAnd those who repent and do righteous deeds, indeed turn to Allāh with *true* repentance;

وَمَنْ تَابَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَإِنَّهُ يَتُوبُ
إِلَى اللَّهِ مَتَابًا ﴿٧٢﴾

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AL-FURQĀN

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73. And those who bear not false witness,²⁰⁹² and ^awhen they pass by anything vain, they pass by with dignity;

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَشْهَدُونَ الزُّورَ وَإِذَا مَرُّوا
بِاللُّغُومِ مَرُّوا كِرَامًا ﴿٧٣﴾

74. And those who, when they are reminded of the Signs of their Lord, fall not down thereat deaf and blind;^{2092A}

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ لَمْ يَخِرُّوا
عَلَيْهَا صُمًّا وَعُمْيَانًا ﴿٧٤﴾

75. And those who say, 'Our Lord, grant us of our wives and children the delight of our eyes, and make us a model for the righteous.'

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا
وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ
إِمَامًا ﴿٧٥﴾

Agenda

- Tilawat & Translation (Saim Rashid - Atlanta, GA)
- Introduction (Murabbi Atfal)
- National Ijtema Update
 - Waleed Sial Sahib (Logistics)
 - Murabbi Feroz Hundal (Importance of Ijtema)
- Conversation with Parents on Raising Atfal
 - Initial discussion with guest panel
 - Conversation with Parents (in Audience)
- Concluding Remarks by Sadr MKA
- Dua

2022 - National Ijtema

- Timeframe
 - Friday - Sunday
 - Registration starts on Friday at 10 AM.
 - Final Session ends on Sunday Afternoon.
- Registration
 - <http://www.atfalusa.org/ijtema/>
- Location
 - Bait ur Rahman Mosque
- Taleem Competitions
- Sports Competitions
- Atfal Fair
- Accomodation
- Transportation
- Subsidy

How to get more information about Ijtema ?

- Websites
 - <http://ijtema.us/>
 - <https://www.atfalusa.org/ijtema>
- Information booklet.
 - This booklet will cover everything that parents & Atfal would need to know.
- Email us at ijtema@atfalusa.org
- Local Nazim Atfal & Qaid Majlis.

Way of Seekers - Moral Training of the Child - Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra)

1. As soon as a child is born, the first step towards its education is to proclaim Azaan into its ears.
2. A child should be kept neat and tidy and, should be properly cleaned after stools.
3. A child should be fed at fixed hours. This will breed the habit of self-control and save it from a number of evils.
4. A child should be helped to form the habit of relieving nature at regular hours.
5. Food should be served according to a prescribed measure.
6. A child should be given a variety of foods. It should have meat, vegetables and fruit, for dietary habits affect morals and a variety of food is necessary for a variety of morals.
7. As the child grows, it should be asked to do small tasks under the guise of play-acting.
8. A child should be allowed to acquire self-confidence as a matter of habit.
9. A child should not be over-indulged.
10. Parents should be capable of self-sacrifice.
11. Extreme vigilance is required when a child is suffering from a chronic illness. Vices like cowardice, selfishness, peevishness, lack of emotional control, etc., are the result of illness.
12. Children should not be told tales of horror. This would make them cowards.
13. A child should not be allowed to choose his own friends.
14. A child should be assigned responsible jobs suited to its age.
15. Tell the child that it is nice and good. The Holy Prophet – on him be peace-said: Do not curse a child for when you curse, angels add: Let it be like that; and like that he becomes.
16. A child should not be allowed to become obstinate.
17. Address a child politely and courteously, for a child is a great mimic.
18. Do not lie to a child nor be peevish or arrogant with it. It will certainly imitate you. It is the parents who teach a child lying.
19. Safeguard the child against all intoxicants. Intoxicants damage the nerves of the child.
20. Stop children from playing in privacy.
21. Do not let them remain naked.
22. Teach them to admit their mistakes, as a matter of habit. Do not try to hide your own mistakes before a child. If you want to reprimand a child, do not do it before others; do it in privacy.
23. A child should be given a little money.
24. Children should also be given common ownership of some property.
25. A child should be given constant guidance in matters of etiquette.
26. Due heed should be paid to physical exercise and stamina of a child.

Hadrat Amman Jan(ra) - Moral Training of Children

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) advised the ladies of the Ahmadi Jama'at that if they wished to permanently instil great faith in their children, a task even greater than the conquests of famous generals and kings, then they and they alone, were capable of doing so. This indeed was a great tribute to mothers and an acknowledgement of the magnitude of their work in the moral training of children. Elaborating on this huge responsibility, Hadrat Musleh Mau'ud (ra) stated,

“If a woman decides that she is going to make the future generation righteous rather than barbaric, then how can Satan capture them?”

Hudur made an interesting point illustrating the remarkable impact women can have upon children. He said that men are usually unsuccessful in their resistance to Satan. At best men can reform one generation and make them righteous. However, it is women who have the capacity to revolutionise a whole future generation, “...it is only women who can challenge Satan permanently. If women decide that they are going to make the future generations servants of religion, then who will Satan corrupt? The future generation is not influenced by Satan but by their mothers, but mothers can make the mistake of letting them go so that they become the bait hunted by Satan...You must understand your responsibilities.”

Affiliate young boys and girls to the *Nizam-e-Jama'at* and the auxiliaries

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih the V (aba) stated during Friday Sermon on 23rd April 2010:

Affiliate young boys and girls to the *Nizam-e-Jama'at* and the auxiliaries so that they always give precedence to their faith. In this regard, mothers and fathers should fully cooperate with the *Nizam-e-Jama'at* or the auxiliary. If the mother and father show weakness, then it will be tantamount to killing their children. In particular, as the head of the household, men have the greatest duty and obligation to save their children from falling in the fire. Allah through His Benevolence, saved you or your elders from suffering the torment of the fire by enabling you or your elders to recognize the Imam of this age. The world and especially other Muslims are anxious to find a leader who can guide them. You have been blessed by Allah that you receive guidance through the *Bai'at* of the Imam. By staying connected to the *Khilafat*, you are reminded of staying firm on virtues. Thus, the blessings of Allah demand that when reminded you should say *Labbaik* [Here I am] and make a pledge to avoid all evils. Establish virtues yourself and instruct your children to do the same and make efforts in this regard. Always remember this commandment and warning from Allah:

'O ye who believe! save yourselves and your families from a Fire...' [Holy Quran 66:7]

Are we blind sided by potential evil of the media?

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih the V (aba) stated during Friday Sermon on 23rd April 2010:

“The evils of fornication and trespasses of the eyes are common due to the media. In homes, through television or the Internet, such vulgar and obscene films and programs are shown that push a human toward evil. The young boys and girls in some Ahmadi homes have been engaged in such evils. In the beginning, such films are seen in the name of open-mindedness. Then some unfortunate homes get embroiled in these evils. The fornication of the mind and the eyes is real and gradually this behavior leads to actual sin. Parents [sometimes] are not careful in the beginning, but when the matter gets out of control, they lament and cry that our children have gone astray... our progeny has gone astray. Hence, it is important to be watchful. Do not let children sit in front of TV when vulgar programs are shown and be mindful of their Internet.”

There should be a difference between Ahmadi kids and others

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih the V (aba) stated during Friday Sermon on 23rd April 2010:

“These days the glitz and glamor of this world, vain vulgarities and many societal ills are standing in front of us trying to ensnare us and take us away from morality; though these are not considered ills by western standards, these are ills according to Islamic teachings. As I said before, some wrong acts are done in the name of broad-mindedness, but then they keep pushing us towards evil. This is neither entertainment nor freedom; rather, these are pits of fire in the name of entertainment and freedom. Allah the Exalted, who is extremely Gracious to His people, has clearly explained for the believers that this is fire. This is a fire; save yourself from it and save your children from it. I say to the young men and women who live in this society that this is not the objective of your lives. Do not think that the purpose of your life is to get involved in these vain pursuits; that this [lifestyle] is all there is for us. Through the status of being an Ahmadi, there should be a difference between you and others.”

Importance of Jumu'ah

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih the IV (ra) stated during Friday Sermon on Jan 1, 1988 Stated :

“The situation in the Western countries is grievous. Most children do not come to Juma nor do women. You can say that it is not mandatory for women and children to come to Friday prayer, but in order to keep their religious upbringing alive, it is essential that they come. If you will deprive children from coming to Juma when they are younger, they will remain deprived when they grow old and when it is mandatory upon them. The parents here in the UK and other European countries whose older children do not have the habit of coming to Juma are to blame. It is their fault that they did not instill in their children the habit of coming to Juma from their childhood.”

“You can say that we have no choice, kids have to go to school. For this reason, you have two choices, choose whichever you wish: either give preference to their schools and worldly knowledge and make the choice of forsaking their faith, or give preference to their faith and their spiritual livelihood. The reason I say this is that in the way and life of the Jamaat, those children who are completely ignoring Juma prayers have no future. There are only few rare exceptional cases where there is a special grace from God and one or two of them might be saved. But the majority of them are becoming more and more distant and are falling into the decline of their faith faster as time passes. This is why there needs to be special attention given to the Friday Prayers.”

Making kids observe Salat and role of Parents

Friday Sermon: The Virtues of Congregational Salat: 20th January 2017

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaspy4RmxB0&t=19s>
- 7:35 to 9:52

Moral Attributes that we need to focus on

Friday Sermon by Khalifa Rabay (ra) from Nov 24, 1989, Hudur (ra) elaborated some basic moral qualities that we should try to inculcate in our kids;

1. Truthfulness
 - a. Parents and kids
2. Gentle and pious speech
 - a. Specially parents with each other and kids
3. Fortitude (“Wusat-e-Hausla”)
 - a. Have patience, don’t be wasteful
4. Sympathy
 - a. Care of poor
5. Resolve & Courage
 - a. Not lose hope easily

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