

# **WOMEN'S ROLE IN RAISING CHILDREN - TEACHINGS OF PROMISED MESSIAH & KHULAFAS**

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# Teen Stats in USA

- 89 percent of teens who are ages 13 to 18 years old reported being in a dating relationship.
- four million adolescents drinking alcohol in any month.
- In 2010, 21.4 percent of high school seniors used marijuana in the past 30 days, while 19.2 percent smoked cigarettes.
- 43 percent of teens are 'sexually experienced'.
- 14% of high school students had had sex with four or more people during their life.
- 409,840 infants were born to 15–19 year olds.

# Teachings of Hadhrat Amma Jaanz

- Develop an aversion to lying
- Trust your children

The Promised Messiah as says:

*True guidance and training belongs to God Almighty. To pursue a matter persistently and to insist upon it unduly and to rebuke children upon every matter indicates that such a person imagines himself to be the source of guidance and believes that he will bring the children to order by pursuing his own method. This kind of attitude savors of a hidden assumption of association with the Divine and should be avoided by the members of our community*

**[Malfuzat, vol. 2, p. 5]**

# Teachings of Hadhrat Amma Jaan

- Inculcate the habit of obedience:
- Stress on prayer

The Promised Messiah as says:

*I wish that, instead of punishing children, parents would have recourse to prayer, and should make it a habit to supplicate earnestly for their children; for the supplications of parents on behalf of their children meet with special acceptance.*

**[Malfuzat, vol. 2, p. 4]**

# Way of the Seekers; Teachings of HadhratKhalifa-tul-Masih II

In his book 'The Way of the Seekers',  
HadhratMuslehMaoodrz says:

*A child is at the mercy of his parents. He absorbs what he hears them say and does what he sees them do. The child is a great imitator. If the parents do not set before him a proper model to copy, he will go elsewhere to find a model which he can copy. Let Ahmadi parents take note. If you want your children to grow into good adults, then use your home as a kind of segregation camp. Keep children away from everything except good influences. This is the only way to safeguard the future generations.*

# Way of the Seekers; Teachings of HadhratKhalifa-tul-Masih II

*Parents should choose well behaved children as associates for their children. The parents too will benefit from this arrangement. They will come to know the parents of other children whom they have chosen as associates for their child. It will lead to a kind of inter-parent cooperation. Also when they choose playmates for their child, they will watch over their behavior.*

# Way of the Seekers; Teachings of HadhratKhalifa-tul-Masih II

The Holy Prophet (on him be peace) has said:

***Do not curse a child for when you curse,  
angels add: Let it be like that; and like that he  
becomes.***

# Daughters of Eve; Teachings of HadhratKhalifa-tul-Masih IV

- Paradise can be attained by children only through mothers who have themselves become a heavenly sign and who strive to attain heaven in this world.
- Your progeny cannot change without you changing. Unless your personality is filled with the light of God, your children's bosoms will not be filled with that light.
- The love that comprises only of devotion and is lacking any vestige of discipline, and expectations and requirements of balance will harm children instead of benefitting them. A mother who from an early age not only gives love to her children but also instills justice and balance in them is actually creating a paradise for future.



# Daughters of Eve; Teachings of HadhratKhalifa-tul-Masih IV

- The best heritage that a mother can pass on to her child is the fear of Allah. Love of Allah and the fear of losing it is called Taqwa that the mothers can bestow on their children. Pay attention to these matters and this should be done in early childhood.
- Prayers are accepted more when the mother has a deep desire to keep them devout. If you have true eagerness in your hearts then children of such mother will never go waste.
- Frequent rudeness at home becomes responsible for most evils in our society.

# Teachings of HadhratKhalifa-tul-Masih V

In his Friday sermon of June 27<sup>th</sup> Hudhur<sup>aba</sup> stressed the importance of creating a peaceful and loving environment at home for the children and said that the parents have to make sacrifices in order to ensure that their children are brought up in the right environment. **In particular Hudhuraba stressed the absolute necessity of ensuring that no negative comments are mentioned about the Jama'at in the household,** Hudhuraba said that if there is a genuine complaint one should go through the proper channel and refrain from making injurious comments in the family environment. Hudhurexplained that unless the parents present a good model themselves children would never abide by them if their deeds and words were not in harmony.

# Teachings of the Promised Messiah AS

The Promised Messiah (AS) says:

*“I pray for my children and require them to follow a broad set of rules of behavior and no more. Beyond this I put my full trust in Allah Almighty in the confidence that the seed of good morals inherent in each of them will flower at its proper time”.*

**[Malfuzat, vol. 2, p. 5]**