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Editorial

Condoms vs. Chastity

A major issue, which has been engaging the attention of our nation, is the distribution of condoms to school children and the demonstration of how it should be fitted on a banana.

Sex Education

The group of young people who have hit the nation by sensation because of its unconventional method of promoting sexual education, is adamant that it is seeking to promote sex education among young people and demanding that the Government place sex education on the school curriculum.

The Anjuman has already gone on record by stating that it was surprised that a group, which is founded on Christian ideals, should seek to distribute condoms instead of Bibles and Bible tracts. Where in the Bible is there justification for the use of condoms? We may very well ask our Christian friends, who

are followers of Jesus Christ, whether Christ would have distributed or used a condom?

The Bible

It is clear that the Bible is silent on this matter and Christian Youths are looking for answers, which they cannot find in their Scriptures or in the life of Jesus. It is a succinct admission that neither the Bible nor Christ can give guidance to Christian youths on matters of sexuality.

In this respect, both the Bible and Jesus have failed our youths. Christian Youths must therefore turn to the Qur'an if they wish to find Divine answers to human sexuality.

The Qur'an

They will find that in the Qur'an, Chapter 7 Verses 26 and 27 God speaks to them and says:

"O Children of Adam, We have indeed sent down to you

clothing to cover your shame, and clothing for beauty; and clothing that guards against evil- that is the best. This is of the messages of Allah that they may be mindful.

O children of Adam, let not the devil seduce you, as he expelled your parents from the garden, pulling off from them their clothing that he might show them their shame. He surely sees you, as well as his host, from whence you see them not. Surely we have made the devils to be the friends of those who believe not".

Chaste-Education

The tragedy of our modern age is that we have become a civilization without shame. What is urgently needed in our schools is not sex-education but chaste-education. Education, which promotes chastity; goodness; purity and beauty. Education that lifts the mind of our youths to ethereal heights. When last did you hear the word chastity? It is a word that

has been lost because our society has stripped itself of all shame. The world today needs the teachings of the Qur'an to be implemented. Fourteen Hundred years ago the Qur'an was admonishing to the youths of today; :

" Say to the believing men that the lower their gaze and restrain their sexual passions. That is purer for them. Surely Allah is Aware of what they do.

And say to the believing women that they lower their gaze and restrain their sexual passions and do not display their adornment except what appears thereof.

And let them wear their head-coverings over their bosoms. And they should not display their adornment except to their husbands or their fathers, or the fathers of their husbands, or their sons, or the sons of their husbands, or their brothers, or

their brothers' sons, or their sisters' son, or their women, or those whom their right hands possess, or guileless male servants, or the children who know not women's nakedness.

And let them not strike their feet so that the adornment that they hide may be known. And turn to Allah all, O believers, so that you may be successful."

(Qur'an; Chapter 24 Verses 31 and 32).

The Voice of our Youths

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People are, by nature, community oriented. People do not like to be by themselves. They like to interact with others, to talk, to work, to recreate and to pray. People like to have others, not only members of their family, to share their joys, their frustrations, their successes and their failures.

Young people are no different. In fact, they have an even greater desire to socialize with persons of their own or similar ages. What therefore can be done to encourage this socialization process as well as

camaraderie among young people?

Shared Values

Firstly, we feel that good and meaningful relationships can be built and sustained if there are shared and common values between individuals. We feel therefore, that as a first step, children should be taught good moral and spiritual values so that there will be a common platform from which to build friendship.

Families and Jamaats therefore have an important

role in developing and instilling these values among young people. This has important and meaningful spin-offs since the Jamaat activities themselves serve to build camaraderie and friendship.

Interaction

The right environment must be created for youths to interact. The leaders of each

Jamaat must plan activities in which young people are given the opportunity to express themselves freely. In addition, youths must be given the

chance to plan their own activities even within certain constraints and with supervision. In this context, activities like the series of breakfast meetings and the family day at Jovi's Water Park must be encouraged and even accelerated. They have proven to be quite useful and productive in bringing young people closer together.

Other activities that may be planned are camps, hikes and continuing sporting activities. Interactive classes and other educational activities should also be supported because youths need to grow together in all fields- physical, emotional, social, educational and most importantly spiritual.

Finally, youths need the active support of the elders in the community. Support sometimes may be financial. Sometimes it may be moral and sometimes it may be just demonstrating faith and trust in the youths.

Environment

Without coming together especially in the apt environment, youths may develop other relationships that can lead them astray. However, with the correct values instilled at an early age, and interaction with others of similar principles, they stand a better chance of becoming role models in society and good leaders later on. Youths need, also to be exposed to the teachings of the Holy Quran and to emulate the perfect exemplar, the Holy Prophet

Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Relationships

We are acutely aware that the youths of today are the leaders of tomorrow. We would like a safe and secure future for ourselves and the generations to follow. None of us can do it alone. We therefore need to build substantial relationships with our peers, our families and most of all, God, for us to be successful.

May Allah continue to bless us and to guide us as we seek to build these relationships for our benefit and for the propagation of Islam.

EATING HABITS



Zahra W. Baksh (9 Years)

Fireburn Ahmadiyya Maktab

Stop your play, its time to eat,

Come wash your hands and take a seat.

Before you start though, bring in mind,

The Mercy of Allah who is so kind.

So begin in the name of Allah,

By always saying Bismillah.

Don't dish out more than you could eat,

For Muslims shouldn't over eat.

And one thing you must understand,

Its good to eat with your right hand.

Never stuff your mouth with food,

That would be most rude.

Take your time and chew quite well,

Pick up morsels in case it fell.

Eat you food and leave not waste,

There's no need to eat in haste.

Drink your tea and sip it slow,

You don't have to gulp you know.

When you've finish thank Allah,

By always saying Al-hamdullilah.

Chastity

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And restrain their sexual passions. That is purer for them. Surely Allah is aware of what they do.
And say to the believing women that they lower their gaze and restrain their sexual passions and do not display their adornment except what appears thereof.

Qur'an ; 24 :30, 31

And those who restrain their sexual passions,
Except in the presence of their mates or those whom their right hand possess- for such are not to be blamed.

Qur'an; 70 :30

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Chastity

Successful indeed are the believers,
Who are humble in their prayers,
And who shun what is vain
And who act for the sake of purity
And who restrain their sexual passions-
Except in the presence of their mates or those whom their right hands possess, for such surely are not blame-able,
But whoever seeks to go beyond that, such are transgressors-

Qur'an ; 23 ; 1-7

And the men who guard their chastity and the women who guard-

Qur'an; 33 : 35

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