

# Protecting the Muslim Family From the LGBT Agenda

## Middle School to High School

Muslim teenagers who have hit puberty are now held accountable to Allah SWT. Both good and evil deeds are recorded and will be weighted on the scale on the Day of Judgement. This age is critical for Muslims in America to grasp their Islamic Identity as the exposure to haram is very visible in their middle and high school years.

"The pen is lifted from three people: a sleeping person until he awakens, a child until he becomes an adult, and an insane person until he regains his sanity." (Sunan al-Tirmidhī 1423)

The exposure to Fahisha is amplified more than ever with exposure to what they hear and see on social media, entertainment, school, and so on. The schools and media are the most aggressive in pushing the LGBT agenda on teenagers. Muslim youth have a difficult challenge with the concept of "fitting in."

The lack of proper guidance on how a Muslim should reflect on "fitting in" from the Islamic perspective (Aqeedah) has created a dilemma. Muslim youth have been conditioned to feel embarrassed or ashamed of their deen. If a Muslim doesn't know the "Purpose of Life," they will go off course, picking up ideas/concepts not from Islamic Aqeedah but from secular principles that satisfy their desires.

#### Discussing Hard Topics with your Teenagers

It will be difficult and uncomfortable for Muslim parents to talk about LGBT issues, but remember that teenage Muslims have already been exposed to this evil by the school, media, etc. If the parents remain silent, that Muslim teenager will learn about the LGBT agenda from the pro-LGBT community to shape their concepts to accept what Allah (SWT) and his Messenger (SAW) have condemned and prohibited. For this reason, it is crucial for parents

to talk to their teenage children about this problem and help them develop the correct Islamic concepts on how to deal with it and other challenges that they will face.

### **Developing Islamic Concepts**

When humans process new information, they start from what they already know, connecting new information to their previous knowledge. Before your children are even aware of homosexuality, begin by teaching how Allah (SWT) expects Muslims to view life by the Islamic Creed, the "ageedah."

The 'aqeedah serves as the intellectual basis upon which every detailed thought about Muslim behavior and the systems of this life are built. Islam is built on one foundation, the 'aqeedah, which states that behind man, life, and the universe is a creator who made them all and everything else. He is Allah (SWT). Allah created everything from nothing (Adam). His existence is necessary because everything depends on Him, but He doesn't depend on anything.

#### Purpose of Life

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ ٱلْجِنَّ وَٱلْإِنسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

"I have created the jinn and humankind only for My worship." (TMQ Adh-Dhariyat:56)

Everyone in this world thinks about what's the purpose of our life. Who created us? Why have we been created? Why are we here in this world? Allah (SWT) is the only creator of this world. He created us to worship him and has sent his message to mankind by messengers to end with the final messenger and prophet, Mohammed (SAW). Allah (SWT) gave us life and will take our soul, and when our worldly life ends, the Akhirah begins. We will be resurrected to be held accountable for good and evil deeds on the Day of Judgement, and there are



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only two places where we can end up, Jannah (heaven) or Nar (hell).

Allah (SWT) and his Messenger (SAW) have sent clear divine messages on how Islam views LGBT issues from the issue of Marriage, Gender, and Homosexuality.

#### Marriage:

Allah (SWT) has defined marriage between a man and a woman. The concept of marriage for Muslims is based on the aqeedah that Allah (SWT) has put forward for all Muslims to adhere to. Allah SWT made marriage between a man and a woman. Muslims do not recognize same-sex marriage, nor do we support it.

O believers, marry off the unmarried free men and women amongst you and marry off the believers amongst your male and female servants. (TMQ An-Nur:32)

#### **Gender Identity:**

Allah (SWT) created a human to be either a male or female and each sex has unique attributes. A man is born as a man, and a female is born as a female. Islam does not recognize transgender actions and is condemned by the Prophet (SAW).

Ibn 'Abbās (r) said: "Allah's Messenger (SAW) cursed the men who resemble and imitate women; and the women who resemble and imitate men." [Al-Bukhāri, no. 5885]

### Homos exuality:

Allah (SWT) destroyed a whole group of people and their town for the crime of supporting homosexuality and the action of homosexuality. Allah (SWT) clearly states that homosexuality is a major sin, and the Prophet (SAW) warned Muslims about homosexuality.

And (remember) Lut (Lot), when he said to his people: 'You commit Al-Fahishah (sodomy the worst sin) which none has preceded you in (committing) it in the 'Alamin (mankind and jinn)' [TMQ Al-Ankabut:28]

And (remember) Lut (Lot)! When he said to his people, 'Do you commit Al-Fahishah (evil, great sin, every kind of unlawful sexual intercourse, sodomy) while you see (one another doing evil without any screen). Do you practice your lusts on men instead of women?

(TMQ An-Naml:54-55)

Jabir (RA) said: "The Prophet (SAW) said: There is nothing I fear for my ummah more than the (homosexuality) deed of the people of Lut."" (Narrated by al-Tirmidhi)

A parent's ability to empathize with their child and provide nasiha (advice) and support depend on their ability to maintain communication with their children. If a family isn't able to communicate naturally, the parents may miss signs that their kids are having problems. Remind them that Allah SWT will test everybody, and this dunya is nothing but a test for the hereafter.

"Do the people think that they will be left to say, 'We believe' and they will not be tested?" [TMQ Al-Ankabut:2]

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