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Introduction

يَنَآئِهُمَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قُوَا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا ٱلنَّاسُ وَٱلْحِجَارَةُ O you who believe, protect yourselves and your families from the Fire (TMQ At-Tahrim:6)

For the past several years, the LGBT movement has been gaining traction on the political and social stage, so its teachings of so-called tolerance have impacted everyone. The LGBT agenda has several goals, including the normalization of homosexuality and the attempt to change one's gender. Originally aimed at adults, this agenda has now expanded to include children. LGBT activists are aggressively targeting children to indoctrinate them to normalize homosexuality and question their gender at a young age through schools, media, and governments.

Muslim parents in America have long been aware of some of the dangers in our society, like drugs, alcohol, and pre-marital relationships. However, a more recent evil has taken front and center in the community, which is the normalization of the LGBT agenda.

Muslim parents in America are faced with a challenge not seen before. Parents were fully aware of the evils of drugs and alcohol and their impact on the community, but a new evil has been challenging the Muslim youth for the past few years. The evil fahisha (abomination) of the LGBT movement is impacting every single one of us. From preschool to high school, kids are being indoctrinated to accept the major sin of homosexuality. The act is haram, but also supporting the LGBT agenda is haram. We know the Prophet Lut (AS) warned his people about their Fahisha of homosexuality.

وَلُوطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ ۖ أَتَأْثُونَ ٱلْفَاحِشَةَ وَأَنتُمْ تُبْصِرُونَ أَئِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ ٱلرَّجَالَ شَهْوَةً مِّن دُونِ ٱلنِّسَاءِ ^{عَ}بَلْ أَنتُمُ قَوْمٌ تَجْهَلُونَ

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)

Lut's (AS) wife was also punished by Allah (SWT) even though she did not participate in the acts of homosexuality, but she supported it. The real danger is here, where the secular agenda wants the Muslims to compromise on their deen in the name of "tolerance." If a Muslim is willing to compromise their deen to "fit in," then the secular agenda can make a Muslim abandon Palestine/Kashmir, abandon our oppressed Rohingya or Uighur brothers and sisters, and so on. فَأَسْرِ بِأَهْلِكَ بِقِطْعُ مِّنَ ٱلَّيْلِ وَلَا يَلْتَفِتْ مِنكُمْ أَحَدٌ إِلَّا ٱمْرَأَتَكَ^{َّل}َإِنَّهُ مُصِيبُهَا مَا أَصَابَهُمْ

So travel with your family in a part of the night, and let not any of you look back; but your wife (will remain behind), verily, the punishment which will afflict them, will afflict her. (TMQ Hud:81)

In schools, they have campaigns to make sure the youth do not use drugs and alcohol. They have campaigns about the danger of what those vices do to the person (health), family (abuse), and community (crime). The secular liberal campaign of "tolerance" has hit a new low. They are now creating campaigns to target children as young as preschool to be introduced to the LGBT agenda. They use clever techniques to target children, including cartoons and books featuring two dads, two moms, and their child. The prominent teachers' unions in America have campaigns to promote the LGBT agenda to children starting in elementary school.

Muslims and many non-Muslims recognize the LGBT agenda as evil as the vices of drugs and alcohol. Still, the difference is that the schools, media, and the government promote the LGBT campaign as a positive agenda for children. The promoters of the LGBT agenda make it appear as if the Muslim community is the only one opposed to this evil agenda, but in reality, the majority of society opposes it, and it is a small minority that wants to enforce their evil agenda upon society. They encourage elementary children to question their biological sex. They encourage a 7-year-old boy to question himself, if he feels like he should be a girl. They promote sex change without consulting mental health specialists. They give children under 18 puberty blockers and hormone therapy without parental consent. They go against the science of procreation to legitimatize that a child can be procreated without the necessities of a man and a woman.

They have created an atmosphere where no one can publicly say anything about it without fear of being deemed intolerant, suspended from school, or possibly losing their job by questioning the LGBT agenda. This push for the normalization of the LGBT agenda has left many Muslim parents at a loss on how to explain this to their children in an age-appropriate way and from the Islamic perspective. Masjids and community leaders also have difficulty navigating this topic with the youth, especially since it can be very uncomfortable and challenging to present. However, it imperative that we tackle this with our children as soon as possible so that they will not become confused about our Islamic stance.

Hizb-ut-Tahrir America has developed toolkits to help parents and community leaders talk to the youth from preschool to high school. These toolkits use the most perfect of resources, Allah (SWT) and his Messenger (SAW), to address the issue from the Islamic perspective. These toolkits will help parents on how they should respond to the LGBT agenda. "YOUNG CHILDREN ARE CONSTANTLY TAKING IN NEW INFORMATION, SO IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU, AS THEIR PARENTS AND FIRST TEACHERS, TO GIVE THEM AN ISLAMIC VIEWPOINT ON WHICH TO CONNECT AND PROCESS WHAT THEY ARE OBSERVING AND LEARNING VIA SOCIETY AND SCHOOL."

Toolkit: Preschool to Early Elementary

Young children are constantly taking in new information, so it is important for you, as their parents and first teachers, to give them an Islamic viewpoint on which to connect and process what they are observing and learning via society and school. While they may not be aware of homosexuality and transgenderism at the moment, they will be introduced to this fahisha soon enough.

You need to start by framing the issue for them by teaching them about Allah (SWT) and how Allah (SWT) has taught us to conduct ourselves in this life through His Quran and His Messenger Muhammed (SAW). By doing this, you will be providing your children with a basic understanding of how to view the world we live in and how we determine what is right and wrong (halal and haram). This will create the foundation by which you can discuss any issues that arise. It is important to use ageappropriate words to explain difficult concepts to children this young.

Even though the issue of LGBT and sexuality may seem difficult to discuss with your young child, you can do so in very simple terms and connect it with what Allah (SWT) says in the Quran and what they already know about relationships.

Find a good age-appropriate children's Quran or Quranic storybook to read to your child frequently. Make it a quiet and peaceful time where you and your children can connect to the word of Allah (SWT), and they will feel at ease asking you questions. This will also set a foundation for your children to be comfortable coming to you for explanations and questions about things they may encounter as they grow up. Make a habit of reading stories from the Quran to your child from birth.

Creation and Marriage

Explain to your children how Allah (SWT) created human beings. Talk to them about the creation of Adam (AS) and Hawwa and how it was from them, a man and a woman, that the rest of humankind came from. Adam (AS) and Hawwa were the first husband and wife, mother and father.

إِنَّ مَثَلَ عِيسَىٰ عِندَ ٱللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ ءَادَمَ^حُخَلَقَهُ مِن تُرَابُ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ كُن فَيَكُو نُ

"Indeed, the example of Jesus in the sight of Allah is like that of Adam. He created him from dust, then said to him, "Be!" And he was." [TMQ: Surah Al-Imran:59]

يَـَأَيُّهَا ٱلنَّاسُ ٱنَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَكُم مِّن نَّفْسُ وَٰحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاًمَّ ^{حَ}وَٱتَّقُوا ٱللَّهَ ٱلَّذِى تَسَاَءَلُونَ بِهِ ۖ وَٱلْأَرْحَامَ ۚ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

O Mankind, Be mindful of your Lord Who created you from a single soul, and from it, He created its mate, and through both, He spread countless men and women. And be mindful of Allah—in Whose Name you appeal to one another—and 'honor' family ties. Surely Allah is ever Watchful over you. [TMQ An-Nisa:1]

Allah (SWT) has defined marriage between a man and a woman.

ٱلرِّجَالُ قَوَّٰمُونَ عَلَى ٱلنِّسَآءِ بِمَا فَضَّلَ ٱللهُ بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَىٰ بَعْضُ وَبِمَا أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ أَمُولِهِمْ فَٱلصَّالِحَاتُ قَانِتَن ٓحَفِظَت ٓ لِلْغَيْبِ بِمَا حَفِظ آلله

"Men are the caretakers of women, as men have been provisioned by Allah over women and tasked with supporting them financially. And righteous women are devoutly obedient and, when alone, protective of what Allah has entrusted them with." [TMQ An-Nisa:34]

Allah (SWT) has only made babies come to this world through a man and a woman (procreation).

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا ٱلْإِنسَانَ مِن سُلَلَةٍ مِّن طِينُ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَهُ نُطْفَةً فِى قَرَارُ مَّكِينُ ثُمَّ خَلَقْنَا ٱلنُّطْفَةَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقًنَا ٱلْعَلَقَة مُصْغَةً فَخَلَقَنَا ٱلْمُصْغَةَ عِظَامًا فَكَسَوْنَا ٱلْعِظَمَ لَحْمًا ثُمَّ أَنشَأْنَاهُ خَلْقًا ءَاخَرَ [°] فَتَبَارَكَ أَنَّهُ أَحْسَنُ ٱلْخَلِقِينَ

"And certainly did We create man from an extract of clay. Then We placed him as a sperm drop in a firm lodging. Then We made the sperm-drop into a clinging clot, and We made the clot into a lump [of flesh], and We made [from] the lump, bones, and We covered the bones with flesh; then We developed him into another creation. So blessed is Allah, the best of creators." [TMQ Al-Mu'minun:12-14]

Gender

Explain to your children that Allah (SWT) has created only two genders a male (boy) and a female (girl). Boys and girls have different body parts that function for different purposes, which Allah (SWT) has explained to us. For example, only a woman (mommy) can carry a baby in her womb and give birth.

هُوَ ٱلَّذِي يُصَوِّرُكُمْ فِي ٱلْأَرْحَامِ كَيْفَ يَشَاَءُ ۚ لَا إِلَـٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ٱلْعَزِيزُ ٱلْحَكِيمُ

"He is the One Who shapes you in the wombs of your mothers as He wills. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him—the Almighty, All-Wise." [TMQ Al-Imran:6]

In today's world, your children may come across a cartoon, a storybook from the library, or a school that tells them it is okay for a boy to feel like a girl and a girl to feel like a boy. The illustrations may show boys wearing girls ' clothing and girls wearing boys 'clothing (transgenderism). The book, cartoon, or reader of the story may say that God made a mistake and accidentally put them in the wrong body during conception. In this scenario, explaining to your children that Allah (SWT) does not make mistakes is essential. Allah (SWT) is perfect.

ٱلَّلَهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَحْمِلُ كُلُّ أُنثَىٰ وَمَا تَغِيضُ ٱلْأَرْحَامُ وَمَا تَزْدَادُ وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ عِندَهُ بِمِقْدَارِ

"Allah knows what every female bears and what increases and decreases in the wombs. And with Him everything is determined with precision." [TMQ Ar-Ra'd:8]

Also, explain to them that Allah (SWT) has given certain attributes (masculinity) to men and certain attributes (femininity) to women.

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]

What if my children ask why others live like this or why others tell them this is okay?

This question will come to you eventually, as the LGBT lifestyle is being increasingly pushed into the mainstream, and those who disagree with it are often labeled as a bigot.

You can tell them, "Alhumdillah, we are Muslims, and Allah (SWT) has given us His guidance. Not everyone believes in Allah (SWT) and his Quran."

We must explain to our children that not everyone follows the perfect deen of Allah (SWT) and that we can tell people about Allah (SWT) and the Prophet Muhammed and make dua for them to be guided to Islam. You can use the above points to remind your children what Allah (SWT) has taught us in relation to LGBT. 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).

Toolkit: 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 "aqeedah."

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 wors hip." (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 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 samesex marriage, nor do we support it.

وَأَنكِحُوا ٱلْأَيَامَىٰ مِنكُمْ وَٱلصَّالِحِينَ مِنْ عِبَادِكُمْ وَإِمَانَكُمْ

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]

Homosexuality:

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]

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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.

أَحَسِبَ ٱلنَّاسُ أَن يُتْرَكُوٓا أَن يَقُولُوٓا ءَامَنَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ

"Do the people think that they will be left to say, 'We believe' and they will not be tested?" [TMQ Al-Ankabut:2] THE ISLAMIC AQEEDAH (CREED) IS THE BASIS FOR THOUGHT, ACTION, AND VISION FOR ALL MUSLIMS. THE AQEEDAH IS SPIRITUAL AND POLITICAL, AS IT IS ROOTED IN DIVINE REVELATION AND PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR LIFE. MUSLIMS MUST ADOPT THEIR ISLAMIC NARRATIVE ON DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS THROUGH THE ISLAMIC AQEEDAH.

The Secular Agenda

وَلَن تَرْضَى عَنكَ ٱلْيَهُودُ وَلَا ٱلنَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَبَعَ مِلْتَهُمْ ۖ قُلْ إِنَّ هُدَى ٱسَّهِ هُوَ ٱلْهُدَىٰ ۖ وَلَئِنِ ٱنَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُم بَعْدَ ٱلَّذِى جَاءَكَ مِنَ ٱلْعِلْمِ مَا لَكَ مِنَ ٱسَّهِ مِن وَلِيٌّ وَلَا نَصير

Never will the Jews or Christians be pleased with you, until you follow their faith. Say, "Allah's guidance is the only 'true' guidance." And if you were to follow their desires after 'all' the knowledge that has come to you, there would be none to protect or help you against Allah. (TMQ Al-Baqarah:120)

We should be aware that secularism is about reshaping religions to make them compatible with Western liberal ideals rather than tolerating religion as they claim. They want to create a new Islam, a "reformed Islam." This "reformed Islam" is intended to create a secular, politically helpless, and localized (American) version of Islam that conforms to secular liberal ideas.

To restructure and reform Islam from the inside out, there is an active campaign to make Muslims not adhere to his creator Allah (SWT) and guidance from his messenger Mohammed (SAW). The government, media, and think tanks promote secularism to give the illusion that religion is tolerated in society. The state's secular narratives are not only trying to redefine the relationship between man and woman, biological gender, but also create new definitions and standards for hijab, gender roles, the shariah, and the Caliphate.

The ideal secular Muslim they want to create is a "good" Muslim who has no problem if their child becomes a homosexual or if their son decides to change his sex and become a woman. They want a secular Muslim who won't complain about destructive US foreign policy against the Muslim world. The good Muslim can't see Islam as the only political system or ideology to be implemented worldwide. Instead, they must see Islam as one of many competing cultures and ethnicities. A good Muslim cannot work as part of a global Ummah. Instead, they must stick to an individualistic, nominal Islam that doesn't have any liberating power and doesn't have any ties to the community. A good Muslim must give up his Islamic values and replace them with liberal, secular values. The good Muslim must give up his Islamic identity.

وَ عَدَ ٱللَّهُ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَٱلْمُؤْمِنَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِهَا ٱلْأَنْهَارُ خَلِابِينَ فِيهَا وَمَسَلِّينَ طَيِّبَةً فِي جَنَّاتِ عَدْنٍ ۚ وَرِصْوُلَٰ مِّنَ ٱللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ `ذَلِكَ هُوَ ٱلْفَوْزُ ٱلْعَظِيمُ

Allah has promised the believers, both men and women, Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there forever, and splendid homes in the Gardens of Eternity, and—above all—the pleasure of Allah. That is 'truly' the ultimate triumph. (TMQ At-Tawbah:72)

The Islamic ageedah (creed) is the basis for thought, action, and vision for all Muslims. The ageedah is spiritual and political, as it is rooted revelation in divine and provides comprehensive framework for life. Muslims must adopt their Islamic narrative on domestic and global affairs through the Islamic ageedah. Muslims must address issues based on seeking the pleasure of Allah SWT, making our thoughts and actions to seek Allah's (SWT) reward, and actions to those that anger Allah (SWT) and His punishments

Political Vision and Political Engagement

The attack on Muslims is carried out by the capitalist (secular-liberal) system with its resources to eradicate Islamic concepts and practices. Muslims must build on their Aqeedah to work for all Islamic concepts and practices. This will link Muslims to the global political vision - the necessity to establish Islamic rule and resume the Islamic way of life.

All actions by individuals, groups, and communities must be from this global political vision. That is, we are not simply trying to "fit into the cracks of western society" or be superficially accepted by token gestures of "tolerance" but to make the Word of Allah supreme. No jumping on secular-liberal hollow bandwagons, sloganeering, surrendering to the dominance of kufr concepts, or appropriating or accommodating kufr ideas and practices. Muslims cannot address issues that affect us domestically and globally through conservative or liberal narratives but only by the Islamic narrative dictated by the ageedah.

Engagement with non-Muslims is to invite them to the Islamic Aqeedah to make them respect Islamic concepts and practices. The objective of engagements with non-Muslims is not to subdue Muslims to accept any narratives defined by non-Muslims so that Muslims can be "accepted."

For more information on the Protecting the Muslim Family campaign, please visit our website:

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