

THE ROLE OF ISLAMIC VALUES IN FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

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Abstract:

This article sheds light on the social characteristics of family relations, their connection with values and Islamic teachings. The concepts of religion, family, and values are closely interconnected. The Islamic religion presents the family as the main place for the spiritual and physical education of a person. It is emphasized that the preservation of family values is an important factor in the succession of generations.

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Introduction

The family is considered the smallest, but most important unit of society. The issue of relationships between representatives of different generations, parents and children, in the family has been one of the most pressing problems since the early stages of the development of human society. Because the life experience, knowledge, skills, and attributes of humanity acquired by mankind are passed down from generation to generation precisely through this system of relationships - the mother-child relationship - and this heritage is enriched.

Either the customs and norms of behavior that have become the national values of this people are preserved and nurtured over the centuries through these intergenerational relationships, or vice versa. If intergenerational relationships are not organized in a way that is consistent with the purpose, and if negative qualities prevail in the relationship between parents and children, such values may disappear and be replaced by foreign beliefs. Allah Almighty has regulated and ordered the lives of His servants in Islam through the Holy Quran. The Prophet (peace be upon him) was sent as a teacher to show the way. In Islam, the family has been elevated to the level of worship.

Ibn Abidin (may Allah have mercy on him) wrote: "There are two ties that continue with a person both in this world and in the Hereafter. The first is the faith in a person's heart. If faith is sound, it will be together in this world and in Paradise. The second is his righteous family. The righteous family life of a servant in this world will continue in Paradise. Everything else will remain in its place."

Islam recognizes the family as the primary place for the spiritual and physical development of a person. The Quran and Hadith glorify the family as a sacred institution, in which mutual respect, kindness, and responsibility are emphasized as fundamental values. For example, in the Quran: > "And among His signs is that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that you may find tranquility in them, and He put love and mercy between you" (Surah Ar-Rum, verse 21). Throughout Islamic civilization, religious values played an important role in the formation of the family institution. The great Islamic thinker Imam Ghazzali, in his work "Ihya Ulum ad-Din", deeply reflected on the role of education and upbringing in regulating family relations. The main values in family relationships Islam identifies love, responsibility, and mutual respect



as the main values in family life. The importance of these values is explained in numerous verses in the Quran. We will consider a few of them in the article:

1. "Men are the leaders of women because Allah has made some of them superior to others and because they spend from their wealth. The righteous women are obedient and guard their private parts in the name of Allah. And those who fear their shame, admonish them, and flee to their beds, and beat them. If they obey, do not seek against them a way out. Indeed, Allah is the Most High, the Most Great. (Surah An-Nisa, verse 34).

This verse clarifies the responsibilities between husband and wife, emphasizing the need for both parties to fulfill their duties to ensure the well-being of the family.

Principles of kindness and respect: Imam Ghazzali considers kindness and respect as the main factors in family relationships. In his work "Ihya Ulum ad-Din", he states: "If there is no mutual respect between husband and wife, it will lead to a crisis not only for the family, but also for society," he wrote.

Responsibilities and obligations: In Islam, each member of the family must understand their role and fulfill their responsibilities. For example, while the duty of parents is to educate their children, the duty of children is to obey them. The hadith states: "Each of you is a leader and each of you is responsible for those under your control." (Bukhari, Muslim)

2. Family values in the Quran and Hadith

Islam defines the family as a sacred institution and has set forth rules to maintain it through the Quran and Hadith. The verses of the Quran and the Hadith of our Prophet (peace be upon him) clearly outline the basic principles of relationships between family members.

Distribution of responsibilities in family stability:

The Quran states the following about the responsibilities of husband and wife towards each other: "The rights of women (over the land) are equal to the rights of men (over the land). Only men are superior in a degree." (Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 228) This verse emphasizes the complementary rights and responsibilities of women and men in family life, and the need for cooperation in managing the family.

The role of love and communication in family life:

Our Prophet (peace be upon him) considered love and affection to be important in family life and demonstrated this in his own life. It is stated in a hadith: "The best among you are those who are best to their families." (Tirmidhi)

The role of parents in raising a child:

In his works, al-Ghazali presents the upbringing of children as the most important duty of parents. He writes in his work "Ihya Ulum al-Din": "Properly educating children from a young age is not only the duty of parents, but also their responsibility before Allah." In Islam, the main duties of parents are to provide religious and secular education to their children and to instill good morals in them.

3. The Islamic approach to resolving family disputes

In any society, even in the strongest families, conflicts and disagreements can arise. Islam calls for resolving these situations through patience, tolerance and consultation. The Quran and Hadith provide clear guidance in this regard.

Tolerance and forgiveness: The Quran emphasizes forgiveness and kindness as the main principle in resolving family disputes: "Repel evil with good, and he who was your enemy will



become as if he were your close friend.” (Surah Fussilat, verse 34) This verse shows that mutual forgiveness and communication should be prioritized even in family problems.

Advice principle:

Consultation plays an important role in resolving disputes in Islam. There is a verse in the Quran: “Conduct your affairs by mutual consultation” (Surah Ash-Shura, verse 38).

The Prophet's (PBUH) Role Models: The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) set an example of patience and gentleness in resolving family disputes. One narration mentions that the Prophet (PBUH) treated his mothers with kindness and respected their opinions.

Al-Ghazali recommends the application of the principle of justice in family relationships in his works. He says: “The most important thing in a dispute is the loyalty of both parties to the truth. Even if you believe that you are right, try to understand the other party’s position.”

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev: "We need to deeply study the heritage of our enlightened ancestors. The more we study this spiritual treasure, the more we will find the right answers to many questions that concern us even today." "The more we actively promote this invaluable wealth, the more our people, especially our youth, will understand the value of today's peaceful and free life," they emphasize. We can find answers to many questions that arise today in the context of marriage and family relations in the works of our past thinkers. One of such works is the work "Hidoya" by our compatriot Burhoniddin Marginoni. Although this work, written over a thousand years ago, has been used as a textbook on the science of Fiqh in Islamic universities for over a thousand years, we have not given it enough importance and have not used it in legal matters, especially in marriage and family law. The chapters of the work, entitled "The Book of Marriage" and "The Book of Divorce," provide Sharia solutions to a number of problems that may arise in the relationship between husband and wife. Of course, even if the current legislation does not fully implement the proposals contained in the work, it is possible to live a happy life in family life, in the dynamics of marriage and family relations, without demanding a legal solution to the relationship between husband and wife, but by consciously managing, as repeatedly emphasized in the rules of Sharia, relationships based on natural laws, with patience and gratitude. For example, the work states: "... divorce is forbidden, but it is permitted to get rid of (some sin committed by a husband and wife as a result of living together in the same house without consent)", "... marriage is a form of slavery. Divorce is a form of ending that slavery".

4. The relevance of Islamic family values in modern society: In today's modern society, it is possible to observe the weakening of family values. The importance of the family is decreasing, and individualism and materialistic approaches are increasing. In these circumstances, the family values of Islam are of great importance not only for Muslims, but also for the global society.

Reasons for the weakening of family values:

Violation of moral standards in society.

Incorrect distribution of responsibilities in the family.

The negative impact of modern technologies on family communication.

These situations lead to conflicts, divorces, and poor upbringing of children in many families.

However, Islamic values can help restore stable family life.

Islamic values:

Islam offers high values to strengthen the institution of the family:



1. Developing kindness:

The Quran emphasizes mutual love within the family: “And He has put between you love and mercy” (Surah Ar-Rum, verse 21).

2. Strengthening child education:

Parents should provide not only material but also moral and religious education for their children. The hadith states: “Teach your children goodness, for it will lead them to Paradise.” (Ibn Majah).

3. Strengthening family responsibility:

In Islam, each member must clearly fulfill his or her duties. The husband, as the head of the family, must ensure its material and spiritual security, while the wife must maintain the sanctity of the family.

The relevance of family values in Ghazzali's works:

Al-Ghazali proposed family values that are also relevant to contemporary problems. He writes: “The foundation of every society is the family. If the family is strong, the society will be stable.” In modern society, family life can be improved and society strengthened by implementing Islamic values.

Conclusion

Islamic values emphasize respect, kindness, responsibility, and communication as the main principles in family relationships. The Quran and Hadith, as well as the works of Ghazali, highly value the place and importance of the family in society. The principles of respect, kindness, and justice among family members play a decisive role in ensuring the stability of the family.

The weakening of family values, especially the decline of moral and religious values, in modern society poses a threat to the family institution. Therefore, it is necessary to introduce Islamic values into modern society, restore the responsibilities of family members to each other, and pay attention to the upbringing of children.

The family values promoted in the works of Ghazzali and other Islamic scholars are still relevant today. Therefore, internalizing Islamic family values serves to ensure social stability not only for Muslims, but also for entire societies.

In family matters, consultation with the participation of husband and wife, as well as, if necessary, family elders, is an important means of resolving problems.

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