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CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IS A COLLECTIVE DUTY



I remind myself and all of us to
always increase our *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* in
its absolute true sense. Let us
perform all of the commands of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*

and His Messenger, and abstain from all of His prohibitions, so that we will attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us together contemplate and internalize today's *khutbah* entitled: “**Children’s Education Is A Collective Duty.**”

We had recently entered a new year, and in the past 2-3 weeks, it has always been the routine of the parents to be preoccupied with the schooling affairs of their children. This can range

from buying new uniforms to school registration. For parents that are sending their children to school for the first time, whether kindergarten, primary, or secondary,

this would truly be a memorable experience for them. For others that are used to the routine, they know exactly that preparing the children for their education is an important

responsibility that can never be neglected at all. Every single cent spent is for securing prosperity and bright future for the children.

In Islam, education is an integral element that must be given its due attention by the parents, for it is an obligation that must be properly fulfilled.

The main objective in implementing

the educational system in Islam is to provide emphasis on aspects of contemplation and internalization through knowledge acquired, and skills for nurturing individuals having the *taqwa* of Allah.

In today's world of education,
we find that the educational
system especially in schools, it
is as if they have taken over a
significant bulk of the family's
role in educating the young
generation.

Due to the society becoming preoccupied in seeking livelihood, we find many parents that fully surrender their children's education and upbringing to the school authorities.

In Islam, the duty to educate the children in religious knowledge particularly aspects of *fard al-'ayn* such as Qur'anic studies, *salaah*, fasting, *adaab*, and the basics of *akhlaaq*,

are shouldered by the parents themselves. In addition, the community must together educate the children for according to the development of Muslim societies throughout Islamic history,

the masjid and *surau* (*musallah*) played a pivotal role. This is further added with the contribution of teachers whom voluntarily taught Islamic education to the community.

However, the reality of today is that the role of the parents and the society are quickly diminishing. Pretty much these very role have been fully handed to the teachers in the Islamic schools

and even public schools. This only made the duty and role of the Islamic education teachers even greater and significant in the upbringing of the young generation.

The question begs, where does the role of the parent lie and are these Islamic education teachers capable in fulfilling this tremendous duty?

Are parents nowadays fully
dishing out the duty to educate
their children to the schools?

What about the role of the
society in raising the young
generation?

In providing Islamic education to the children, the role of every parent and teachers are crucial. The teachers, parents, and society must help out each other in the children's education and

rearing. The parents must assist the teachers in educating their children. The society must provide every type of aid needed by the schools and parents. The main objective of education

is to produce individuals that truly internalize authentic Islamic teachings, and worshipping Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* alone, as mentioned in al-Qur’ān:

**“That is Allah, your Lord;
there is no deity except Him,
the Creator of all things, so
worship Him. And He is
Disposer of all things.”**

(al-An‘aam 6:102)

Therefore, in the effort to produce progeny that will have solid grasp of religious knowledge and comprehensive understanding of Islamic teachings, the task of providing sound Islamic education must be made a top priority.

What is becoming a concern nowadays is the overwhelming focus in attaining excellent exam results, while neglecting the excellence of personality and character for the children.

What is clear is that excellent exam scores do not guarantee excellence in grasping the actual knowledge and also full comprehension of the knowledge learned.

Therefore, parents and teachers must give a balanced emphasis and attention in the excellence of character and academic. We do not want our children to excel in their academic and

career, but a major failure in
their lives as a *mu'min*.

Wouldn't it bring great joy and
happiness to the parents if the
children that were raised
become a successful
entrepreneur, a doctor,

a lawyer, an engineer, and a skilled architect? And even more important is to become those that always remember their parents, loving Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* and Islam,

and fully obedient to Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala. For
sure, we don’t want our
properly educated children to
reject Islam as a way of life for
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*
has mentioned in

al-Qur'an:
“Indeed, the religion in the
sight of Allah is Islam.”

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:19)

Furthermore, we don't want our children to become those that refuse to adhere and abide by Islamic teachings, and instead become followers of other than Islam. If this happens,

then they will surely become among the great losers in the Hereafter. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* mentions in al-Qur’ an:

“And whoever desires other than Islam as religion – never will it be accepted from him, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers.”

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:85)

Islam heavily emphasizes the mastery of knowledge for it is the basis for obedience to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.*

One will be guaranteed security and happiness for he or she is

“safeguarded” by knowledge
that will lead to the Straight

Path. Abu Bakrah

radiyAllaahu ‘anh reported
that he heard Rasulullah
sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

“You should be a scholar, or
a student, or a listener, or a
lover of ‘ilm
and scholars, and you should
not be the fifth which makes
you perish...”
(al-Bazzaar and at-Tabaraani)

Imaam al-Mawardi
rahimahullah expounded on
the fifth category, which is
those that will perish, they are
those that deem the *Sharee'ah*
as being non-beneficial and
unnecessary

to be learned. Verily, these types of people will drown in misguidance, far astray from receiving *hidaayah* from Allah.

They cannot differentiate between truth and falsehood, and will in the end fall into *kufr*.

To ensure that this effort can be effectively executed, there are several quick measures that we can all partake together, namely:

- 1- Every parents must provide Islamic education

including *fard al-‘ayn* to their children since their early age.

The responsibility to provide religious education belongs to the parents while at home.

Their Islamic education

actually

begins from home, not at the school.

2- Parents must have sufficient religious knowledge and adequate skills in educating their children.

It is obligated upon every parents to learn the knowledge of *fard al-‘ayn* so that they can provide good examples to their children.

3- The teachers must provide the best education to their students since many children nowadays spend more time with their teachers in school.

Such golden opportunity must be seized and properly utilized by every teacher. The duty of educating collectively belongs to all teachers, not just Islamic education teachers only.

4- Parents and schools must work together hand in hand in fulfilling the responsibility of educating the children. Solid cooperation amongst the parents and schools will in turn make the education in

school even more effective.

5- Our communities must exercise their role in educating the children through institutions like

masaajid and *suraau*. The mosques and *suraus* should be further developed to become a center for various programs and activities

such as additional Islamic class, tuition class for the general public, programs during school holiday such as youth *dawrah* (seminar) and motivational courses.

In conclusion, the task to educate children is a collective duty upon the parents, teachers, and community members. The main task for the Muslim *ummah* is to raise a young

generation that is better than us.
With diligence and earnest
effort, coupled with firm
cooperation from all parties, it
will develop children that are
faithful and glorify the Oneness
of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata ‘aala.*

“The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts become fearful, and when His verses are recited to them, it increases them in faith; and upon their Lord they rely.”

(al-Anfaal 8:2)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقَتِهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive
to continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase
our good deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul with
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the
Path that is Pleasing to You,**

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that
which pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



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