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WHAT IS PUBERTY?



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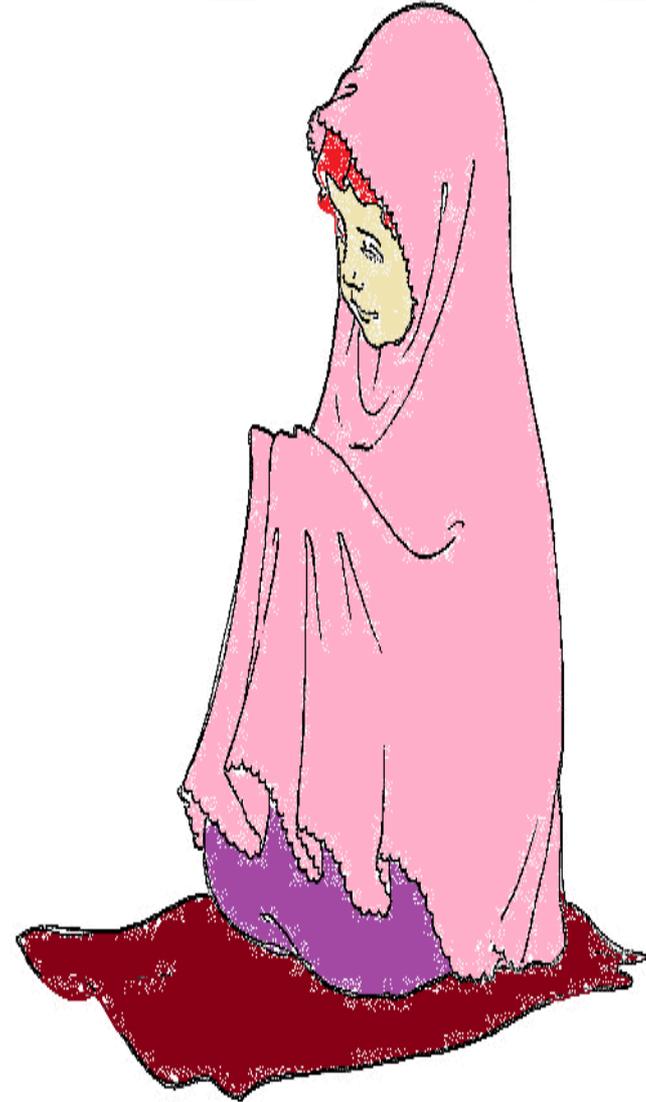
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يُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلاً ثُمَّ لِتَبْلُغُوا أَشَدَّكُمْ ثُمَّ لِيَكونُوا شِيُوخًا
وَمِنْكُمْ مَنْ يُنَوِّفُ مِنْ قَبْلِ^ط وَلِيَبْلُغُوا أَجَلًا مُّسَمًّى وَلَعَلَّكُمْ
تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

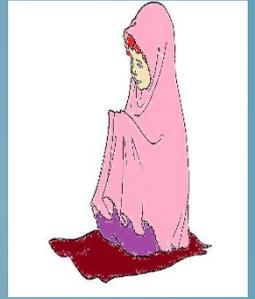
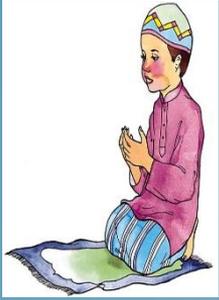
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It is He who created you from dust, then from a sperm-drop, then from a clinging clot; then He brings you out as a child; then [He develops you] that you reach your [time of] maturity, then [further] that you become elders. And among you is he who is taken in death before [that], so that you reach a specified term; and perhaps you will use reason.

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***THE AGE TO ENJOY
STRENGTH AND YOUTH IN
THE OBDEIENCE OF ALLAH***

“Oh Messenger of Allah! Let me enjoy my strength and youth”, said Abdullah Bin Amr



376 وعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال : « سبعة يُظِلُّهم الله في ظلِّه يوم لا ظلَّ إلا ظلُّه : إمامٌ عادلٌ ، وشابٌّ نشأ في عبادة الله عزَّ وجلَّ ، ورجلٌ قلبه معلقٌ بالمساجدِ ورجلان تحابَّا في الله اجتمعا عليه ، وتفرقا عليه ، ورجلٌ دعته امرأةٌ ذاتُ منصبٍ وجمالٍ ، فإني أخافُ الله ، ورجلٌ تصدَّقَ بصدقةٍ ، فأخفاها حتى لا تعلمَ شماله ما تنفقُ يمينه ، ورجلٌ ذكرَ الله خالياً ففاضت عيناه » متفقٌ عليه .

376. Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (PBUH) said, "Seven are (the persons) whom Allah will give Shade of His Throne on the Day when there would be no shade other than His Throne's Shade: A just ruler; a youth who grew up worshipping Allah; a man whose heart is attached to mosques; two persons who love and meet each other and depart from each other for the sake of Allah; a man whom an extremely beautiful woman seduces (for illicit relation), but he (rejects this offer by saying): `I fear Allah'; a man who gives in charity and conceals it (to such an extent) that the left hand does not know what the right has given; and a person who remembers Allah in solitude and his eyes well up".

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim].



حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ بُكَيْرٍ، حَدَّثَنَا اللَّيْثُ، عَنْ عُقَيْلٍ، عَنْ ابْنِ شِهَابٍ، أَنَّ
سَعِيدَ بْنَ الْمُسَيَّبِ، أَخْبَرَهُ وَآبَاءَ، سَلَمَةَ بْنَ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ أَنَّ عَبْدَ اللَّهِ بْنَ
عَمْرٍو - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا - قَالَ أَخْبَرَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
أَنِّي أَقُولُ وَاللَّهِ لَأَصُومَنَّ النَّهَارَ وَاللَّيْلَ مَا عَشْتُ. فَقَالَ لَهُ
رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " أَنْتَ الَّذِي تَقُولُ وَاللَّهِ لَأَصُومَنَّ النَّهَارَ
وَاللَّيْلَ مَا عَشْتُ " قُلْتُ قَدْ قُلْتُهُ. قَالَ " إِنَّكَ لَا تَسْتَطِيعُ ذَلِكَ،
فَصُُمْ وَأَفْطِرْ، وَفُطْمٌ وَنَمٌّ، وَصُومٌ مِنَ الشَّهْرِ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ، فَإِنَّ الْحَسَنَةَ بَعْشَرَ
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أَفْضَلَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ ".



Abdullah Bin Amr reported that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) was informed that I have said: "By Allah, I will fast all the days and pray all the nights as long as I live." On that, Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) asked me. "Are you the one who says: 'I will fast all the days and pray all the nights as long as I live?' " I said, "Yes, I have said it." He said, "You cannot do that. So fast (sometimes) and do not fast (sometimes). Pray and sleep. Fast for three days a month, for the reward of a good deed is multiplied by ten time, and so the fasting of three days a month equals the fasting of a year." I said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) I can do (fast) more than this." He said, "Fast on every third day. I said: I can do (fast) more than that, He said: "Fast on alternate days and this was the fasting of David which is the most moderate sort of fasting." I said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) I can do (fast) more than that." He said, "There is nothing better than that."

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رفع القلم عن ثلاثة عن النائم حتى يستيقظ، وعن
الصبي حتى يبلغ، وعن المجنون حتى يعقل"

The Messenger of Allah (صلي الله عليه وسلم) said: "The Pen is lifted from three (i.e., their deeds are not recorded):

1. one who is asleep until he wakes up;
2. a child until he reaches puberty;
3. an insane man until he comes to his senses."

[Recorded in Abu Dawud #4403, and Ibn Majah #2041]

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مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ۝۱۸

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Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record].

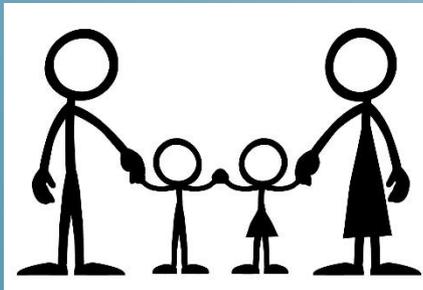
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AGE TO BUILD

YOURSELF,

YOUR FAMILY,

YOUR COMMUNITY



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وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا

وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ

يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

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And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquillity in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought.

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يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ

لِتَعَارَفُوا ۗ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَنْفُسُكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٣﴾

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O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.



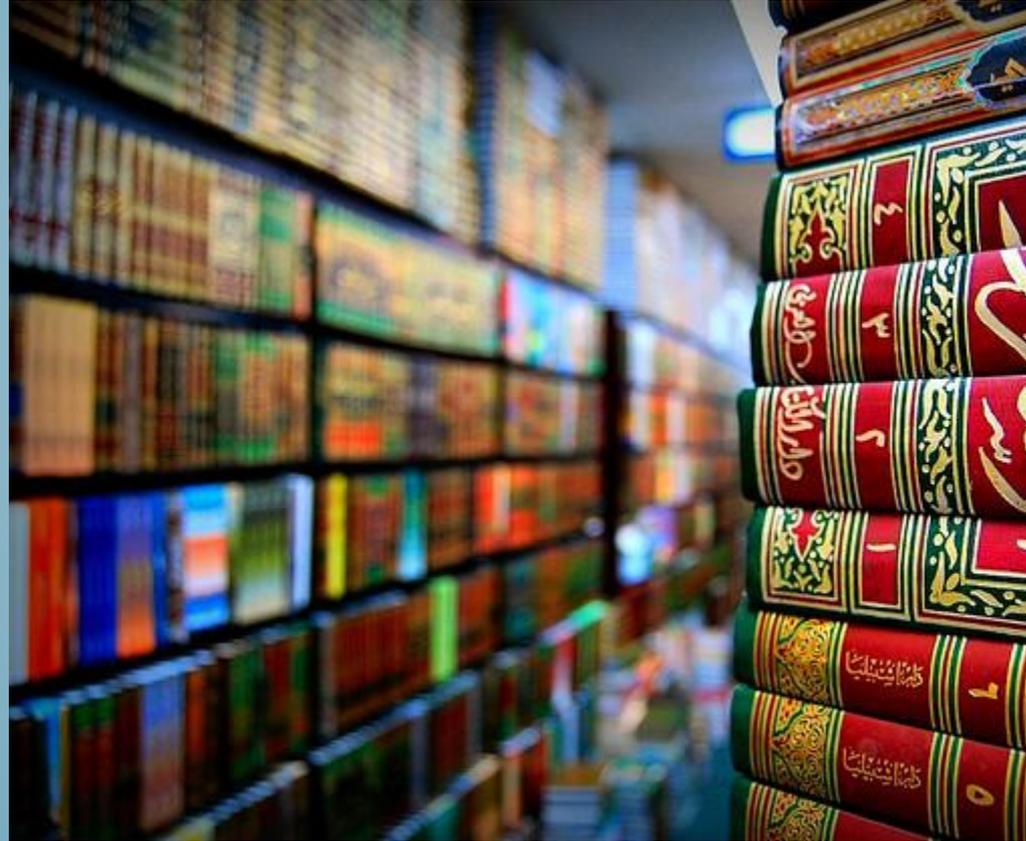
عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " الدُّنْيَا مَتَاعٌ وَخَيْرُ مَتَاعِ الدُّنْيَا الْمَرْأَةُ
الصَّالِحَةُ "

'Abdullah b. Amr reported Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)
as saying:

The whole world is a provision, and the best object
of benefit of the world is the pious woman.

[Recorded in Muslim]

PUBERTY IN FIQH



WHAT IS PUBERTY?

According to Islam

Puberty is the point whereby a boy has had his first wet dream, or has begun to grow pubic hair in his private parts. If no such signs are seen by the age of 15, then at that age the boy is deemed “of age” and begins to be accountable for his actions to Allah (SWT).

WHAT IS PUBERTY?

According to Science

The process of physical changes by which a child's body matures into an adult body capable of sexual reproduction to enable fertilization. It is initiated by hormonal signals from the brain to the testes in a boy.

THE ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

The Signs of Puberty

- If either of the two following things occur, then a boy has been determined to have reached puberty and is accountable (*bulugh*).
 - Discharge of semen (either through a wet dream or through other means)
 - Growth of coarse hair on the lower part of the abdomen (e.g., pubic hair).

THE ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

Obligations upon reaching puberty

- Considered to be a man from the Shari'ah perspective, hence, responsible for what is in his charge and what he is capable of.
- Required to perform all of the required (*fardh*) actions in Islam (prayer, fasting, zakat, hajj).
- Men are no longer permitted to be around non-mahram women without a “mahram” and without their intimate parts (*awrah*) being covered.
- They are accountable for all of their actions from the time they reach puberty until their death.

GENDER RELATIONS

Relations between men and women

- Men should lower their gaze when they see a woman and not gaze lustfully at them.
- Interactions between men and women should be out of necessity (school, work, needing something in the masjid).
- Friendships (in the Western sense) are not permissible between men and women.

GENDER RELATIONS

What about dating?

- The only permissible relationship between a non-mahram man and woman is marriage in Islam.
- There is no “try before you buy” in Islam.
- If a man wants to get married, he should do so.



قَالَ لَنَا النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " يَا مَعْشَرَ
الشَّبَابِ مَنْ اسْتَطَاعَ مِنْكُمْ الْبَاءَةَ فَلْيَتَزَوَّجْ، وَمَنْ لَمْ
يَسْتَطِعْ فَعَلَيْهِ بِالصَّوْمِ فَإِنَّهُ لَهُ وَجَاءٌ "

Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) once said to us, 'O young people!
Whoever among you is able to marry, should marry,
and whoever is not able to marry, is recommended
to fast, as fasting diminishes his sexual power.
[Recorded in Buhkary]

RITUAL IMPURITY

What is ritual impurity?

- There are two types of impurity: minor and major . Here are the categories of impurities for men.
 - Minor:
 - Going to the bathroom (#1 and #2)
 - Passing gas
 - Major:
 - Emitting sexual fluids (semen)
 - Sexual intercourse

RITUAL IMPURITY

Cleansing from ritual impurity

- Minor impurity requires one to make wudu. Major impurity requires one to make ghusl.
- **Wudu:** Washing the individual body parts in a ritual manner.
- **Ghusl:** This is a bath where the entire body is cleansed physically.
- A person must cleanse himself from ritual impurity before praying.

RITUAL IMPURITY

What about physical impurities?

- First, you must protect yourself from it to the extent possible:
 - When urinating, it is best to sit down to avoid getting urine on your clothes (splashback can happen when standing).
 - You must clean yourself with water (and paper if available).
- If you do get an impure substance (*najasa*) on your clothes, you must wash them before praying in those clothes.

THE FITRAH

What is the fitrah?

- The *fitrah* as the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) has told us, are as follows:
 - Removing the pubic hair
 - Circumcision
 - Trimming the moustache
 - Plucking the armpit hairs
 - Trimming the nails

THE FITRAH

Maintaining the fitrah

- A man should shave his private parts and underarm hair at most every 40 days (but if it grows to a length of a grain of rice, then cut it before the 40 days is up).
- A man should keep his moustache trim so that it does not go over the lip, and when it does, trim or shave it.

IMPERMISSIBLE SEXUAL ACTS

What is not permitted in Islam?

- Sexual relations outside of marriage between unmarried people (fornication).
- Sexual relations outside of marriage (not with ones spouses) when one or more people are married (adultery).
- Same sex sexual relations (homosexuality).
- Masturbation.

IMPERMISSIBLE SEXUAL ACTS

Why are these things prohibited?

- Allah (SWT) is pure and only wants things for us that are pure.
- While modern day society glorifies or encourages many of these things, this is a recent phenomenon. There was a time when all of these things were just as despicable to Westerners as they are to Muslims today.
- Islam sets boundaries so we don't bring ourselves down to the level of animals. Allah (SWT) has created human beings in the best form.

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