New Generation of Kids, Young Girls/ Boys Face more Challenges in their Moral Development than before

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I was a student in the fiftees and sixtees of last century (born in 1939). I had a good society, most of the people were morally sound, there was no mobile or internet pornography to divert us.

Those who are 18 or below in age are these days victim of mobile technology. They talk for hours wasting their time, instead of studying or doing social work.

The mobile companies, many of them, reduce their call rate at dead of night, this leads to more use of mobile at night, talking to their so called girl/boy friend , losing their sleep, this harm their health, ear and moral.

In internet, even if I do not want, naked or half naked pictures come on the screen. I have stopped it with difficulty. You can think what boys/ girls do, they get addicted and look for illegal sexual gratification.

Then there are beauty contests and fashion shows which make women commodity and degrade their humanity.

In TV programs, apart from indecent programs, women presenters many times do not use Urna or extra breast cover.

All these of present largely secular and materialist culture are ruing young generation. My niece, who was an university Masters student, told me a few years back that girls are not interested to join good program, they like on holidays to roam about with colourful dress, they also spend time in beauty parlor and waste money.

For saving this valuable generation to an extent, I suggest the following program for Muslim guardians. The non-Muslim scholars may devise their program.

- 1. Prophet's life should be taught in summary by the age of 10-12.He is the ideal for Muslims.
- 2. Similarly life of Abu bakr, Omar, Usman,Ali, Khadija, Ayesha, Fatima Radi Allahu Anhum should be taught by the year 12. They were great people.
- 3. History of Khulafae Rashidin should be taught.
- 4. Coming and spreading of Islam in own country should be taught.
- 5. Quran tilawat like a Qari of some parts should be taught by the year 8-10 so that they can know the beauty of Tilawat.
- 6. They should know the meaning of the Quran in full/ major portion by age of 12-13.
- 7. They should be made performer of salat as early as practical.
- 8. All should dress decently.Girls should wear Urna (Khimar) /hijab at appropriate ages.

I request all organizations, scholars, leaders, Ulama, Khatibs, journalists, editors of Muslim world/ Muslim societies in Non- Muslim countries to try to do their best to save the young generation.

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