

# Mothers' Rishta Nata Workshop 2


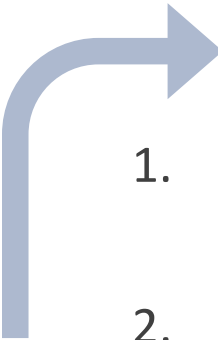
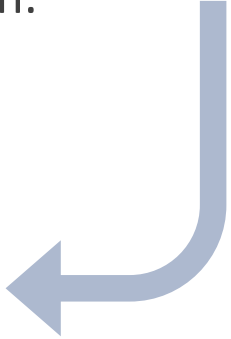


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# In This Presentation

- Further Islamic Guidance on common issues
- Case studies and scenarios



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1. To provide the best environment to worship our Creator and prepare for the life to come.
  2. To enable a man and a woman to live together and experience love and happiness, within Islamic law.
  3. To produce children, and provide a stable and righteous environment for their upbringing.
  4. To provide a legal union which safeguards society from moral and social degradation.
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## 4 basic reasons for marriage in Islam

# Marriage is part of Sunnah

Hadhrat Ayesha <sup>ra</sup> narrated that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said:

*“Marriage is part of my sunnah, and whoever does not follow my sunnah has nothing to do with me. Get married, for I will boast of your great numbers before the nations. Whoever has the means, let him get married, and whoever does not, then he should fast for it will diminish his desire.”*

(Sunan Ibn Majah - Kitabul Nikah) - Translation by Reem Shraiky Sahiba



**So what are the options?**

**Islamic Guidance**

# Nikah Sermon

O ye people ! fear your Lord who created you from a single soul and created therefrom its mate, and from them twain spread many men and women; and fear Allah, in Whose name you appeal to one another, and *fear Him particularly respecting ties of relationship*. Verily Allah watches over you (4:2)

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O ye who believe ! Fear Allah and say the right word. He will bless your works for you and forgive you your sins. And whoso obeys Allah and His Messenger shall, surely, attain a mighty success. (33:71-72)

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O ye who believe ! Fear Allah and let *every* soul look to what it sends forth for the morrow. And fear Allah, verily, Allah is Well-Aware of what you do. (59:19)

(The Holy Quran: translated by Hazrat Maulwi Sher Ali (ra))





## TOP TIPS FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH CHILDREN!

1. Always begin with prayer. Ask Allah the Almighty for help in making the right choices that will please Allah. Ask Him to help you communicate in a positive and helpful way with your child and that you can make the best decision as a family.
2. Write to respected Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (aba) before speaking to your child asking him to pray for your child's future and that your communication and decision making is blessed.
3. Decide together as parents how and what you think should be discussed with your son/daughter and whether one or both of you will speak to them.
4. Ideally, you should already have a good relationship where your child/children feel comfortable speaking with you about how they feel in general.



## TOP TIPS FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH CHILDREN!

5. Use your own positive family examples of rishtas to familiarise your children with the Islamic marriage system. Also of course, use the example of our Holy Prophet (saw) and his blessed marriages and other holy personages.
6. If your child is particularly close to a grand parent/uncle/aunt, then enlist the help of this person if you feel it would help.
7. Always remember that this is a life-long decision for your child and they must not feel that they made the decision due to pressure. It must be a decision your child makes with prayers, advice and contentment (sharah sadr).
8. If your first discussion is not fruitful, keep praying and remember to be patient, gentle and encouraging. Make sure your child can express their feelings and confidently give their opinions. Keeping good communication will help in the long term even if this time the Rishta is not suitable, inshAllah.



# Delaying Marriage?

***‘It is a natural law of nature, which we find even among animals- that when people reach an age of maturity, they think of forming physical relationships.’***

(Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V aba, interview, April 2020, Review of Religions).

Excuses for delaying marriage:

- finish his study,
- let him complete his profession,
- let him buy a home
- He is young.
- Denying a natural urge will have the following repercussions.

# Early marriage or fasting

Abdullah narrated that that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said:

***"O young people! Whoever among you can marry, should marry, because it helps him lower his gaze and guard his modesty, and whoever is not able to marry, should fast, as fasting diminishes his sexual power."***

(Sahih al-Bukhari- Kitabul Nikah) Translated by  
Reem Shraiky Sahiba

**Do you know how your children feel about  
marrying cousins?**

# Islam allows marriage with cousins-question to Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (aba)

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گلشن وقف نولجنہ (جرمنی) 23 اپریل 2017ء





# **Education vs. Marriage**



# Married & Studied

“WE GOT MARRIED WHEN I WAS 20 AND MY HUSBAND WAS 22. WHEN THE RISHTA CAME, THERE WAS ONE MAIN THING WE LOOKED AT - HIS ‘**DEEN**’.

WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN MARRIED NOW (*AFTER STUDIES*)....HOWEVER, WE WOULD HAVE MISSED OUT ON 4 MEMORABLE YEARS OF GROWTH TOGETHER! THE EARLIER YOU GET MARRIED, THE MORE MEMORIES YOU HAVE. RATHER THAN BUILDING A LIFE ALONE, YOU BUILD A LIFE TOGETHER.”

(WRITTEN IN 2020, LONDON)



## Case Study

# Quranic Guidance on who we can marry

- And marry not idolatrous women until they believe; even a believing bond-woman is better than an idolatress, although she may *highly* please you. And give not *believing women* in marriage to idolaters until they believe; *even* a believing slave is better than an idolater, although he may *highly* please you. These call to the Fire, but Allah calls to Heaven and to forgiveness by His command. And He makes His Signs clear to the people that they may remember.(2:222)
- And marry widows from among you, and your male slaves and female slaves who are fit for marriage. If they be poor, Allah will grant them means out of His bounty; and Allah is Bountiful, All-knowing.(24:33)

# Marry an Ahmadi Man/Woman

If Ahmadi Muslim boys reject Ahmadi Muslim girls and Ahmadi Muslim girls refuse Ahmadi Muslim boys in order to marry others [non-Ahmadis], there is a grave danger of disruption in families and in the Jama'at. Their children will be in danger of going astray from faith. Therefore, there should be compatibility in religion as well as compatibility in worldly matters.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad <sup>(aba)</sup>

Friday sermon 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2004

(<https://www.alislam.org/library/books/Garments-for-Each-Other.pdf> p.19)



# Can an Ahmadi girl marry a non Ahmadi?



# Studying after marriage

We know from the example of **Hazrat Ayesha** (ra) that she married young and then became a great Islamic scholar, poet, historian etc.

We also know from the example of **Hazrat Sara**, respected wife of Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) that she continued her education after marriage.

[https://youtu.be/Z\\_APKEHWwJM](https://youtu.be/Z_APKEHWwJM)

# Real life case study

*"I was a divorced woman who was looking to get married a second time. I have a BSc and had a professional job. ....he had a GNVQ advanced level which equates to 2 A levels, but did not have a degree...*

*I am very pleased Allah gave my family and I the wisdom to look past my husbands' educational qualifications, to see the goodness in his character.*

*I have never brought up the difference in our qualifications during our marriage - why would I? You need to look for similarities, not differences. He works hard, he is respectful and so am I. I currently still work and he does his best to provide for our family, and I value that. I see my education and qualifications as a gift from Allah, not something that everyone is able to do.*

*We have been married 2 years this year and have been blessed with a beautiful baby girl.'*

*\* Lajna member, age 36*

# CONSENT

Abu Hurairah<sup>ra</sup> narrated that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said:

***"A widow or divorcee woman should not be given in marriage until she is consulted, and a virgin should not be given in marriage until her permission is sought, and her silence is her permission."***

(Jami` at-Tirmidhi -The book of marriage)

Translated by Reem Shraiky Sahiba

Hadhrat Aysha<sup>ra</sup> narrated that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ):

***“No nikah valid without Wali’s (Guardian) consent; the one who has no Wali, the Muslim leader will be her guardian”.***

(Sunan Ibn Majah - Kitabul Nikah).  
Translated by Reem Shraiky sahiba

CONSENT





# Further Resources:

GARMENTS FOR EACH  
OTHER

هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَهُنَّ

SELECTED EXCERPTS FROM SERMONS OF  
HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V (ABA)  
RELATING TO MARITAL HARMONY

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community  
Department for Rishta Nata can be  
contacted

<http://www.rishtanata.org.uk/>

