

رَبَّنَاهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

Our Lord, grant us of our wives and children the delight of *our* eyes, and make us a model for the righteous

The Holy Qur'an 25:75

Shura Proposal No 2/22 was to look at ways and means of building a cordial and loving relationship between mothers in law and daughters in law as a disharmonious relationship between the two was identified being one of the major causes for breakdown in marriages.

One of the recommendations made by the subcommittee was to produce a leaflet to look at ways and means of building a cordial and loving relationship between the two.

In this leaflet the working party, responsible for the implementation of the recommendations made by the subcommittee, has endeavored to highlight a selection of guidance from the Holy Qur'an, Ahadith, the Promised Messiah (as) and Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V, which when reflected upon will help to strengthen the relationship between these two most nurturing figures within a family unit.



Throughout this booklet, you'll find QR codes accompanying the references and original sources. These QR codes provide quick access to additional information and resources to enhance your understanding.

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GUIDANCE FROM THE HOLY QUR'ĀN

The Holy Qur'ān sets out guidance on establishing a good and loving relationship between the husband and wife.

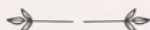
It is incumbent upon all relatives of both the girl and the boy not to damage their relationship but rather help in making it cordial and loving between the two.

One should be mindful that Allah is watching over us all the time and always relay the information correctly as the Holy Qur'ān emphasises to say the straight forward word, lest the words related are distorted and misunderstood.



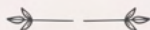
And one of His Signs is this, that He has created wives for you from among yourselves that you may find peace of mind in them, and He has put love and tenderness between you. In that, surely, are signs for a people who reflect.

THE HOLY QUR'ĀN, 30: 22



O ye who believe! Fear Allāh and say the straightforward word. He will set right your actions for you and forgive you your sins. And whoso obeys Allāh and His Messenger shall, surely, attain a supreme triumph

THE HOLY QUR'ĀN, 33:71-72



'There is no harm for the blind and there is no harm for the lame, and there is no harm for the sick and none for yourselves, that you eat from your own houses, or the houses of your fathers, or the houses of your mothers or the houses of your brothers, or the houses of your sisters...'

THE HOLY QUR'ĀN, 24:62



"They (wives) are a garment for you, and you (husbands) are a garment for them."

THE HOLY QUR'ĀN, 2:188

GUIDANCE FROM AHADITH

Below are a few Ahadith, which when acted upon, will make one overcome one's weaknesses and thus enable to build cordial relationships between mothers in law and daughters in law. Also, one must always be mindful of not hurting others with one's tongue or actions.

1



Abu Hurairah, God be pleased with him, relates that the Holy Prophet, (ﷺ peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Beware of the fire of jealousy, because it consumes good deeds just as fire consumes wood and straw."

(Sunan Abu Dawud)

[Al Hakam Article: Opinion: Fostering empathy, maintaining friendships and avoiding jealousy-](#)

2



Narrated by Hadrat Abdullah Ibn Amr (May Allah be pleased with him): The Prophet of Allah (ﷺ peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "One who has no compassion for our young ones and does not recognise the rights of our elders is not of us."

(Sunan Abu Dawud)

[Forty Gems of Beauty - Chapter 13 pp. 64: Show Compassion to Young Ones & Recognise the Rights of Your Elders](#)

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Abdullah bin 'Amr, God be pleased with him, states that he heard the Holy Prophet (ﷺ peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), say: "The true Muslim is he from whose hands and from whose tongue other Muslims are safe. The true emigrant is he who forsakes that which is forbidden by God."

(Bukhari)

[Selected Sayings of Holy Prophet ﷺ - pp.2](#)

GUIDANCE FROM OUR BELOVED

IMAM, HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V

(may Allah be his Helper)

1

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) stated that people, especially living in the Subcontinent, complain about the dispute between the daughter-in-law and mother-in-law in the home. However, if people properly adhered to the Qur'anic teachings then such problems will never arise because the Holy Qur'an clearly states that each should be living in their own house.

2

Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper) said each person is affected to some degree or the other when society adopts brazen ways; this can cultivate self-centeredness and a tendency not to forgive the other person's fault. This is how, Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper) said, family quarrels ensue and even squabbles which passers-by can instigate. In this environment of intolerance the responsibility upon the Ahmadi is tremendous to abide by the teachings of Islam and as the above Quranic verse (Ale Imran: 135 and Al A'raf:200) enjoins, to curb one's anger and to forgive

FURTHER READING:

MATRIMONIAL
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[Friday Sermon](#)
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PARDON AND
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[February 20th](#)
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During his 2012 tour of USA Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) held a session with female students at Masjid Baitul Rahman, Washington on 26 June during which with the permission of Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper), girls asked various questions. In answer to one question Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper) said that anxieties and apprehensions in society, at home, with one's in laws and in one's environment can be removed by engaging in استغفار Istighfar and by reading:

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

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Islam requires justice and fairness in every matter and it gives all people their rights. Although I had briefly discussed this at my address to the ladies at the UK Annual Convention (Jalsa Salana), it seems that in some matters, especially the eastern mind-set, culture and traditions greatly dominate over what religion actually teaches. Religious teaching is pushed behind and they give their own cultural thinking precedence. Thus, your mentality should be in line with the teachings of Islam and you must fulfil the rights of one another. A husband should fulfil the rights of his wife, and the mother-in-law should fulfil the rights of her daughter-in-law. A daughter-in-law should fulfil the right of her mother-in-law and also the husband. If all are fulfilling the rights of one another, nobody will ever be able to raise an allegation against the teachings of Islam of usurping the rights of others.

September 3rd
2016



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ATTRIBUTE OF
ALLAH, AL KHABIR -
THE ALL-AWARE.

As Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) once said, always think of the consequences before saying or doing anything, and also that Allah the Exalted is aware of whatever you do. Those who are unfair think no one is watching them and they can perpetrate whatever cruelty they want on someone else's daughter within their home. Allah the Exalted is aware of this and if it is kept in view that Allah the Exalted is watching and Allah is aware, Huzoor (Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I) says, then these ills can be avoided.

[Friday Sermon 30
May 2003](#)



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RELATIONSHIP OF
HUSBAND AND
WIFE

Explaining the right of relatives as regards kindness to close familial ties Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper) said: 'Silla rehmi' (kindness to close familial ties) is a very expansive term. It entails that the relatives of the wife have the same rights as the man's own relatives. 'Silla rehmi' towards them is just as important as it is to one's own relations. If this habit is instilled and 'Silla rehmi' is practised from both sides, will bickering and arguments still take place in homes? Not at all.

[Friday Sermon
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March 3rd 2017](#)



There is no harm for the blind and there is no harm for the lame, and there is no harm for the sick and none for yourselves, that you eat from your own houses, or the houses of your fathers, or the houses of your mothers or the houses of your brothers, or the houses of your sisters...'(24:62) Commenting on this verse Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) said: In India people often particularly complain about disagreements between the mother-in-law and the daughter-in-law in their family. If they acted upon the Holy Qur'an, this would not be the case. He said (the verse about eating from various homes) indicates that there should be separate homes; mother's home should be separate from her married son's home.

Only then will it be possible to actually go to each other's house to eat.' Thus we see that this idea that moving out of parents' home is some sort of huge sin and indeed there are certain parents who frighten their children in this regard, in fact they emotionally black-mail them into thinking as if they will be hell-bound as soon as they move out of parents' home. This is a most erroneous thinking. I have often asked some young women and when they are in the presence of parents-in-law, they say they are living [with the in-laws] of their own will as do the sons, but when asked separately they answer that they are living due to constraints. This ultimately results in sometimes the daughter-in-law being cruel to the mother-in-law and at other times the mother-in-law being cruel to the daughter-in-law!

Friday Sermon 10
November 2006



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Blessing of Allah the Exalted comes with unity and love and not with in-fighting and dissension. Strive to get blessings of Allah the Exalted.

Annual Ijtema Lajna UK November 2nd 2008.

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POINTS OF WISDOM

FROM HADRAT AMMA JAN (MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HER)

Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) was a great role model for us all. We should try and adopt some of her ways to make our households a source of happiness and bliss for our families.



Points of wisdom from Hadrat Amma Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) taken from "Hadrat Amman Jan - An Inspiration for Us All"

Hadrat Mehr Appa praised Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) for never complaining if her daughters-in-law were too busy to visit her for a few days, even to say "Salam". Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) did not interfere with the personal routines of her daughters-in-law within their own households. The only direct advice she gave them was to the effect that they should, "Dress well, live well, and as well as yourselves look after the creations of Allah Almighty... the commands of Allah Almighty, and the institution of the Jama'at should be respected."



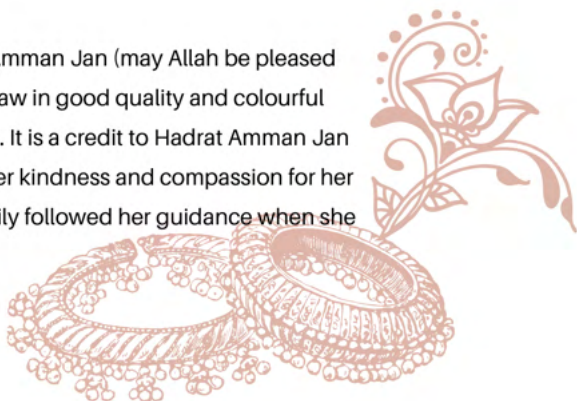
She never asked; "Do you know how to cook this?", but would amicably invite Hadrat Choti Appa, "Let's go and cook this", or "Let's go and do that." Initially, Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) would do most of the cooking and Hadrat Choti Appa would watch (and in this relaxed manner would also learn). Then at a later date, Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) would say to her; "Go and make that dish as you did the other day", although it had actually been Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) who had done so. In this benevolent manner, Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) instilled confidence in her daughters-in-law, which encouraged them to learn various domestic skills from her. She did this in a friendly, maternal fashion, never uttering any harsh admonishments.



Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) also directed her daughters-in-law in other things without causing offence. She guided them how to dress and behave with their husbands. Because her manner was always kind and helpful rather than reproachful, her daughters-in-law accepted her advice happily. Indeed, Hadrat Choti Appa was to say that Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) gave her more love than any mother.

"Hadrat Mehr Appa" also relates that Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) was more of a loving mother than a mother-in-law. Because of her sincere affection none of her daughters-in-law resented her guidance.

Hadrat Mehr Appa relates that Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) liked to see her daughters-in-law in good quality and colourful clothes, wearing jewellery and "henna". It is a credit to Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her), that her kindness and compassion for her daughters-in-law meant that they happily followed her guidance when she deemed it beneficial to offer it.



Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) prioritised her daughter-in-law's feelings above those of her son.

Hadrat Mehr Appa also fondly recalled when on a trip to Sindh she became unwell and Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) attentively cared for her. Memories of this affectionate and meticulous care brought joy to Hadrat Mehr Appa, even in the retelling of the account.

A few days before the end of this trip to Sindh, Hadrat Mehr Appa actually contracted malaria. Hadrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) stayed with her and again tenderly cared for her, feeding her medicines and drinks from her own hands whilst praying for her recovery.



TIPS FOR MOTHERS-IN-LAW AND DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW

BEFORE MARRIAGE

- Ask one another what the other likes to eat - food can build bonds!
- Find out what hobbies and interests are e.g. knitting, baking, painting
- Invite each other to a shopping trip (clothes, grocery etc) .
- If you have a skill, maybe use that for each other (making an impression can be charming!) i.e. sewing, baking, etc
- Ask her questions to get to know her favourite things .
- Speak with each other kindly and with due respect.

AFTER MARRIAGE

- Decide together what names will be used to speak to one another? i.e. is mother-in-law aunty or Mum or something else, and similarly what would daughter-in-law prefer (full name, a nick name etc)
- Cook for the family together, as eating together creates lasting memories.
- Ask about the history of how Ahmadiyyat came into the family.
- Going to Lajna meetings together/do Khidmat-e-Khalq activities together .
- Ask each other about their hometown/childhood.
- Travel somewhere together.
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