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ISLAMIC EDUCATION · TEXTBOOK

Tarbiyah
Semester One

Parents, truthfulness, the tongue and the rights of others: the texts assumed from Hadith, and every week ending in a record of what you actually did.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- How this book is used beside the workbook
- Four units, twelve lessons, each one taught in two pages
- Worked examples, and the words of every lesson
- What the workbook asks of you, week by week
- The curriculum this book is built on, in full

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Built on the Academy's own Islamic Education Curriculum, and keyed to the workbook of the same semester, week for week.

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WEEK THREE

Parents who are difficult

Parents who are not Muslim, or who are difficult

A parent who is not Muslim

وَإِن جَٰهَدَاكَ عَلَىٰٓ أَن تُشْرِكَ بِى مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِۦ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا ۖ وَصَاحِبْهُمَا فِى ٱلدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا ۖ
وَٱتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ مَنْ أَنَابَ إِلَىَّ ۚ ثُمَّ إِلَىَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

LUQMAN 31:15

And if they strive against you to associate with Allah what you have no knowledge of, do not obey them, and accompany them in this world with kindness.

Both in one verse. Do not obey, and accompany with kindness. That is the whole answer and it is explicit.

A parent who is harsh

The texts command kindness and do not make it conditional on the parent being kind. Which is hard, and should be said plainly rather than softened.

What they do not require is remaining in a situation of serious harm. Scholars address this and the answers depend on the case; ask your teacher, and if the case is yours, tell them it is.

What is always available

Du'a. The supplication of 17:24 is for parents and it is available regardless of how they behave, and regardless of whether they are alive.

Ask your teacher for the narrations on supplication for parents after their death, and for what else continues to benefit them. A student whose relationship with a parent is difficult still has something to do, which is the point of this section.

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WEEK SEVEN

Backbiting, measured

Backbiting: its definition, and the case where it is allowed

The definition, and the verse

Your Hadith course gave the hadith defining ghibah and your Tafseer course gave 49:12. This week assumes both.

يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱجْتَنِبُواْ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ ٱلظَّنِّ إِنَّ بَعْضَ ٱلظَّنِّ إِثْمٌۖ وَلَا تَجَسَّسُواْ وَلَا يَغْتَب بَّعْضُكُم بَعْضًاۚ أَيُحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَن يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكَرِهْتُمُوهُۚ وَٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَۚ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ تَوَّابٌ رَّحِيمٌ

AL-HUJURAT 49:12

Avoid much suspicion; some suspicion is sin; do not spy; do not backbite.

The permitted cases, once more

Warning of real harm, seeking a ruling, complaining to one who can redress a wrong, identifying a narrator, and the others your teacher gives.

And the condition: the mention extends only as far as the purpose. A warning that becomes a conversation has stopped being a warning.

The measurement

For one week, record every conversation in which an absent person was discussed. For each one, write: was there a permitted purpose, and did the conversation stop when the purpose was met?

The second question is the one that produces the finding. Most conversations have a purpose for about thirty seconds.

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WEEK EIGHT

Tale-carrying

Tale-carrying, and why it is treated so severely

Why it is treated so severely

Namimah نَمِيمَة is carrying what one person said to another in order to set them against each other.

The warnings are severe; ask your teacher for the narrations, including the one about the carrier of tales not entering Paradise, with its collection and grading.

The severity has a reason. Backbiting wrongs the absent person. Tale-carrying destroys a relationship, and the harm continues after the carrier has left the room.

How it is done without malice

Usually by somebody who thinks they are being honest, or helpful, or who simply enjoys having something to say.

“I thought you should know what he said about you” is the standard form. The information is true, the motive is presented as loyalty, and the result is a broken relationship.

What to do when it reaches you

Do not pass it on, and do not act on it. Your Tafseer course gave 49:6 on verifying news, and this is the same instruction at the first step.

And consider whether to tell the person who brought it that you would rather not hear such things. That is harder and it stops the next one. Ask your teacher how to say it without insult.

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SAMPLE PAGES

You have read a few pages. The book is longer.

What you are holding is a short sample, taken from different parts of the book so that you can see the teaching, the exercises and the standard of the Arabic before you decide.

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