

Allah ﷻ created us with Body, Spirit, Mind, Emotions & Desires. Our Deen & Messenger ﷺ gives us the perfect balance to equally apply them **ALL**.

Huge Marital Crisis: 1. Marrying Non-Muslim, Atheist, Agnostic - No Faith

2. Preventing marriages due to different race, ethnicity, status – Jahiliyah

Parents - Ignore, Disown, Threaten, Manipulate their children.

Parents fail to understand & trust our Faith, Qadr & children.

Prevention is better than cure - Shari'ah perspective – Marriage is of Faith - Muslim man to Muslim woman - Vice Versa of **ANY** race & ethnicity.

Often we make emotional decisions, don't care what Shari'ah says.

1. Raise Children in Practicing Loving Balanced Islamic Households

We must act as good Muslim & Marital role models/values & Tarbiyyah.

Instil love of Allah & Messenger in them, so they always know your love & principles are guided by Allah ﷻ – not culture – always try your best.

2. Understand Our Culture & Time is Very Different To Theirs

Change your mind-sets & parenting styles. Issues of biology, attraction, sex, society can't be ignored. Have **ADULT** conversations with **ADULT** children. Listen actively, show you are concerned & care & understand.

يَا مَعْشَرَ الشَّبَابِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ مِنْكُمُ الْبَاءَةَ فَلْيَتَزَوَّجْ فَإِنَّهُ أَغْضُ لِلْبَصْرِ وَأَحْصَنُ لِلْفَرْجِ وَمَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَعَلَيْهِ بِالصَّوْمِ فَإِنَّهُ لَهُ وِجَاءٌ

3. Make Nikah Easier - Not Harder - Make Marriages Simpler/Cheaper

We have raised bar too high. Marriages are delayed & children go astray because Nikah is too hard. Long conditions & expectations.

Better for a young man & woman live in some poverty & Halal, than live in wealth & Haram? Provide a Halal outlet as required by Shari'ah.

40% Of High School, 60% University Students Are Having Sex – DEFAULT!

Our children part of that. If you're going to make Halal difficult, then Haram is free, cheap, accessible and available - make Halal easier.

Don't have a permanent job, cant afford house - don't make barriers insurmountable. Parental Conversations - Halal Courting, Contract-Nikah

وَأَنْكِحُوا الْأَيَامَىٰ مِنْكُمْ وَالصَّالِحِينَ مِنْ عِبَادِكُمْ وَإِمَائِكُمْ إِنْ يَكُونُوا فُقَرَاءَ يُغْنِهِمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

Nikah - allows talking, meeting, dining, events, companionship. Have Rukhsati after their degree, training or rental accommodation.

DON'T keep blocking these emotional & biological urges. **DON'T** keep ignoring the reality of life & society. **DON'T** keep saying no - **DON'T** keep saying until you have job, house etc.

SHARI'AH - LOW MAHR, GOOD DEEN & AKHLAAQ - MAKE NIKAH EASY

Understand your child has feelings and urges - channel them correctly.
We had these feelings as well, but we suppressed or hid them deep?!
Now text, phone, social media, internet, society – what will you control?

لَمْ نَرِ لِلْمُتَحَابِّينِ مِثْلَ النِّكَاحِ

Keep it Halal, seek dignified men-women of Faith & Character **NOT RACE**

If you don't, our kids will still have secret relationships for years, become committed, infatuated, do Haram, then they won't be able to walk away.

4. Be Wise, Understand Harshness Will Be Counter Productive

Blackmail, threats, hitting, boycott won't work, they'll become darlings of media, society will embrace them, they'll hate you & Islam. Be gentle, be wise, understand reality of life.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَجِلُّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَرِثُوا النِّسَاءَ كَرِهًا (4:19)

5. Arranged Marriages Have A Lot Of Benefit - Check - Balance - Safety

Don't be averse to this idea as young adults. Parents must be proactive, prepare good relationship options - plan ahead & long term.

قَالَ إِنِّي أُرِيدُ أَنْ أُنكِحَكَ إِحْدَى ابْنَتَيَّ هَاتَيْنِ عَلَى أَنْ تَأْجُرَنِي ثَمَانِي حِجَجٍ

6. If Relationships Don't Work - Don't Make Divorce Taboo - Stigma

Some relationships work and some don't. The Shari'ah does not force two people to come together, neither does the Shari'ah force two people to remain together. Come together beautifully, willingly & respectfully, give your best, then part ways beautifully & respectfully.

فَأَمْسِكُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ سَرِّحُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ وَلَا تُمْسِكُوهُنَّ ضِرَارًا لِّتَعْتَدُوا

7. Look For Two Primary Conditions - Good Faith & Good Akhlaq

A righteous practicing Muslim from ANY ethnicity/race - Iman & Akhlaq is times better than long list of my tribe my village.

إِذَا خَظَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ مَنْ تَرْضَوْنَ دِينَهُ وَخَلَقَهُ فَرَوْجُوهُ إِلَّا تَفَعَلُوا تَكُنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادٌ عَرِيضٌ (Tirmidhi)

Good Imaan and Akhlaaq, AFTER THAT, IT'S UP TO THE TWO OF THEM.

Remove the issues of race and culture. Our children are different from us, don't necessarily have same values, aspirations or goals as us.

Why should their spouse reflect your tribal/ethnic values? Let their spouse reflect them, not you. Marry within FAITH, not within RACE.

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