

Instructions in youth is like engraving in stone

Outline

1. Introduction:

Thesis statement: Instructions in youth is like engraving in stone, as it acts as a base for future life of an individual.

Things; one learn in his young age, have a significant impact on his social, personal and political life. Parents should be careful in inculcating ideas.

2. Youth age: a volatile age bracket

3. What one learn remains with him

a. Reality of life and purpose of creation
Perspective of Islam and west

b. Perception about society and way of socialization
Source of pleasure or suffering

c. Concept of Good and evil emerges out of ethics and morality

Karl Marx, Thomas Hobbes and John Locke

d. Honesty and loyalty earns respect
Social perception of an individual

e. Creates character and belief of an individual

Holy Prophet (Pbuh)

4. Peaceful society that may result from it

a. Society through a peaceful community
Love and affection among members

b. Social responsibilities and sense of duty among members

Right man for right job

c. Co-operation among the members
Asabiya - (Ibn-Khaldun)

d. Progress and promotion of values in succeeding generations.
Good values among the people

5. **Strengthens social institutions for peaceful life:**

a. Strengthens institution of family.

The power of unity (Bend of sticks story)

b. Religious and social connections are strengthened

Religion is base for social life

c. Legitimate progressive relations are promoted
Relationships through law

d. Source of love and affection
The storm of emotions

6. **Care to be taken in this engraving process**

a. Type of ideas being inculcated
Extremist or peaceful

b. The consequences on the future life of an individual and society

Terrorist, Criminal or Noddy man

c. Proper surveillance and evaluation of the company of youth

The company and the colour.

7. **Conclusion.**

Instructions in youth is like engraving in stone, as it acts as a base for social future life of an individual. Things; one learn in his young age have a significant impact on his social, personal and political life. Parents should be careful in inculcating ideas. As Gender Studies has a concept of social construct, it is generally taken from this idea. The things that one has learned from society in youth, he believes them to be the only truth. The youthful age is very volatile age, as in this age bracket, an individual goes through spontaneous changes, learns new things, new ideas and starts discovering the society. The individual is taught about the purpose of his creation, though it is purely society oriented, but the belief that he develops through this remains with him throughout his life. Then he develops perceptions about the society, uncovers the debate of good and evil, the principles of morality and ethics. He is taught from the very beginning that honesty and loyalty earns respect as good value return. This helps him in creating his character and social beliefs. Moreover, the peaceful society, one dreams of; is the product of this engraving. Man is inculcated the idea of social responsibilities and sense of duty among members which promotes

the peaceful society. The well-known concept of co-operation is also a social idea the product of teachings of youth. Then the process continues as these social values are passed to the succeeding generations. The teachings of youth life strengthens social institutions for peaceful and purposeful life. From strengthening the institution of family to promote legitimate relationships all are result of this process. Therefore in inculcating the ideas in youth age the parents and institutions should properly verify the impact and consequences of the ideas; whether it would lead to the peaceful world or an already broken and shattered war zone.

Youth age: a volatile age bracket. It is the most dynamic stage of mind where a slight change in ideas, changes the whole perception of life for an individual. The thought process is so spontaneous in this age that whole world can be created in the virtual world of mind. Now, in this age of life the idea that is sown as a seed grows to tree having roots all throughout his thinking capability.

Things that one learns in his childhood remains with him rest of his life. In this age, people utilize their all resources to inculcate the type of idea in young mind as per their wish. The reality of life and purpose of creation is subjective and varies

place to place and society to society. Islamic perspective on this is that; purpose of human existence is to obey the commandments of Allah and have good relations among them. While the western culture or other religion stress on ~~of~~ good relations among people only. This thought in itself is created in the very young age as the part of thinking or thought process. This provides one the view for future life. As many political scientist believe that religion denotes the human conduct, it is a decisive factor in the overall outcome of the qualities of an individual.

Moreover, the ideas inculcated in young age sets the perception of an individual about the society and way of socialization.

The pleasure and suffering principle, works as a deterrent mechanism. One may perceive something legitimate, but if it is thought to be illegitimate by the majority of population, he would be frustrated, but due to the suffering factor his behaviour would be controlled. For such a person the perception of society will be as a source of control while the one who has developed his life by complying the rules and ideas of life, he would be a strong supporter of such a society and will generally have positive perception of social life and society.

The ethics and morality, that are taught in young age generate the concept of good and evil. It is the primary reason that the Karl Marx opposed the capitalism. He was of the belief that this idea of social class and means of production are man made and are against the nature of human. For Karl Marx it was an evil and governance of people a good. While the Thomas Hobbes held human nature is evil. John Locke on contrary made the argument that human nature is neither good nor evil. All these arguments and notions are created as a response to the society. Some followed the set ethics of the society and complied with them. While the others believed in the opposite of these ideas and they renounced the concept and proposed their own ideology, but it was also motivated by the circumstances, in which their upbringing took place.

There is a most prominent proverb "Honesty is best policy." This and other relevant axioms, reinforce the concept that honesty and loyalty earns man the respect. This concept, in order to promote honesty in the society, is taught to young people. The result of this would be a prosperous society for the people, but rarely that happens now. As the double standards of society has

impacted every part of life. But still the one who is honest and loyal is revered.

What one learns in youth, remains with him and forms his character and belief. The character is and identity of an individual, first the name with which he is known. Some of the finest characters in society are always glorified and character of Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) is the supreme among them. The character of Holy Prophet is the result of love and affection that he got from his foster mother; Hazrat Bibi Haleema (R.A), Hazrat Bibi Anna (R.A) and his grandfather and uncle. The holy Quran states: There is best example in life of Holy Prophet for mankind. Therefore, character of an individual is the result of these instructions that are engraved on his mind in youth.

Peace begins with the satisfaction of human needs. The community that works for the combined social progress, always promotes peace in society. Through peaceful community peaceful society can be achieved. The quality of love and affection among the members that is result of schooling of youth are the core reasons behind this positive achievement. Such kind of society where peace prevails and social security is the birth right of an individual, further promotes the growth

of positive idea inculcation in young people. Societies with increasing population are more prone to mismanagement of resources. It is necessary that there should be a mechanism to regulate such societies. Social responsibilities and sense of duty among the members are promoted through the principles of morality and ethics. Right man for right job approach further reinforces this idea of responsibility. As Mother Teresa has said "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Such type of quotes and sayings are directed for the mental development of youth to inculcate in them the qualities of social belonging and social responsibility.

In this age of social and political chaos, everyone is seen sceptical of the co-operation among the members of society. Though the situation is worse, but even it is associated with the beliefs and perception one has about the society. The lack of bonding among the members of society called to be the base of any society as acknowledged by Ibn-e-Khaldun in his concept of *Asabiya* are the reasons, that co-operation seems a myth. If the origin of relationships among the member would be around the common goal and mean to achieve it, as described by Ibn-e-Khaldun

the idea of social cooperation among the members could be promoted.

One of the major benefits of this process is that it allows the transfer and promotion of good values of one generation to another. As Sikhs are known for their bravery and Muslims are known to be peaceful community who fight for their defense only. The hospitality of Pathans and rich culture of Punjab all the values that an individual feels, knows and eventually they become part of his life style. Here one can apply Howard Becker's Labelling theory and Emile Durkheim's Social Differentiation theory as both provide the impact of social surrounding behaviors on the values of an individual and they may be learns them.

Good behaviours taught to an individual in youth, strengthens the social institutions of society, which are responsible for peaceful life. It strengthens the most primary institution of society; the family. We all have grew up listening the story of an old man and bunch of sticks. This story is an example that how instructions in youth shapes the society. The power of unity is often underestimated, but it plays an important role in the development of the society.

The religious and social connections are also strengthened. The practice

Salaat in Islam promotes the social unity among the people. It is an obligation on every muslim to start Salaat from the youth. Furthermore, the importance of freedom and rights are also the things that one hears from the young age and they result in the form of revolutions such as; French Revolution 1789. Religion is base for social life and it provides people the strength to ^{even} topple any government, but it is also the result of ideas that is sown in the mind long ago.

The ethics and morality principle guides the man in his decision making. The social perception of good and bad deters an individual from doing something that is considered immoral and not acceptable for the society. The fear of social unacceptability and isolation works here as deterrents. This in contrast promotes the legitimate and progressive relationships. Society in this way functions smoothly and most conflicts that could have rise from unavailability of checks are avoided.

Human life is an ocean of emotions. Man in his life wants love and affection. Therefore it is the demand of society that there should be love and affection taught as the basic principle of life. Each person has the right that he should be loved, respected and should be treated

humanely. These are the qualities needed to be part of initial youth instructions.

There is an increased responsibility on parents to take care in this engraving process. The type of ideas being inculcated in young mind would decide his future. If the nature of such ideas would be of extremist an individual with rigid and self-correct attitude will be added to the society. If the ideas would be peaceful and social in nature they will rise to an individual of morally strong and ethically correct.

The consequences on the future life of an individual and society are solely dependent on the early development of an individual. This can be understood as the aggressive and extremists tendencies of terrorist groups such as TIP, Lashkar-e-Taiba and ISIS created an army that believes they are fighting for the just cause, while it is the power of some development that society has people like Abdul Sattar Edhi who sacrificed their whole life for the betterment of human life.

It is prime responsibility of parents to have a close eye on their children, as they are the future of society. Increased cases of Drugs and substances abuses

have further increased this burden. The power of good company is that it promotes creative ability and abilities of an individual, while a bad company can spoil his whole life. Therefore it is necessary to evaluate the activities of young people and in case of any delinquency, swiftly it should be reported.

Either we are on the side of God or on the side of Devil, either we are successful or an utter failure, either we have achieved nobility or we subject of social criticism, each and everything depends on the early development of our social and ideological beliefs. The instructions of youth are the engraving on stone, it impacts human life till death. Social and political growth of the society free from the fear of any persons supremacy and based on the principle of equality is the goal of human life and could be achieved by the mean that follows the pattern of positive engravings on young blank minds. Future resides in these young minds and the translation of the ideas that are engraved on them.

