

Children Rights in Islam

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Right to security of person

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“My Lord, make this a secure city and provide its people with fruits” Surat Al-Baqarah (2) 126

Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said, "Whosoever begins the day feeling family security and good health; and possessing provision for his day is as though he possessed the whole world"

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا بَلَدًا آمِنًا وَارْزُقْ أَهْلَهُ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ»
البقرة (2) 126

قال رسولها صلى الله عليه وسلم

"من أصبح منكم معافى في بدنه، آمنا في سربه، عنده قوت يومه،
فكأنما حيزت الدنيا له الدنيا بخذا فيرها"

Right to liberty

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“and fitnah (denial of freedom) is worse than
killing”

“Persecution (denial of freedom) is even
worse than killing”

Surat Al-Baqarah (2) 191

“Persecution is an even greater crime than
killing. Surat Al-Baqarah (2) 217

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«وَالْفِتْنَةُ أَشَدُّ مِنَ الْقَتْلِ» البقرة (2) 191

كانت الفتنة التي هي "سلب الحرية" أشد من القتل الذي هي "سلب الحياة"

Right to liberty

The previous verses give a clear principle that persecution, which means a 'denial of freedom' is a far worse and greater offence than killing, which is a 'denial of the right to life'.

Right to liberty (Freedom of believe)

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“The truth is from your Lord, so whoever wills - let him believe; and whoever wills - let him disbelieve”

Surat Al-Kahf (18) 29

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«وَقُلِ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُؤْمِنْ وَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُكْفُرْ»
الكهف (18) 29

Right to liberty (Freedom of believe)

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

**“There shall be no obligation in acceptance
of the religion”**

Surat Al-Baqarah (2) 256

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ» البقرة (2) 256

Right to liberty (Freedom of believe)

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“And had your Lord willed, those on earth would have believed - all of them entirely. Then, (O Muhammad), would you force the people in order that they become believers?”

Surat Yūnus (10) 99

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«وَلَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّكَ لَأَمَنَّ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كُلَّهُمْ جَمِيعًا أَفَأَنْتَ تُكْرَهُ
النَّاسَ حَتَّىٰ يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ» يونس (10) 99

Right to liberty (Freedom to chose Work)

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“And O my people, work according to your choice and position; indeed”

Surat Hūd (11) 93

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«يَا قَوْمِ اعْمَلُوا عَلَىٰ مَكَانَتِكُمْ» هود (10) 93

Right to life

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“that if anyone slays a human being, for anything other than in punishment of murder or for spreading corruption on earth, it shall be as though he had slain all mankind; and that if anyone saves a human life, it shall be as though he had saved all mankind.” Surat Al-Mā'idah (5) 32

Life (Physical, Mental, Moral)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ
النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا»
المائدة (5): 32

Right to life

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“God alone who grants life and causes death.”

Surat 'Āli `Imrān (3) 156

- This is in the true and complete sense of initiating life and taking it away.
- This right is not completely assured unless human being is able to enjoy good health and live in a healthy environment.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«وَاللَّهُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ»
سورة آل عمران (3) : 156

Right to life

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“Do not kill yourselves, for God is merciful to you. Whoever does this with malicious intent and by way of willful wrongdoing, We shall make to suffer the Fire. That is very easy for God.”

Surat An-Nisā‘ (4) 29

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا * وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ عُدْوَانًا
وِظْلْمًا فَسَوْفَ نُصَلِّيهِ نَارًا وَكَانَ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرًا»
سورة النساء (4) : 29

Right to Health

In a highly authentic hadith, the Prophet is quoted as saying:

“Your body has a right over you”

“Your soul has a right over you”

قال رسولها صلى الله عليه وسلم

«إِنَّ جَسَدَكَ عَلَيْكَ حَقًّا»

«إِنَّ لِنَفْسِكَ عَلَيْكَ حَقًّا»

Right to Health

Islam places health as second in importance to faith. The Prophet says:

“Second to faith, no one has ever been given a greater blessing than health”

قال رسولها صلى الله عليه وسلم
«من أوتي أحد بعد اليقين خيرا من المعافاة»

Right to education

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“Recite in the name of your Lord who created-
Created man from a clinging substance. Recite,
and your Lord is the most Generous Who
taught by the pen - Taught man that which he
knew not.”

Surat Al-`Alaq' (96) 1-5

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ * خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ * اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ
الْأَكْرَمُ * الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ * عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ»
العلق (96): 1-5

Child Rights: Early Childhood care

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“Mothers may breastfeed their children two complete years for whoever wishes to complete the nursing [period]. Upon the father is the mothers' provision and their clothing according to what is acceptable. No person is charged with more than his capacity. No mother should be harmed through her child, and no father through his child. And upon the [father's] heir is [a duty] like that [of the father]. And if they both desire weaning through mutual consent from both of them and consultation, there is no blame upon either of them. And if you wish to have your children nursed by a substitute, there is no blame upon you as long as you give payment according to what is acceptable. And fear Allah and know that Allah is Seeing of what you do..” Surat Al-Baqarah‘ (2) 233

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«وَالْوَالِدَاتُ يُرْضِعْنَ أَوْلَادَهُنَّ حَوْلَيْنِ كَامِلَيْنِ لِمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُتِمَّ الرَّضَاعَةَ وَعَلَى الْمَوْلُودِ لَهُ رِزْقُهُنَّ وَكِسْوَتُهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ لَا تُكَلَّفُ نَفْسٌ إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا لَا تُضَارَّ وَالِدَةٌ بِوَلَدِهَا وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ لَهُ بِوَالِدِهِ وَعَلَى الْوَارِثِ مِثْلُ ذَلِكَ فَإِنْ أَرَادَا فِصَالًا عَنْ تَرَاضٍ مِنْهُمَا وَتَشَاوُرٍ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِمَا وَإِنْ أَرَدْتُمْ أَنْ تَسْتَرْضِعُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذَا سَلَّمْتُمْ مَا آتَيْتُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ» البقرة (2): 233

Child Rights: Early Childhood care

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“His mother carried him, in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning is in two years. Be grateful to Me and to your parents; to Me is the final destination.”

Surat Luqmān (31) 14

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهْنًا عَلَى وَهْنٍ وَفِصَالُهُ فِي عَامَيْنِ
أَنْ اشْكُرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَيَّ الْمَصِيرُ»
لقمان (31) 14

Child Rights: Protection

Children's rights also include that their parents should provide them with the necessary vaccinations. This is included in the general statements urging parents to take good care of their children, providing them with all that they need for good health and growing up, and not to neglect them in any way.. The Prophet says:

**“And your children have a right over you ...
So, give to each what they have by right”**

قال رسولها صلى الله عليه وسلم
«وإن لولدك عليك حقاً ... فآت كل ذي حق حقه»

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“A man is guardian of his family and is responsible for them; a woman is guardian of her husband's house and children and is responsible for them”

قال رسولها صلى الله عليه وسلم
«الرجل راع بيته ومسؤول عن رعيته، والمرأة راعية في بيت زوجها
وولده وهي مسؤولة عنهم»

Child Rights, Protection from Deadly Neglect

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“Lost, indeed, are those who, in their weak-minded ignorance, kill their children.”

Surat Al-'An`ām (6) 141

The Prophet says: “It is enough of a sin to neglect those whom one is required to feed”

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«قَدْ خَسِرَ الَّذِينَ قَتَلُوا أَوْلَادَهُمْ سَفَهًا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَحَرَّمُوا مَا رَزَقَهُمُ اللَّهُ
افْتِرَاءً عَلَى اللَّهِ قَدْ ضَلُّوا وَمَا كَانُوا مُهْتَدِينَ»
لقمان (31) 14

قال رسولها صلى الله عليه وسلم

«كفى بالمرء إثماً أن يضيع من يقوت».»

Child Rights: gender equality

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“O mankind! Lo! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that ye may know one another. Lo! the noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Lo! Allah is Knower, Aware.

Surat At-Hujurat (49) 13

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ
لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ»
الحجرات (49) 13

Child Rights: Abandoned Children

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“So as for the orphan, do not oppress, And as for the asker, do not repel”

Surat Al-'An`ām (6) 141

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«فَأَمَّا الْيَتِيمَ فَلَا تَقْهَرْ، وَأَمَّا السَّائِلَ فَلَا تَنْهَرْ»
الضحى (93) 9-10

Child Rights: of Disabled Child

In the name of Allah the most Gracious the most Merciful

“There is no blame on the disabled, the sick, and those lacking the means, to stay behind so long as they are sincere to Allah and His Messenger. There is no way (blame) against those righteous people. Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.”

Surat At-Taubah (9) 91

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
«لَيْسَ عَلَى الضُّعْفَاءِ وَلَا عَلَى الْمَرْضَى وَلَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يَجِدُونَ مَا
يُنْفِقُونَ حَرَجٌ إِذَا نَصَحُوا لِلَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ مَا عَلَى الْمُحْسِنِينَ مِنْ سَبِيلٍ وَاللَّهُ

غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ
التوبة (9) 91