

RIGHTS of CHILDREN

Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "Every child is born on his fitrah (nature, as a Muslim), his parents change him to Christian, Jew or fire worshipper..."

The Qur'an, recognising the natural love and concern of parents for their offspring, contains references to the parent's duties upon their children. The Qur'an also recognises that parents are not always immune from negligence or over protectiveness. Islam denotes the following rights for a child:

- *Right to life and equal opportunities*
- *Right to protection and care*
- *Right to proper upbringing and education*
- *The right to legitimacy*
- *Adoption*

In an Islamic society, responsibility for and compassion towards children is a religious responsibility.

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ﷺ Peace be upon him