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The Characteristics of Parental Attitudes of Religious Families in Child-Rising (Muslim & Christian Families)

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Abstract

Child-rising and enabling them to gain the required qualities and values have been one of the most important issues of families and societies throughout the history. Numerous researches have been done and much has been said in this field. It is quite normal that parents want their children to be like them, transmit the moralities and required personal characteristics from generation to generation. It is also known that there are a lot of factors effecting child-rising processes. Thus, in this study we investigate the effective factors such as religious level, economic situation, education level and cultural level, which we think influencing the parental attitudes. There is a perception that religious families can rise their children more successfully with more moral values and demanded personal characteristics. We have investigated this perception as well. How parental attitudes effect child-rising and their personal development have already been researched. First of all, we have implemented families religious level scales developed two pioneer scientists in this area to understand the religious level of the families. Then we have tried to understand the correlation between parental attitudes such as, democratic, authoritarian, conservative and tolerant and their religious score, economic, cultural and education level and status. We have given a survey and a questionnaire to 286 mothers and 107 fathers totally 393 parents having the children between 13-15 ages to find responds to our research questions and issues assuming they all have answered the questions with open hearts and honestly. The findings show that religious families generally develop authoritarian parental attitudes and their children pretend as if they obey their parents, but they do not develop positive demanded characters when they are independent and free in opposition to their parents' demands and our perceptions both in muslim and christian families. As a result, we can suppose that there is less correlation between religious levels of the families and child-rising more successfully. We can also say that families of all features; religious score, economic conditions, cultural and educational level need special pedagogical courses, coaching or some consultations for rising child more successfully, having better personal characteristics.

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