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Life Style Education: Are We Prepared for Changes?

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Abstract

The public should be aware of the sudden change of life style

“tablet” with add-on technology to e-mail or call them for super-fast communication, we don’t even have to type our sms-s if we have the latest hand phone which uses voice recognition to type up our sms.

For centuries, it took humans months to travel from one continent to another and with very high costs and great risks. Now, it takes only hours with low cost flights that are way safer than before. It used to take weeks to finish a tailor-made suit, now it takes only minutes to finish a high-quality suit with the most up-to-date style using computerized machines. It used to take years to complete a small house where the carpenter might fall in love with the daughter of the owner of the house he was building. In many cases, too, the man carpenter could disturb the harmony of the house owner’s relationship, due to having long close contact with the wife on a daily basis during his work on their house.

It used to take years and years to learn how to read the Al-Qur’an since the pedagogy, methodology, methods, techniques and teaching materials used were not scientifically designed. Now, it only takes a few months to master as much as one could master in a year, a long time ago. It used to take weeks to correct the exam papers of our students and now, using the most up-to-date systems and technology, it only takes minutes. The computer, initially generated by Imam Al-Khawarizmy (Knuth, 1980), can make short cuts and provide digitally computerize answers to anything within seconds

assist the newcomers with proper guidance and counseling, and hence not able to help the new comers to adjust themselves properly and acceptably within their new community. The gatekeepers at the gate of the New Personal Life-Style Education open their arms wide to welcome these *nouveau riche* newcomers warmly, befriending them to benefit from their new wealth, introducing them to life-style changes like consumptive spending, gambling, alcohol, free sex lifestyles, smoking even drugs which can very quickly devastate the lives of these newcomers incessantly.

2. ARE WE READY FOR CHANGES?

USA Today newspaper on June 11, 2005, published a report by Stephanie Armour about the many problems for young new generation performers entering into their new life style. For example, when a traditional village dancer developed into a famous “erotic sexy dancer” of *ngebor* dance in Indonesia, she suddenly became very famous and received many glamorous gifts and high profile invitations to perform in many shows, not only at three-star hotels but also at “seven-star” hotels with very high payments. She became rich all of a sudden. Her life changed dramatically and her prior knowledge and previous life styles could not blend smoothly with the new life style that she was catapulted into. In just a few weeks, a lot of controversies appeared in the media that belittled her religiously, customarily and also morally.

Indonesia, even the *dakwah* (preacher) “celebrity” might have forgotten their *iman* when they became famous as public figures, earning so much money through their “talk shows” and travelling intensively to all provinces in the country. Then they, too, may start to abuse their *iman* verbally when speaking or talking about others. They may behave “immorally” by marrying an underage child which is against the laws of child protection. They may marry one, two or three beautiful young girls without the knowledge and without consultation with his previous wives as required by the marriage systems in Islam, and as he would have said and advised others in many of his *dakwah* in the country. Once he does that, the public will turn against him and his celebrity status will fade right away, the public will not come to hear him anymore and, on many occasions, the public will also condemn him publicly.

Kuala Lumpur to make him fit to carry out his new role as a diplomat. He was trained how to dance, how to stand in front of the officials of other countries, how to bow, how to start conversations and how to end them, how to address the top of the top and also the low, even how to address the royal family and their members, and all kinds of training which was given intensively. The training was not only given to him but also to his wife. His wife must also adjust herself to her husband's new role and environment in the diplomatic world (personal interview with Noor Shah Saad on November 1, 2015). He suggested that I read a guidebook provided to him during his special training in Kuala Lumpur and also another book related to the tasks of diplomacy (see Barston, 2006; Kennan, 1985).

duties are to conduct assessments and to seek out and prepare inputs for making new laws; however, as lawmakers, they end up living with luxury that they do not know how to adjust to. This happens not only to these new members but also to their wives, their children and their kinfolk.

Teaching new comers how to enter a new life-style means that we train them to use their new facilities properly and, more importantly, how to properly behave and enjoy their new status: their new life with a new life-style. There are many OKB (*Orang Kaya Baru* or newly rich people) around us, in particular it is the children of these

