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## A Research Review Of The Causes Of Religious Deviation Among Youth

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### Abstract:

*This research review examines the causes of religious deviation among Muslim youth and explores practical Islamic solutions to address this growing concern. In contemporary society, Muslim youth are increasingly exposed to ideological confusion, moral decline, and cultural challenges due to globalization, rapid technological advancement, and the widespread influence of social media and Western cultural values. These factors, combined with weak Islamic education, family negligence, bad companionship, intellectual uncertainty, and excessive engagement with modern media, have significantly contributed to weakening the religious identity and moral foundation of the younger generation.*

*The study highlights that religious deviation is not caused by a single factor but results from a complex interaction of social, educational, cultural, psychological, and technological influences. It also emphasizes that Islam provides a comprehensive framework for moral and spiritual development through the Qur'an and Sunnah, which guide individuals toward balanced intellectual growth, ethical behavior, and strong faith in Allah.*

*Findings of the study indicate that strengthening Islamic education, promoting responsible use of digital media, improving family upbringing, encouraging righteous companionship, and creating a positive Islamic environment are essential measures to protect youth from deviation. The research further stresses that this responsibility is collective and requires the combined efforts of parents, educators, religious scholars, media institutions, and policymakers.*

*In conclusion, the study affirms that a holistic Islamic approach can effectively safeguard youth from religious deviation and empower them to become morally responsible, intellectually confident, and spiritually grounded members of society.*

**Keywords:** Religious deviation, Muslim youth, Islamic education, social media influence, Western culture, moral decline, family upbringing, secularism, atheism, Islamic values, youth development, spirituality, globalization.

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**Introduction:**

Youth is widely regarded as the backbone of every nation and the driving force behind its progress, stability, and future development. The intellectual, moral, spiritual, and social condition of young people significantly influences the direction and destiny of any society. A generation that is equipped with sound beliefs, strong moral values, and a clear sense of purpose contributes positively to the advancement of civilization. Conversely, when youth experience moral decline, intellectual confusion, and spiritual disorientation, the consequences extend beyond individuals and affect the entire social structure.

In the contemporary era, Muslim youth are confronted with numerous challenges that threaten their religious identity and moral integrity. Rapid technological advancements, globalization, secular ideologies, materialistic lifestyles, and unrestricted access to digital media have transformed the way young people think, communicate, and interact with the world. While these developments have created opportunities for learning and progress, they have also exposed youth to various ideologies and lifestyles that often conflict with Islamic teachings and values.

Islam places great importance on the guidance and development of young people. The Qur'an serves as a complete source of guidance for humanity and provides principles that lead individuals toward righteousness and success. Allah Almighty states:

﴿إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ﴾<sup>(1)</sup>

“Indeed, this Qur’an guides to that which is most upright.”

This verse highlights the role of the Qur’an as the ultimate source of guidance capable of addressing all intellectual, moral, and spiritual challenges faced by human beings in every age.

Similarly, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ emphasized the significance of righteous youth and their elevated status in Islam. He said:

﴿سَبْعَةٌ يُظِلُّهُمُ اللَّهُ فِي ظِلِّهِ يَوْمَ لَا ظِلَّ إِلَّا ظِلُّهُ. وَشَابٌ نَشَأَ فِي عِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ﴾<sup>(2)</sup>

“Seven people will be shaded by Allah under His shade among them is a young man who grew up worshipping Allah.”

Modern ideologies, secularism, and unrestricted media exposure have negatively affected the beliefs and practices of many young Muslims. Therefore, it is necessary to analyze the causes of religious deviation and provide practical Islamic solutions.

**Importance and Significance of the Topic:**

Religious deviation among youth has emerged as one of the most critical

challenges confronting contemporary Muslim societies. In an era characterized by rapid globalization, technological advancement, and cultural transformation, young Muslims are increasingly exposed to ideas, values, and lifestyles that often conflict with Islamic teachings. The growing influence of Western culture, secularism, liberal ideologies, atheistic thought, materialism, and morally questionable media content has significantly affected the beliefs, attitudes, and behavior of many young people. As a result, concerns regarding weakening religious commitment, moral decline, identity crises, and spiritual disconnection have become increasingly prevalent within Muslim communities across the world.

Islam places great emphasis on safeguarding faith and nurturing righteous future generations. The responsibility of protecting individuals and families from moral and spiritual harm is clearly emphasized in the Qur'an. Allah Almighty states:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا﴾<sup>(3)</sup>

“O believers! Protect yourselves and your families from a Fire.”

This verse highlights the collective responsibility of parents, educators, and society to ensure the proper moral and religious upbringing of future generations.

Likewise, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ emphasized the natural inclination of every human being toward faith and righteousness. He stated:

((كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ يُوَلَّدُ عَلَى الْفِطْرَةِ))<sup>(4)</sup>

“Every child is born upon natural faith.”

This Prophetic tradition indicates that religious and moral deviation is not inherent in human nature but often develops due to external influences, environmental factors, inadequate guidance, and improper upbringing. Therefore, understanding these influences is essential for preserving the faith and character of young Muslims.

The significance of this study lies in the fact that youth constitute the future leadership, intellectual strength, and productive workforce of the Muslim Ummah. They will become future scholars, educators, policymakers, professionals, and community leaders. Consequently, the moral and spiritual condition of youth directly affects the overall well-being and development of society. If young people remain firmly grounded in Islamic beliefs and values, they can contribute positively to social stability, ethical progress, and intellectual advancement. However, if their beliefs become corrupted and their moral foundations weakened, the consequences may include social disintegration, ethical decline, intellectual confusion, and the weakening of Islamic identity.

Furthermore, the contemporary challenges faced by Muslim youth differ significantly from those encountered by previous generations. The widespread availability of digital technology, social media platforms, online entertainment, and global ideological movements has created new forms of intellectual and moral challenges. Many young Muslims encounter questions related to religion, science, identity, freedom, morality, and modernity that require thoughtful and informed responses. Failure to address these concerns effectively may leave them vulnerable to scepticism, religious indifference, or ideological extremism.

This study is therefore important because it seeks to identify the major causes of religious deviation among youth and examine them through an Islamic perspective. By understanding the underlying factors that contribute to this phenomenon, educators, parents, religious scholars, and policymakers can develop effective strategies for strengthening religious awareness, moral responsibility, and spiritual resilience among young Muslims. The findings of this research may also contribute to the formulation of educational programs, family-based initiatives, and community interventions aimed at protecting youth from harmful influences and promoting a strong Islamic identity.

Ultimately, the study aspires to provide practical guidance for addressing one of the most pressing issues facing the Muslim Ummah today. By fostering authentic Islamic knowledge, sound moral values, critical thinking, and spiritual development, Muslim societies can empower their youth to navigate contemporary challenges successfully while remaining committed to the teachings of Islam.

Causes of religious deviation among youth:

Religious deviation among youth has become a serious challenge in modern society. Many young people are gradually moving away from Islamic teachings due to various social, educational, and cultural influences. Weak spiritual upbringing, lack of proper guidance, and the attraction of modern trends have greatly affected the religious mind-set of the younger generation. The following are some major causes of religious deviation among youth:

**1. Weak Religious Education:**

One of the major causes of religious deviation is lack of authentic Islamic education. Many young Muslims are unaware of Qur'anic teachings and Prophetic guidance. When religious knowledge is weak, youth become more vulnerable to doubts, misleading ideologies, and immoral lifestyles. A strong Islamic education not only strengthens faith but also helps individuals distinguish between right and wrong.

Allah Almighty says:

﴿قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾ (5)

“Say: Are those who know equal to those who do not know?”

The Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ فَرِيضَةٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ﴾ (6)

“Seeking knowledge is obligatory upon every Muslim.”

Without authentic religious knowledge, youth become victims of misleading ideologies and immoral lifestyles.

## 2. Social Media and Internet:

Social media has become one of the strongest influences on modern youth. Immoral content, atheistic propaganda, and vulgar entertainment weaken religious commitment. Continuous exposure to such content gradually reduces the importance of faith, worship, and Islamic ethics in daily life.

Allah Almighty says:

﴿إِنَّ السَّمْعَ وَالْبَصَرَ وَالْفُؤَادَ كُلُّ أُولَئِكَ كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْئُولًا﴾ (7)

“Indeed, hearing, sight, and heart — all of them shall be questioned.”

The Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿مِنْ حُسْنِ إِسْلَامِ الْمَرْءِ تَرْكُهُ مَا لَا يَعْنِيهِ﴾ (8)

“Part of the perfection of one’s Islam is leaving what does not concern him.”

Excessive use of social media wastes valuable time and weakens spiritual attachment and distances youth from productive and beneficial activities.

## 3. Western Cultural Influence:

Western culture has deeply influenced Muslim youth in dress, behavior, thinking, and lifestyle. Blind imitation of western values weakens Islamic identity and moral character.

Allah Almighty says:

﴿وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ﴾ (9)

“The Jews and Christians will never be pleased with you until you follow their way.”

This verse warns Muslims against blindly following non-Islamic ideologies and lifestyles. The Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿مَنْ تَشَبَهَ بِقَوْمٍ فَهُوَ مِنْهُمْ﴾ (10)

“Whoever imitates a people is one of them.”

This Hadith highlights the importance of preserving Islamic identity and avoiding harmful imitation of immoral cultures.

## 4. Bad Company:

Companionship has a strong influence on the personality and behavior of youth. Friends play a major role in shaping habits, beliefs, and moral character. If

young people remain in the company of righteous individuals, they develop good manners and religious commitment.

Today many students are influenced by peer pressure. In order to gain acceptance among friends, they sometimes adopt sinful habits and unethical lifestyles. Such companionship gradually weakens faith and distances youth from Islamic teachings.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

((الرَّجُلُ عَلَى دِينِ خَلِيلِهِ))<sup>(11)</sup>

“A person follows the religion of his close friend.”

This Hadith shows that companionship directly affects a person’s character and actions.

### 5. Family Negligence:

Parents are the first teachers and role models for children. The moral and religious upbringing provided within the home greatly influences the future personality of youth. Unfortunately, many parents today focus only on worldly education and material success while neglecting the spiritual and moral development of their children.

Lack of communication between parents and children creates emotional distance. When children do not receive love, guidance, and religious training at home, they seek attention and support from unhealthy sources outside the family environment. As a result, they may become victims of immoral company, social media addiction, or atheistic ideologies.<sup>(12)</sup>

Allah Almighty says:

((وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا))<sup>(13)</sup>

“Command your family to establish prayer and remain steadfast upon it.”

This verse highlights the responsibility of parents regarding the religious upbringing of their families.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

((كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ))<sup>(14)</sup>

“Every one of you is a shepherd and every one of you is responsible for his flock.”

Islam emphasizes that parents are accountable for the moral and spiritual training of their children.

### 6. Atheism and Intellectual Confusion:

One of the most dangerous challenges faced by modern Muslim youth is the spread of atheism and intellectual confusion. Due to unrestricted internet access, secular education Systems, and exposure to anti-Islamic content, many

young people develop doubts regarding the existence of Allah, Prophethood, revelation, and the Hereafter. Young people who lack authentic Islamic knowledge become vulnerable to these misleading ideas.

Imam Al-Ghazali explained that intellectual doubts can only be removed through authentic knowledge, reflection, and spiritual purification. <sup>(15)</sup>

Allah Almighty says:

((وَلَا تَقْفُ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ)) <sup>(16)</sup>

“Do not follow that of which you have no knowledge.”

This verse teaches Muslims to seek authentic knowledge before accepting any belief or ideology.

Allah Almighty also says:

((أَفِي اللَّهِ شَكٌّ فَاطِرِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ)) <sup>(17)</sup>

“Is there any doubt about Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth?”

The Qur’an repeatedly encourages reflection upon the signs of Allah in creation to strengthen faith and certainty.

## 7. Media and Entertainment Industry:

Modern media and entertainment industries greatly influence the minds and behavior of youth. Television dramas, films, music videos, fashion trends, and online streaming platforms continuously promote materialism, vulgarity, violence, unlawful relationships, and immoral lifestyles.

Many young people spend several hours’ daily consuming entertainment content. Excessive involvement in such activities distracts them from religious duties, studies, and productive social responsibilities. Moreover, social media influencers often promote lifestyles that are completely contrary to Islamic teachings. <sup>(18)</sup>

Western entertainment industries normalize sinful behavior and gradually weaken the sense of modesty and shame among youth. As a result, many young Muslims begin to consider immoral actions socially acceptable.

Allah Almighty says:

((إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ)) <sup>(19)</sup>

“Indeed, those who love immorality to spread among the believers will have a painful punishment”.

This verse strongly condemns the promotion of immorality within society.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

((الْحَيَاءُ شُعْبَةٌ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ)) <sup>(20)</sup>

“Modesty is a branch of faith.”

This Hadith highlights the importance of modesty and moral purity in Islam. Islam encourages beneficial entertainment within the limits of Shariah but strongly discourages content that damages morality and spiritual values.

### 8. Lack of Islamic Environment:

An Islamic environment plays a vital role in building strong moral character and protecting faith. Unfortunately, many homes, educational institutions, and social gatherings lack Islamic values and spiritual discipline. In such environments, young people rarely receive encouragement toward prayer, Qur'an recitation, modesty, and good manners.

When society normalizes sinful behavior, youth gradually become desensitized to immoral actions. Similarly, the absence of righteous role models makes it difficult for young people to remain steadfast in Islamic teachings. <sup>(21)</sup>

Islam emphasizes collective responsibility in promoting righteousness and preventing evil. A positive Islamic environment strengthens faith, develops discipline, and encourages moral behavior.

Allah Almighty says:

(22) ﴿وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ﴾

“Help one another in righteousness and piety.”

The Prophet ﷺ said:

(23) ((الدِّينُ النَّصِيحَةُ))

“Religion is sincere advice.”

This Hadith shows that Muslims should help and guide one another toward righteousness and moral improvement.

### Psychological Effects of Religious Deviation:

Religious deviation not only affects the spiritual life of youth but also creates serious psychological and emotional problems. Many young people suffer from anxiety, depression, loneliness, frustration, hopelessness, and identity crises because they are spiritually disconnected from Allah Almighty.

Modern society often focuses only on material success and worldly pleasure while ignoring spiritual needs. As a result, many young people feel emotionally empty despite having access to modern facilities and entertainment. Lack of faith weakens patience, hope, and inner peace.

Young people who remain distant from religion often become victims of stress, addiction, immoral behavior, and social isolation. In contrast, Islam provides emotional stability through prayer, remembrance of Allah, trust in Him, and strong moral values.

Allah Almighty says:

﴿أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ﴾ (24)

“Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find peace.”

This verse explains that true peace and satisfaction can only be achieved through connection with Allah.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

﴿احْفَظِ اللَّهَ يَحْفَظْكَ﴾ (25)

“Protect the commandments of Allah and Allah will protect you.”

This Hadith teaches that obedience to Allah brings spiritual security and emotional stability.

Imam Al-Ghazali explained that spiritual purification strengthens the heart and protects human beings from psychological weakness and moral corruption.<sup>26</sup>

### **Islamic Solutions for the Religious Deviation of Youth:**

Islam offers a complete and balanced system for the moral, intellectual, and spiritual reform of young people. In the present era, Muslim youth are facing numerous challenges including weak religious attachment, social media addiction, western cultural influence, atheistic ideologies, and moral confusion. Therefore, the solutions to these problems must not only be theoretical but also practical and relevant to modern circumstances.

Allah Almighty says:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغَيِّرُ مَا بَقِيَ حَتَّىٰ يَغْيُرُوا مَا بَأَنفُسِهِمْ﴾ (27)

“Indeed, Allah does not change the condition of a people until they change what is within themselves.”

- Authentic Islamic education is one of the strongest foundations for protecting youth from religious deviation. When young Muslims develop a proper understanding of the Qur’an, Hadith, and Islamic beliefs, they become intellectually strong and spiritually confident. Lack of religious knowledge creates confusion and makes youth vulnerable to secularism and misleading ideologies. For this reason, Islamic education should be promoted alongside modern education so that students can maintain balance between worldly progress and religious commitment.

Allah Almighty says:

﴿يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ﴾ (28)

“Allah will raise those who believe among you and those who have been given knowledge in ranks.”

- Another major issue affecting youth is the harmful and excessive use of social media. Digital platforms greatly influence the thinking, emotions, and

behavior of young people. Immoral content, vulgar entertainment, and anti-Islamic propaganda negatively affect their faith and moral values. Young Muslims should therefore use technology responsibly and avoid useless or harmful activities online. Parents and teachers must also guide youth regarding ethical internet usage and digital discipline.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

(29) ((مِنْ حُسْنِ إِسْلَامِ الْمَرْءِ قَلَّةُ الْكَلَامِ فِيمَا لَا يَعْنِيهِ))

“Part of the excellence of a person’s Islam is avoiding unnecessary matters.”

- The growing influence of western culture has also weakened Islamic identity among many Muslim youth. Blind imitation in dress, language, lifestyle, and social values has distanced young people from their religious traditions. Educational institutions and families should therefore develop confidence in Islamic civilization and moral values among youth.

Allah Almighty says:

(30) ﴿وَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾

“Honor belongs to Allah, His Messenger, and the believers.”

- Another important factor in youth reform is righteous companionship. Friends strongly shape a person’s character, habits, and thinking. Good company encourages discipline, honesty, prayer, and moral behavior, whereas bad company often leads toward immoral activities and religious negligence. Parents should remain aware of the social circles of their children and encourage them to stay close to positive and practicing individuals.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

(31) ((لَا تُصَاحِبْ إِلَّا مُؤْمِنًا))

“Do not accompany except a believer.”

- Family also plays a central role in protecting youth from religious deviation. Many young people suffer from emotional neglect and lack of guidance within their homes. Parents must establish an Islamic environment based on prayer, Qur’an recitation, moral values, respectful communication, and emotional support. Children who receive love, attention, and proper moral upbringing are less likely to fall into harmful influences.

- Modern intellectual challenges such as atheism and secularism must also be addressed wisely and academically. Young people should be encouraged to ask questions and discuss their doubts openly with knowledgeable scholars and teachers. Islamic institutions should arrange seminars, workshops, and

counseling sessions to strengthen the intellectual and spiritual confidence of youth.

Allah Almighty says:

﴿وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا﴾<sup>(32)</sup>

“And say: My Lord, increase me in knowledge.”

- Furthermore, media and entertainment industries should be used positively for moral reform rather than moral destruction. Islamic lectures, documentaries, educational programs, and motivational content can help create awareness and guide youth toward beneficial activities. Governments, educators, scholars, and media organizations must collectively work to protect society from immoral and unethical influences.
- Finally, creating a healthy Islamic environment within society is essential for the spiritual and moral development of youth. Mosques, educational institutions, and community organizations should organize youth programs, Islamic workshops, and character-building activities so that young people remain spiritually connected and socially responsible.<sup>(33)</sup>

### Conclusion:

This research review concludes that religious deviation among Muslim youth is a multifaceted and complex phenomenon that cannot be attributed to a single cause. Rather, it is the result of the interaction of various social, educational, cultural, intellectual, and psychological factors. In the contemporary world, young Muslims face numerous challenges, including weak religious education, inadequate family guidance, excessive and unregulated exposure to social media, the influence of Western culture and secular ideologies, materialistic lifestyles, and growing intellectual scepticism. Collectively, these factors have weakened the spiritual, moral, and religious foundations of many young people and have contributed to a gradual detachment from Islamic values and teachings.

The findings of this study further reveal that when young Muslims are not provided with a sound understanding of Islam, including its beliefs, principles, ethics, and objectives, they become more vulnerable to doubts, misconceptions, and ideological confusion. The rapid spread of information through digital platforms has exposed youth to a wide range of competing worldviews, many of which challenge religious beliefs and traditional moral values. In many cases, the inability to receive convincing, evidence-based, and intellectually satisfying answers to their questions about faith, science, morality, and contemporary issues leads some young people toward scepticism, religious indifference, or even atheism.

Despite these challenges, Islam remains a complete and comprehensive way of life that offers practical and timeless solutions to the problems faced by humanity in every age. The Qur'an and the Sunnah provide a balanced framework for the intellectual, spiritual, moral, and social development of young people. Islamic teachings cultivate faith in Allah, moral responsibility, self-discipline, compassion, moderation, and a strong sense of purpose in life. These values serve as protective factors against religious deviation and help individuals develop a stable and meaningful identity.

The study also demonstrates that authentic Islamic education plays a crucial role in safeguarding youth from religious and moral decline. When young people are equipped with sound religious knowledge and are encouraged to engage critically and thoughtfully with contemporary issues, they are better able to distinguish truth from falsehood and resist misleading ideologies. Furthermore, providing clear and rational responses to intellectual and theological questions can strengthen their confidence in Islam and prevent confusion regarding religious matters.

Another significant finding is the importance of responsible use of technology and social media. While digital platforms can be sources of misinformation and moral corruption, they can also serve as powerful tools for education, spiritual growth, and positive engagement when used wisely. Therefore, digital literacy and ethical online behaviour should be promoted among youth so that they can benefit from technology without becoming victims of its harmful influences.

The research further highlights the critical role of family and social environment in shaping the religious identity of young Muslims. Parents are the primary educators and role models for their children, and their involvement in the moral and spiritual development of youth is indispensable. A home environment characterized by Islamic values, mutual respect, regular worship, and open communication significantly reduces the likelihood of religious deviation. Likewise, companionship with righteous and morally upright individuals encourages positive behaviour and reinforces commitment to religious principles.

Educational institutions, religious scholars, community leaders, and policymakers also have an essential role to play. They must recognize the changing realities and challenges faced by contemporary youth and adopt effective strategies that address their intellectual, emotional, and social needs. This includes presenting Islamic teachings in a relevant and engaging manner, utilizing modern communication technologies, encouraging constructive

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dialogue, and creating opportunities for meaningful youth participation in religious and community activities.

In conclusion, preventing religious deviation among Muslim youth is a collective responsibility that extends beyond the individual. Parents, educators, scholars, religious institutions, media organizations, and society as a whole must work together to nurture a generation that is spiritually grounded, intellectually confident, morally responsible, and socially productive. Through comprehensive religious education, strong family support, positive social influences, and effective engagement with contemporary challenges, Muslim youth can be empowered to uphold their faith and contribute positively to the development and well-being of their communities and the wider world.

### **Recommendations:**

In the light of the research findings, the following recommendations are proposed:

In the light of the research findings, the following recommendations are proposed for addressing religious deviation among Muslim youth and strengthening their moral, intellectual, and spiritual development:

- It is strongly recommended that the Islamic education system be strengthened and integrated more effectively within modern educational institutions, including schools, colleges, and universities. Alongside contemporary and professional education, students must be provided with authentic and structured knowledge of the Qur'an, Hadith, Islamic beliefs ('Aqā'id), and moral values. Curriculum developers should ensure that Islamic teachings are not treated as secondary subjects but are incorporated as a central component of character building and intellectual development. Moreover, trained and qualified Islamic educators should be engaged to ensure accurate and meaningful religious instruction.
- In the present digital age, it is essential to guide young people toward the balanced, ethical, and responsible use of social media and modern technology. Awareness programs should be introduced to highlight both the benefits and dangers of digital platforms. Youth should be encouraged to avoid exposure to immoral, misleading, and atheistic online content, while actively engaging with credible educational, intellectual, and Islamic platforms. Furthermore, digital literacy programs should be developed to enable young users to critically evaluate online information and resist harmful ideological influences.
- The challenge of religious deviation among youth cannot be addressed by any single institution alone; rather, it requires a coordinated and collective effort

from all segments of society. Parents, religious scholars, teachers, educational institutions, media organizations, and government bodies must work together to promote Islamic values and protect society from moral and ideological corruption. Families, in particular, play a central role and should strive to create a strong Islamic environment within the home by encouraging regular prayers, Qur'an recitation, Islamic learning, and the development of good character. Similarly, religious scholars should engage youth through modern communication methods and address their intellectual and spiritual concerns in a constructive and relatable manner.

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