



MODERN PROBLEMS IN EDUCATION AND THEIR SCIENTIFIC
SOLUTIONS

KUNYA - EASTERN TRADITION

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A person's name is considered sacred in some cultures. It is not revealed to everyone.
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It is known from our history that (and in some places even now) husband and wife do not use each other's names when addressing each other out of respect. Instead, they use the name of someone else in the family (often the eldest child). Another example: in our country (the former Soviet Union), when filling out the form about their parents, which was required for the training of Arab cadets, none of the Arab young men mentioned their mother's real name; if their name was Muhammad, they simply wrote Umm Muhammad (mother of Muhammad). [2]

We add "-jan", "-bay" and other suffixes to the end of someone's name to show respect. In Arabs, a different way of saying this is "kunya" is common. Kunya is the way a person's first name is addressed, for example, "Ahmad's father" is "Abu Ahmad" or "Ahmad's mother" is "Umm Ahmad". [3]

This phenomenon has become so widespread that people have become famous for their kunyas, while retaining their own names. In addition, there is another custom: in many nations, including Arabs, a person gives his child the name of his father. For this reason, kunyas made by alternating the names of father and child are often found.

They also give their names to famous figures in history out of envy. For example, almost everyone knows that the sons of Hazrat Ali (may Allah be pleased with him), the grandson of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), were named Hasan and Husayn. It must have been with the great intention of being like these people, but in any case, whoever's name is Ali, regardless of age, whether he is married or not, or whether he has children, is called Abu Hasan (father of Hasan); whoever's name is Husayn, is called Abu Ali (father of Ali); with this kind of address, they show their respect. When they say Abu Ali, they mean Husayn, and when they say Abu Hasan, they mean Ali. For this reason, Ibn Sina's name was Husayn, but he became famous as Abu Ali. Umm Kulthum is not the kunya (meaning mother of Kulthum) of Egypt's most famous female singer. Few people probably know her real name, the one in whose ear the call to prayer is pronounced.





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