Our parents often fail to realize the unique needs of their children and think that whatever the other parents are giving their children is adequate to satisfy a child. That is where things begin to go wrong and the children end up turning into what they were not supposed to be. Human needs vary from one person to another. For instance, a sensitive child needs more personal care and emotional guidance, a shy child needs to build positive self-confidence, and an imaginative child needs creative inspirations, whereas an optimistic child needs orientation to the reality. However, our parents often endeavor to fulfill the typical materialistic needs without properly assessing these crucial psychological needs that actually determine what type of an adult a child will ultimately turn into. Fulfillment of only financial needs, without considering the relevant psychological needs can even become self-destructive as we often see rich brats becoming social menaces or heartless maniacs!

It is a fact that parents and their children represent two different generations. As a result, there is an inevitable dissimilarity between their core values. This gap often creates an evident lack of communication and breach of understanding. However, I think for a remedy both the parents and the children should learn how to respect each other's values and feelings. To achieve that end, our parents should be open to the values of their children. Similarly, the children should also be "taught" to understand and respect the values of their parents. If both can respect the ideal values of the other then both can be enormously benefited. In this way, the parents can win the trust of their children and the children in turn can make their demands more logically justifiable. Our parents often display an odd tendency of imposing their values on the children forcibly, which actually makes the children even more rebellious. Many of them try to take supreme control of their children's lives, which drastically alienates the parents. These misunderstandings create an inexorable distance between parents and their children and lock them in a cold, distrustful relationship. These confusions can only be avoided if parents can be tactful and circumspect enough in communicating with their children, who represent the modern era of liberalism. Apart from the relationship between parents and children, the relationship between parents themselves also seriously affects the psychological and emotional growth of their children. It is an evident fact that children of divorced parents often fail to grow up emotionally and suffer from different psychological dilemmas. Similarly, children who grow up in families where marital conflicts and discriminations are predominant, fail to develop a mature outlook of life.

As a matter of fact, raising a child is an empirical scientific process. None but our parents can make us know ourselves profoundly. They can act as the navigator of our life, which constantly remind us of our goals and our latent abilities. Only our parents can give us the crucial confidence to win the battles of life. Parents in the developed western societies are increasingly becoming aware of the scientific upbringing of their children. Unfortunately, in many underdeveloped societies we still have a tendency to undermine the significance of our responsibilities as parents and suffer the grave consequences, without even realizing the mistakes. Our basic learning process starts in our family, which is the primary component of the broader society. Our parents are essentially responsible for giving us a decent family environment, unwavering guidance and standard values. They must act as our trusted confidants, who can genuinely help us land on the right track. It is undeniable that only sensible parents can raise sensible children. These sensible children turn into discreet adults and good parents themselves who contribute largely to the process of establishing an ideal society.

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Saturday Night Special: Biggest Full Moon of 2009

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IF skies are clear Saturday, go out at sunset and look for the giant moon rising in the east. It will be the biggest and brightest one of 2009, sure to wow even seasoned observers.

Earth, the moon and the sun are all bound together by gravity, which keeps us going around the sun and keeps the moon going around us as it goes through phases. The moon makes a trip around Earth every 29.5 days.

But the orbit is not a perfect circle. One portion is about 31,000 miles (50,000 km) closer to our planet than the farthest part, so the moon's apparent size in the sky changes. Saturday night (Jan. 10) the moon will be at perigee, the closest point to us on this orbit. It will appear about 14 percent bigger in our sky and 30 percent brighter than some other full moons during 2009, according to NASA. (A similar setup occurred in December, making that month's full moon the largest of 2008.)

High tides

Tides will be higher, too. Earth's oceans are pulled by the gravity of the moon and the sun. So when the moon is closer, tides are pulled higher. Scientists call these perigean tides, because they occur when the moon is at or near perigee. (The farthest point on the lunar orbit is called apogee.)

This month's full moon is known as the Wolf Moon from Native American folklore. The full moon's of each month are named. January's is also known as the Old Moon and the Snow Moon.

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