

Friday Sermon Slides

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SUMMARY

The Holy Qur'an elucidates ways to every aspect of human life and interaction, *Nur* given in this perfect Book will continue to illuminate for ever

The objective of a believer is to achieve the purpose of his creation i.e. to acquire *Nur* of Allah, which is conditional on belief and good deeds

Huzur (aba) used the examples of overspending and rituals at weddings such as Mehndi as examples of improper deeds

- Huzur (aba) urged Ahmadies to stop such practices

Huzur (aba) elucidated the concept of *Haya* or decency in depth with reference to young people and directed Ahmadis to raise the standard of their *Haya*

Scientific and technological progress

With the God-given intellect, human beings have made significant scientific and technological advances in the recent years

Wealth, power and material progress are deemed desirable by men of each age and era, some regard such progress as the objective of their life

This is an extremely erroneous concept. It is rejected by God because such objectives lead to the creation of tyrants and oppressors such as Pharaoh-like individuals

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ
وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

Chapter 51 , Verse 57

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that it is a great pity that upon entering adulthood many people leave God and are inclined to worldliness in which some have only a small portion for God, while others have none, and they are wholly taken in by the world.

And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me.

Purpose of creation

God sent His Prophets to make people understand the objective of their creation

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--This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as religion--

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ
لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ
وَآتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ
نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ
لَكُمْ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

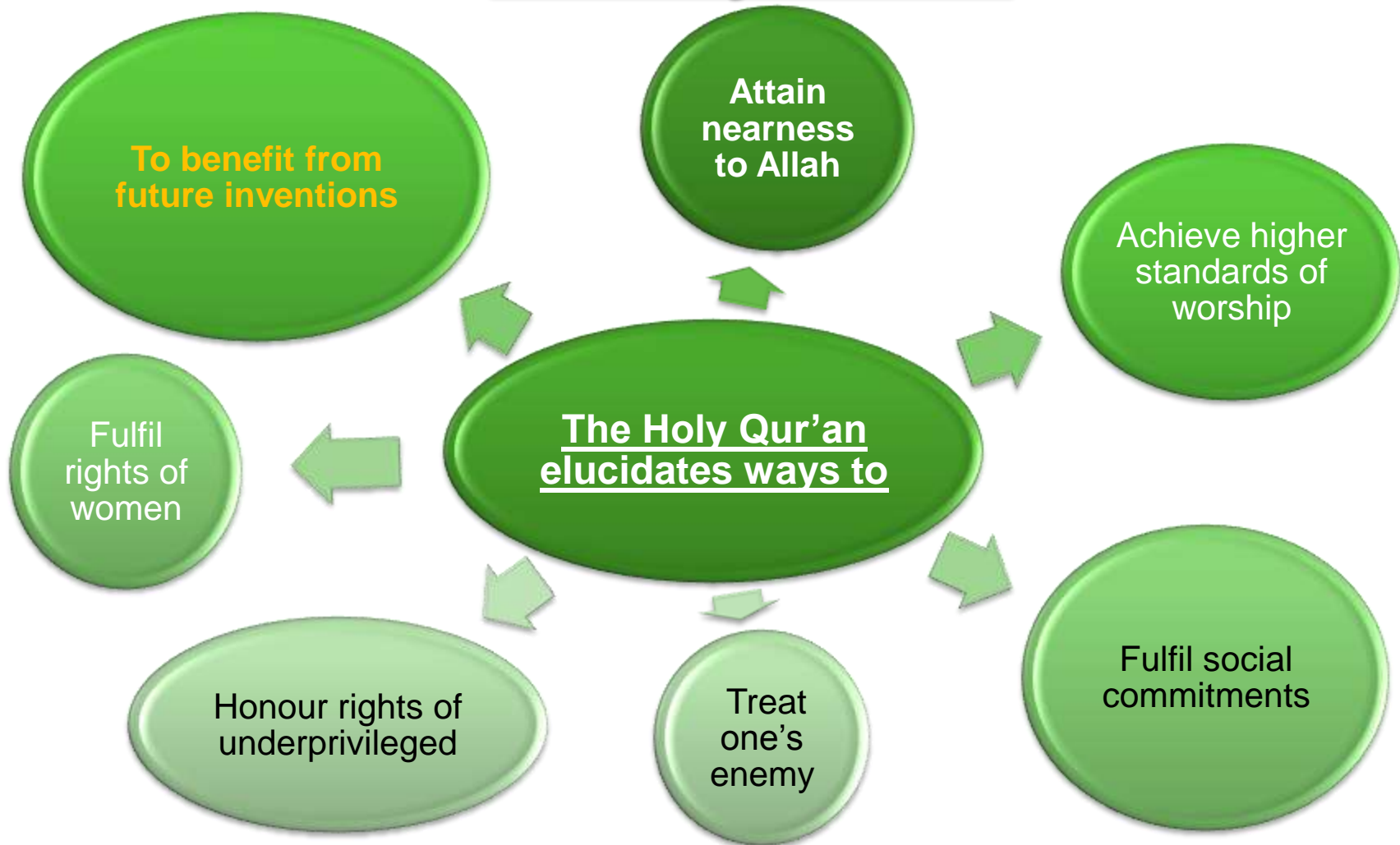
Chapter 5 , Verse 4

When mankind attained a standard of spiritual development and temporal development, God sent the perfect man, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) with the final Shariah through the Holy Qur'an

Purpose of creation

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The purpose of creation is explained in the Holy Qur'an



The Purpose of creation

This perfect Book will continue to illuminate till the Day of Judgement

The perception and insight of the perfect man, the Prophet (pbuh) understood what was explained in the Holy Qur'an

He was endowed by God with the perfect light (*nur*) and in turn, his Companions had a share of this light in accordance with their capacities.

The Companions went on to spread this light in the world

A believer's sight is not limited to the material benefit of worldly inventions.

Having understood the objective of his creation, a believer tries to benefit from the true light (*nur*) that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) has brought.

Purpose of creation

In order to partake of the light of God, in addition to belief, attention needs to be drawn to good works and to protect oneself against sin.

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رَسُولًا يَتْلُوا عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ مُبَيِّنَاتٍ
لِيُخْرِجَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ
مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِن بِاللَّهِ
وَيَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ
تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا قَدْ
أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَهُ رِزْقًا

Chapter 62, Verse 12

A Messenger, who recites unto you the clear Signs of Allah, that he may bring those who believe and do good deeds out of every *kind* of darkness into light. And whoso believes in Allah and does good deeds — He will make him enter Gardens, through which rivers flow, to abide therein for ever. Allah has indeed made excellent provision for him.

Purpose of creation

Attainment of God's pleasure is subject to adherence to the blessed model and teachings of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

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فَأْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ
وَالنُّورَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْنَا وَاللَّهُ
بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ

Chapter 64 , Verse 9

Believe, therefore, in Allah and His Messenger, and in the Light which We have sent down. And Allah is Well-Aware of all that you do

Purpose of creation

God is aware of everything, our actions as well as intentions are in His knowledge.

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The Holy Prophet (pbuh)

It is God's favour on us that He sent the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in whose teaching is the permanence of this world and the Hereafter.

The Promised Messiah

For latter days, God sent the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) who once again guided the world to light.

Responsibilities of an Ahmadi

While the glad-tidings of Paradise in following the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is solace for Ahmadis, it is also a matter to reflect on and to always self-examine.

Purpose of creation

The benefit of this light is conditional to belief and good works.

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Huzur (aba) explained good works

Which works are good and which not good?

Huzur (aba) explained, in life there are happy occasions as well as sad occasions. What are our limitations to celebrate happy occasions and what are our limits to commemorate sad occasions?

Ahmadis need to reflect that whatever they do is within the limitations.

Marriage, a happy occasion, is an obligation, and practice of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

Some customs have become common practice in marriage celebrations that have nothing to do with the teaching of Islam.

These are regarded as an essential part of celebration by some.

For example, there is the *Mehndi* (Hina) ceremony.

Some Ahmadi households are also practising this.

Some people in Pakistan and Rabwah are getting involved in these rituals a little too much.

Idle rituals should not be followed at wedding ceremonies and should be brought to an end.



Therefore, Ahmadis in Pakistan should take care that that there is no overspending and this matter should be paid attention to particularly in Rabwah

A word of warning!

It is the responsibility of *Sadr Amoomi* (head of all the saadran of Rabwah) to keep in view that there is no unnecessary spending and ostentation at marriages

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- This practice has no Islamic basis

Mehndi Reception

- A wedding reception may be held if it can be afforded. Meal can be served at the reception although it is not essential.

Wedding Reception

- The authentic commandment in Islam is that of holding a reception for Walima within one's means

Walima Reception

ISLAMIC MARRIAGE

Any good work that is done to please God becomes [a form of] worship.

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Huzur (aba) explained good works

Huzur (aba) said it is with the grace of God that Ahmadis are not involved in bad rituals at sad occasions



If, influenced by society, one kind of bad rituals are followed, then there is a possibility that the other kind will also set in.



This is why Ahmadis should reflect on the favour on them that they are in the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and only follow the true teaching of Islam.

Ahmadis pledge to give up following idle rituals and greediness

Ahmadis pledge to completely accept the kingdom of the Holy Qur'an

Ahmadis pledge to make the Word of God and the word of the Prophet (pbuh) their modus operandi

It is required of Ahmadis to honour these pledges.

Ahmadis stand for a society to establish pleasure of God and rights of others.

Huzur (aba) explained good works

By doing so they are not restricting themselves, rather they are safeguarding against the entrapment of Satan.

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By honouring their pledges, Ahmadis will be

trying to burnish
their perception
and insight

preserving their
chastity and purity

raising the
standards of
modesty/decency

trying to instil
patience and
contentment

inculcate piety
and taqwa

trying to fulfil the
dues of their
trusts

trying to attain high standards of worship of God by sincerely turning to Him out of His love, so that they may attain the objective of their creation

Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

Modesty is part of faith

With the inventions of TV and the internet even blatant indecency is not considered so anymore.

This prevalent indecency has also turned around the standards of modesty in some apparently good Ahmadi household.

In the name of progress some matters are adopted which are intolerable for any decent person even if it is [between] husband and wife

If Ahmadi families do not clean themselves of such vulgarities, then they have not honoured their pledge and have wasted their belief.

Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

A Hadith relates that indecency makes the perpetrator unsightly and modesty gives a modest and bashful person inner and outer beauty.

Each Ahmadi young person should particularly keep in mind not to be entrapped by the media and its prevalent indecency or they may lose their faith.

Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him said), 'Be shy of God as much as is His due.' The Companions present said, 'All praise to Allah, we are shy of Him.' The Prophet said, 'That is not the point. Whoever is shy of Allah should protect his head and the thoughts that enter it, protect his stomach and the food that he puts in it. He who remembers death and trials abandons the adornments of this world. Whoever fulfils these duties has been shy of Allah as much as is His due.'

All unsavoury thoughts should be shirked off through *Istaghfar* (asking forgiveness of Allah).

One's earning should be pure and through lawful means

Stressing the need to follow Islamic teachings and rejecting materialistic tendencies, Huzur (aba) cited

A prayer of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to seek God. 'O my Powerful God, O my Beloved Guide, show us those paths through which the truthful and pure find You.

Save us from those paths which only lead to lust, malice, rancour or worldly customs and rituals.'

يَأْمُرُهُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
وَيَنْهَاهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ
لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ
الْخَبِيثَاتِ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ
إِصْرَهُمْ وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي
كَانَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ

-- He enjoins on them good and forbids them evil, and makes lawful for them the good things and forbids them the bad, and removes from them their burden and the shackles that were upon them --

Chapter 7 , Verse 158

Huzur (aba) explained good works

In order to fulfil our obligation to take the message of Islam to the world we need to cast off the shackles of this world.

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Huzur (aba) explained this prayer was actually to teach us how to use our faculties according to the teachings of God.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) who was nur-personified would pray, 'O Allah, place nur in my heart and various parts of my body'.

Huzur (aba) explained good works

We are the followers of that Prophet (pbuh) who taught what was permissible and what was forbidden and thus removed the shackles of erroneous concepts.

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Huzur (aba) prayed

...strengthen our faith

...practise the Word
of God and His
Prophet (pbuh)

May Allah
enable us to

...avoid bad customs

May we always
partake of God's *Nur*



May any wretchedness of ours never deprive us of
this *Nur*. Aameen

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