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Il movimento Ahmadiyya nell'Islam - Introduzione

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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) delivered his Friday Sermon from Baitul Tauheed in Pietro de Castel in Bologna, Italy expressing gratitude to Allah's grace that Friday Sermon was being broadcast live worldwide from Italy for the first time.

Hudhur (aba) said God has enabled the Ahmadiyya Community to build mosques in Europe. May God remove all hurdles and help us construct a mosque in Italy.

This places a huge responsibility on the Ahmadis in Italy who have to raise the banner of Islam being mindful that they live in a country where papacy is established. For this each Ahmadi in Italy has to become an ambassador of their faith.

Hudhur (aba) said that Salat is the core of all forms of worship. Therefore, the first thing to do is safeguard our Salat. Hudhur (aba) said he calls on to practice taqwa

Hudhur (aba) urged compliance of the system of Jama'at and the spirit of eta'at (obedience) to the Ahmadis in Italy.

Ahmadis and mosques in Europe

Hudhur (aba) delivered his Friday Sermon from Baitul Tauheed in Pietro de Castel in Bologna, Italy

Mission House in Italy

- Hudhur (aba) said that after a long wait we purchased the site for the mission house some two years ago [from where the Sermon was relayed]

Mosque In Bologna

- May God enable the construction of a mosque. There are hurdles in this matter because of anti-Islamic sentiment precipitated by the actions of certain Muslim groups

Mission house in Rome

- Hudhur (aba) said prayers should be made that the hurdles are removed not only in this area but that we are also enabled to build a mission house in Rome

Ahmadis and mosques in Europe

- Responsibilities of Italian Ahmadis

Ahmadis living in Italy have to raise the banner of Islam being mindful that they live in a country where papacy is established.

For this each Ahmadi in Italy has to become an ambassador of their faith.

If Italian Ahmadis honoured their pledge of Bai'at and stayed connected to Khilafat then one day they will see a majority of followers of the Messiah of Muhammad (on whom be peace) in Italy.



Hudhur (aba) said we are trying to have a permanent missionary in place in Italy

- This raises the responsibility of each Ahmadi in Italy to enhance themselves so that they are models of high moral and spiritual standards



- Thus endorsing the suggestion that an Ahmadi missionary would have high moral and spiritual standards and this would facilitate to remove any hurdle in his arrival

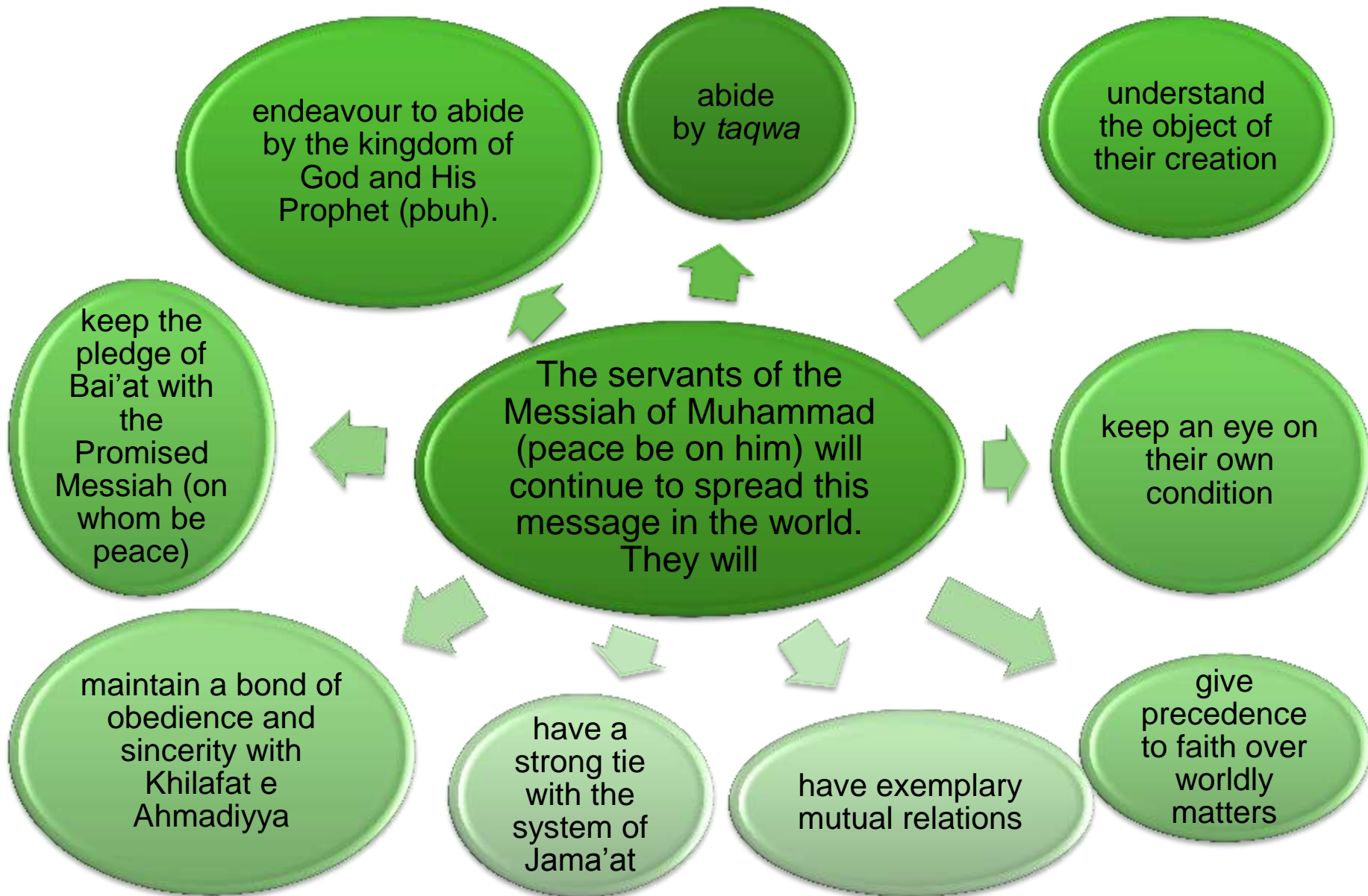


- Today, Ahmadiis have to spread Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam in the country and change the concept of trinity back to Unity of God.

Ahmadi missionary in Italy

Hudhur (aba) said Italy is the centre of papacy, and it is not an ordinary concept to picture that a majority of public could be Muslims here. It is a tremendous task.

Hudhur's expectations of Ahmadis in Italy




Responsibilities of Ahmadis in Italy

Hudhur (aba) said God has given an opportunity to Ahmadis from Pakistani, Morocco, Algeria, Bangladesh and Ghana to have freedom of religion here and to better themselves in financial terms.

- They should be grateful for this

They should now spread the message to Christians. Their responsibility is increased as God has also granted them financial improvement

- The way to express gratitude is to keep all of the above in view



Arab Ahmadis should facilitate to take spiritual message of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to others

In light of the saying of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) that a true Muslim likes for his brother what he likes for himself, they should take the message of the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to their relatives and their countrymen.

Only then their obligations as Ahmadis are fulfilled

Responsibility of Arab Ahmadis

Hudhur (aba) said some Ahmadis from Morocco and Algeria accepted Ahmadiyyat when they saw the blessed face of the Promised Messiah or some other sign in dream. God made this happen due to some virtue of theirs and they cannot return this Divine favour throughout their lives

هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ

Hudhur (aba) reminded that Allah's favours to Ahmadis are immeasurable, thus our obligation to try and return His favours should be corresponding



An *Abd Rahman* (servant of the Gracious God) has only one way to adopt and that is to relate the blessings of God for the rest of his life and be a grateful servant.



It is the task of an Ahmadi to spread this message in his environment

The reward of goodness is nothing but goodness.

Chapter 55, Verse 61

Responsibility of Ahmadis

يَمُنُّونَ عَلَيْكَ أَنْ أَسْلَمُوا قُلْ لَا تَمُنُّوا عَلَيَّ إِسْلَامَكُم بَلِ
اللَّهُ يَمُنُّ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ هَدَاكُمْ لِلْإِيمَانِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

Chapter 49 , Verse 18

It is you on the contrary, whom
Allah has favoured by guiding you
to the true faith, if you are true *in*
your claim to be believers

Responsibility of Ahmadis

Hudhur (aba) said God has enabled us to be part of those who obeyed the command of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and just as God favoured the earlier-ones, He blessed the latter-ones.

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

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

Hudhur (aba) said thankfulness
of this favour is in increasing
one's faith and for this one has
to inculcate *taqwa* and remain
focussed on God's pleasure

Hudhur (aba) said only
a worshiper of God
can be truly called
an *Abd Rahman*.

Chapter 51 , Verse 57

Responsibility of Ahmadis

In addition to the five daily Prayers, remembrance of God is also a form
of worship, as is undertaking any task for the pleasure of God.
However, **Salat is the core of all forms of worship**. Therefore, the
first thing to do is safeguard our Salat.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said the real objective of whatever strengths and faculties man has been granted is to seek knowledge of God, to worship Him and His love. No matter how wealthy a person may be, how high-ranking a position he may have, may have attained kingship, or be a great philosopher, ultimately he leaves these worldly constraints in a state of yearning and his conscience never concurs with him in the tricks and deceptions of this world.

الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ
الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ

Chapter 2 , Verse 4

Who believe in the unseen and observe Prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them;

Hudhur (aba) said it is essential to observe Salat to achieve *taqwa*.

Responsibilities of Ahmadis

Hudhur (aba) said requests for prayer for Salat without making practical efforts is deception to both the person who is being requested and to God. **What is needed is to stop this deception and do a jihad with the Satan of one's *nafs* (self).**

When there will be sincere effort, Salat will become foremost preference.

Hudhur (aba) said it is God's favour on us that He has associated us with the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا
وَإِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً
فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا
وَكَرِهْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شِفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِّنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا
كَذَٰلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

Chapter 3 , Verse 104

And hold fast, all together, by the rope of Allah and be not divided; and remember the favour of Allah which He bestowed upon you when you were enemies and He united your hearts in love, so that by His grace you became as brothers; and you were on the brink of a pit of fire and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah explain to you His commandments that you may be guided.

Hudhur (aba) explained

Hudhur (aba) said he calls on to practice *taqwa* and hold onto the 'rope of Allah' for God has saved us from the pit of fire. In order to be part of the Community and benefit from the blessings of Khilafat, one needs to abide by *taqwa*. The blessings of Khilafat are conditional to belief and good deeds.

Man is but flawed and weakness can overcome us, this is why we should always seek God's help that death may not come to us sans submission.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقْوَاهُ
وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

The objective of life cannot be attained without *taqwa*.

While a true believer fears Allah for his wrongdoings, he/she is hopeful that if he/she turns to God with sincerity God's expansive mercy will accept their humility

O ye who believe! fear Allah as He should be feared; and let not death overtake you except when you are in a state of submission.

Pray for one's good ending

We should always spend our life to please God so that when death overtakes us, we are making an effort to please Him

God then makes it possible for us to depart from this world in a state of belief and *taqwa*. Hudhur (aba) said it is most significant to pray for one's good ending.

TAQWA

Hudhur (aba) said if this is how we are expected to deal with enemies, what must we instil in our hearts for each other?

Taqwa requires everyone to be cooperative with office-holders and each office-holder to be cooperative with the office-holder above him

If success is to be made of the Tabligh and Tarbiyyat ventures then work will have to be undertaken as one.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that although death is a most certain reality no one knows when it may come. This is why a wise person should be always prepared for it. This is why man should always keep his affairs in order and unless he pays the dues of God and dues of mankind, he cannot succeed.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said they are of two kinds of dues to mankind: one kind is towards one's brothers in religion with whom one has religious accord, second kind is sincere compassion towards humanity in general. The biggest obligation is to worship God. Even if there was to be no concept of heaven and hell, one's personal love of God should not waver.

He said compassion for mankind was his religion and unless one prays for one's enemy one's heart is not cleansed properly.

Responsibilities of Ahmadis in Italy

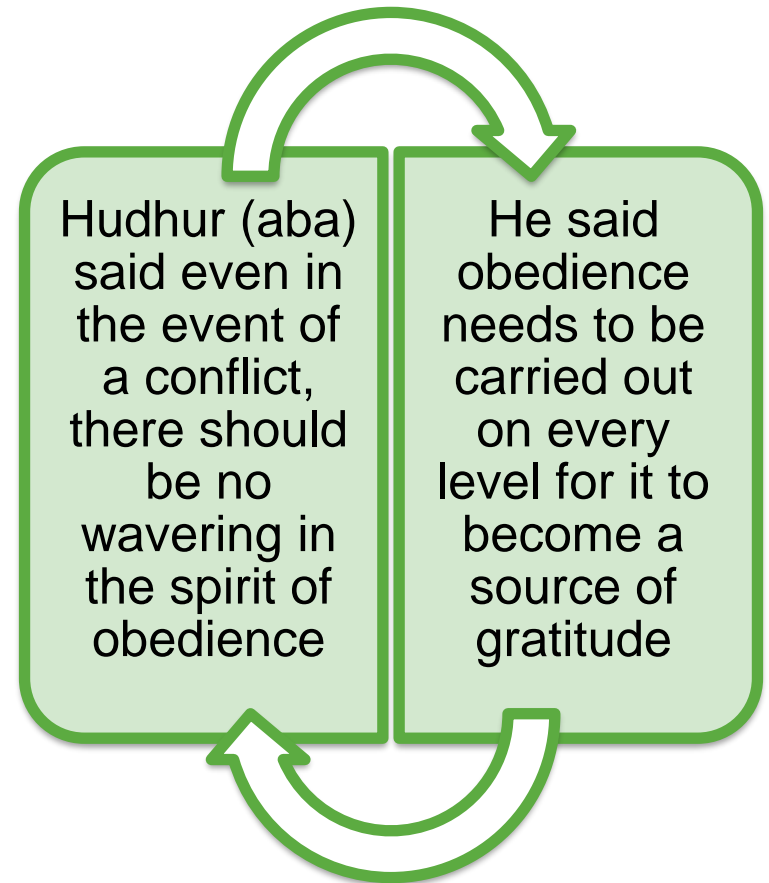
Each Ahmadi, especially the office-holders should present excellent models.



It is the obligation of both men and women to bring about pure changes in themselves and to pay the dues of God and mankind and also bring their children up on the Islamic model



Hudhur (aba) said there should be a distinction between an Ahmadi child and another.



Hudhur (may Allah assist him with His Mighty Help) prayed

May this new generation goes on make a tremendous effort to spread true Islam

May God enable all to do this

May the message continue to spread

