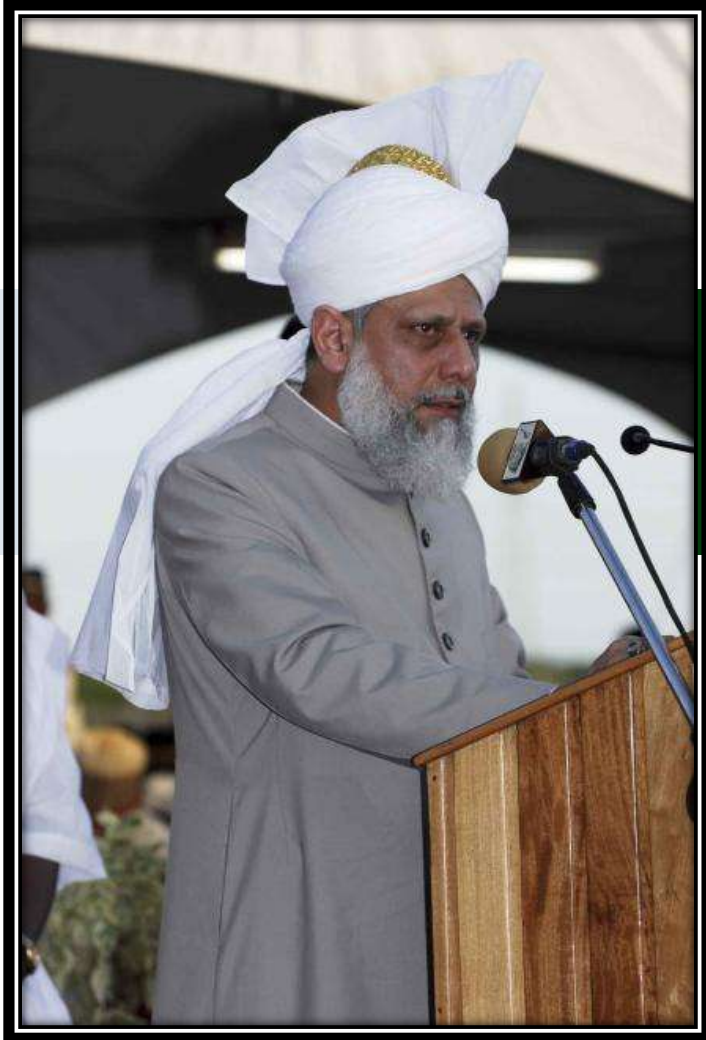


2010 - A blessed year for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



Friday Sermon
December 31st 2010



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SUMMARY

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Their condition is thus described in the Holy Qur'an: '...**But their hearts were hardened and Satan made all that they did seem fair to them.**' (6:44)

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Our detractors do not seem to be aware of God's treatment with them and do not appear to learn lesson

However, Hudhur (aba) said, when there are such mothers and such families then loss of life is not a sign of God's displeasure. It is God alone Who gives peace of mind

Delegate Meetings

Delegates from different countries have been to meet families of martyrs and have found their meetings faith-enhancing.



High regards for Martyrs

Wahab Adam sahib and Tahir Hamand sahib of Ghana told Hudhur (aba) that meeting the families had enhanced their faith. The families told them they felt the martyrs had left them with medals of honours

Bravery of a mother

A student told Hudhur (aba) that when he was injured at the mosque in Lahore, his mother told him on the phone that if martyrdom was his destiny he should give his life courageously and not show cowardice

Hudhur (aba) said the objection of our detractors about the year being blessed for us is negated by these examples of people full of resolve and courage

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Hudhur (aba) said this year there was immense blessing of God in taking the message of Ahmadiyyat to others especially in the Western countries

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
أَمْوَاتًا بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ يُرْزَقُونَ ﴿١٧٠﴾

Think not of those, who have been slain in the cause of Allah, as dead. Nay, they are living, in the presence of their Lord, being well provided

Different media resources were used for this and the Community was introduced and message of Islam taken to others on an unprecedented level

Chapter 3, Verse 170



Martyrdoms of 2010

Hudhur (aba) said this was a result of the extreme level of sacrifices of the martyrs in 2010

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فَرِحِينَ بِمَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
وَيَسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ
مِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ ۗ إِلَّا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ
يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿١٧١﴾

Chapter 3, Verse 171

‘Jubilant because of that which Allah has given them of His bounty; and rejoicing for those who have not yet joined them from behind them, because on them *shall come* no fear, nor shall they grieve

Martyrdoms of 2010

Hudhur (aba) explained that lexicon also signifies the Arabic word ‘amwota’ (slain/dead) used in the verse as those whose blood is not spilled in vain and those who leave behind people who follow in their model

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Many families write to Hudhur (aba) that they met with their martyr relative in dream who told them that they were very happy and were being extended amazing treatment

Hudhur (aba) said when we believe this to be true and are assured that God is bestowing special blessings on them

Our belief in the glad-tiding of the promised success of those left behind will also come about

In order to enhance and accelerate the beneficence from God's promise we need to turn to Him and connect with Him more than ever

Hudhur (aba) said we relate the special qualities of the martyrs, thus we need to reflect over our own deeds



Martyrdoms of 2010

Thus, the sacrifices of the martyrs are a source of enhancing faith

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According to Hadith an hour comes during Friday which has special level of acceptance of prayer

Hudhur (aba) said he hoped that according to our capacities we had tried to spend Fridays in prayers

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: 'Friday is the chief of all days and Allah considers it the greatest day. It is the day God created Adam (on whom be peace), on it He sent him down to earth, on it He gave him death. During this day is an hour when all that is asked for but what is haram (forbidden) is granted. On it will be the Day of Judgement.'

Hudhur (aba) explained that while Friday has means of going to Paradise, it is also connected with expulsion from Paradise due to Satan's deception

This year, the blessed day of Friday has been given an unusual significance as the year began on a Friday and is ending on a Friday. As a result this year had 53 Fridays

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Martyrdoms of 2010
should prompt us to do
good works

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ
أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ ۝٩

Chapter 41 , Verse 9

**'As to those who believe and do
good works, they will surely have
a reward that will never end**

Hudhur (aba)
explained that if
we are to get the
beneficence of
the Divine
promises made
with the Imam of
the age, we need
to do good works
which will take us
closer to God

We are required
to put each
commandment of
God in practice,
from the smallest
to the highest, in
accordance with
our capacities

We will be part of
the glad-tiding
that God
demonstrates to
those who make
sacrifices

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هَذَا الَّذِي رَزَقْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ
 مُتَشَابِهًا وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا أَزْوَاجٌ مُطَهَّرَةٌ
 وَهُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ
 لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ
 كُلَّمَا رُزِقُوا مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَرَةٍ رِزْقًا قَالُوا

‘And give glad tidings to those who believe and do good works, that for them are Gardens beneath which flow streams. Whenever they are given a portion of fruit therefrom, they will say: ‘This is what was given us before,’ whereas only similar things shall be brought to them. And they will have therein mates perfectly pure, and therein will they abide

Chapter 2 , Verse 26

God's glad-tiding is for those who do good works


Martyrdoms of 2010 should prompt us to do good works

Hudhur (aba) said after belief, good works are essential


The Promised Messiah elucidated that without good works, belief is of no use. If we desire a never-ending reward from God and acceptance of prayer, we need to do good works

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New Year for Ahmadis



Hudhur (aba) said we should pray that we spend our lives in a way that makes us rightful members of the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), and each action of ours is to attain pleasure of God!



Hudhur (aba) said tonight bid farewell to this year and welcome the next one with prayers for special capacity to remove our weaknesses that have kept us from doing good work, may we be able to carry them out in the New Year



Hudhur (aba) said we should irrigate and nourish the seed of belief with good works

Martyrdoms of 2010 should prompt us to do good works

While we are pleased that a section of our Community gave tremendous sacrifice, it is sad that Hudhur also receives letters of complaints from people outside the Community about Ahmadis involved in deceptions in business matters


Hudhur (aba) said this is a disgrace for the Community and the verbal claim of belief by such people does not benefit the Community

Hudhur (aba) also mentioned those who have no regard for relationships and said that 'good works' also include honouring all mutual rights

Each one of us should reflect and self-examine how many failings we removed in the last year, what revolutionary change did those who gave the immense sacrifice create in us?

If we remain involved in worldly matters, encroach others' rights, harm others, are verbally abusive to others we will incur God's displeasure


Martyrdoms of 2010 should prompt us to do good works




If the detractors have done their utmost we should adorn our belief with good works in a manner that gold is purified and burnished after it passes through fire



Thus fortunate are those of us who spent this year nourishing our belief with good works, May God enable them more than ever to make their connection with Him stronger



Those who could not pay attention to their reformation should pray for this aspect during Friday Prayers and tonight, seek help from God and try and do good works in the New Year



May God make it so that we are all able to mould our actions to attain the pleasure of God

New year promise



Hudhur (aba) said tonight when the world will be busy dancing, consuming alcohol and getting excited, especially in the Western world, we should make the promise in the Presence of God that in the New Year we will keep our emotions in obedience to His commandments, we will develop in belief and will try to mould every act of ours in accordance with God's commandments.

May God
enable us
so.

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2010; A Blessed year

Hudhur (aba) wished a very happy New Year to all individually as well as communally

Relating some blessings of the year, Hudhur (aba) said through the work done by Russian desk at MTA he now receives hundreds of letters from Russian Ahmadis



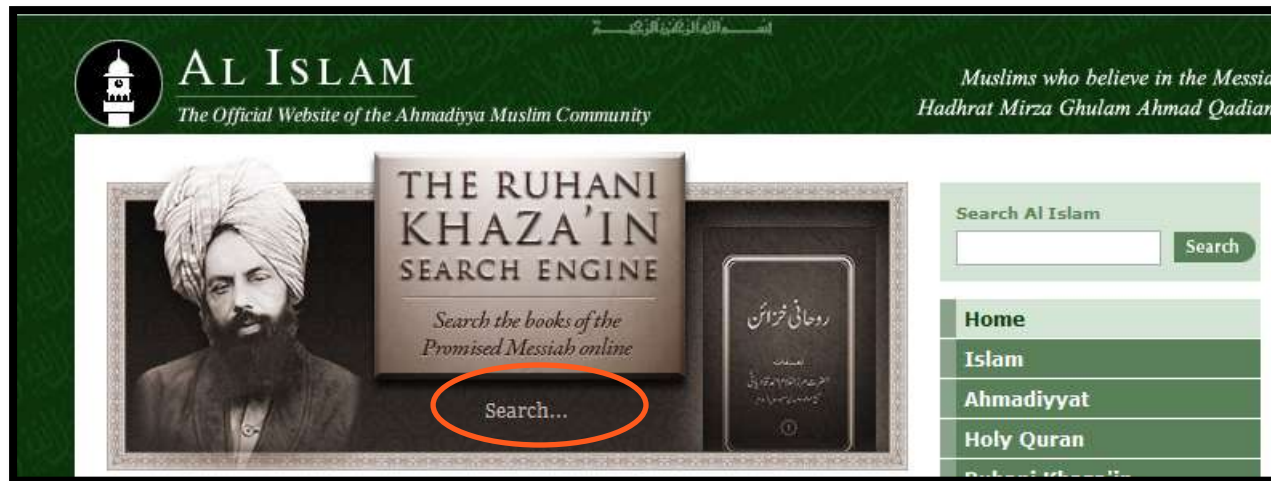
God revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and he said: 'I see my community in Russia like the grains of sand in number'.
[Tadhkirah p. 964]

Hudhur (aba) said may God continue to take the message to them and fulfil this revelation

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Hudhur (aba) also mentioned that our website alislam.org has a new resource. A word search facility is now available for all the books of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)



Hudhur (aba) said this was a difficult task which has been accomplished by a team of young people

Noman Ahmad from Lahore, Mubarak Ahmad from Karachi, both of them are Waqfe Nau. Fazul Rahman from Chennai, Maqsood Ahmad, Shahid Pervaiz, Abdul Salam, Ayesha Maqsood, and Altaf Ahmad, all from Bangalore. Riaz Ahmad from Mangalona. Khurram Naseer from Pakistan and Kaleem ud din Sheikh from Chennai

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Hudhur (aba) said it has come to his knowledge that someone has created a Facebook account in Hudhur's name without his knowledge

Hudhur (aba) said he also tells people individually to be careful of Facebook as it can have many wrong consequences, in particular girls should be very careful

Hudhur (aba) directed that this account should be avoided and people should not leave their comments on it and no one should join it

Therefore whoever has done this, if with good intent, should promptly close it and do *Istaghfar*. If it is done with mischief then God will Himself deal with it.





May God protect
us from all evil and
may He continue
to keep us on the
ways to progress

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