

Ahmadiyyat

The unification of Muslims



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SUMMARY

For the month of Muharram, Hudhur (aba) elucidated the true status of the Khulafa-e-Rashidine as explained in the august writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Hadhrat Abu Bakr, Umer and Usman (may Allah be pleased them all) were exceptionally faithful and filled with righteous guidance

It is tremendous dishonesty to scorn Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him)

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Hudhur (aba) prayed May God make the Muslim Ummah understand this message so that Islam illumines the ends of the earth with renewed glory.

Hudhur (aba) said there is a section of Muslims who follow the so-called religious leaders whose business is to create disorder.

Others are wary of any kind of strictness in religion or are fearful of fatwas by religious leaders and thus remain silent.

There are also a number of people who, in spite of having little knowledge of Islam, wish that objections raised by people outside Islam are responded to.

They tell us (Ahmadis) that if we are truly sympathetic to Islam, we should try and free it from sectarian divide.

Hudhur (aba) said that in His mercy for the Muslim Ummah, God sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to eradicate sectarianism. When people from within Islam come into the fold of Ahmadiyya Islam, they depart from sectarianism and practice true Islam.

Ahadith prove that it is sufficient for a person to proclaim 'There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger' and be a Muslim.

It is a result of the teaching of the one sent by God that, in line with the instruction of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), the Ahmadiyya Community considers each person who utters the Kalima a Muslim.

Hudhur said it is a misunderstanding to consider that Ahmadiyya Community has created a new sect and thus started a new wave of disorder. Such thoughts are borne out of a lack of knowledge of the Qur'an and Ahadith.

The objective of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is to present the beauty of Islam, therefore it is most unfair to consider Ahmadiyya Muslims like the rest.

Hudhur (aba) said Islam has two large sects; Sunni and Shia and they have both been unjust in that they have not even deterred from denouncing the Companions from their station.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote:

'I know that no person can be a Momin (true believer) and a Muslim unless characteristic like that of Abu Bakr, Umer, Usman and Ali (may Allah be pleased with them all) is not generated.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also wrote that the noble Khulafa did not seek comfort and sanctuary, how could it be then assumed that they were unfair and oppressive. He said it was proven about them that they were not materialistic people and remained bowed on the Divine threshold. They were people who had completely absorbed themselves in God.

Status of the noble Khilafat

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote about Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him):

‘He had complete spiritual knowledge, and was a holy, forbearing and kind natured person. And when true love of God penetrated his very being, in the depth of his heart and in the particles of his being and all this became apparent in his words and his practices that is when he was given the title of Sadeeq (the truthful).

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) described that status of Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him)

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He spent life in a state of humility and poverty and extended great forgiveness, affection and mercy.

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He had a deep connection with the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and his soul was connected to the soul of the 'best in the world'.

His person was purified of worldly malice and was tinted in the colour of True God.

He was completely devoted to the Lord of all the worlds.

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The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that the distinction of Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) was because of what was in his heart.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote:

'God alone knows best what excellences he possessed that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) gave Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) the title of Sadeeq.

Referring to the fact that Hadhrat Abu Bakr accepted the claim of the Prophethood of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) without asking for any proof and miracle, the Promised Messiah on whom be peace wrote

Truth is, that it is essential for a person in any era, who wishes to attain the excellences of a Sadeeq, to endeavour as much as possible in order to generate Abu Bakr-like qualities and attributes in himself and later, pray as much as possible, until such time that he casts Abu Bakr-like nature on himself and is imbibed in the hue, the excellences of a Sadeeq cannot be attained.'

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also wrote: ‘

Similarly, Hadhrat Abu Bakr’s (may Allah be pleased with him) reasoning of the verse: ‘...Muhammad is only a Messenger. Verily, *all* Messengers have passed away before him...’ [3:145] clearly supports that according to him Hadhrat Isa (on whom be peace) had passed away.

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It should be remembered that no Companion is reported to have rejected the reasoning of Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) regarding the passing away of all past Prophets, although all Companions were present at the time and after hearing him they did not say anything.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) described that status of Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him)

Favours of Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) on the Ummah

Thus, from among the favours of Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) on the Ummah, one favour is that in order to avoid the mistake that was to take place in the future, he opened the door to verity and reality in the era of his truthful Khilafat.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that he considered Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) Adam II for Islam and that he believed that if after the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) there had been no Abu Bakr, there would have been no Islam either.

It is his great favour that he re-established Islam and punished the treacherous with his conviction of faith and established peace.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also wrote that the station of Hadhrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with him) was so elevated that sometimes Quran was revealed in accordance to his view.

A Hadith relates that Satan runs away from the shadow of Umer.

Another Hadith relates: 'If there was to be a Prophet after me, it would have been Umer.'

Hadhrot Umer (may Allah be pleased with him) also received revelations but he considered himself nothing and did not wish to be parallel to the truthful Imam that God had established. Rather, he considered himself a humble servant and that is why with God's grace, he became a deputy of the truthful Imam.

Hadhrot Umer (may Allah be pleased with him)

The third Hadith relates: 'Just as people from earlier religions were Muhaddath (a recipient of Divine revelation), if there is any Muhaddath in this [Muslim] Ummah, it is Umer.'

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that God had revealed to him that Hadhrat Abu Bakr, Umer and Usman (may Allah be pleased with them all) were exceptionally faithful and filled with righteous guidance. They were among those whom God grants distinction. A large majority of holy people is witness to their excellences. They left their homeland merely for the pleasure of God and entered each expedition without hesitation. They neither cared for intense heat nor extreme cold, rather they kept moving onwards in the cause of faith. For the sake of the Lord of all the worlds, they forgot all else. Their blessed practices are a fragrant model for us.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said it is important to believe that Hadhrat Abu Bakr, Umer, Usman and Ali (may Allah be pleased with them all) were all trustees of faith in the true sense. Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) was Adam II for Islam, similarly, if Hadhrat Umer and Usman (may Allah be pleased with him) were not true trustees of faith, it would have been difficult for us today to say that any verse of the Qur'an was from God.

Khulafa-e-Rashidine(may Allah be pleased with them)

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Attributes of Hadhrat Ali

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) writes about Hadhrat Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) that he was extremely righteous and pure and was from among those who are most beloved of the Gracious God.

He was a lion of God, was very generous and pure-hearted.

He lived a life of destitution and attained excellence in temperance.

Articulate people were charmed by him and whosoever denied his excellences

He was that unique valiant who did not move away from the epicentre of the battle ground even if there was an army of the enemy opposite him.

He would be the foremost to distribute wealth, alleviate pain and suffering of others and care for orphans, the destitute and neighbours.

He displayed wondrous feats with sword and spear and alongside this he was elegant in speech and was eloquent.

His words would stir the depths of hearts and through this way he would clean rusty minds and enlighten them with the light of reasoning.

Writing about all the Khulafa e Rashideen the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that by following the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) they demonstrated through their practices, they had seen the Unseen God with their eyes; indeed had seen Him with their eyes.

Indeed, it was merely trust in God. By putting their trust and reliance in One God, they demonstrated astonishing feats. It was belief and only belief and nothing else.

One who says that all the Prophets (peace be on them all) even the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) will have salvation through the intercession of Hadhrat Imam Hussein transgresses

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) further wrote that it is part of our faith to revere holy people and observance of ranks is significant. One should not exceed limits and be sinful lest the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be on him) or other Prophets are slighted.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that he had compatibility with Hadhrat Ali and Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with them both). He said no one but the Lord of the East and the West knows this secret.

He said he loved Hadhrat Ali and both his sons and whoever had enmity with them, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had enmity with him.

He further wrote that in Islam too, people with Jewish attributes persecuted God's holy people in every age. For example, thousands of foolish people left Hadhrat Imam Hussein and joined Yazid and persecuted the innocent Imam verbally and physically and ultimately took his life.

Time and again, they harassed the Mujaddads, Imams and truthful among the Ummah and gave them abusive epithets. In our times, people strongly accused the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) of being false. They persecuted him through all manner of ploys and tried to eliminate him.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that Momins are those people whose practices bear witness to their faith. Whose hearts have faith inscribed on them and who give precedence to their God's pleasure over everything else and adopt the intricate paths of Taqwa for the sake of God.

Unfortunate Yazid did not have this. Whereas Hussein was pure and wholesome, without doubt he was among those holy people who are purified by God's own hands. And without doubt he is from among the leaders of Paradise and to have the slightest of malice towards him is a source of impairing one's faith.

The Taqwa, love of God, steadfastness, resolve, worship and devoutness of this Imam is a blessed model for us. Destroyed is the heart that has enmity for him and successful is that heart which demonstrates his love in practical ways and in following him completely, adopts his faith, morals, courage, Taqwa and steadfastness and all features of love of God in a reflective manner.

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It is tremendous dishonesty to scorn Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) and a person who does this or utters any negative word about him, wastes his faith, for God becomes the enemy of those who are the enemy of His beloved people.

Hudhur said this is the beautiful and fair teaching which aims to unite Muslims on one hand and eliminate sectarianism, which was given to us by the one sent by God.

Who, in this age came as the true and ardent devotee of the Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) with the message of peace and conciliation.

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Rather than progress, Muslim countries are fast regressing. The general economic condition of the world is also creating anxiety and its affects are far-reaching.

Hudhur said prayers should be made for the general state of Muslim countries and for protection against disorder.

The third critical state of affairs that appears to be developing is that the world is fast moving towards a world war.

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May God make the Muslim Ummah understand this message so that Islam illumines the ends of the earth with renewed glory.

May the month of Muharram pass with peace and safety everywhere, may every Muslim keep other Muslims safe with his speech and his hand.

Most countries are going through very bad times. May God keep Islam and Muslims safe from every kind of evil.

May God have mercy on humanity and grant them sense. May God help us.