

TRUE ATTRIBUTES OF MUSLIMS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES



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Summary



A true believer should have fear of God and should be obedient to God



The state of the world bear witness that the religious, spiritual and moral state of Muslims is declining and Taqwa is lacking



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is the Messiah of our age as prophesised in the Holy Qur'an and Hadith



May Muslim Ummah understand God's decree so that they are saved from the troubled times that they are experiencing

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih recited the following verses of Surah

‘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.’ (3:103)’

This Quranic verse explains the condition of a true believer; a true believer who fulfils all the requisites of Taqwa (righteousness). The essence of these requisites as described in the Holy Qur’an is to be mindful of all the rights of God and all the rights of mankind

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To follow God’s commandments and the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) is a continuous process

One who abides by all this can only be called a true believer.

One can not be regarded as a believer by simply calling oneself a Muslim.

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A true believer should also have fear of God and be on the lookout for what would make him obedient to God.

- For this even if a true believer has to incur worldly loss, he should not care.
- Parents, friends, family, religious scholars or other leaders, none should take one away from following God's commandments.

Each one of us will be accountable before God on our own. No family or friends, real or so-called spiritual leaders can take on the burden of another.

The essence of true Islam is to reflect over the signs of God, to accept the teachings of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), to protect oneself from perpetrating oppression and to practice Islam by understanding its true spirit.

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God has stated that the Prayer and sacrifice of those who are devoid of Taqwa is not accepted by God, in fact it becomes a source of their destruction.

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Whereas God becomes the Enemy of the enemies and Friend of the friends of righteous people and whatever they do to please God is blessed by God.

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Fortunate are those Muslims who ever endeavour that whenever death may overtake them they are in a state of being a true Muslim.

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Having being enabled to accept the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), Ahmadis too should try and conform to what pleases God and then to maintain the state. This is a huge responsibility of ours and we should always work on it.

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said that his sermon was mainly intended for the wider Muslim community through the MTA



Some people write in to say that they are convinced of the Truthfulness of Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian but are too afraid to accept Ahmadiyyat because of the pressure of society and Mullah

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said such people should remember that God commands to follow Taqwa



The Jama'at is ever progressing which is because God is: 'an excellent Protector and what an excellent Helper.'

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The organisations formed in the name of Islam which carry out Jihadi activities do nothing but bring Islam in disrepute

Muslim rulers only promote their self-interest and care for their own seat of power.

- God states that he grants triumph to those who carry out Jihad in His cause. However, what success have these extremists achieved? Muslims are killing Muslims.

- Some religious leaders are embroiled in power struggle and either run terrorist organisations or help them.

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Islam is a religion of love and peace, the very meaning of which signifies peace and security and alleviation of suffering

Today, these people have brought Islam in so much disrepute that Muslim organisations are the first to be suspected if any act of terrorism takes place in the world

After the recent explosions in USA at the [Boston] marathon anti-Islamic elements said it was the work of Muslims.

Some Muslim organisations denied responsibility but being devoid of Taqwa, they commended and supported these atrocious attacks on innocent sportsmen and women.

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Tragedies like these bombing and killing are widespread in almost seventy per cent of the Muslim countries and there it is a daily occurrence...

... and it is done in the name of religion.

In some Muslim countries, there is severe lack of social justice. The poor are getting poorer and the rich are getting richer.

If cruelty has to be perpetrated at least it should not be done in the name of religion and this murder and mayhem should not be called Jihad.

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Muslims state that the teaching of Islam is complete, which it is, ...

... but they wrongfully claim that no reformer or Messiah or Prophet is now needed.

It was indeed prophesied by God and His Prophet (pbuh) that the advent of a Messiah will take place for the reformation of the world

The state of affairs of the world is crying out that Muslims have forgotten their teaching

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The state of the world bear witness that in spite of the Holy Qur'an preserved in its original form the religious, spiritual and moral state of Muslims is declining and Taqwa is lacking.

A person is indeed required in such a situation to understand the essence of Islam and spread it among Muslims

We Ahmadis believe that the person was sent by God in line with the prophecies of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian on whom be peace)

With the grace and succour of God, he elucidated the spiritual treasures of the Holy Qur'an in his books and made a clear distinction between truth and falsehood

He proved Islam's superiority over all other world religions and thus challenged its enemies

He lived a long life with God's support and succour and then passed away leaving behind him an eternal system of succession [Khilafat].

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One of the sign of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is the occurrence of natural disasters. Are the earthquakes, the floods, the humiliation of Muslims in the world not enough to open the eyes of Pakistanis and other Muslims?

There is need to ponder over God's decree in action and to engage in repentance and Istaghfar (seeking forgiveness from God).

Rather than be intimidated by the so-called clerics, ordinary Muslims should challenge their deceptions.

Muslims should challenge these clerics to cite even a single incident from the blessed life of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in support of their teaching of violence and terrorism?

What Muslims should do is to be mindful of their death and pay the rights of God and the rights so people.

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‘I wish that the way Muslims idolise the world rather than God Almighty and have all their hopes, aspirations and matters connected to the world is smashed to smithereens. And greatness and omnipotence of God Almighty is inculcated in their hearts and the tree of faith bears fresh fruits. Though a form of tree exists at the moment, it is not a real tree because it is stated regarding a real tree: **‘Dost thou not see how Allah sets forth the similitude of a good word? It is like a good tree, whose root is firm and whose branches reach into heaven. It brings forth its fruit at all times by the command of its Lord...’** (14:25 – 26).’

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‘Allah has given the analogy of a pure tree here for the perfect faith which has a strong root and branches reaching the heaven and which bears fruit at all times with the commandment of its Lord. ‘...**whose root is firm...**’ denotes that its principles of faith should be strong and truthful and should be of the level of perfect belief and it should bear fruit all the time. It should never be like a dried up tree. However, say if this is the situation now? Many people simply say what is the need [for faith]? How foolish is that ailing person who says what is the need for a physician? If he thinks he does not require a physician and does not feel the need for one, what else but his fatality can result from it? Currently, Muslims have of course accepted Islam but they are not in the state of true belief. That comes to pass when a spiritual light goes along with faith.

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In short, these are the matters for which I have been sent. Therefore, do not be hasty in accusing me of falsehood. On the contrary fear God the Almighty and repent because those who repent are wise. The sign of the plague is very dangerous and God Almighty has revealed to me regarding it: **‘...Surely, Allah changes not the condition of a people until they change that which is in their hearts...’** (13:12) This is the word of God Almighty and cursed be one who slanders God Almighty. God Almighty states that His will shall alter when hearts will alter. Thus, fear God Almighty and be afraid of His wrath. None can be responsible for the other. Most people do not even remain loyal in ordinary court cases, what reliance can you expect in the Hereafter, about which it is stated: **‘On the day when a man flees from his brother’** (80:35)

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'Look, just as a person who claims to believe in Allah, His Messenger^{sa} and Book but does not practice the details of the commandments, ... cannot be truly considered to be adorned with the ornament of belief. Similarly, a person who does not accept the Promised Messiah or does not consider the need to accept him is also unaware of the reality of Islam and the purpose of Prophethood. He cannot be rightfully called a true Muslim, and truly obedient to God and His Messenger^{sa}

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Just as Allah the Exalted has given commandments in the Holy Qur'an through the Holy Prophet^{sa}, similarly the advent of the final Khalifa in the latter-days is also foretold very strongly. Those who do not accept him and turn against him have been called wicked. The ... Holy Qur'an uses the word Khalifa whereas Hadith has called the very same final Khalifa with the title of Promised Messiah. What sort of a Muslim is one who says that he does not have the need to accept a person regarding whose advent the Holy Qur'an has made a promise and has thus granted a kind of greatness to his advent.'

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‘O’ foolish ones, what do I compare you to! You are like those unfortunate people near whose house a generous person had cultivated an orchard with all kinds of fruit trees and had designed a stream of sweet water in it and had grown great big shady trees in the garden which can shelter thousands from heat. The generous person invited people who were burning in intense heat ... However, the wretched people rejected the invitation and died with the intensity of heat, thirst and hunger.

‘... By way of example God has stated in the Holy Qur’an that Dhul-Qarnain found a nation burning in heat... and this nation did not want any help from Dhul-Qarnain, as a result it remained in trouble. Dhul-Qarnain found another body of people who sought help from him against the enemy. A wall was built for them and they were saved from the enemy.

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I say most truthfully that according to the prophecy of the Holy Qur'an I am that Dhul-Qarnain who experienced the century of every nation. And people burning in the heat are those Muslims who have not accepted me. Christians are [like] those who sit in mud and darkness who do not even look up to see the sun. And those for whom the wall was built is my community.'

I say truthfully that they alone are the ones whose faith will be saved from the aggression of the enemies. ... However, this community will last long and Satan will not overcome them and satanic factions will not control them. Their argument/reasoning will be sharper than sword and more piercing than spear and they will continue to triumph over each religion until the Day of Judgement.'

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‘ Alas those foolish ones who did not recognise me! How dark and dismal were the eyes that could not see the light of truth. They cannot see me because prejudice has darkened their eyes; hearts are corroded and eyes are blinkered. If they were to set out searching truthfully and cleansed their hearts of rancour, fasted during the day and awakened during night to pray in Salat and cried and pleaded, it is hoped that Noble God will make it evident to them who I am. What is needed is to fear God Who is above any need or want.’

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‘O people, do not be contemptuous of God and His signs and seek forgiveness of your sins from Him and show humility before Him out of fear of your sins. Have you forgotten the end of those who made accusation of falsehood beforeO people I have come to you from the Powerful God. Is there anyone among you who fears the High and Great [God]. Or will you pass away in negligence? You took your schemes to the limit and took a long time in planning like hunters. Did you experience anything but failure and did you find what you looked for, apart from wasting faith.’

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‘Thus, children of Muslims fear God. Do you not see how God has fulfilled my word and has shown immense forgiveness for me? What is the matter with you that you do not turn to God’s signs and hurl arrows of rebuke at me? Have you not seen the falseness of your presumption and has the error of your supposition/suspicion not been evident to you? ...do not concoct falsehood after being tried and hold your tongues. If you are righteous, be repentant like that person who is mortified and is afraid of his bad ending. God loves those who repent.’

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih prayed that may God open the hearts of the Muslim Ummah and may they understand God's decree so that they are saved from the troubled times that they are experiencing.

- May they understand the signs of natural disasters and desist from cruelty and persecution. May God also enable us to follow Taqwa and be congruous in our word and deed and continue to alert the world from destruction!

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Chuadhry Mahfooz ur Rahman sahib who passed away on 6 April at the age of ninety three. Our current [UK] sadr Ansarullah Chaudhry Waseem sahib is his eldest son.

Qaisera Begum sahiba passed away on 13 April at the age of seventy, she was a daughter-in-law of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him). She was a very courteous lady and had an extremely strong bond with Khilafat. She helped the needy and those who were not well-off.

Next Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih announced that he would lead funeral Prayers in absentia of two recently deceased Ahmadis:

May God elevate the status of the deceased.

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