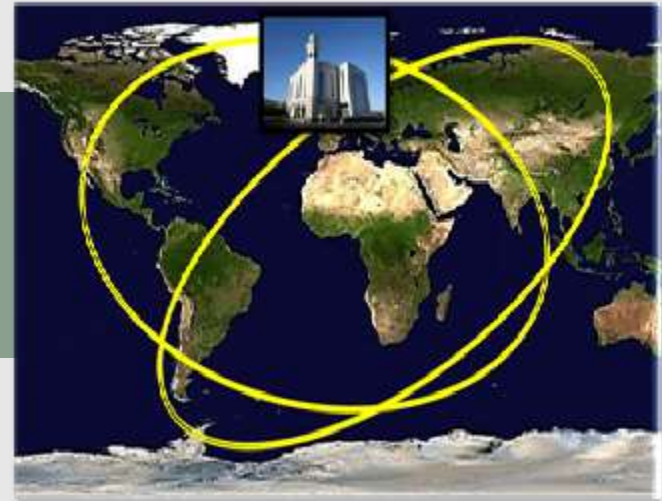


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Summary



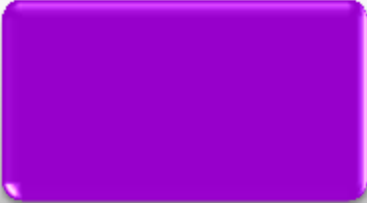
Today, in his sermon Hazrat Khalifatul Masih raised issues for the benefits of officeholders, missionaries and ordinary active and inactive Ahmadis



It is a matter of utmost importance that every Ahmadi must know about their belief; an organised and concerted effort should be made to teach our members about their faith.



Many directives were issued relating to training, commitment to Khilafat, financial contribution (chanda) and smooth working of the system of Jama'at.



May Allah enable all of us to become true Ahmadis and enable us to discharge all our responsibilities properly. Aameen!

Directives about some issues

What is the purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah (as)

Huzoor Aqdas (may Allah strengthen him with His Mighty Help) said that he would wish to address some issues

Why do we believe in the Promised Messiah (as)?

These are for the benefits of the officeholders, missionaries and ordinary Ahmadis

Why is it important to make a bond of dedication and obedience with Khilafat?

It is vitally important that our youth understands what our religion is and why we are commanded to do and to avoid certain things.

Why is it important to make financial contributions (chanda)

Important operational tasks

Huzoor Aqdas (may Allah strengthen him with His Mighty Help) said that the questions raised by our younger generation should be answered by the responsible members of the Community in a nice and engaging manner.

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It is a matter of utmost importance that every Ahmadi must know about their belief and an organised and concerted effort is made to teach our members about their faith.

- It is normally assumed that a born Ahmadi knows about the purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah (as) and why it is essential to accept him.
 - Still, there are some youths who are unaware of these fundamental concepts.
 - Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and Lajna Imaillah are well placed to address this knowledge gap, as people are more ready to listen to their peers.

Similarly the Jama'at system also needs to pay attention to the needs of such members and try to reform and train them

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To educate every Ahmadi appropriately is the responsibility of every officeholder, missionary, murabbee at every level within the Jama'at - it is everyone's responsibility

So after this basic statement, let me now turn to the first thing that every Ahmadi must know and that is:

What is the purpose of the coming of the Promised Messiah (as) and why is it necessary that we must accept him and attest to the truth of his claim?

For this, I thought it best to express the answer in the words of the Promised Messiah (as) himself.

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**“I have been sent so that
I may re-establish the lost
glory of the Holy Prophet
Muhammad (sa) and
show to the world the
truths contained in the
Holy Quran and all this is
being done”**

**“... Because Islam was
defamed in such a brutal
and callous way, so God
Almighty has manifested
the greatness and honour
of this Movement in direct
proportion to the extreme
defamation that was
perpetrated against
Islam.”**

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The Promised Messiah (as) laid out the greatness of the Holy Prophet (sa) and clarified the truths of the Holy Quran in his writings and discourses.

Hazrat Khlaifatul Masih (aba) gave example that when he explained the true status of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) based on the discourses of the Promised Messiah (as) to a Canadian newspaper who published some offensive material, the newspaper was compelled to recognise the high status of the Prophet of Islam.

Similarly, in the USA the sanctity of Friday was defended by an Ahmadi youth after a politician on a radio show broadcasted some derogatory remarks about Jumuah.

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Therefore, through the Promised Messiah (as) the greatness of the Holy Prophet (sa), the truths of the Holy Quran and the beauties of Islam are being established in the world




So there is no reason why we should harbour any kind of inferiority complex whatsoever.



The young of our Jama'at need have no fear of anyone and should have courage

Then it is necessary for us to know why it is important for every one of us to accept and believe in the truth of the Promised Messiah (as).



Let me again answer in the words of the Promised Messiah (as).

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“Look, if a man who claims to have believed in Allah and His Messenger and His Book, but then fails to fulfill the requirements of the faith - salat, fasts, Hajj, Zakat, ... - if such a one abandons all these directives and does not heed them such a one has no right to claim to be a Muslim...”

“...similarly a person who does not accept or believe in the Promised Messiah (as) or does not see the need for believing in the Promised Messiah (as) such a one can (not) be said to be a true Muslim or a true follower of God and His Messenger, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa).

“... Because just as Allah has sent His commandments through the Holy Prophet (sa) in the Holy Quran, in the same way He has, in the Last Days, very clearly prophesied the coming of a Last Khalifa and those who will not believe in him or will stay apart from him have been called the rebellious.?”

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**“Allah has extended
the period of the
coming of the Khulafa
till the Day of
Judgement.**

**This is a distinction of
Islam that for its help
and renewal ...
reformers have been
coming and shall
continue to come at
the head of every
century...”**

**“And not just this,
..the signs of his*
coming were
mentioned in great
detail in all the
heavenly books. ...
Rejecting him can in
no way be considered
as being a part of
Islam.”**

*** The Promised Messiah (as)**

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“... *he is such a person in support of whom Allah has manifested signs in the heavens and in the earth – (...the plague... and .. the sign of the eclipses of the moon and the sun ...

So can such a person in whose support the heavens and the earth have bore witness be considered an ordinary person accepting or rejecting whom may be considered equal or without consequence?

And can people who reject him continue to be considered Muslims and the beloved of God? Certainly not!

“Remember that all the signs that had been foretold concerning the Promised One have all been fulfilled and all sorts of disorder and evils have sullied the world.

The saintly and scholarly people of Islam have indeed identified this very age - the 14th century - as the age in which the Promised Messiah was to have appeared.”

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If even after such unanimous testimony of a large number of the scholarly and saintly people of Islam, someone has any doubts, such a one should turn to a careful study of the Holy Quran ponder over the contents of Sura Nur.

Look, just as 1,400 years after Moses (as), Jesus (as) had come so in similar fashion 1,400 years after the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa), the Promised Messiah has appeared and just as Jesus (as) was the Khatamul Khulafa of the Mosaic dispensation so the Promised Messiah (as) shall be the Kahatamul Khulafa of the Muhammadi dispensation.”

The Promised Messiah (as) has said I am the Khalifa of the last millennium - all who shall now come shall come under him.

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It is essential that every Ahmadi should read the Promised Messiah (as)'s books

Those who cannot read Urdu - - there is ample literature available in many languages in which the purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah is covered in great detail.

Every Ahmadi needs to gain a deeper understanding of their beliefs and principles, attain strength in their faith and should have the courage to respond to those who make criticisms or raise objections.

To further these objectives it is also necessary that the Jama'at and the auxiliaries make their own programs to ensure that this information, this education reaches every member of the Jama'at.

The objective is that each and every Ahmadi becomes aware of the purpose of the coming of the Promised Messiah (as) and why it is necessary that we accept him and attest to his truth.

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Now I want to turn to the second item that has to do with our training. This has to do with the connection of the members of the Jama'at with Khilafat.

**Muslim Television
Ahmadiyya** is a great
blessings of Allah to further
this objective.

Similarly we also have the
Alislam.org website.

So it must be our focus to make every Ahmadi connected to these tools as much as possible.
The Jama'at System, Nizam and that of the Auxiliaries must work towards this end.

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The Jama'at System - Nizam which is composed of the Secretaries, the Murabbees and missionaries and the auxiliaries – all must work hard to help everyone make the best of the MTA and Alislam to consolidate their bond with Khilafat.

Try to develop a personal link of every Ahmadi with Khilafat.

Try to arouse in the hearts of the Ahmadis love and sincerity and loyalty with Khilafat.

Most Ahmadis have a strong bound with Khilafat; this needs to be made stronger by adhering to the directions given during Khutaba and Jalsa speeches.

If the Tarbiyyat department continues to counsel members to strengthen their connection and obedience to Khilafat, this will automatically resolved many tarbiyyat issues.

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**The need to make clear to every Ahmadi their obligations
regarding financial contributions - chandas.**

Remember that Chanda is not a tax

Allah, the Exalted says in the Holy Quran:

[64:17] So fear Allah as best you can, and listen, and obey, and spend in His cause; it will be good for yourselves. And whoso is rid of the covetousness of his own soul — it is such who shall be successful.

[64:18] If you lend to Allah a good loan, He will multiply it for you, and will forgive you; and Allah is Most Appreciating, Forbearing,

So it is clear from these verses that to
spend in the way of Allah is most
essential for a believer.

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Allah is Ghani - Self Sufficient, and in no need of our money.

In reality the blessing of financial sacrifice has these objectivists.

- To purify us
- To enhance our level of obedience
- To enhance us on the ways of righteousness
- To see how far we will fulfill our pledges of being ready to spend in His way.

Allah calls upon us to spend in His way for the propagation of the Religion of Allah

Every Ahmadi needs to understand this spirit of spending in the way of Allah which is why we give chanda.

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The Philosophy to give Chanda must be understood.

Chanda is not given...

To please finance secretary or Jama'at President

To get them off our back

To show off to others

it would be better for such a person to not give chanda.

The only objective to give chanda is to seek the pleasure of Allah. All those who give chanda must always think

That to be enabled to give Chanda is indeed the Grace and bounty of Allah

And that by giving Chanda, they do not bestow a favour upon God or upon the Jama'at.

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In the world we see that man loves wealth very highly. ... This is why it is said .., *[3:93] Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love;*

The fact is that sympathy for mankind involves the spending on them of one's wealth. ... To be of benefit to another, sacrifice is essential. ... So spending in the way of service to humanity is a measure of a person's level of righteousness and piety. ...

So everyone who gives chanda must keep in mind that by doing so they are trying to gain the favour of Allah and win His pleasure.

Jama'at officials and murabbis must raise awareness about this in an organised and structured manner.

It is the job of the finance secretaries that they try to reach every household to enable all Ahmadis to receive the Grace and Bounty of Allah



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All finance secretaries should fulfil their duties with love and affection and mildness

- Those who have not yet fully comprehended the value of this blessings and respond in hard manner when reminded about chanda, should be reminded politely with love and kindness.

All who give Chanda should remember this – they must not think that the Jama'at System - Nizam - is dependent upon their chandas.

This is a promise of Allah to the Promised Messiah (as) that there would never be any financial straitened circumstances and things will continue insha-Allah. If he was ever concerned it was that the monies should be spent properly.

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I also want to draw the attention of the Jama'at to some routine operational tasks

It is necessary that people listen to the Khutbas of the Khalifa of the time and follow his directives

Robust systems should be put in place to implement these directives in a timely manner.

Centre must make themselves more approachable to all.

The secretaries of finance, tarbiyyat and tabligh must meet with regional ameer - if not twice a year then at least once a year.

If finance, tarbiyyat and tabligh secretaries become effective and active then the concerns and issues faced by the other departments would get resolved on their own.

The members of the Jama'at must be treated with love and affection and kindness

The directives issued at the Majlis Shoora must be conveyed to every officeholder and Tabshir must make sure that this happens.

All officeholders must become acquainted with their own office rules and requirements and powers.

Every officeholder must know his rights and responsibilities.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aba) drew attention to follow the Rule #177, 215 to 220 in the book of rules - especially when a decision needs to be made upon a particular matter.

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Those Presidents who do not carry out their duties despite repeated reminders, their reports should be sent to Huzoor Aqdas.

Ineffective secretaries of finance, tarbiyyat and tabligh should be reported to the Khalifatul Masih

So, as of today, the National Ameer must make their plans and programs on how they will reach out to every local Jama'at and make the Nizam of the Jama'at fully operational and effective.

May Allah enable all of us to become true Ahmadis and enable us to discharge all our responsibilities properly. Aameen!

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- Hazrat Khalifatul Masi said, “After the Jumu’ah prayers I shall lead the funeral prayer of Tanya Khan Sahiba, wife of Asif Khan Sahib of Canada”.
- She was a dedicated, committed and hard working Arab Ahmadi, who accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1998.
- She was a strong preacher of Islam and served Jama’at well in many capacities. She was only 38 and has three daughters.
 - May Allah elevate her status in paradise. Ameen