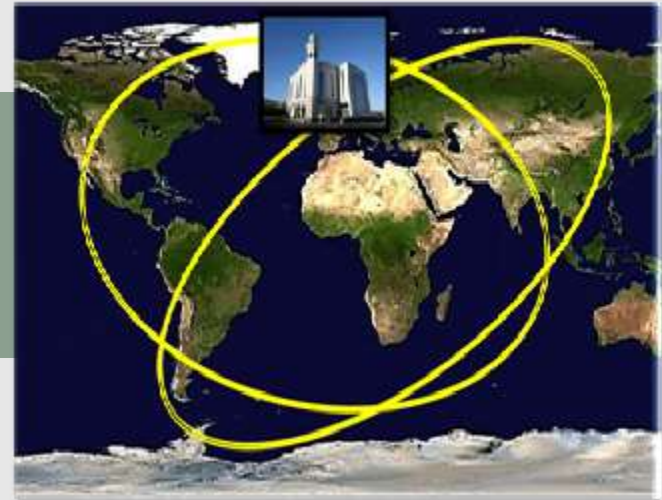


PRIME ATTRIBUTES OF TRUE SERVANTS OF ALLAH



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Summary

“And say to My servants that they should speak that which is best.’ (17:54)

The above verse commands Muslims to speak what is the best; the best is indeed what has been commanded by God.

Ehsen is a Quranic concept of attaining excellence; doing and saying the best

The most *ehsen* word is inviting someone to God, doing Tabligh with one’s words and excellent actions.

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih recited the following verses of Surah

وَقُلْ لِعِبَادِي يَقُولُوا الَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ ط
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“And say to My servants that they should speak that which is best. Surely, Satan stirs up discord among them. Surely, Satan is an open enemy to man.’ (17:54)

In this verse, first and foremost, God’s message to people is to say what is best, and the best speech is that which pleases God.

The term ‘My servants’ here signifies those people who are wholly committed to Allah the Exalted.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has explained the word Ebaadi (My servants) as: 'Those people who believe in Allah the Exalted and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).'

God states that in order to become His true servant His commandment should be obeyed.

God states that His servants should say what pleases God.

This definitely requires concordance between words and deeds.

A discrepancy in word and deed is regarded as a sin by Allah.

Claim to have faith and duplicity cannot go together.

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Ehsen is a Quranic concept of attaining excellence

Ehsen is defined by God as anything that spreads goodness and forbids evil.

It is the obligation of all men and women to search for every *ehsen* things that can take them close to God.

In this regard the responsibility of Ahmadis is immense. As by accepting the Reformer of the age, we have pledged to

- make our word and deed consistent
- try and do what is *ehsen* in the sight of God
- Adopt all *ehsen* things mentioned in the Holy Quran

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Highlighting some of the matters elucidated the Holy Qur'an, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said God states to the Muslims in the Qur'an: '**You are the best people raised for the good of mankind; you enjoin what is good and forbid evil and believe in Allah...**' (3:111)

Muslims are called the best people because

- they avoid all evil themselves and also advise others to do so in order to avoid God's displeasure.
- they uphold the belief that God watches over everything.
- they have firm faith that that the Lord of all the worlds is the One Who listens to prayers and worldly lords [powerful people] cannot meet our needs.

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Giving further details of *ehsen* things, God states: ‘**And those who bear not false witness, and when they pass by anything vain, they pass on with dignity;**’ (25:73)

- Here two things have been forbidden; falsehood and vain matters.
 - Bearing false witness is forbidden no matter what the situation.
 - Elsewhere in the Holy Qur’an it is stated that one should give true testimony even if it goes against oneself or one’s parents or dear ones.
- This is the standard set for honesty which will be considered as *ehsen* and which brings one close to God, enhances piety and makes one the true servants of God.

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God states: '**O ye who believe! fear Allah, and say the right word.**' (33:71) That is, say what is unambiguous and straightforward.

This is the standard of truthfulness which is *ehsen* and which is enjoined by God.

To uphold *qawl e sadid* (the right word) is one of the commandments for *ehsen* things and God deems it *ehsen* that honesty is without any ambiguity.

If this practice is followed, all domestic and societal conflicts would disappear and the standard of honesty in the next generation would be excellent.

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It is enjoined to promptly leave gatherings where crude and vain talk takes place. For example, ...

...when the system of Jama'at is criticised in gatherings, this amounts to vain and idle talk. Such criticism does not lead to reformation.

.. some films and Indian songs contradicts the Power of One God. This is Shirk (associating partners with God).

.. foul and immoral exchanges on Facebook, Twitter or chat rooms and other forms of media.

It is very important for Ahmadis to avoid these matters. Ahmadis need to seek out what is *ehsen* and excel in piety.

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Another *ehsen* action is to excel in piety and forbid evil. God states: '**And every one has a goal which dominates him; vie, then, with one another in good works.**' (2:149).



When one makes an effort to develop piety, word and deed both will be *ehsen*.



The efforts to progress in piety, gives one strength to fend off attacks of Satan.

Satanic attacks are of two kinds; one to break ties with God and the other to break ties of man with man.

On the contrary *ehsan* speech leads one to love God and love mankind for the sake of God.

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The word Satan has many meanings:



Satan is the force that defies the commandments of the Gracious God, instils arrogance, rebellion, brings harm, burns in the fire of jealousy and creates suspicion in hearts.



In short, Satan is against everything that is *ehsen* and which is commanded by God.

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In short there are numerous commandments of God which take us closer to Him but we face Satan at every step in the world.

- Satan creates inconsistency between word and deed and takes us away from God's commandments.
 - It should be remembered that Satan has incited humans since the birth of Adam (on whom be peace) and will continue.
 - The aim of the Satan is to take people away from becoming the servants of the Gracious God and turn them into satanic people.

These days, the world is rife with temptations that lead to displeasure of God.

There are many inventions in technology, the incorrect use of these becomes a means to spread foulness and sin. However, the same inventions can also be used to attain piety. Television is a prime example of this.

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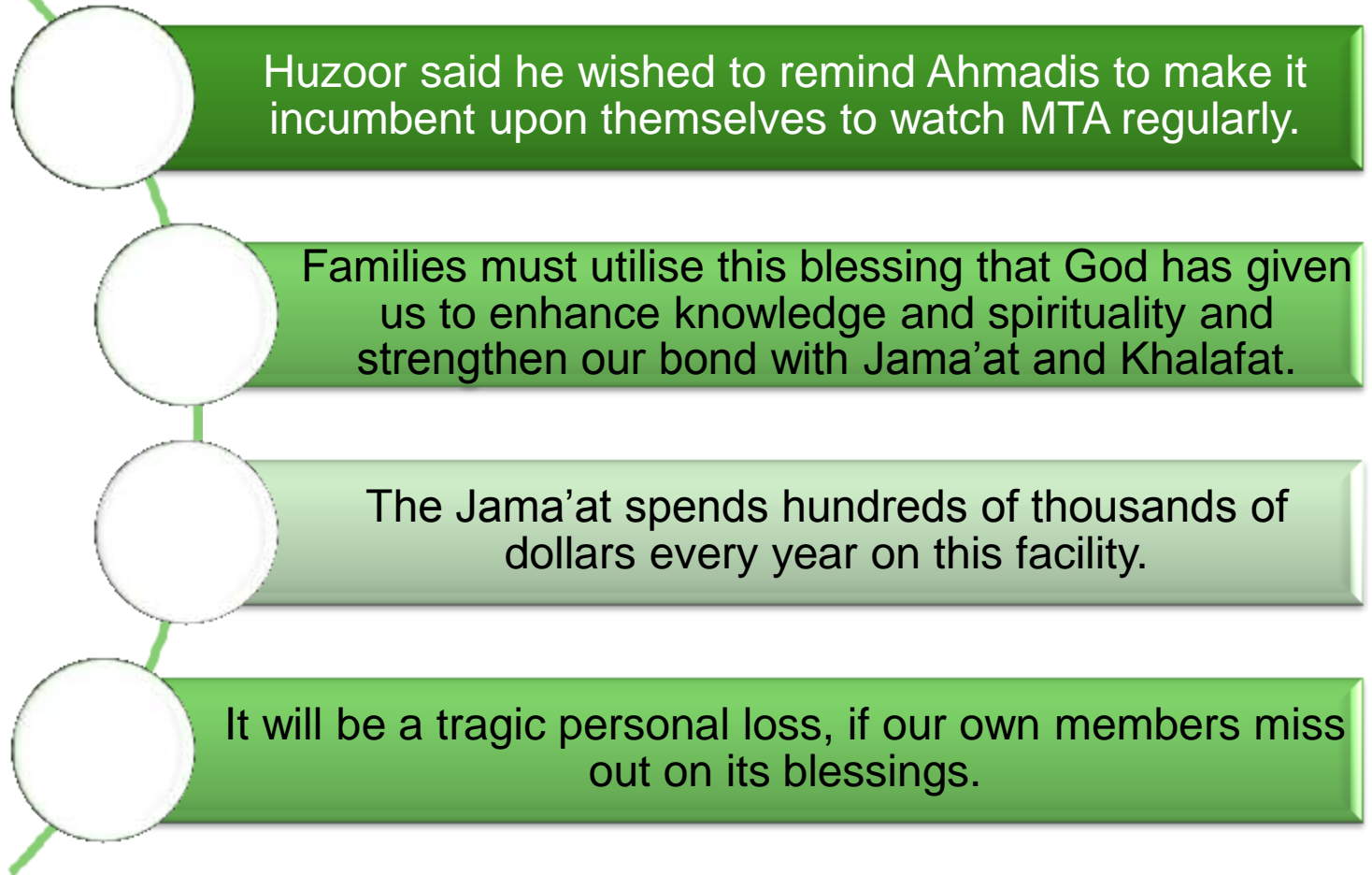
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God granted man wisdom. God states: **'Verily, We have made all that is on the earth as an ornament for it, that We may try them as to which of them is best in conduct.'** (18:8). Thus, *ehsen* use of wisdom and blessings of this world leads to pleasure of God. If we do not make *ehsen* use of these blessings, then these blessings become a trial.

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The first verse recited in the sermon stated to say what is best; the best is indeed what has been commanded by God. In this verse all good things are summarised.

The most *ehsen* word is inviting someone to God.

There is nothing more *ehsan* then to become a source of reformation of others through one's words and actions.

However, this means that one has to be most mindful to practice what one preaches and all actions should be done with the sole intention to please Allah.

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However, one who invites others to God needs to remember that mere inviting is not enough, their actions have to good as well.

Preaching to others is totally inconsistent with the actions such as being neglectful of the rights of one's family and children, not adhering to the commandment of Purdah and modesty, and engaging in the ills such as falsehood, backbiting etc.

God states that one who speaks *ehsen* words should also do good works and should profess to 'hear and obey'.

With this reference Hazrat Khalifatul Masih drew attention of the Australian Jama'at to engage in Tabbigh by adapting one's practices according to God's commandments, perfect loyalty and obedience.

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Australia's population is approximately 23 million and full attention of Australian Lajna, Khuddam, Ansar and the Jama'at should be focussed on Tabligh.

Our task is only to take the message. Results are in the hands of God. InshaAllah results will be forthcoming when prayers are made in conjunction with hard work.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said he has observed that Australian people are good listeners and promote discussion.

If connections are made and then the message taken, some pious-natured souls will definitely accept the true faith.

It is important to take the peaceable, fraternal message of Islam to every strata of Australian society.

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In the last 24 years, the outcome of Tabligh efforts in Australia has been most concerning!



In 24 years, only two or four local people accepted Ahmadiyyat via Tabligh and even they were not be looked after adequately.



We have to face up to the fact that the increase in the number of Ahmadis in Australi is due to people leaving Pakistan and Fiji, not through the efforts of the Jama'at here!



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A concerted effort should be made to widely distribute introductory flyers.

- Networking with the press comes in useful.
- It is understood that the Australian Jama'at does blood donation schemes. These should be associated with Islam which will open further avenues.

More than anything else, you should do good works, enhance in piety, have perfect faith and focus on prayer.

May God include us among those who do good works and excel in piety and obedience. May God also generate good results and the increase the number of indigenous people accepting Ahmadiyyat.

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Next Hazrat Khalifatul Masih announced that he would lead funeral Prayer in absentia after Friday Prayers of Sahibzadi Amatul Mateen Sahiba.

She was a daughter of Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased him) and wife of Mir Mahmood Ahmad Nasir Sahib. She passed away around midnight on 14 October in Rabwah. Inna lillahe wa inna illahe raji'oon. The burial took place on Eid day.

She was born on 21 December 1936 in Qadian at Darul Masih. Hazrat Amaan Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) and Hazrat Musleh Mud (may Allah be pleased with him) had prayed a lot for her. She was the only daughter of Hazrat Syeda Maryam Sadeeqa Sahiba. Hazrat Dr Mir Muhammad Isamil Sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) was her maternal grandfather. Hazrat Musleh Mud (may Allah be pleased with him) wrote poems for his daughter which are printed in Kalam e Mahmood.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that he has observed that especially daughters of Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him), although all his children, were very close to God and offered Salat with great regularity and fervour.

As her husband, Mir Mahmood Ahmad Nasir Sahib is a Waqfe Zindagi and has served as missionary in Spain and USA, she also had the opportunity to stay there and fulfil her obligations as wife of a missionary.

When Masjid Basharat was constructed in Spain the family was there and worked extremely hard for the inauguration ceremony.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) related that during those days if the family had the chance to retire at 3 am they would be happy to get some sleep. With God's grace the ceremony was very successful.

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Sahibzadi Amatul Mateen Sahiba had the food in general and that of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) prepared under her personal supervision as at the time there was no other arrangement in place.

The family also stayed in California for a long time. At that time the resources of the Jama'at could not afford household amenities like washing machine etc. Sahibzadi Amatul Mateen Sahiba undertook all household chores herself and always declined any help offered in this regard.

She also served in the central Lajna in various capacities and had a sincere connection with Khilafat.

She was an aunt of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih but after his Khilafat her respect, love and reverence grew immensely and when she first met him after his Khilafat she told someone that she could not even talk openly to Huzoor anymore.

She was not very well but did come to Jalsa Salana UK this year and met with Huzoor.

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She leaves behind four sons and a daughter. Her two sons are
Waqfe Zindagi.

Dr Ghulam Ahmad Farrukh Sahib who did PhD in Computer
Science from USA and is now working in the offices of Sadr
Anjuman Ahmadiyya, Rabwah and the other Waqfe Zindagi left
his employment in USA and came to London and works with
Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, Muhammad Ahmad Sahib.

He was with Huzoor at the Australian tour but left a few days
ago for Rabwah to see his mother. Both the brothers work with
great sincerity, may God continue to enable them.

She has one daughter who lives in Holland. One son is a doctor
in Dubai and another is in USA. May God enable all of them to
stay connected with the Jama'at and Khilafat!

Mir Mahmood Ahmad Sahib is feeling quite lonely, which is
natural after such a longstanding relationship. May God with
His grace grant him tranquillity and God's grace alone can
make good his loss. May God elevate the station of the
deceased, AMEEN