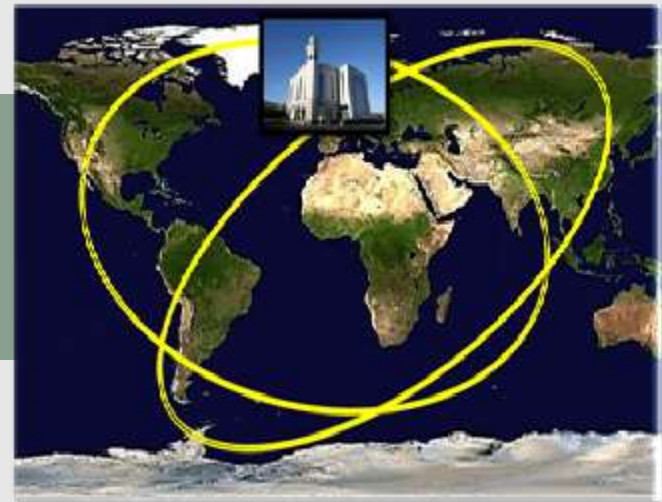


INTROSPECTION, SELF-REFORMATION AND SUCCESS



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Summary

In last Friday's sermon, the responsibilities of missionaries, ameeers, office-holders and scholar in the moral training of Ahmadis was reiterated.

Some people need external help to attain reformation; this external help to reform can be classified into two: supervision and discipline.

Thus, faith, knowledge, supervision and discipline are the tools of reformation.

While the missionaries need to pay attention, every member of the Jama'at also needs to self-reflect and reform their practice.

Prayer and practice go hand in hand to help us to reform ourselves.

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In last Friday's sermon, the responsibilities of missionaries,, ameers, office-holders and scholar in the moral training of Ahmadis was reiterated.

Those entrusted with the moral training of the Jama'at should focus their emphasis on practical reformation as well as concepts of belief.

Their core responsibility is to train Jama'at about the signs of God granted to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Their task is to instil in the Jama'at, through their example a true connection with God, obedience of Khilafat and respect of the administrative system of the Jama'at.

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PRAYER

The first source of reformation is will power or strength of faith.

The second factor required to reform our practices is strength of knowledge or having knowledge.

The third aspect, is the external support or help to hone one's ability and commitment to reformation.

The external to help one to reform can be classified into two: supervision and enforcement.

The objective of **supervision** is to reform others and stop them from creating disorder.

People in the Western world are familiar with the concept of supervision; such as parental supervision, supervision by teachers, social services and surveillance by the police.

In the opinion of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, at times, this supervision is disproportionate. For instance, sometimes even parents are scared to discipline their children when required. This results in children being spoilt!

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PRAYER

Supervision is a tool of reformation for both worldly and religious matters.

Supervision is done by parents, missionaries, administrative system of Jama'at and society as a whole.

When this supervision is done in light of the Islamic teaching that each individual who supervises will be held accountable for his supervision,...

... the supervisor is also reformed in the process!

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The second necessary external support for reformation is enforcement or compulsion.

True, there is no compulsion in accepting or rejecting a certain faith; ...

....but once accepted Islam, a degree of compulsion is necessary to enforce the rules and regulations of the system.

Discipline is a necessary tool for reformation and this is what is meant by compulsion here.

The Nizam (administrative system) of the Jama'at also has to discipline Ahmadis sometimes for their reformation.

The purpose is to enhance an individual and save them from displeasure of God; and increase them in faith.

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Faith



Knowledge



Supervision



Enforcement



These are the
tools of
reformation.

It should be remembered that a number of means and tools have to be used to help people reform their practice.

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Every spiritual ailment has to be cured by treating its underlying cause.

Some people in the world are unable to reform because of lack of will power or faith..

- If strength of faith is instilled in them, they can reform themselves.

Then some people are embroiled in sin due to lack of knowledge...

- If given correct knowledge, they can reform themselves.

While others lack the capacity to reform on their own, they need external support....

- The external support could be in the form of supervision to help them on the path of reformation; while others need to be punished or disciplined to help them reform.

Remember, at a time when religion has neither governance nor power, the above four are the remedies for reformation. We adopt these four ways for reformation within the Jama'at.

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Firstly it is necessary to morally train to instil strength of faith

- For this purpose signs of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), his revelations, his connection with God and the spiritual revolution of his followers should be related.

In this age when Satan is attacking most forcefully

- it is important to repeatedly relate the ways to attain love of God and also relate how when His love is attained, God's loving treatment is dispensed and how the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has expounded this to us.

This strength of faith is instilled by increasing our knowledge about the signs of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), by understanding the reality of his revelations and his connection with God.

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It is a massive travesty if an Ahmadi does not develop a true bond with the living God in his heart.



Indeed, God is Living and All-Sustaining, but those who forget Him, God also abandons them!

Once a pious person saw in his dream a helpless, blind and disfigured leper sitting on a bridge outside Bhopal saying that he is god. Terrified, the pious person questioned that God is meant to be the Most Beautiful, the Most Powerful Being, how could a leper be god. At this, the leper replied that indeed God is great but I represent the form of god as perceived by people of Bhopal! They don't regard God even as important as a dejected leper!

Huzoor stressed for the youngsters that they should not think that forgetting God is a matter that does not carry serious consequences.

God has stated that the ending of those who forget God is Hell. God punishes and none can withstand His wrath.

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There is no doubt that it is very important to have knowledge of subjects like death of Hazrat Isa (on whom be peace) and finality of Prophethood.

Yet, in practical terms, we have to instil a connection with God and for this we have to adopt those ways and means which the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) taught us.

The future is about advancement of Ahmadiyyat and for this missionaries need to forge a connection with God with efforts more than ever before.

Our missionaries must develop spiritually to such an extent that each one of them becomes a sign of existence of God.

Our missionaries should become such beacons of spiritual excellence that attracts people into Ahmadiyyat.

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The trainers and missionaries should make a concerted effort to instil faith in hearts.

They should illustrate existence of God to the world through the living signs of God shown to the Promised Messiah (on whom be pace).

They should reinforce the message of the glory of God to children, men and women again and again.

They should educate Ahmadis in the value and ways to attaining God's nearness and love.

This would help to bring back those youngsters to God who are currently inclined towards the world; then the role models of our youngsters, women and children will attract the world!

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Our survival is in attaching ourselves to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and then attaining complete obedience to Khilafat.

The high status of Khilafat should be so instilled in the Jama'at that we should happily accept every decision of the Khalifa of the time and without an iota of doubt.

Inculcating correct insight and perception of Khilafat is also an important task of missionaries and office-holders.

It is especially the task of the missionaries to make them understand that all blessings are in the Nizam (system) ..

.. and when God wishes to curse a body of people He removes Nizam from among them.

When these facts will be known to all, those who can potentially stumble will be saved.

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**'God Almighty states : '...and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them...'
(24:56)**

That is, God vows that He would establish in the world the faith and the principles which Khulafa want to establish.'

These matters should be instilled in every member of the Jama'at and it is the task of the missionaries and the learned people to try and instil them in every heart.

They should tell people the importance of obeying the Nizam and make it clear to every individual.

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We all should pay attention to our reformation of practice and try and become helpers of the Khalifa of the time.

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What is needed is to do good deeds, to have high standards of honesty and trustworthiness, to adopt legitimate means of income.

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We should not deceive the council for a little bit of money and put our honesty on the line to claim benefits.

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If we undertake everything that is entrusted to us with full attention, cheerfulness and honesty, avenues will open for us in spiritual as well as worldly terms.

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However, if for some trivial worldly advantage we discard our honesty and our trustworthiness, we will bring the Jama'at in disrepute.

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While the missionaries need to pay attention, every member of the Jama'at also needs to self-reflect and reform practices.

For this the greatest weapon is prayer and in this regard we should remember that God states that one should develop one's faith and follow the teachings that have been given to us.



Prayer and practice go hand in hand and will help us to truly reform ourselves.

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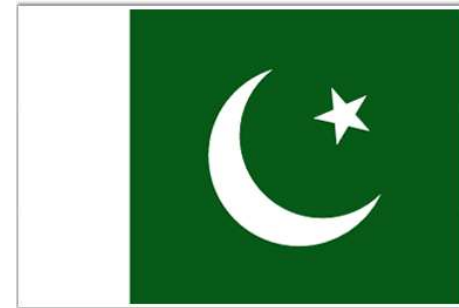
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Next Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said he would also like to draw attention to a matter which has caused anxiety for every true believer, that is, the pitiful condition of Muslim countries such as Syria, Pakistan, Egypt and Libya.



May God give them sense and make the oppressors a cautionary sign and keep every Ahmadi in these countries safe from their evil!