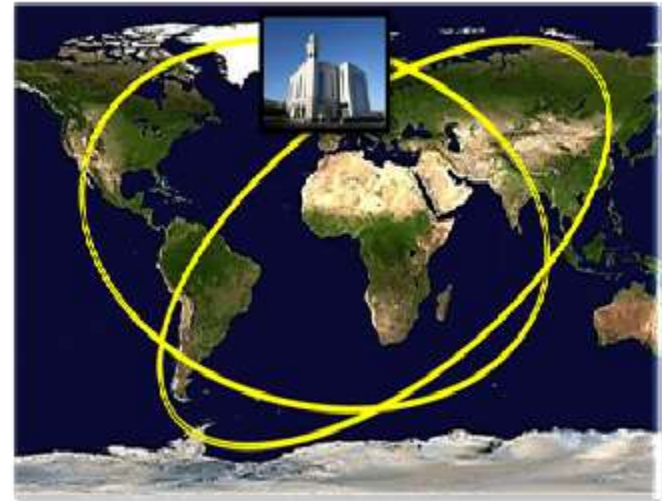


In faith exercise your abilities, help the weaker brother



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Summary

All commandments of God are within human capacity and we should make every effort to attain our personal best in following these commandments.

Every human being is different thus God has made His commandments flexible; these have a minimal as well as maximum level of attainment.

It is mandatory to attain the basic level of faith and then aspire to enhance ourselves.

Just as we try our level best to meet our worldly objectives, we should strive hard for matters religious.

Those of us who have understanding of faith should encourage others. A starting point will be to support each other to attend mosque for congregational prayers.

Two funeral prayers in absentia.

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‘Allah burdens not any soul beyond its capacity...’ (2:287)

This Quranic verse explains that God does not give commandments which are beyond human capacity

It is an essential part of our belief that all He commands is within our capacity and we should make an effort to practice it to the best of our ability.

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Every human is different from the other in his mental and physical ability and in his knowledge and intellect.

Thus God has made His commandments flexible in the sense that they have minimal as well as maximum levels of attainment .

God commands everyone to attain the best religious standard which is achievable by people of all abilities; So *'Allah burdens not any soul beyond its capacity...'*

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that God is High and Holy far above putting His creation through difficulty of abiding by commandments that are beyond its capacity. His commandments are not like human instructions God's mercy and compassion for mankind is endless. When man acts upon God's commandments he is rewarded manifold.

The Promised
Messiah (on whom
be peace) also said
that the Shariah
encourages
convenience rather
than harshness.

Everyone will be
judged according to
their individual
capacities

People have varying levels of intelligence; some have more capacities than others

In worldly matters, people capabilities and talent vary in inclination and standards.



Some people excel in one particular profession while others excel in another profession

Neither God created them the same nor do circumstances allow them to be the same. Even with equal opportunities provided some people excel more than others because of varying factors.

It is the same in matters of belief, some surpass others.

It can be hoped that everyone would believe but it cannot be possible for everyone to have the same level of belief and practice.

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Hadith relates
that a man
asked the Holy
Prophet (pbuh)
about Islam.

- He was told five daily Prayers are obligatory, but if he wanted to he could offer optional (nafl) Prayers.
- He was told fasting for one month was obligatory. ... but if he wanted to, he could keep optional (nafl) fasts.
- The Holy Prophet (pbuh) then told him about Zakat. ..., and explained that giving alms (sadqa) was optional and carried high reward.

The man went away swearing by God that he would neither do any less nor any more than what he was told. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said if this man spoke the truth he has found success.

God does ask people to believe and have at least basic faith, however, God does not demand all believers to attain the standard of Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with them).

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People have varying capacities and abilities therefore what has been enjoined is that everyone should try and attain their personal best.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that God does not ask anyone to accept anything that is beyond their capacity so that His commandments are not inconvenient to practice. It should be very clear that God knows the state of the inner recesses of our heart and no excuse about lack of knowledge, lack of wisdom or capacity will stand before God.

Therefore we should keep it in view that we have to test our belief and our practice. The basic standard of five daily Prayers has been set and men are required to offer these Prayers in congregation. Fasting is also obligatory and if Zakat is due on any property one has, it is also obligatory. These are the basic standards on which one should test oneself.

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Many among us do not even offer daily Prayer appropriately

It is obligatory on men to offer it in congregation

Just as we try our level best to meet our worldly needs we should also try our level best for matters religious and we should try to increase our capacities

One should not give up simply on the pretext of having limited ability

If we are weak, we should seek help to enhance us in the matters of faith.

Worldly law can put pressure beyond one's capacity but this is not so in case of faith. The basics of faith are achievable by all.

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Sometimes students need extra support and help of their teachers to make them understand their subject.

And if teachers do not help, student lags behind. Such teachers are regarded as those who are breaching their trust.

Missionaries and Waqfe Zindagi who have knowledge of faith should make special effort to **support people and raise them from the basic level.**

Attention of faith 'teachers', missionaries and those with knowledge was drawn that if God has enhanced their capacities they should employ their capacities correctly and help others to enhance their faith.

Not only will this enhance the faith and belief at individual level, it will also be a source of progress for the Jama'at.

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God states: **'And let there be among you a body of men who should invite to goodness...'** (3:105)



God has said to missionaries that due to their knowledge their capacities have been enhanced therefore they should help enhance the capacities of their brothers.



We have Jamias all around the world which are producing missionaries. These missionaries should look into Tarbiyyat of the Jama'at apart from doing Tabligh and debating others.



They should be continuously involved in this task and morally train our own.

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Those who are experienced should pay attention to make correct use of their enhanced capacities. **They should employ their capacities like good teachers.**

Majority of missionaries work hard and dedicate themselves to their respective Jama'at; but ..

Some rare few pay more attention to their family life than their work while others spend too much time on themselves, some spend their time around shops three days a week

The role of Waaqfeen e Zindagi is to call people to goodness and devote their lives for this purpose. They should fulfil those responsibility.

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Members of the Jama'at choose office-holders because they consider them to be better than them in capacity, knowledge and wisdom.

This is the basic
standard of choosing
an office-holder

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It is also the task of office-holders to raise the educational and religious standard of the Jama'at. The entire amila should be mindful to act as role-models.

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Sermons and dars should be listened to and Jama'at programmes should be attended for spiritual development.

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It is the task of missionaries and office-holders and amila to constantly remind others of the key points of sermons and speeches.

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Those who have devoted their lives for faith and those who have been given responsibilities should provide support for the weaker ones.

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Some missionaries **take notes based on sermon and discuss key points in their classes**

This practice should be widely adopted as revision is needed to absorb the message of sermon.

If the subject matters of Khutba is explained in an easy to understand manner people comprehend what is being said.

Support is needed and those who have been given the responsibility should try and provide support

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Congregational Prayer is obligatory for men. If those who come to mosque regularly are supportive towards others things could improve.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said that once he came for Isha Prayers and saw only two rows. He suggested to people to bring their neighbours along next time.

An Ahmadi from Gillingham has said that his friend calls him before Fajr Prayer and tells him that he will be there to pick him in ten minutes.

The number of worshippers started increasing from the next day. **Indeed reminding polishes one's capacities.**

If people support each other in this manner attendance at mosques can be substantially improved.

If people who regularly came for Prayers brought their friends along and car pooled things could improve.

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Friday sermon should be listened to attentively

- Reminding certainly improves one's capacities.
- **In Islam all believers are enjoined to take others with them as they move onwards and upwards**
- This is not just the task of missionaries and office-holders.
- The true spirit of Islamic brotherhood is that we draw others' attention to obligation take those who are weak with us while raising levels
- Hadith relates that one who takes another toward something good is as worthy of reward as the person who does the good act.

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Those of us who are pro-active and actively engaged in matters of faith should also help others to engage.

We should help others enhance their capacities and our own as well vowing never to stay still.

If everyone followed this principle, brothers who are weak will benefit and the standard of the Jama'at will also enhance.

By facilitating good for others we will be attaining manifold good from God for ourselves

Effort should be made to use one's capacities to attain the most excellent standard

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Two funeral Prayers in absentia were announced:

J Aani Sahiba of Syria who was living in Turkey. She passed away on 23 January at the age of 57

Habiba Sahiba of Mexico passed away on 19 January. She was over 100 years old and had accepted Ahmadiyyat in June 2014.

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