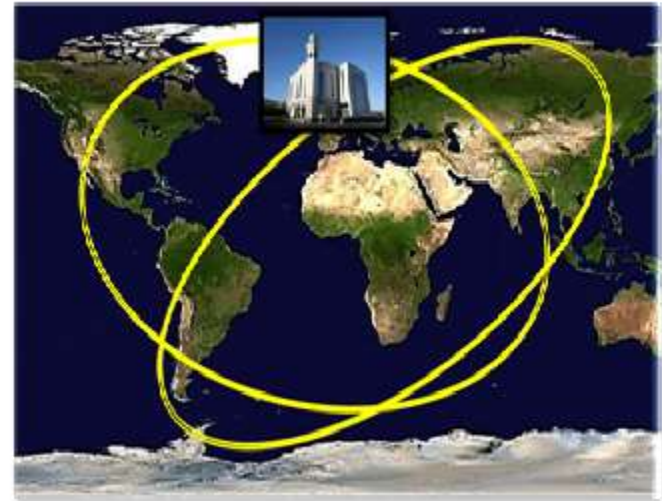


Khalifatul Masih II: Pearls of Wisdom



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Summary

Today's Friday sermon was based on Hazrat Musleh Maud 's views on the significance of even apparently minor, ordinary accounts of the promised messiah's life.

These accounts would provide advice and solutions of many religious, cultural and political issues for generations to come.

The world has been benefitting from the accounts of the Holy Prophet pbuh and will continue to benefit.

The world will also benefit from the accounts of the Promised Messiah. Big conclusions can be drawn from minor accounts. It is our duty to put them on record

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God sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) for revival of faith in the current age in subservience of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

He showed us the pristine form of faith and advised us to give up harmful and erroneous innovations in religion

In this age he is indeed the true example of the teachings and the blessed model of the Holy Prophet PBUH and in this regard his example is also a beacon of light for us.

We are fortunate that our forefathers and other companions related traditions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which reached us

Hazrat Musleh Maud has stated the significance of these traditions in his unique style and has derived counsel about the teachings of Islam from even apparently ordinary accounts

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Many of these companions lived during the time of Hazrat Musleh Maud and he advised them or their families to collect and collate these accounts

He called even withholding minor accounts of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as communal betrayal

And explained that minor accounts are at times most significant because huge conclusions can be drawn from them

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There was a time when Hindu culture had influenced Muslims in many ways and only those were considered pious who did not eat good food.

A hadith relates that the Holy Prophet pbuh eagerly ate gourd/squash pieces cooked in broth and said what a fine thing gourd was.

Once a Hindu from Qadian asked Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I that he had heard that the Promised Messiah (as) ate pilao (rice dish cooked with meat) and used almond oil.

He went on to ask if it was warrantable... Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I told him it was warrantable in his faith (Islam).

He was explained that in Islam it was warrantable even for ascetics and holy persons.

Had Companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) not mentioned the gourd account a very important matter would have been left unsaid.

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Minor accounts are at times most significant

Another hadith relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) wore a fine robe to Friday Prayers.

If someone was to say that not wearing fine clothes is a sign of a holy person we can present this hadith to them.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was so keen on cleanliness that some Sufi saints, like Hazrat Shah Wali Ullah changed his clothes every day.

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Hazrat Musleh Maud says



One day when he was going to study Bukhhri (book of hadith) from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I the Promised Messiah asked him where was he off to. ...Promised Messiah said he should put one question to Maulawi Sahib from him as well. He said to put to him if it was stated anywhere in Bukhari that the Holy Prophet pbuh bathed and wore fresh clothes on Friday

Nowadays saintliness is inferred from being unkempt

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I was simple by nature and due to his very busy schedule sometimes he forgot to bathe and change clothes for Friday Prayers.

Islamic Shariah strongly recommends bathing on many occasions and using perfume and forbids to eat food with strong odour before going to the mosque.

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The world will also benefit from the accounts of the Promised Messiah

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A young man once said that he was a child during the lifetime of the Promised Messiah (as) and his only memory was that he once held the Promised Messiah's hand

who kept holding his hand but after a while he had to attend to something, so he let go of the child's hand to do what was needed

On the face of it this is minor account but big conclusions can be drawn from it. For example, small children should be brought to gatherings of holy people.

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It is possible that in times to come some people will be of the opinion that children should not be brought to assemblies of holy people. People adopt such views when worldly knowledge becomes widespread

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This tradition would negate such views in future

Indeed, it also tells us that when needed one may let go of another's hand to attend to something. It is possible that in future people would have the opinion that a holy person does not let go of another's hand.

Hazrat Musleh Maud said that these matters may not hold significance at the time but **in future when people will develop varied views many thinkers will jump for joy to find such traditions because they will resolve complex matters.**

Hadith relates that once the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was in prostration and his young grandson Hazrat Hassan sat on top of him. The Holy Prophet pbuh did not lift his blessed head until his young grandson got off. One may consider such an act irreligious but this tradition will make him acknowledge his error with the blessed example of the Holy Prophet pbuh before him.

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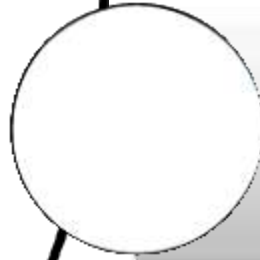
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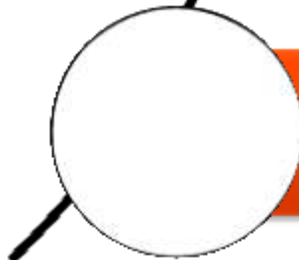
Once a Pathan read somewhere that small actions during Salat made Salat invalid/null and void.



When he came across a hadith where the Holy Prophet pbuh picked up his child during Salat only putting him down during raku and sajdah postures.



The Pathan opined that the Salat of the Holy Prophet pbuh was invalid



As if Shariah was formed by the writer of the book he had read and not the Holy Prophet pbuh

Hazrat Musleh Maud says no matter how minor an account of the Promised Messiah it should be told, even if it is that the Promised Messiah sat down on grass while taking a stroll

Once the Promised Messiah went to a garden with friends and said, let us eat shahtoot (sub-continental mulberry

They spread a cloth on the garden and ate the fruit, harvesting it by shaking the tree

People in latter times could say only cleaned/washed things should be eaten or someone could say it is not proper to eat together

but here we have an example of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) eating fruit off a tree.

Some accounts can resolve future religious, cultural and political issues.

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Many companions wrote down their experiences and registers were created

Now these accounts are being collated and many minor details are coming to the fore

No doubt, accounts of a Prophet closer in time verify the accounts of the law-bearing Prophet



It is said these days that matters of fiqh (jurisprudence) that Imam Hanifa practiced are more accurate



Similarly in times to come people will consider those ahadith accurate which the Promised Messiah verified through his practice and ahadith which he did not endorse through his practice will be considered weak or erroneous.

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Hazrat Musleh Maud said that it may not be right to publish some of these accounts at present but they should be recorded and preserved.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said even today there may be some accounts which should not be published but they should be preserved and published at the appropriate time in future

E.g. the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had a revelation: '*The British Empire will last for eight years; thereafter there will be weakness, disturbance and decline.*' (Tahdkirah, p. 1017).

Some people infer this revelation to be about the time following death of Queen Victoria. The British Empire did gradually lose its power, this did not happen suddenly although some signs did appear.

Once Hazrat Musleh Maud wanted to find a Quranic reference and thought that it would take some time before he could find the verse

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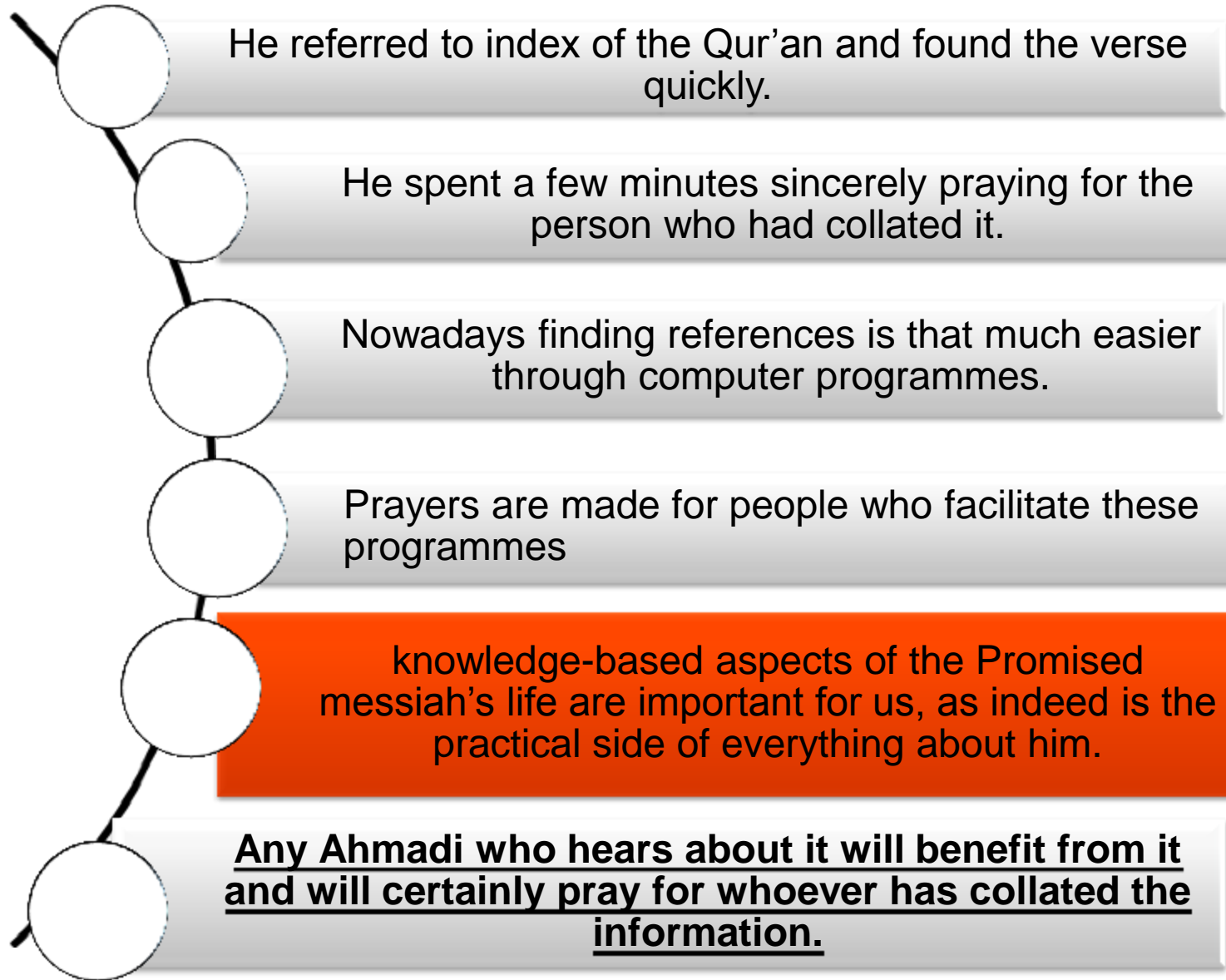
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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that when he started relating accounts of companions of the Promised Messiah some families sent accounts of their elders.



They should now write these accounts properly and send them to Additional Vakalat Tasneef who may then forward it to the relevant committee formed for collating traditions.

It is our duty to get them on record

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The Promised Messiah (as) agonised over progress of Islam and wished Muslims to improve their practices.

The most important aspect of improving one's practices is observance of Salat

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The Promised Messiah (as) arranged for the people of Qadian to offer Salat. This was before he started the Ahmadiyya community



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Most of the people in the area were farmers and their excuse was that Salat is something for the well-off whereas they had to tend the land, work hard or else they would starve.

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The Promised Messiah told them if they came for Salat they would get one meal free.

About 25 to 30 people came for a few days but then became lazy and only appeared at Maghrib time when food was served. The venture had to be closed down.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was very eager and keen to present the true picture of Islam and God fulfilled this

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Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) said that Qadian has four mosques (during his time) two of which are very grand and are filled with worshippers

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ra) said now we have mosques everywhere but attention is not given as it should be to fill these mosques

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Ahmadis in Rabwah, Qadian and other places in Pakistan as well as rest of the world should fill mosques

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It is wrong to criticise such matters

Some people criticise that in some mosques sports are organised in the evenings for youngsters and they thus are lured into offering Salat. **This is not quite how it is**

Others criticise that food is served at functions (at the mosque) so people come to eat food and offer Salat. **This is thinking ill of others**

Some mosques have adjacent halls or there are young missionaries who are themselves keen on sports and gather youngsters.

This has resulted positively in youngsters coming to mosques at least twice daily for Salat and mosques are filled.

It is therefore wrong to criticise such matters. It is also clear from the practice of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that this can take place and there is nothing wrong in it.

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Alhaj Yaqub Sahib of Ghana. It is thought he was over a hundred years old. He passed away on 30 August.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said he used to see his passionat tabligh efforts when he was himself stationed in Ghana.He was a cheerful and humble person

May God elevate his station and enable his family to continue his pious practices

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Maulana Fazl Illahi Bashir Sahib was a long-serving Ahmadi who passed away on 3 August and his funeral Prayer was delayed due to some administrative misunderstanding.

He was born in 1918 and dedicated his life in 1944

He served in many countries including Surinam, Guyana, Iran and Mauritius. He laid the foundation stone of our mosque in Kababir.

He wrote eleven books in English, French and Arabic. Although he was retired he served voluntarily in some way or the other, mostly proof-reading, till his last breath

He truly placed his trust in God and gave precedence to faith over worldly matters and had an intense connection with Khilafat. May God elevate his station and enable his family to remain pious.

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