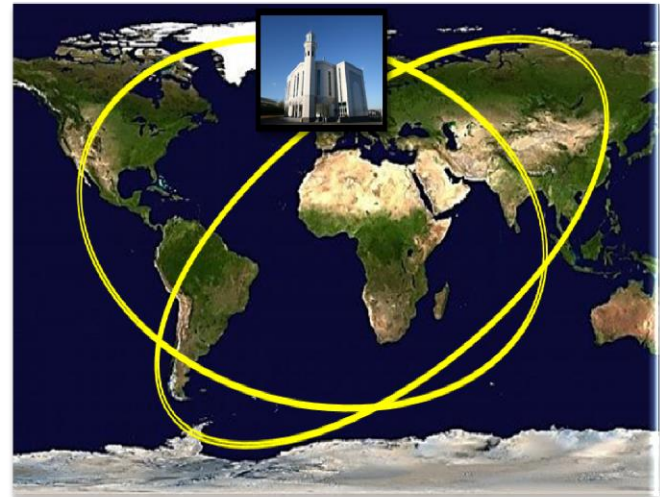


THE ESSENCE OF BEING A TRUE AHMADI MUSLIM




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Summary




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indeed, they should seek God’s pleasure.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has elucidated this subject as follows:

‘Tribulations should not be considered bad. One who considers tribulations as bad is not a true believer. Allah the Exalted states: ‘... When such difficulties descend on Prophets of God they bring them glad-tidings of blessings and when the same difficulties descend on the wicked they ruin them. ... Life of a true believer has two parts. When a believer does something good he is rewarded for it, but the reward of patience is immeasurable and boundless. God Almighty states, these are the patient and these are the people who have understood God.

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God divides the lives of those who understand the purport of patience in two parts. Firstly, when he prays God Almighty accepts his prayer, as stated: '*...Pray unto Me; I will answer your prayer...*' (40:61) and '*...I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me...*' (2:187) Secondly, at times Allah the Exalted does not accept the prayer of a true believer owing to some expediency and at such time a true believer bows down to the will of God Almighty...

it is said that Allah the Exalted has dealings with a true believer like a friend. Just as with two friends at times one listens to the other and at other times he makes the other listen to him. The connection between Allah the Exalted and a true believer is also the same. At times He listens to the prayer of a true believer, as He states: '**...Pray unto Me; I will answer your prayer...**' and at other times He wishes to make true believers listen to Him and states: '**And We will try you with something of fear...**'. Faithfulness is in understanding not to stress on being one-sided in this regard.

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A true believer should not be saddened at times of tribulation, he is not greater than a Prophet of God. Truth is that at times of difficulty a fountainhead of love starts. True believer does not go through a difficulty which does not bring him thousands of kinds of pleasures...Beloveds of God Almighty do not face tribulations because of sin...tribulations reveal accomplishments of true believers. Observe, how the high morals of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) were demonstrated at painful times and in triumph.

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Had the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) not gone through tribulations what could we now say about his high morals! No doubt tribulations of true believers are seen as tribulations by others but true believers do not deem them as tribulations...it is important for man to stay firm on his sincere repentance and realise that repentance will give him a new lease of life. If you wish to experience the fruits of repentance then realise your repentance with your practice. When a gardener sows a sapling he waters it to make it grow. Likewise, faith is a sapling which is nurtured by practice. Therefore, practice is extremely important for faith. If there is no practice with faith, the sapling will wilt away and will be lifeless.'

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To be patient does not mean to not be upset by a loss or a damage; some degree of stress is natural.

- What it means is that one does not let the grief of the loss takeover their life; rather one strives to make the situation better.

Another aspect of patience is to not be start moaning about God and saying why are we getting all these troubles?

- Those, who remain steadfast at the time of difficulty, are granted huge rewards from God.

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God can see
beyond the trials
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Man acts for gain or out of fear, fear of accountability or out of love and sincerity.

Those who have correct insight of faith will follow it for love and loyalty.

The Promised Messiah(as) expected us to enhance this sentiment after taking Bai'at.

If this sentiment is not there any advice given will have no impact.

Can any Ahmadi even imagine that anything the Promised Messiah(as) said would be contrary to the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah? Most certainly they would not.

Those who are this way inclined should ponder over their condition.

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If we keep these words of advice of the Promised Messiah(as) in view and reflect and ponder over them, they increase our love and bond with him

- Indeed, he agonised over the spiritual state of his Jama'at, he was more anxious than mothers and fathers in this regard and repeatedly advised us in order to take us away from the wrong path and put us on the right path.

Every Ahmadi pledges at the time of Bai'at to abide by the conditions of Bai'at and obey the Khalifa of the time in everything good.

- The task of Khilafat e Ahmadiyya is to further the task of the Promised Messiah(as).

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It is God's great favour that the Jama'at is enabled to utilise modern technology, TV and the internet for propagation of faith. The

The written works of the Promised Messiah(as) are widely available on our web site and can be accessed whenever one wants.

It is also translated in major languages of the world.

Likewise, advice of the Khalifa of the time can also be heard and read and is based on the Holy Qur'an, hadith and writings of the Promised Messiah(as).

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Funeral Prayer in absentia was announced for our missionary Hafiz Muhammad Iqbal Warraich Sahib who passed away on 2 October in a road accident at a railway crossing near his ancestral village. He was 49 years old.

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