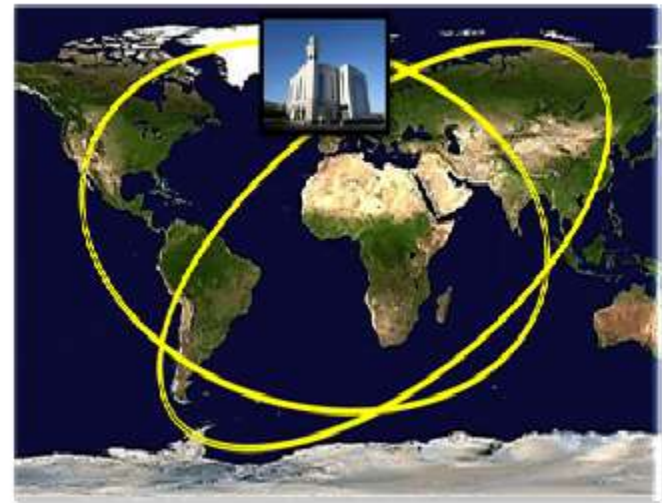


The Promised Messiah and True Islam



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Summary

In accordance with Divine promise a messenger of God was sent in this age to safeguard the teaching of Islam

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) elucidated that this is not the age of Jihad of the sword.

Islam is replete with the teaching of love and peace and today this teachings needs to be propagated.

A true Muslim knows that God is Salam (the Source of Peace) and wishes security for His creation.

God has enabled us to accept the Promised Messiah and has thus chosen us to spread this beautiful teaching in the world.

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Recently a newspaper columnist wrote and an Australian politician also said that Muslims become terrorists because of the Islamic teaching of Jihad and other commandments of Islam.



A politician serving in the Government here in the UK had also said that there are some commandments or the other in Islam which incline people towards extremism.

 ISIS has captured regions of Iraq and Syria and have created their own state. They threaten the Western world and have also attacked it in a barbaric way killing innocent people.

 This has frightened people and has given some leaders, owing to their lack of knowledge or anti-Muslim views, the chance to speak against Islam.

When God stated about the Holy Qur'an

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَفِظُونَ

[15:10] 'Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian.'

He also arranged for its safeguard.

It is being written that other religions also had some harsh teachings but their followers either do not follow those teachings or they have changed them in keeping with the times.

They call for the Qur'an to also undergo changes in accordance with the times.

This shows/proves that these people admit that the teaching they follow is no more from God but is now man-made.

This was destined to happen because there was no Divine promise for these teaching to last till the end.

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In his various commentaries of this verse the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has said the following:

'It has been the way of Allah the Exalted from time immemorial that when He forbids a people from an act it is definitely in the destiny of those people that some among them will perpetrate that act. Just as He forbade the Jews in the Torah not to interpolate Torah and other Divine Books. Ultimately, some of them interpolated these Books.

However, the Holy Qur'an does not state that it should not be interpolated. Rather, it states: **'Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian.'** (15:10) (Tafseer Hazrat Masih e Maud, Vol. II, p. 769).

'It is clear [from this verse] that when a people will be raised to eliminate this Exhortation from the world, God will safeguard it from the heavens through one of His elect.' (Tafseer Hazrat Masih e Maud, Vol. II, p. 768)

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Time and again these people object about the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and try to obliterate it because their own teachings have either been obliterated or only remain in books.

Recently a short clip was being circulated on Whatsapp messaging. Two young men where showing people passages from a book which said Qur'an on its cover.

They read out the passages to people on the street and everyone agreed that it was such harsh teaching of Islam that led Muslims to extremism.

After a while the young men removed the cover of the book to reveal that it was in fact the Bible they were quoting from.



Such are their ways; if a Muslim does something wrong it is linked to his religion but if a person of another religious does something wrong he is deemed to be mentally unstable or has learning difficulties.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

We acknowledge that erroneous actions of some Muslim groups has given Islam a bad name. However, it is malicious and spiteful to target teachings of the Holy Qur'an on the back of it and to get carried away in doing so.

One such extreme case of anti-Islam rhetoric these days is coming from a presidential candidate in USA.

In any case they can say what they want against Islam, neither can any other religion compete with the beautiful teaching of Islam nor their own revised man-made [religious] laws.

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In accordance with Divine promise an elect was sent in this age to safeguard the teaching of Islam and he made us aware of its beauties.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says: 'The Holy Qur'an which is also known as Dikr (Exhortation) was sent down in the early days to remind of the truths and verities which are inherent in man but had been forgotten. By virtue of the firm promise of Allah the Exalted **'...most surely We will be its Guardian'** a teacher came down from the heavens in this age as well.

He is a manifestation of **'And among others from among them who have not yet joined them...'** (62:4) and his coming was promised. And it is him who now speaks among you.' (Tafseer Hazrat Masih e Maud, Vol. II, p. 770)

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'Allah the Exalted promises **'Verily, We Ourself have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian'** and assumes the responsibility of safeguarding Islam and the Qur'an Himself. He thus saved Muslims from trouble and did not let them get embroiled in perversion. Fortunate are those who value this movement and derive benefit from it.' (Tafseer Hazrat Masih e Maud, Vol. II, p. 770)

'In accordance with His promise **'Verily, We Ourself have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian'** Allah the Exalted has sent me at the start of the fourteenth century to establish the greatness of the Holy Qur'an.' (Tafseer Hazrat Masih e Maud, Vol. II, p. 770) 'No other religious leader today enjoys the Divine succour and support that is with us.' (Tafseer Hazrat Masih e Maud, Vol. II, p. 770)

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These are the answers to the objections raised against Islam.

The acknowledgement of people of other religions that they have changed their teachings to suit the times is an admission that their religions are but lifeless.

The words of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) are for the Muslim world.

They should connect with him and silence the opponents who allege Islam to be a religion of violence.

And those who claim to spread Islam through use of force are in fact tools of anti-Muslim powers.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) elucidated that this is not the age of Jihad of the sword.

Permission for Jihad of the sword was only granted under the specific conditions of early Islam

When the enemy wanted to obliterate Islam with the use of the sword.

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Islam is replete with the teaching of love and peace and today this teachings needs to be propagated.

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We have to ask others how they could say that Islam is a violent religion while having no knowledge of Islam.

Each Ahmadi needs to understand and practice this teaching and forge a living connection with God.

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We have to tell the Muslims that by killing each other and through sectarian strife they are bringing Islam in disrepute.

Today it is the Ahmadi who have to impart this knowledge to Muslims and non-Muslims.

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Those who criticise Islam are ignorant and we must inform them of their ignorance.

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The teaching of Islam is that of peace and security and we have to impart this teaching in light of the Holy Qur'an.

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It is extremely important to inform the world of the true picture of Islam.

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Though our means are limited, still we should carry out this task as much as possible through press, media and other means in every country and every city.

With the grace of God our Jama'at focuses on this almost everywhere but the times demand that the media is continuously used for this purpose.

Contacts with the media should be maintained and public should be informed [of the facts] via the media.

With the grace of God we have good links with the media in USA and also have some links here and in Germany. But these need to be expanded.

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Recently an MP from Glasgow spoke in the UK Parliament about the reality of Islam with reference to the Ahmadiyya Jama'at.

So, if this is not followed up people would soon forget.

She said Ahmadi Muslims practiced the teachings of Islam. She said she had attended our peace symposium in Glasgow and was full of praise.

The Home Secretary who was also in the House responded by saying that the Islam practised by Ahmadi Muslims was indeed different from the one acted upon by the extremists.

She added that Ahmadis were peaceful citizens. Of course the fact is that Ahmadis do not represent any new teaching but only present the teachings of the Holy Qur'an.

What is needed is to keep it refreshed in minds as to what the teaching of Islam is.

A terrorist attack takes places and it garners headlines and opportunity is created for anti-Muslim sentiments to be aired.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said

During his recent tour of Japan many spoke to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih including well-educated people.

In fact a Christian priest said that whatever Huzoor said in light of the teachings of Islam needed to be relayed to not just the people of Japan but the world.

He said that the message should not be limited to the event in which it was given but should be taken all over Japan through continuous efforts.

The message of the beautiful teaching of Islam, the insight for which we have garnered from the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) should be disseminated.

Nothing can match this beautiful teaching which is explained entirely in light of the Holy Qur'an.

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God sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

to present the correct interpretation and commentary of the Holy Qur'an and thus safeguard it.

He fulfilled this extremely well through his books, Malfuzat and speeches.

God took the task of safeguarding the Holy Qur'an in this age through him

It is also the task of every Ahmadi to take this message to people of every strata of society and of every persuasion.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote about the peaceful teaching of Islam:

For a fact, Islam has never advocated compulsion in religion. If you closely study the Holy Quran, books of Hadith and historical records, and examine them and reflect upon them as far as possible, you will realize that the charge that Islam every used force and wielded the sword to spread the faith is an utterly unfounded and shameless allegation.

Such charges are levelled against Islam by people who have not been able to read the Qur'an, Hadith and the authentic chronicles in an objective and impartial spirit, and have made free use of slander and falsehood. I know this time is approaching fast when those who are hungry and thirsty for truth will come to know the reality of these slanderous charges.

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How can we describe Islam as a religion of compulsion, when its Holy Book, the Holy Quran, unequivocally commands: 'There should be no compulsion in religion...' 2:257) This means that you are simply not allowed to convert people by force. Can we ever accuse the great Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) of using force, while, for thirteen long years of his Meccan life, he continued to exhort his companions not to return evil for evil, but to forbear and forgive? When mischief exceeded all limits, and everyone joined hands to try to obliterate Islam,

God's wrath required that those who kill by the sword should be killed by the sword. Except for this, the Holy Quran does not at all approve of compulsion.

Were it so, the companions of our Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), in moments of trial, would not have succeeded in proving their sincerity as true believers. While the loyalty of the companions of our Master, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), is a matter upon which I hardly need to dwell...' (Jesus in India, pp. 10-11)

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'Wars in Islam fall under three categories: i. Defensive wars – war by way of self-protection. ii. Punitive war – blood for blood. iii. War to establish freedom – to break the hold of those who kill converts to Islam.' (Jesus in India, p. 11).

'The Qur'an clearly commands not to raise the sword in order to spread Islam and that the innate qualities of the religion should be presented and that others should be attracted through pious models.

Do not think that in the early days of Islam use of the sword was commanded, because the sword was never wielded to spread Islam. Quite the contrary, it was drawn in self-defence against enemy attacks or in order to establish peace.' (Star Of The Empress, p. 11)

'Those who are known as Muslims and only know that Islam should be spread by the use of force are not cognisant of the inherent qualities of Islam and their ways are the ways of beasts.' (Tafseer Hazrat Masih e Maud, Vol. I, p. 747)

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has thus drawn our attention to present the inherent beauties of Islam by increasing our own knowledge and then attract people through good practice.

Here the teaching of Islam is not being criticised on grounds of being violent.

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وَقَالُوا إِن نَّتَّبِعِ الْهُدَى مَعَكَ نُنْخَطَفُ مِنْ أَرْضِنَا

[28:58] And they say, 'If we were to follow the guidance with thee, we should be snatched away from our land.'

Islam teaches peace, if some Muslim groups do not abide by it, is their misfortune. Indeed, they are not safeguarding the commandments of the Holy Qur'an.

That is something the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and the Jama'at will do. We have to show the world and those against Islam with our word and practice that Islam is not dangerous.

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A true Muslim knows that God is Salam (the Source of Peace) and wishes security for His creation.

Among true Muslims certainly Ahmadis have the insight of the commandments and guidance of God regarding giving peace and security to humanity and to establish peace in the world.

When the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) called people to God, they rejected his message. Not only did they reject his message of peace, they tried to ruin his peace.

Yet God commanded to excuse them because they did not have sense and were foolish and asked the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to continue to tell them that his message was of peace and security.

Seeing that this is what God instructed the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) in the face of persecution of the opponents,

How much more important it becomes for every Muslim to follow suit in today's climate and take the message of Islam to others in this manner.

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Our task is to disseminate the message of peace and security.

As the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said if ever force was used in Islam it was in self-defence and to establish peace, never to perpetrate cruelty.

It is out of the question that the Holy Qur'an would ever, anywhere command to raise the sword/use force against those who do not accept what we say.

If Muslim groups or Muslim leaders are contradicting this with their practice, it is not borne of Islam,

it is borne of self-interest or the interests of big world powers who have made these people their tools.

On top of this Islam is alleged to have violent teachings!

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True believers and servants of the Gracious God have been identified in the Quran as:

None of us, in particular the youngsters, should have any kind of complex.

It is Islam and only Islam that guarantees peace in the world today and the Holy Qur'an gives the teaching to end extremism.

وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا ۝

[25:64] ...and when the ignorant address them, they say, 'Peace'!

We all need to gain insight of this teaching and to put it in practice and just as the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said....

... show the world with our practice that today God has enabled us to safeguard the Qur'an and it is God's grace.

God has enabled us to accept the Promised Messiah and has thus chosen us to spread this beautiful teaching in the world.

It is the responsibility of every Ahmadi. Every Ahmadi boy, girl, man and woman should make efforts towards this.

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The world is teetering on the edge of a fire pit. The situation can arise anytime that would plunge it in the pit of fire.

The main aspect to attain this objective is to inculcate a special connection with God, to turn to Him and bow down to Him and to instil righteousness in hearts.

Then alone can we give peace security to ourselves, to our next generation and to the world.

It is the responsibility of Ahmadis to try to save the world from falling in fire and to work towards peace and security and Ahmadis alone can do this task. Effort is needed for this task.

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For such an occasion the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said in a poetic couplet:

It is fire, but all those will be saved from the fire
Who love God, The Possessor of Wonders!

What is needed is to make
our connection with All-
Powerful God stronger still
and grow our love for Him,

May He enable us to try and do
this and may He give sense to
the worldly people to listen to
God and reform themselves so
that they are saved from falling in
the pit of destruction.

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Three funeral Prayers were announced.

Present funeral Prayer was for Inayat Ullah Ahmadi Sahib who passed away on 9 Dec.

He served as missionary for a very long period of time.

There were two funeral Prayers in absentia. Maulawi Bashir Ahmad Sahib, dervish of Qadian who passed away on 7 Dec

Syeda Qanita Begum Sahiba of Orissa who passed away on 16 Oct.