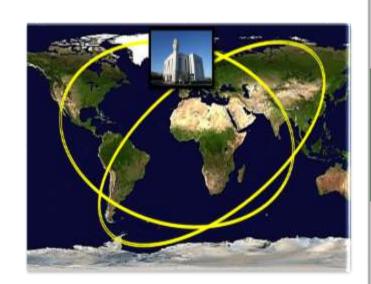


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February 12th 2016 The Promised Messiah (on whom on be peace) used to tell his children stories with moral. One of the stories was as follow.

The flood of Hazrat Nuh (on whom be peace) came because people had become very immoral. When people exceed in sin they lose their value in the sight of God.

So at that time) a bird's chick was on his own, hungry and thirsty in its nest in a tree on a hilltop because its mother did not return home for some reason.

It was gasping with thirst. God commanded His angels to rain down so much water that it reached the nest on the hilltop so that the chick could have a drink.

humanity would be drowned and destroyed.

The angels replied that this amount of rain would mean the rest of

God replied He did not care. The rest of the humanity did not mean as much to Him as the bird's chick did.

The moral is that when humanity deviates from the right path its significance in God's sight is lost.

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The world is deviating from Allah's path

In many countries neither the government nor the public is giving each other its right.



There is chaos and disorder and even in countries where there is no chaos, people have turned away from God, they abuse and insult His name.



There is so much deviation that practices that go against nature are legalised.

We should selfreflect whether after
accepting the
Promised Messiah
(on whom be peace)
we give precedence
to faith over worldly
matters, do we shun
evil and adopt piety.
If we are declining
morally God will not
care for us.

Natural disasters are occurring all over because sin is abound. But these natural disasters are only a warning sign from God.

It is the task of Ahmadis to make the world aware that if matters are not put right God can send down great destruction.

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The minimal good is to give others their rights.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said that we are so used to the un-Islamic ways of not giving others their rights, for example the right to go on strikes without due care and attention.

These days the junior doctors here in the UK are going on strike leaving patients anxious!

Not only are these junior doctors depriving the patients of medical treatment but in places they may put their lives at risk!

During his recent tour of Japan of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih was asked by a very gentle Christian priest about the definition of peace.

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Hazrat Khalifatul
Masih told him that
Islam says
choose for others
what you choose
for yourself. Thus
establish each
other's rights and
create peace.

The priest said he really liked this definition of how to create peace.

Indeed, we cannot convince the world of the beauties of Islam without demonstrating them in our practice even if it means that we have to forego our rightful rights.

It is regrettable that certain cases come before our Qadha board where brother usurps brother and families usurp families.

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When a true Muslim says that he is Abdullah (servant of Allah) he relinquishes all his rights and becomes God's.

The Holy Qur'an also refers to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) as Abdullah: '...the Servant of Allah stands up...' (72: 20).

The Qur'an explains that true believers submit to God with their person and their wealth. These are two things that man is master of.



This indicates that we should not get embroiled in any fight because these two aspects belong to God.

We need to understand now, much more than ever, how to truly become Abdullah. We need to abandon egotism and need to try and attain pleasure of God.



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This is a year of Jama'at elections. We need to reform our thought-processes and properly use our right to vote and also accept the decisions afterwards.

Recently Lajna
elections took place in
a country and a
woman wrote a letter
of complaint about the
newly elected
president.

Complete cooperation should be extended to whoever has been given an office.

True believers should try and make efforts with firm resolve and rather than rely on others, should directly involve themselves in matters, then alone are matters resolved and concluded properly.

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February 12th 2016 The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to relate a story about a rich man who ran a large community kitchen (langar).

Many impoverished people ate daily from the langar but it was badly mismanaged and the owner was not very good at supervising matters.

His employees were dishonest. Those whose job was to buy groceries used to buy expensive groceries and in less quantity than needed and some others took some of it home.

The malpractices of those who cooked and prepared food at the langar ranged from handing over food to their families or eating it themselves, leaving the storage area open where at night dogs and jackals would ransack and demolish foodstuff.

As a result the owner ran a huge debt which he was informed of after twenty years of mismanagement. He did not want to close the langar.

He consulted his friends for advice but did not mention his own failings.

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that the storage area did not have a door and dogs demolished the stored food. There would be much damage limitation if a door could be put up there.

His friends pointed out to him

When at night time the dogs and jackals saw the door they raised a hue and cry as to what would they eat now as this was the eating place for all the dogs of the area!

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February 12th 2016 A seasoned old dog among them calmed them down. He said someone who has let his property pillaged for twenty years and did not take notice is not going to oversee if a lock is put on the door or not. He assured them that they could still eat off the store room.

The moral of the story is that is a lot of difference between possibly wanting something done and actually wanting to do something.

The dogs and jackals raised a hue and cry over what if the man wanted to lock the door but the seasoned old dog said what if he did not want to lock the door, why make the protest!

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Hazrat Musleh
Maud (may
Allah be
pleased with
him) said some
people do wish
to do something
at times but it
does not come
to pass.

This is because
their wish is
half-hearted
and is devoid of
the requisites
needed to make
it happen. It is a
mere wish, a
thought.

This is especially so as regards offering Salat. Many people say they wish to offer Salat regularly but do not.

When we do not use all our capacities and do not seek God's help things do not happen.

It cannot be that someone really wants to do something and is not able to do it.

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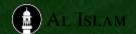
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Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said that he heard from the **Promised** Messiah (on whom be peace) that when a king or leader goes somewhere his attendant goes with him and does not need to seek permission from the host to accompany him.

Likewise, he says, no matter how low our spiritual development we should instil a connection with angels in such a way that wherever they go we will also go.

We will be included among their attendants. If they will permeate hearts and minds, we will be there too.



Our strength lies in our spirituality and in order to strengthen it further we should connect with angels as much as we can so that we can reach people's hearts.

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Hazrat
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Masih said we
should
remember the
basic principle
that when we
gather, be it at
Jalsa or Ijtema,
we gather to
attain spiritual
development.

If we are consistent in maintaining the impact of spiritual gatherings, angels will help us.

True believer is one who does good deeds,

who seeks to be able to do further good deeds with humility and while seeking forgiveness of God (istaghfar).

We will go where God's light will go.

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February 12th 2016 The Promised
Messiah (on
whom be
peace) used
to wonder why
when people
returned from
Hajj their
hearts had
more
arrogance and
vice than
before.

He used to relate an interesting story in this regard. An old woman was waiting at a railway station on a cold evening. Someone stole her wrap/cloak. When she felt cold and wanted to put her wrap on she found it missing. She called out,

'Haji brother I only have one wrap which I am in need of. please return it. 'A Haji sat nearby and heard her. Embarrassed, he returned her wrap and asked her how she knew he had picked it.

The old woman replied, in these times only Haji people can do something so heartless.

Always keep God's mercy in view. A seeker who does not consider any other door but the door of God attracts God's grace. As long as we have God in sight, we will be safe but if we leave His door, no matter how many good deeds we do or good plans we make, nothing will avail.

Next day there was another funeral and someone asked A man was very critical at a **True Believers** funeral of a person who had died whose funeral was it. A longof cholera and said these people suffering person replied this is kill themselves by overeating. the funeral of one who only ate a **Spiritual** small piece of bread. **Development** Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said what is **Natural Disasters** the point making empty claims like the man did.

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Indeed, we can talk about what God has declared. For example, God states: 'Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My

Messengers...' (58:22)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) related that there

was an epidemic of cholera.

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He said: Now, if someone was to say they will crush us, it is not a matter of my strength, I cannot say anything.

However, if they say this about Ahmadiyyat, then that can never be because Ahmadiyyat is going to triumph, come what may.

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We have certainty of fulfilment of Divine promises more than we have certainty about our own life.

Ahmadiyyat will indeed triumph, whether in our lifetime or later.

Righteousness is what is needed to be part of it.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to say that mother love is the most excellent demonstration of love.

He wrote: "On the one side the infant cries bitterly out of hunger and on the other side the mother is so affected by its crying and weeping that milk is generated in her breasts. In the same way, every seeker should prove his spiritual hunger

and thirst by his weeping and crying so that the spiritual milk might be generated that would satisfy him.'



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We should try our best, but not in an insincere, hypocritical manner and after making our best efforts we should turn to prayers as much as possible.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) advised Jama'at to keep optional fasts and Hazrat Khalifatul Masih also advised to fast a few years ago. Which some in the Jama'at still practice!

At least forty fasts should be kept, on a once a week basis.

Prayers should also be made and optional Salat offered and sadqa (alms) given.

In places Jama'at is going through a lot of persecution.

If we supplicate to God, just as a baby's crying generates mother's milk, help and succour of God will come down from the heavens for us, as it has done in the past.

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Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said that it is not in our hand to remove some difficulties.

Like the verbal abuse as well as abusive writings about the holy person of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which one cannot bear to read or listen to.

There was nowhere to go to seek redress for this and there remains nowhere because no one paid or pays any attention.

At least in the past we were not legislated against, now in Pakistan there are laws against Ahmadis.

Courts are bent upon sentencing Ahmadis.

There is a great need to cry before God, especially for Ahmadis in Pakistan but also everywhere else.

They should turn to God with sincerity, offer optional Salat, give sadqa and fast. We have no other way but God's mercy.

May God enable us to pray in a manner that shakes the very heavens!