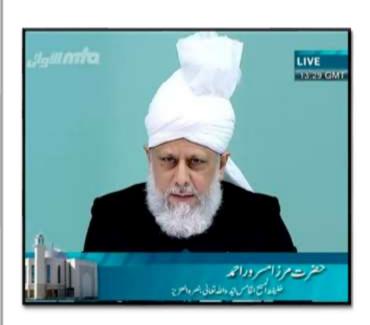
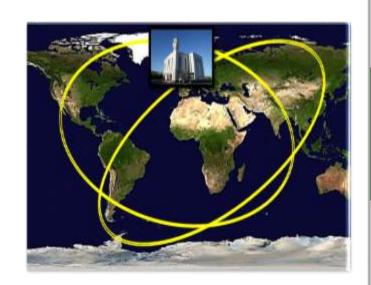
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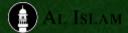


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The characteristic of a believer is to ignore pointless discussions without paying attention. The Promised Messiah used to say that one should be mindful and knowledgeable of their surroundings. When an individual admits their flaws in front of God, God turns to them with Mercy and accepts their repentance If a worldly individual can benefit by his worldly relationships then the relationship with the Divine can help us thousand fold more Evaluate yourselves and elevate your standards If we have entered his fold to be helpers of the Messiah (as), then we should present ourselves for the service

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The Holy Quran says:

...And when they pass by anything vain, they pass on with dignity; (25:73)

The characteristic of a believer is to bypass pointless discussions without paying attention.

There are many people who take part in pointless discussions. Speaking without thinking, and saying pointless things that serve no beneficial purpose can only lead to difficulties. The Holy Qur'an prohibits believers from engaging in such things as they serve no purpose and are of no benefit.



Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) mentions that the Promised Messiah (as) used to give an example of a woman.

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Women are usually prone to pointless inquiries e.g. women inquire about the cost of things or where they were from, these are examples of pointless talk that is purely worldly without any beneficial purpose

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A woman once got a new gold ring but no one paid any attention to it. She became so furious that she set her home on fire

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when people asked if anything was salvaged, she said nothing except this ring. A lady asked when the ring was acquired.

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The woman replied, had you asked this question earlier there wouldn't be any reason for my house to be ablaze.

Feburary 26th 2016 Men at times, after exchange of salutations, start inquiring about whereabouts of another and their earnings. **This is needless**.

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The Promised Messiah defines such things as being those that produce neither harm nor benefit. A condition for a believer is that all of his discussions should be purposeful and he should avoid every type of pointless and non-beneficial thing.

Hazrat Musleh Maud gave example of the western nations that they never inquire about salary or education or job status of another.



Pointless things are not just those that can lead to harm, anything that has no benefit also falls under the category of things that we should avoid.



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The Promised Messiah (as) used to narrate

Once a lowly individual was walking around Lahore and found a group engaged in hue and cry. Upon inquiry, he found out that this was all due to the passing away of King Ranjit Singh.

Ranjit Singh was responsible for establishment of peace.

The individual inquired why people are so restless upon his death? He said that my own father has passed away too so where does Maharaja Ranjit Singh figures into things.

The lesson that the Promised Messiah used to draw was that those things that are dear to a person are what appear great in their eyes.

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A believer should be grateful to others instead of seeking thanks.

The Promised Messiah (as) used to mention an incident It is said that an individual hosted someone, went above and beyond in hospitality. When the guest was about to leave he was apologetic to him that due to his ill wife and other circumstances he was not able to pay the dues of hospitality.



The guest said that by saying this you want me to praise you but you should be grateful to me. ... you should realize that I could have set your home on fire whilst you were preparing food. You should be grateful to me for not doing so. The host thanked him.

Even minor things may seem grand to us due to our need for them and we consider great things minor due to lack of our knowledge. Even if a child is presented with an expensive diamond, he may not care as he doesn't know.

We should focus on respecting our society as a whole, not just within our limited sphere. When an Ahmadi does good in the society it results not only in just his reputation but also of the Jama'at.

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Once a king was very impressed with a Pir [spiritual guide] and used to say to one of his ministers that he must visit him. once the King took the minister with him. The Pir made some totally erroneous historic reference and the minister remarked on it, the King lost all respect for the Pir.

The Promised Messiah used to mention this and then say that one should be mindful and knowledgeable of their surroundings. It is important to understand the traditions and practices of people.

Nowadays our missionaries are questioned about the state of the world. All missionaries should keep themselves abreast of knowledge of history, geography, medicine, manners related to speech, and gatherings - at least to the degree necessary to be able to join respectable gatherings.

When our missionaries are asked about current affairs they are not able to respond adequately as they don't keep up with what is going on in the world or have not delved into these matters in any depth. Under such circumstances sometimes worldly people go away with a bad impression.



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Promised Messiah (as) remarked that an individual had two sons.

He distributed his wealth amongst them. The younger son took his wealth, went away and wasted his wealth. When he lost everything he ended up being a common labourer.

Seeing that he was not able to even feed himself despite working and his father employed many such servants, he decided to go and ask his father for employment.

The father happily accommodated him and celebrated his return by an animal slaughter.

When the other son arrived, he did not like the fact that the younger son's return was being celebrated in this way

He told his father that he had always obeyed him and yet had never been so well treated as his brother. The father remarked that all this is because my son was lost and all but dead but now we have found him and he has come back to life.

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When an individual admits their flaws in front of God, God turns to them with Mercy and accepts their repentance

So learn to forgive your brothers who come to you with pure hearts admitting their shortcomings.

The Promised Messiah used to relate a story. A king liked eating eggplant. When his servant learnt this he started praising the attributes of an eggplant. After a few days the king became sick and said that he did not like eggplants. Upon hearing this the same servant started to say bad things about eggplants.

An individual said that only a few days ago you were praising the eggplant and now you are saying such bad things about it. The servant remarked that, look, I am a servant of the king not of the eggplant

This is the character displayed by the Muslims today. Muslims should display the most robust character and actions but we witness they are the most defamed. Wherever Muslims see even an iota of benefit, they turn towards that direction. The leaders and the citizens are alike.

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Feburary 26th 2016 Forming a relationship with Allah makes one resolve their affairs. This relationship only increases with righteousness. We Ahmadis who have accepted the Messiah (as) have to adopt teachings of Islam & reform our lives. We have to form a bond with God and live our lives accordingly. If we are righteous and have fear of God, only then can we witness success. Angels will help us Insha'Allah.

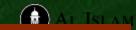


If a worldly individual can benefit by his worldly relationships then the relationship with the Divine can help us thousand fold more

An individual left some money with another before a journey. Upon his return, the individual said no such money was left with him.



Ultimately the individual complained to the King and the King decided to help him and told him to follow a set of steps that would make this individual think that he has good connection with the king. When the man who had been entrusted with the money saw this he decided to return the money.



We should focus upon developing our love with God. <u>True success is</u> to leave yourself at the threshold of the Divine.

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A true believer is akin to a truthful friend. Once a father remarked to his son that none of your friends are truthful. They are here to take advantage of you. I have only found one true friend in my life. The father wanted the son to test his friends.

When the friends realized the son is no longer being supported by his father they distanced themselves from him and abandoned him. The son told his father all of them were disloyal.

The father said now I will introduce you to my friend. They arrived at his friends house in the dead of night and knocked on his door. The friend took ages and the son thought that his father's friend was also similar.

After a long time the father's friend came and explained the delay was because he thought that he may need to help his friend so he came prepared with a sword, a bag of money, and his wife so as to be able to offer him whatever assistance he may be in need of.



When in love, one does not ask questions

He brought a sword in case his friend was in danger, sum of money to financially assist him, and his wife in case his friend was sick.

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The father remarked I mean no trouble. I am only here to teach my son a lesson. Our friendship with God should be far greater.

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Believers should pray to God sincerely. God fulfills our wishes without measure and if he does not fulfill a single wish, we become dismayed.

Those who do not pay dues of worship, should evaluate themselves.

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Those who fail to give precedence to faith should evaluate themselves.

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Those who have come to western nations for sake of Ahmadiyyat but have not paid dues should evaluate themselves.

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We should prepare ourselves for sacrifices for the sake of God.

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When we makes claims of obedience, we should not seek clarification. When God reveals, true believers willingly accept and make plans on how 26th 2016 to accomplish God's plans.

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God awoke Holy Prophet (sa) for guidance of humanity and the Prophet made plans about how to accomplish his goals.

God is above the human expression of laughing or crying. But If He were to laugh or cry, He would laugh at how a person has stood up to face the world and upon seeing a person so deeply in love with Him.

The example of friendship is nothing compared to the friendship of Prophets with God. Prophets relation with God is of a much higher degree.

Overwhelmed with true love, one forgoes logic and reason. True knowledge and wisdom sprout from love of the Divine.

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When Messengers of God receive revelations, God who sees the entire world, asks his Messenger to help. The Messenger does not say how can I help you when you are the Guardian of all universes? The Messenger says Here I am, Here I am.



126 years ago today, God raised His voice and called upon an individual in Qadian who was in seclusion. He said the world has defamed me. I am helpless, O my Creation, Help me! That individual did not think that God is all-powerful. How can I truly help Him?

That individual stood up and said O My Lord, I am Present, I am Present. I will save the world with this faith

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Feburary 26th 2016 When we claim to be the follower of the most ardent devotee of our beloved Prophet (sa), when we believe Islam has entered it's era of renaissance and will reach corners of the world.



of the Messiah (as), then we should says Lab-baik and present ourselves.

Express your love for God, His Messenger, and His Messiah. Evaluate yourselves and elevate your standards

May Allah enable us to do so. Ameen