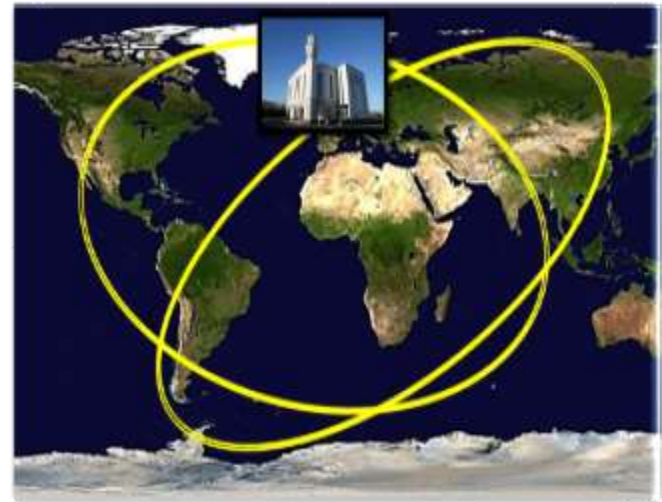


Equity, Justice and Good Conscience



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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) recited the following
verse of the Holy Qur'an:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِكُمْ

أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِن يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِمَا ^ج فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا

الْهَوَىٰ أَنْ تَعْدِلُوا وَإِن تَلَوْا أَوْ تَعْرِضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ۝

[4:136] O ye who believe! be strict in observing justice, and be witnesses for Allah, even though it be against yourselves or against parents and kindred. Whether he be rich or poor, Allah is more regardful of them both than you are. Therefore follow not low desires so that you may be able to act equitably. And if you conceal the truth or evade it, then remember that Allah is well aware of what you do.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

We tell the world that Islamic teaching is the solution to the problems of the world. For that, we present the Quranic education.

During my visit to Canada, a journalist asked what solution for the current problems do we present. I told him, you worldly people and big global powers, in their own selves, have exhausted your efforts to solve problems, establish peace and stop terrorism.

Problems are still there where they were. If it subsides at one place, the fire erupts at another place. You try to bring that under control, and the disturbances start at the first place.

All the materialistic ways have been used up to stop these upheavals. There is only one way that has not yet been tried.

And that is the solution in the light of the Islamic teaching.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

Until now, no journalist has directly told me that if these instructions have any practicality then the Islamic countries should reform themselves first.

These questions can arise in their minds and they may be coming up.

That is why, in my speeches, I expose the faces of these powers, after mentioning the state of affairs of the Muslims.

Unfortunately, the Islamic countries also raised the slogan of Islam; but did not act or even tried to act upon the teaching given by God, what Islam wants, and the practice established by the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him). The result is that the most tumultuous countries are Islamic countries. What could be a greater tragedy?

I relate, that Muslims' not acting upon them is a proof of the truth of Islam and the Holy Prophet (may peace be upon him).

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

The Holy Prophet had clearly told that the Muslims will be in such a condition that they would have forgotten the essence of the Islamic teaching and their base desires and personal interests will become their preferences.

And when such a situation will emerge, His true servant will be born.

His advent is mentioned in the Holy Quran and the signs of his advent are stated in the Holy Quran

and are also clearly explained by the Holy Prophet (peace be on him).

Therefore, rather than being worried, in a way, it is a matter of happiness for an Ahmadi Muslim.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

There is a matter of satisfaction that the state of the Muslims told by the Holy Prophet (peace be on him), and especially the condition of the scholars prophesied by him, has come true and we became witnesses to that.

Even the non-Ahmadi Muslims have started saying that, and are particularly raising their voices against their scholars.

We Ahmadis are happy for a reason that we are included among those who are going to prove the second part of the prophecy

We are among the believers of the one sent by God and the true servant of the Holy Prophet (peace be on him)- the Promised Messiah and the Mahdi (peace be on him).

Through him started the renaissance of Islam. But, will only the mention of this make us the achievers of our purpose. This is a question, we all need to ponder over!

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

The verse that I have recited, I have, many times, related it in my speeches and addresses to others.

I tell them that when Islam talks about upholding justice and equity, the standard that it wants to establish for that is stated in this verse.

Most of the people are much impressed by it. They talk about it in their offices as well..

To further the mission of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), we need to show the practical examples of the Quranic injunctions through our deeds.

We need to establish these models at community and societal levels. The world can challenge us on this.

Do you settle your deals according to these standards of justice and honesty?

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

God has used the word 'justice' at a place in the beginning of this verse and 'equity' at another place,

which means equality, complete justice, and high moral standard, being absolutely clear of any bias, and working without influence and bending on one side.

Now, all of us need to examine if we decide our dealings by keeping the aforesaid matters in perspective.

Are we ready to testify against ourselves to uphold these standards?

Are we ready to testify against our kindred to establish these norms?
Kindred here, first of all mean children.

Do we have the courage to suppress our wishes to bring up these norms?

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

In this age, the true servant of the Holy Prophet (peace be on him) demonstrated these norms.

It is related that when his father was the landlord of that area of Qadian, he was called upon to testify in a farming dispute.

The opposite party called him as a witness because they knew that he will always bear witness on the basis of truth and justice.

He wants to set the same standard among his followers because he wants to create such a community that would act upon the commandments of the Holy Quran and whose good deeds will be of high quality.

That is why a covenant to accept the complete authority of the Holy Quran has been taken from us in the initiation.

God says in the Holy Quran: "**and let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be always just, that is nearest to righteousness.**" (5:9)

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said:

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) says in this regard that animosity toward opposing communities should not impede you from doing justice. Be steadfast with justice because there is righteousness in it. I utter with plain truth that it is easy to act to the detriment of the adversary, but to protect the rights of the enemies and not to let justice and equity go out of hand in the law suits against them is very difficult and befits only courageous men."

Most people love their enemy relatives and treat them with sweet talk but take away their rights. A brother loves his brother and usurps his rights in the garb of love.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

If you get the authority to declare verdict, decide by disregarding the relations even if it harms yourself, your parents, your close relatives or children.

The high standards of justice must be upheld invariably. So, when we shall set these high standards among ourselves, only then we shall be able to tell the world that we are the ones who,

By bringing about a change in ourselves, by acting on the Islamic teaching, have the courage to dispense justice, and we do it even to our enemies.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) expects from his community to have high standards, and to act according to the doctrine of the Holy Quran. Don't join ranks with the usurpers of rights and doers of injustice.

We bear witness truthfully even if it is against ourselves, our parents, our children or those who are close to us.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

We are doing this because we have to lead the world in future.

If these examples are not there, then we shall be breaking our trusts of our bonds by alienating ourselves from God's injunctions.

So, every Ahmadi, in particular, the office holders need to see that how far they are keeping up with the standards of justice and equity as they deliver the rights of their trusts and all of their decisions reach the high standards of justice.

When I visited Canada, there also, people complained about some office bearers or those who have been entrusted with some services, that they do not do justice.

In any dispute, all parties should have assurance that they have been heard and the decision has been reached according to the intellectual abilities of the judge.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

Therefore, every department must decide after cogitating, deliberating, using all of its capabilities, and considering all the fine points.

Pray and seek help from God to grant the capability to reach a just decision. You must pray before reaching any decision.

Similarly, there is the office of the General Secretary connected to public dealing.

They should not offer preferential treatment for their relatives and family members.

It is the duty of the General Secretary and all those who are working in his office to treat every visitor with respect and dignity.

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Acceptance of any duty by any worker is a pledge in itself that he will work by fulfilling the requirements of justice.

This is such a trust that should be purely for God.

These are the trusts given to the workers whether, at the time of the assignment of their work, they have pledged or not that they will discharge their duties fulfilling all the demands of justice.

Generally, it is the duty of every faithful who is bound to protect and fulfil his trust and pledge as God says in the Holy Quran:
**"And who are watchful of their trusts and their covenants."
(23:9)**

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

Those who work purely for God or say that they are doing it for the sake of Allah- How much careful they should be?

Those who have been especially assigned these duties; even more careful than a common faithful.

Here, I want to clarify that you should not think that only central office bearers are being addressed here.

All office holders are included who need to see if they are meeting all the demands of justice.

This is not about Canada only; there are complaints from Germany and certain other countries as well.

Therefore, there is a need to set their conduct aright everywhere, otherwise by not fulfilling the requirements of justice, they are not only ignoring their trusts and pledges but also breaking their trusts.

Allah says that He does not favour those who break their trusts. Instead of serving and earning blessings, they are incurring the displeasure of God by doing injustice and showing arrogant behaviour.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

Wherever mistakes are made, instead of finding lame excuses, they should ask for forgiveness and try to reform.

Our office bearers should examine themselves that if they are meeting the demands of justice by following the principles told by God.

God wants them to do their tasks with purity of heart.

Every office bearer has to work genuinely for God's sake and fulfil the requirements of justice.

If a matter is brought forth that has been decided wrongfully, then they should admit their mistakes and rectify those decisions.

It is the good job that counts; being president, secretary or amir by itself doesn't have any merit.

Mend your ways and remember Allah's commandment:
"and speak to men kindly" (2:84)

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

Office bearers need to assess their conduct in every country of the world.



Our office bearer particularly and every Ahmadi generally, should serve as a role model before the world.



Where there are spectacles of disorder disarray, and usurping of rights in the world, there should be displays of justice and fulfilment of rights in the Jama'at.

With that perspective, the world will assess the Jama'at with its members as role models.

Therefore, every Ahmadi should remember that it is not the responsibility of the office holders only.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

They should purge themselves of any kind of partiality in their mutual dealings.

They should not be biased towards any side.

All Ahmadiis are responsible to found exemplary models in their relationships, fulfil the demands of justice, and take their conducts to a higher level.

The attestation and statement of an Ahmadi should be exemplary in their equity and truthfulness and the world should proclaim that the testimony of an Ahmadi meets the highest standards of justice.

If we achieve that, then, we are true to our speeches and propagation, otherwise, we are just like others.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

While telling the sign of a true faithful, The Holy Prophet (peace be on him) says that faith and infidelity, and truth and falsehood cannot exist together in any person's heart.

Every Ahmadi should remember that, in our initiation, we have pledged to refrain from all kinds of vices

and ignoring the pledge and not acting upon it is tantamount to breaking the trust.

Then, in a Hadith, he says and all office holders should remember, that a faithful cannot break the trust in three matters.

- 1) truthfulness of intention in Godly matters.
- 2) mutual goodwill for every Muslim.
- 3) living together with Muslim community.

When everyone will deliver each other's rights, the race for attaining rights will end automatically. People will deliver rights rather than demand them.

Every Ahmadi should remember that it is being one with the Jama'at of Muslims that makes you a True Muslim.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

At this time, there is one and only one Jama'at which is called Jama'at Ahmadiyya Muslama.

And this is the only Jama'at which is known by a single name throughout the world. There is no other international Jama'at that is known by one name throughout the world.

Thus, to stick together with it and become a part of the system of the Jama'at is what makes a true Muslim according to the saying of the Holy Prophet (peace be on him).

Being that fortunate, every Ahmadi cannot be thankful enough to God. The true thankfulness is a complete allegiance to the system of Jama'at and to the obedience to Khilafat. May Allah grant every Ahmadi the capacity for that gratefulness and may grant the ability to fulfil the demands of justice.

May every official of the Jama'at understand his responsibilities, be able to fulfill his pledges and trusts, and be discharging his responsibilities in accordance with the demands of justice.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

The justice that was established by the Holy Prophet (peace be on him), and the norms for which were set by his true servant in this age as well, and which was also expected from his followers. May Allah give us the ability to do so as well. Ameen.

May this beautiful education continue in our generations and we should work toward that as well.

When the time comes, we shall be able to show the true justice established in the world.

Huzoor announced the funeral prayers of Adnan Muhammad Sahib of Syria, Bashir Begum Sahiba, wife of Manzoor Ahmad Cheema Sahib, and Rana Mubarak Ahmad Sahib.