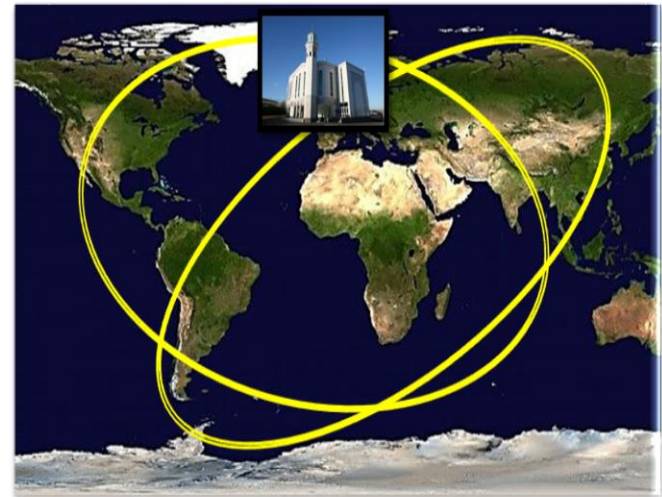


Attributes of True Ahmadis



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Huzoor (aba) gave practical advice about how to become a true Ahmadi and what practices to follow to attain true Bai'at.

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Indeed, accepting the Promised Messiah (as) is the first step towards Ahmadiyyat...

...however, to practically become an Ahmadi, it is mandatory to make a concerted effort to follow all the practices expected of an Ahmadi, with total commitment and dedication.

Otherwise, it is all verbosity.

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The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said
'To take Bai'at [pledge of allegiance] means handing over your life to Almighty Allah'.

Thus, this matter is not insignificant.

We forfeit all our rights on something that we have sold to others.

This is the very practical state, we ought to have regarding our lives.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said
'person taking Bai'at has to first adopt meekness and humility and has to distance themselves from their ego and selfishness'.

After taking Bai'at, one has to forsake one's ego and selfishness, only then one can make spiritual progress. A Bai'at, tainted with conceit, is of no use at all.

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Thus, “selling of one’s life” means that one should adopt humbleness and meekness and letting go of and selfishness.

One needs to aspire to get to a state, where “self” is conquered and one’s every action is in accordance with to the commandment of Allah the Exalted.

When this state is achieved, then it is not possible that God Almighty would destroy such a soul.

Once you have offered your life to Allah the Exalted, He values it and protects it in every way.

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The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said 'I have repeatedly told my Jama'at that you should not merely rely on this Bai'at. You will not attain salvation until you reach the true essence of the Bai'at'.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said
'I advise you repeatedly that you should purify yourselves in the same manner the companions of the Holy Prophet (sa) transformed themselves. Thus, look at the wonderful and pure transformations of the companions'.

They overcame years of animosity for the sake of their faith, rather than forsaking the mosque for a trivial quarrel. They forsake all form of overt and covert *Shirk*.

When taking Bai'at, a true Ahmadi pledges to avoid all forms overt and covert *Shirk*.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said 'worshipping resources and revering worldly gods are also forms of Shirk. What is meant by worldly gods? These are worldly benefits, for which a person neglects and discards the commandments of faith and God Almighty. If a person discards a religious command to fulfil a worldly desire, he becomes guilty of Shirk'.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said 'Every object, word or deed, which is given the same grandeur as is the due right of God the Exalted, is an idol in the sight of God... Furthermore, it is to not suggest anyone more powerful in comparison to Him, to not accept anyone as the provider'.

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Someone said to me that people give such a high status to Khilafat and the Khalifa of the time, to the extent that they have reached this stage of Shirk.

It should be clear that the Promised Messiah (as) came in servitude to the Holy Prophet (sa) in order to eradicate Shirk from the world.

Hence, it is impossible that his true caliphate could encourage any form of Shirk.

Thoughts, that high status of Khilafat is a form of Shirk, is the product of naïveté and lack of moral training and should be abandoned.

When taking Bai'at, a true Ahmadi pledges to refrain from falsehood and moral evils.

Allah the Exalted states in the Holy Qur'an [Arabic], which means, '*Shun therefore the abomination of idols, and shun all words of untruth.*'

The Holy Prophet (sa) then said that lying leads one to indecency and sinfulness and these leads one to hell.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said 'Ponder over the fact that in this verse falsehood has been compared with an idol and as a matter of fact, **falsehood is also an idol**. Otherwise, why would a person leave the truth and turn to falsehood. ... Falsehood is also an idol and the person who places his faith in this, removes his faith in God. Hence, **by telling lies, one also loses God**'.

There are some who lie even in trivial matters. This does not behove a believer.

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Then there is an evil which the Promised Messiah (as) has particularly spoken about and especially admonished his followers to avoid. In fact, it is included in the conditions of Bai'at (oath of allegiance), and that is adultery.

God Almighty has said [Arabic] 'And come not near unto adultery;'

This means that one should avoid gatherings and occasions in which these thoughts may come to mind.

Currently, TV and internet show such indecent films which openly incite one to adultery.

The Promised Messiah (as) has advised us to even not to think about adultery, every single Ahmadi must especially avoid all media that promotes adultery and indecency.

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Then, to become a true Ahmadi the Promised Messiah (as) has drawn special attention to refrain from all kinds of injustice.

He states, 'If you wish to associate yourselves to me, then do not allow any thought of mischief, injustice or evil creep in your mind. The Promised Messiah (as) then states that the highest standard of the upholding of rights of others is encompassed in the teachings of Islam. Instead of taking one's rights Islam draws our attention to fulfilling the rights of others.'

The standard which the Promised Messiah (as) set, is that one should not even let the thought of doing an injustice come to mind, far from practicing this.

Furthermore, an important condition of being a believer is to worship God Almighty

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said ‘So listen all you who consider yourselves to be of my community. When you truly tread the path of righteousness, only then will you be counted in heaven as my community. So, perform your prayers five times a day inspired by such awe and awareness of the presence of Almighty God as if you were seeing Him with your own eyes’.

The Holy Prophet (sa) states, “The first thing for which a person would be called to account for on the Day of Judgement is the Prayer. If he succeeds in this account, he would be successful and will attain salvation. If that account is deficient, he will be ruined and will be a loser.”

It is also important to offer the Tahajjud and Nawafil prayers and one should pay focus towards this.

Another extremely important aspect which every Ahmadi should be mindful of is to constantly pay attention towards seeking forgiveness for their sins.

Man is weak, and at times, despite trying not to, ends up committing mistakes.

God Almighty has prescribed a method through which one can seek forgiveness for his sins and safeguard himself from committing future sins, and that is through *Istighfar* [seeking forgiveness].

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) states, 'Istighfar is so that one should continue to seek God's protection from all sins—obvious or hidden, known or unknown, whether committed by hand, legs, tongue, nose, or eyes.'

For this, the Promised Messiah (as) has taught the following prayer of the Holy Quran which should be read in this day and age, and that prayer is: That is, 'Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves; and if Thou forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the lost.'

Then, arrogance is another major ill which God Almighty has taught us in the Holy Quran to refrain from.

The Holy Prophet (sa) has also drawn our attention to this and stated that one whose heart has arrogance as little as a small grain will not be allowed to enter Paradise.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) states, 'I admonish my Jama'at to shun arrogance, because arrogance is most loathsome to Allah, the Lord of Glory.

To be boastful about one's race, is a form on arrogance and every Ahmadi should abstain from such thinking.

Another aspect which the Promised Messiah (as) has drawn our attention towards and which God Almighty and the Holy Prophet (sa) have also instructed us to perform is financial sacrifices.

The administration or the Secretary Finance is not aware of what the Chanda payers' actual income is, however God Almighty has full knowledge of it.

One should assess their income because the payment of Chanda is a matter between the individual and God Almighty.

Therefore, in view of this everyone should assess their budgets again and revise their payments.

Thus, all those people who – despite living in comfort do not pay their chanda according to the prescribed rate – I would like to draw their attention towards this matter so that they can become the recipients of God's blessings.

Today, the last matter towards which I would like to remind you all is obedience.

The Holy Quran has commanded us on several instances to obey God Almighty and His Messenger (sa), and also to show obedience to those who are in authority over you.

Furthermore, the Promised Messiah (as) has also included obedience as one of the stipulations for taking the Bai'at and that is for one to pledge that they will obey every ma'roof command, until their last breath. It is not the job of an individual to interpret what is meant by the word maroof.

A maroof decision is one which is in line with the Quran, the practice of the Holy Prophet (sa) and his sayings, and also that which falls in line with the Just Arbitrator of this era. Through this, the unity of the Jamaat can be upheld.

The Promised Messiah (as) has clearly stated that it was not his desire to increase the number of followers with those who had no idea of what obedience entails.

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The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said
'I have advised my community on numerous occasions that one should not rely on the mere verbal proclamation of your pledge of allegiance. Until one understands the reality of the Bai'at, they cannot attain salvation'.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said

"If those who affiliate themselves with me and enter into my Bai'at, yet fail to reform themselves and do not live their lives according to the teachings of God and His Messenger (sa), then such a person's Bai'at is futile."..'

May God Almighty grant all of us true understanding of the Islamic teachings and enable us to act upon them.
May we become those who fulfil the rights of entering into the Bai'at of the Promised Messiah (as) and always remain attached to khilafat.