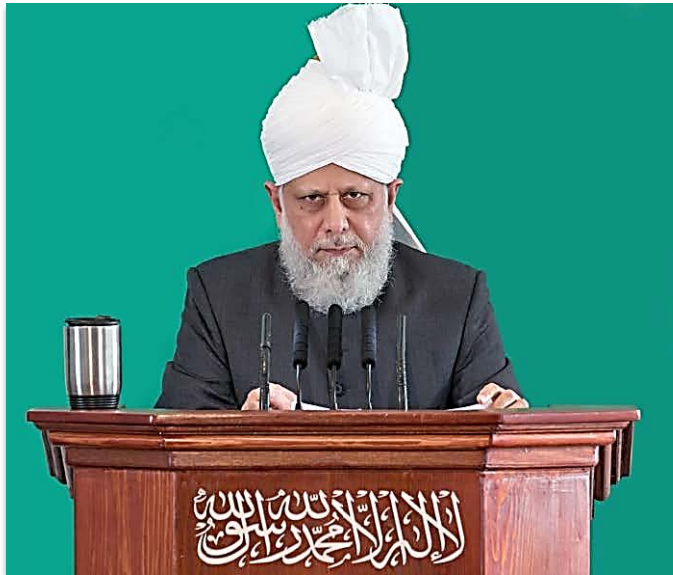
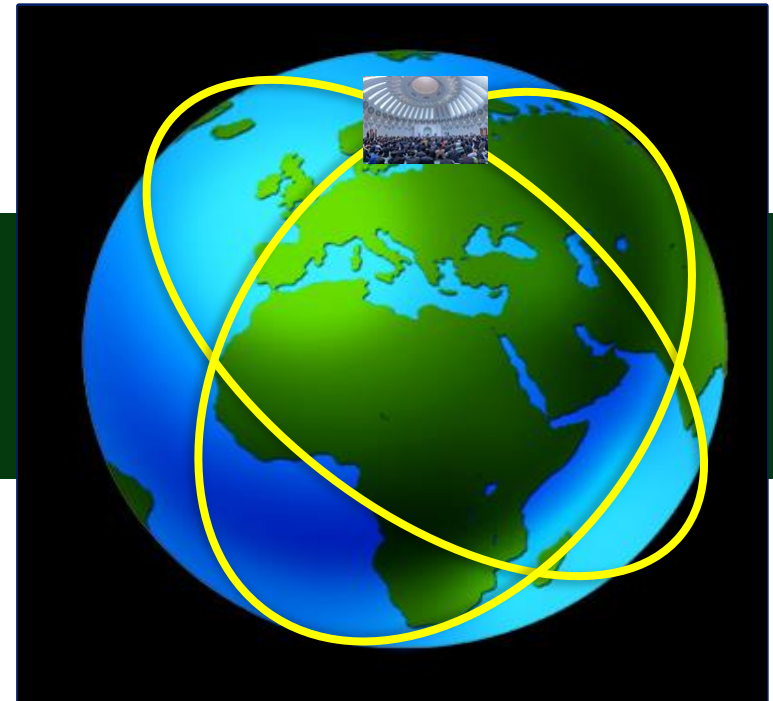


# Elements of Faith & Quality of Worship



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His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that it is a great blessing of God upon those who have come to the USA for enabling them to settle in this developed country.

Many Ahmadis of Pakistan have settled in the USA and they continue to do so, on account of the fact that the conditions for Ahmadis have continued to become increasingly difficult in Pakistan.

Ahmadis should be grateful to such governments who grant them refuge. However, the greatest favour of God upon us is that He has enabled us to accept the Imam of the Age, and the most ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (sa).


Therefore, if we truly wish to be grateful to God, it is incumbent upon us to obey His commandments, do justice to worshipping Him and do justice in fulfilling the rights owed to His creation.

His Holiness (aba) said that in this era, the Promised Messiah (as) is the true guide who, as foretold by the Holy Prophet (sa), was to guide us upon the true path of Islam. We must recognise that the true teachings of Islam today can only be understood through the Promised Messiah (as), for God bestowed upon him true understanding of the Holy Qur'an's meanings.


He is the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (sa) and it was based on the practice and teachings of the Holy Prophet (sa) that he desired to teach his Community. Hence, we will have to live our lives according to the manner taught by the Promised Messiah (as).

We must accept him to be the judge and just arbiter of this age and we must have firm conviction that if one wishes to tread the true path of Islam, then one must accept and follow the Promised Messiah (as).

His Holiness (aba) said that the Promised Messiah (as) taught that one must not merely accept and pledge allegiance, but they must understand why they have done so and the underlying reasons behind it. Mere doubt or conjecture cannot suffice in one's life, rather one must have firm conviction.



The Holy Prophet (sa) assured that there would be an Imam in the latter days who would be the judge and just arbiter. When that is the case, what doubt can remain.



Hence, the Promised Messiah (as) said that those who accept him yet still raise objections are more unfortunate than those who simply were unable to recognise him, for such people are blind despite having borne witness to him.

Not only the Promised Messiah (as), but the Holy Prophet (sa) also foretold that there would be a system of successorship after the Messiah (as) which would remain until the end of times.

This system of successorship is none other than the Ahmadiyya Caliphate which continues to uphold the teachings of the judge and just arbiter of this age.

Every Ahmadi pledges loyalty and obedience to the Caliphate, therefore it is incumbent upon every Ahmadi to uphold this pledge, in order to uphold their pledge of allegiance to the Promised Messiah (as).

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The Promised  
Messiah (as) who  
said that this  
Community was  
established in order  
to unveil the truth  
because without  
this, no light can be  
spread to the world.

Hence, he enjoined  
Ahmadis to not only  
read the Holy  
Qur'an, but to  
ponder over and  
understand it.

The Holy Qur'an is  
not a storybook,  
rather it is a code of  
conduct for life.

His Holiness (aba)  
said that if, after  
coming to these  
developed  
countries, we forget  
this code of conduct  
and do not focus on  
our faith, then our  
future generations  
will continue to  
deviate from the  
faith.

Our foundational  
purpose should be  
to establish a  
connection with  
God and to read,  
ponder and act  
upon His Book.

It is only when we  
do this that we will  
be able to do justice  
to our pledge of  
allegiance.

New Ahmadis or Ahmadis who converted some time ago should remember that merely undertaking the pledge of allegiance does not suffice. Their true purpose will only be fulfilled when they adopt the teachings of Islam, which cannot happen until they read and understand the Book of God, the Holy Qur'an.

His Holiness (aba) quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who said that by accepting him, one may have drawn near to a spring which God created for everlasting life, however one must still drink from this spring. One must beseech God for the ability to drink from this spring, because without the help of God, one is unable to do anything.

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His Holiness (aba) said that every person should analyse themselves and think that when they proclaim the Islamic creed, do they truly give precedence to Allah over all else? Do they comply with the commandments of God? Do they turn to prayer when it is time?

If this is not the case, then although they proclaim the unity of God, there is a hidden form of shirk (associating partners with God) in their actions.

People have given precedence to their worldly work, whereas a true believer understands that they can only achieve true success in their worldly work through the blessings of God. The Promised Messiah (as) said that if one does not reach this realisation, then they have not fulfilled the true purpose of their pledge of allegiance.

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His Holiness  
(aba) said that  
maintaining a  
worldly  
mentality  
renders a  
person's pledge  
of allegiance to  
him useless.

The current  
state of the  
world points to  
looming dark  
clouds of  
destruction.

Hence, those  
living in the  
developed world  
should not think  
they are  
immune and in  
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One must not think they have ensured their safety and a bright future for their children by migrating here. This is not the case, in fact, it is only God who can save us, which is why we must bow before Him while enjoining our future generations to do the same. Only then can we and our future generations be saved.

The world cannot save us. It is only when we embody the Islamic creed that God will have mercy and save us and the rest of the world.


His Holiness (aba) further quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who said that just as one is kind to their children, another form of kindness is to pray for them to be safeguarded from calamity. One who prays never returns unsuccessful.

One should thus be sincere in their prayers. The Promised Messiah (as) said this at a time when the plague was rampant, however as the world is leading itself down a path of destruction, it is ever more important to focus on prayers in order to save the world.

If one does not reflect on how they spent their days; what they did well and where they fell short, then they cannot improve. Using immoral language can lead to rifts and enmity, hence one should always be mindful of their language.



His Holiness (aba) said that another quality outlined by the Promised Messiah (as) is mutual harmony and brotherhood. He said that this Community will not flourish until everyone develops mutual love.



Rather than treating the weaker ones with contempt and enmity, one should utilise their faculties and treat them with love and affection. He said that a community is formed when one covers the faults of others and a true spirit of brotherhood is cultivated.

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No matter our race, whether white, African-American, Pakistani, Indian or Spanish, after having joined the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community we are all from a single spiritual father.

May we mould ourselves according to the desires of the Promised Messiah (as), may we give precedence to our faith over the world, may we develop the fear of God and may we truly be those who do justice to 'I bear witness that there is no God but Allah.'

May we become part of those in the latter days for whom God gave glad tidings to the Holy Prophet (sa). His Holiness (aba) said that it was on this day 28 years ago, on 14th October that this mosque (Baitur Rahman, Maryland, USA) was inaugurated.

*Those living in the vicinity of this mosque should analyse themselves and see how much their spirituality has progressed in the last 28 years and whether they have done justice to this mosque.*

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