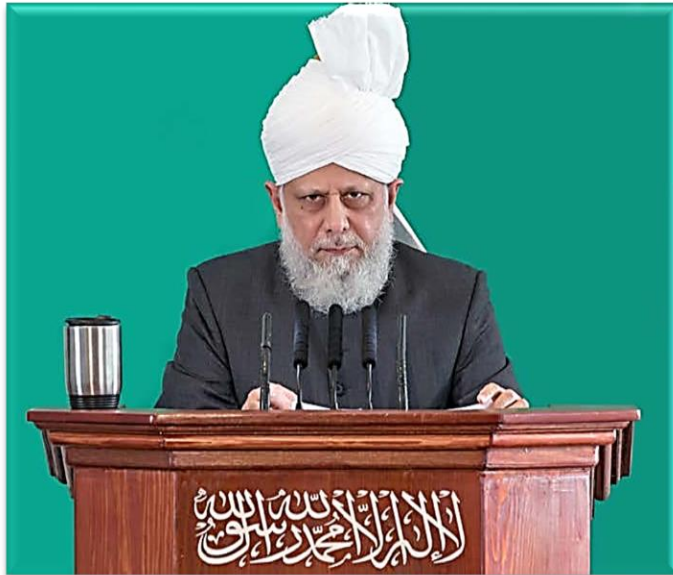
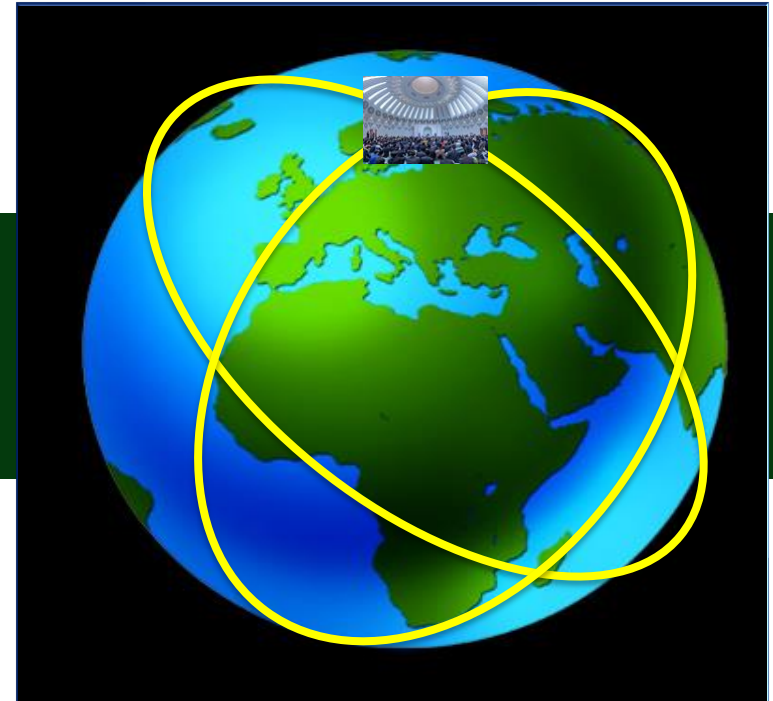


# Staying Faithful to Your Trust



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## Summary

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## ‘Entrusting Matters to Those Entitled to Them’

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that God Almighty states in the Holy Qur’an:

**‘Verily, Allah commands you to make over the trusts to those entitled to them.’ (The Holy Qur’an, 4:59)**

It is narrated in a *Hadith* that any position in which one is entrusted to see matters pertaining to others is a trust. Thus in this way, within the system of the Jama’at (Community), any position or service to which a person is appointed is a trust. Office bearers are appointed at every level, whether locally, regionally, nationally, the local centre or the auxiliaries. Generally, these office holders are selected based on an election.

Hence, it is commanded to select those who, in the people’s view, are worthy of holding that office or position.

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# Selecting Those Most Suitable Individuals

There should be no consideration for prior friendships or relationships when suggesting or selecting office holders. Office bearers are selected by members of the Jama'at and the Caliph of the time and this is done after pondering and contemplating as to who the best person for that particular office is.

However, sometimes, it is possible that a person's estimation about someone turns out to be inaccurate, or after obtaining an office, some people change. Instead, the humility, effort and justice with which an office bearer should work, no longer remain. In such instances, the responsibility rests with that office holder, not upon the one who has selected them.

We should always strive to select the best among us, and do so through prayer. The intention is always to try and not select those who bring themselves to the forefront in order to hold office. If the Caliph of the Time or office bearers learn of this character in a person, then they are not appointed. This is exactly in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sa).

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## One Should Not Seek Position or Rank

Two people went to the Holy Prophet (sa) and said that they should be given a certain position as they were capable of carrying it out. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that those he appoints are helped by Allah, however, those who seek or desire position or rank are not blessed or helped.

His Holiness (aba) said that most certainly, everyone should have the passion and zeal to serve the faith, however, this service should be in whatever way is asked or required of them. It should always be kept in mind that as the Holy Prophet (sa) taught, the best person for a specific position should be selected with the help of prayers.

Furthermore, if there is someone who openly seeks or desires a position, then the person making the decision should justly use their right to make the selection.

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# Fulfilling One's Duties with Justice

This year in certain places, elections will be held for the auxiliary organisations. Those who comprise the electoral bodies should, according to the command of God, justly offer their opinion and present their recommendation to the Caliph of the Messiah. If we fulfil this duty with justice, then we will have a firm role to play in the progress of the Community.

Those who are already office holders should always remain aware of their responsibilities. They should always understand that God has given them an opportunity to serve, and so they must carry out their work above any personal gain and do so only to attain the pleasure of God.

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# Fulfilling One's Duties with Justice – Cont'd

There are also those who do not carry out their work correctly. His Holiness (aba) said that sometimes when he asks for a report about certain things, the files remain in office drawers, and nothing is done until constant reminders are given. Then after six months or a year, a note of apology is sent for not having been able to carry out the task on time. If this is how they treat letters from the central headquarters and the Caliph of the time, then how can it be expected that they will treat everyday people in the right way? Such people must reform themselves, otherwise they will be removed from their posts.

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# Responsibilities of Office Bearers

His Holiness (aba) said that he would like to draw attention towards the responsibilities of office bearers.

First and foremost is to adopt humility. It should be borne in mind that Allah is always watching and in fact, such people are under even greater scrutiny from God. They should work with the mentality that if they have been selected and then approved by the Caliph of the Time, then they must carry out their work to the best of their abilities.

If this mentality is adopted, then the true spirit of work will be inculcated, and members of the Community will cooperate. Sometimes complaints are received about members of the Community do not cooperate – certainly, members should cooperate, however, it is also the responsibility of office bearers to establish their examples for others.

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## Responsibilities of Office Bearers – Cont'd

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If *Tarbiyyat* secretaries were to undertake the moral training of the Community in a loving manner, then they could bring about a revolution. Every office bearer should offer at least two units of voluntary prayer every day for the betterment of their office and for God to bestow His blessings. His Holiness (aba) said that in his estimation, if the *Tarbiyyat* department were to become active, then the work of other departments would automatically improve by at least 70%.

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## Responsibilities of Office Bearers – Cont'd

His Holiness (aba) said that in the auxiliary organisations as well, they will have to become active at every level, whether at the President level or the administrative body under them. Sometimes complaints are received about the conduct of the Presidents of Lajna (the Women's Organisation), especially with new converts. Rather than drawing them nearer, they are causing them to move further away.

The Lajna do not determine who deserves and is capable of holding an office or not. Then, complaints are received when things go awry and people's faith is tested. If the Lajna do not fulfil their duty of selecting the people who are capable of these trusts, then they have no right to complain.

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## Responsibilities of Office Bearers – Cont'd

The Holy Prophet (sa) is also recorded to have said that everyone has the responsibility of overseeing something, and they will be questioned about it on the Day of Judgement. This includes Amirs. Overseeing others refers to the responsibility of helping and reforming others, not to simply rule. If this responsibility is not fulfilled, then according to the Holy Prophet (sa), paradise becomes forbidden.

If office bearers are not properly conducting their work and are simply calling themselves representatives of the Caliph of the time in name alone, then they misrepresent the Caliph of the time and are also putting the Caliph at fault.

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# Seeking Forgiveness & True Helpers of Khilafat

His Holiness (aba) said that he too does *istighfar* (seeking forgiveness from God), and such people should also do the same and reform themselves. His Holiness (aba) prayed that may the Ahmadiyya Caliphate always be granted such true helpers who understand their responsibilities and do their work, rather than simply holding an office in name.

This is also something that requires attention, for the Holy Prophet (sa) said that a person who is given the responsibility of overseeing the needs of other Muslims, Allah will not fulfil that person's needs until they fulfil the needs of others.

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# Seeking Forgiveness & True Helpers of Khilafat – Cont'd

A department in which there are challenges around the world is *Rishta Nata* (matrimonial affairs), for which a great deal of planning is required, for which the central Jama'ats along with the auxiliaries will have to work together. Again, the *Tarbiyyat* department also plays an important role in this regard..

Hence, every office bearer must reform their own homes and then look to reform the rest of the Community. We must fulfil our pledge of giving precedence to our faith over worldly matters, because it is then that we will be able to combat the *Dajjal*, protect our future generations, fulfil our pledges and do justice to the trusts given to us. Office bearers at all levels must pay due attention to this.

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# Seeking Forgiveness & True Helpers of Khilafat – Cont'd

The department of *Umoor-e-Amma* is very important. However, the perception has arisen that the primary duty of this department is to mete out disciplinary action or give strict warnings. However, this is not their primary duty and, most certainly, they are not to simply give strict warnings.

However, *Umoor-e-Amma* also has the vast responsibilities of creating programmes within the Community for stability of means, rendering guidance to members regarding finding employment and other such matters, implementing work related to serving others, and doing away with small disputes amongst people, among other responsibilities.

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# Seeking Forgiveness & True Helpers of Khilafat – Cont'd

His Holiness (aba) assured members of the Jama'at that every letter sent to him is opened, read, and the required steps in relation to it are taken. If there is any delay or discrepancy it is on the part of the local chapters of the Community who then create doubts because of their actions. They make themselves sinful by playing in such a manner with the faith of others.

The Holy Prophet (sa) stated that any leader who closes their doors to the needs of others, the heavens become closed for their needs. Thus, office bearers should be fearful of God and be quick to fulfil the needs of the members, or at the very least be swift in providing their report.

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# Seeking Forgiveness & True Helpers of Khilafat – Cont'd

By fulfilling these trusts that will bring about a beautiful Islamic society, the establishment for which the Promised Messiah (as) was sent. Office bearers should always remember that they have been elected by the members of the Community so that they may fulfil this trust and so they must do so whilst bearing the fear of God in their hearts, for the sake of attaining His pleasure and to become the true helpers of the Caliph of the time.

When this is the mentality, then Allah will bestow His blessings and render His help. If not for this, then we will be straying from righteousness and being dishonest to God, the Caliph and breaking the trust people placed in them thereby becoming a means of testing the faith of others.

His Holiness (aba) said that every Ahmadi pledges to tread with righteousness and to give precedence to their faith over worldly matters, however this applies even more to office bearers; they must fulfil their pledges and trusts, the duties entrusted to them with righteousness and all of their abilities. His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah enable us to do so.

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