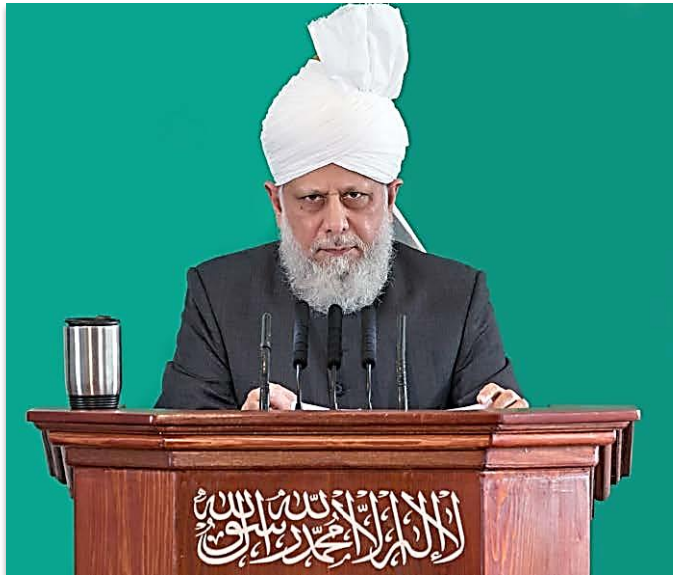
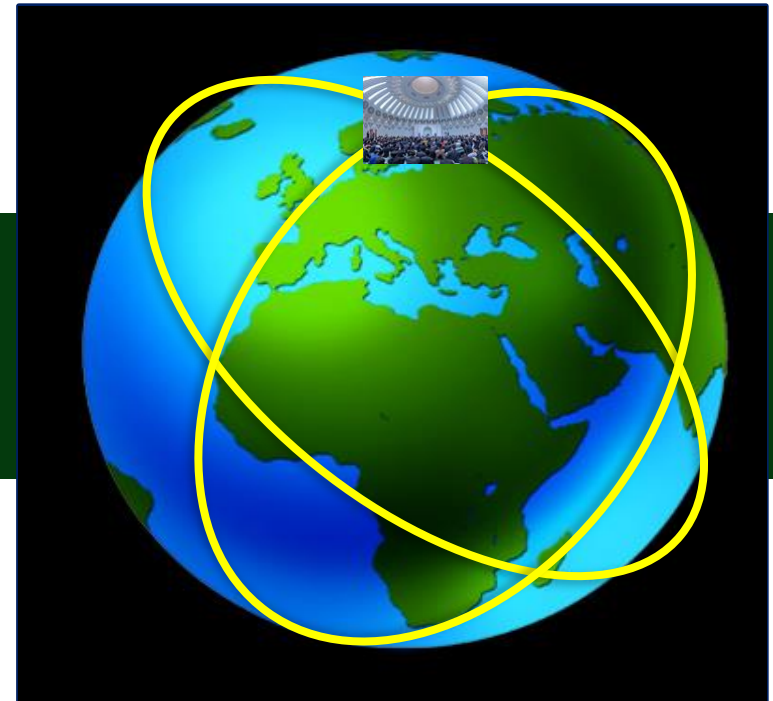


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His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that all praise belongs to Allah, for today the Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention) is being held in Germany at a grand scale after a gap of four years

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah enable all the attendees to achieve the true purpose of Jalsa. They should not be happy merely upon the fact that they have been able to convene again and will be able to meet one another.

Rather, the foremost purposes for which the Promised Messiah (as) established this convention is to progress in spirituality, in religious knowledge, to increase in connection and love for God, to completely follow the Holy Prophet (sa) and love him, for the love of the world to diminish and to give precedence to faith.

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This year also marks 100 years since the establishment of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Germany.

Certainly, it is a matter of happiness that the Community was established here 100 years ago. The actual message of the Promised Messiah (as) even reached Germany during his lifetime. However, we must analyse what we have accomplished in the last 100 years. Initially, there were only a few Ahmadis in Germany. Then, as the conditions in Pakistan for Ahmadis worsened, they started migrating to Germany as well.

They came to Germany on account of their faith, and so they may practise their faith freely without fear of persecution. Therefore, they should have established a virtuous change within themselves, remained steadfast upon it and established the same virtue in their children. Was this achieved? If so, then this is the true manner in which the 100 years of the Community in Germany can be celebrated. If not, then celebrating in worldly means holds no value.

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The Promised Messiah (as), said that one should not become content after simply pledging allegiance, for this is just the shell. That actual essence is what lies inside.

Whilst explaining whether giving precedence to faith over the world means abandoning the world altogether, the Promised Messiah (as) said that he does not want for his people to become lazy.

They should certainly be occupied with their businesses; however, it should not be that they do not even find time for prayer.

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If one abandons the Qur'an, then they will face a sort of hell on this earth. If the prescribed remedy of a doctor does not work after a while, then the doctor prescribes a new remedy.

However, in the world and particularly in the West, people suffer loss upon loss. They have forgotten about God.


The true path to success lies in a connection with God. Being a Muslim, one cannot adopt two paths; they cannot claim faith, but their actions reflect the world.

His Holiness (aba) quoted the Promised Messiah (as), who said that one should not abandon their worldly work or businesses,


even the Companions had businesses, however, they did so while giving precedence to their faith over the world.

'O ye who believe! shall I point out to you a bargain that will save you from a painful punishment?'
(The Holy Qur'an, 61:11)

One should not read the Holy Qur'an as a book of mere stories, rather as a philosophy. His Holiness (aba) said that many have various questions; if they were to read and ponder over the Holy Qur'an, they would find the answers therein.



The Promised Messiah (as) states that if one wishes to avoid calamity, they must establish a connection with God and bring about a change within themselves as God states:



'Surely, Allah changes not the condition of a people until they change that which is in their hearts.' (The Holy Qur'an 13:12)

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His Holiness (aba) continued quoting the Promised Messiah (as), who states that the root of true faith is belief in God, which constitutes having righteousness.

A person who fears God is never wasted, rather, they are rendered help from the heavens.

If someone sees something beautiful, they will remember it. However, if they see something unpleasant, then this will also remain in their mind.

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However, if they have no connection with it, they will not remember it. The same is the case with those who have not found pleasure in prayer. They wonder why they must abandon their sleep to wake up early and offer prayer.

A drunkard does not stop drinking until they become intoxicated. A person of understanding can use this example, in the sense that one should continue on praying so that they may find the true pleasure in prayer.

Just as a drunkard has a goal, one's entire focus in prayer should be to find that pleasure in prayer.

There was no one more complete and perfect than the Holy Prophet (sa), yet he still prayed, 'O my Lord, increase me in knowledge.' How then can we rely on our own knowledge?

Initially, a child studying geometry will look at different shapes in bewilderment, however, as they progress in knowledge, they look at those same things to have great meaning. One who has pledged allegiance has done so by abandoning that which is vain, but if they do not progress in their knowledge, then what benefit with their pledge render them?

Some people's faith falters because they do not progress in knowledge, or they come up with their own explanations. If we pay attention to religious knowledge, then our faith in God will also increase.

One should always remember that we have not accepted Ahmadiyyat to attain the world, rather, we have done so to establish a living connection with God.

His Holiness (aba) said that the Amir of the Community in Germany asked him what their goal should be for the next century. Firstly, have the few things presented in light of the Promised Messiah's (as) writings been achieved? Many have expressed that they are hearing about the true teachings of Islam for the first time. This means that exhibiting good morals or spreading pamphlets has not achieved the task yet of spreading the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

Thus, the guidelines for the next century are the very aspects presented in light of the Promised Messiah's (as) teachings. The Community in Germany should enter the new century with a renewed determination to give precedence to faith over the world in order to achieve our true purpose, and to raise the next generation to have a connection with God. His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah the Almighty enable us to do so.