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Editor's Note:

The notation (sa) is an abbreviation of the prayer *sallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam* (peace and blessings of God be upon him), which we say for the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). Though the prayer has not been written in full, nevertheless it should be understood as being repeated in full in each case.

Similarly, the notation (as) is an abbreviation of the prayer *'alaihis-salam* (peace be upon him) and is used at the mention of the Promised Messiah (as) and all other prophets of God.

The notation (ra) is an abbreviation of the prayer *radiyallahu 'anhu/'anha /'anhum* (may Allah be pleased with him/her/them) and is used for the companions of the Holy Prophet (sa) and the Promised Messiah (as).

The notation (aba) is an abbreviation of the prayer *ayyadahullahu ta'ala bi-nasrihil-'aziz* (may Allah be his helper) and is used at the mention of the current Khalifa (aba).

Dear Reader, As-Salāmu 'Alaikum!

In recent years we have seen the rapid and extraordinary development of technology and in particular the use of Internet and social media. The Internet was officially established on January 1, 1983, and by 2000 half of all US homes had a personal computer. Social media originally emerged in the late 1980s and 1990s; however, the term 'social media' became widely used in 2004.

The children writing in this issue were born into this age of technology and are learning how to navigate the dangers inherent in this rapidly advancing phenomenon. The presence of technology, computers, the Internet and social media is all a part of their world and identity.

We believe these gifts of technology are from Allah for the community of the Promised Messiah (as) so that we may inform the world that the Messiah has come! However, as with all new and far -reaching inventions they are only good in the hands of good use.

Please join me in hearing their wise advice on how to use technology for the benefit of mankind and stay safe from the dangers in it.

Was-Salām
Saliha Malik
Chief Editor, Al-Hilāl

Holy Qur'an

يٰٓاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوا ادْخُلُوْا فِي السِّلْمِ كَآفَّةً

وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوْا خُطُوٰتِ الشَّيْطٰنِ

اِنَّهٗ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِيْنٌ

O ye who believe! come into submission
wholly and follow not the footsteps of Satan;
surely, he is your open enemy.

(Ch. 2, V. 209)

اِنَّ اللّٰهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيْمٌ

Surely Allah has full knowledge of all things.
(Ch. 29, V. 63)

رَبِّ زِدْنِيْ عِلْمًا

'O my Lord, increase me in knowledge.'
(Ch. 20, V. 115)

Hadith

طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ فَرِيضَةٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ

Seeking knowledge is an obligation
upon every Muslim.

Sunan Ibn Mājah 224

مَنْ سَلَكَ طَرِيقًا يَلْتَمِسُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا سَهَّلَ اللَّهُ لَهُ طَرِيقًا
إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ

Whoever takes a path upon which to obtain
knowledge, Allah makes the path to Paradise
easy for him.

Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2646

Benefits of Social Media

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifat-ul-Masih V (aba) explained, "These days, many things lead to the displeasure of God. Correct use of these things is not bad; however, their incorrect use leads to spreading foulness, evil and sin. However, the same thing can also be a means of spreading goodness.

Television can be a source of knowledge and education, but it can also spread indecency. In these current times, Ahmadiyya Jama'at and Ahmadis are making the best use of the television. I had drawn attention to watching MTA during the days of the Jalsa, and this influenced some people. They have said to me that they did not watch MTA before, but now because of your drawing of our attention to it, we have started watching it. They are now expressing regret to me for not watching MTA before and being connected to it and some say that even viewing it for just a week to ten days has improved their standard of spirituality and knowledge. They have learned about Jama'at.

Hence, I am reminding again that you should pay great attention in your homes to gain benefit from this blessing which Allah the Exalted has bestowed on us for our training and to increase our knowledge and spiritualty, so our generations may stay firm on Ahmadiyyat. Hence, we should try to connect

ourselves to MTA. In addition to sermons, there are many live programs which can enhance religious knowledge and spirituality. The Jama'at spends hundreds of thousands of dollars every year [on MTA] for the training of the Jama'at members.

If members of the Jama'at do not avail of it, it will be their own loss. Outsiders are gaining benefit from MTA and are realizing the truthfulness of the Jama'at and are knowing about and understanding the unity of Allah and the reality of Islam. Hence, Ahmadis in Australia and the rest of the world should gain maximum benefit from MTA. One of its blessings is that it is a great means to connect the Jama'at to the blessings of Khilafat. Hence, we must avail of it." *(Friday Sermon, October 18, 2013, Bait-ul-Huda Mosque, Sydney, Australia.)*

"*And when the books are spread*" (Holy Qur'an Ch. 81, V. 11)

"Today, Allah the Exalted has provided efficient means to spread the books [of the Promised Messiah (as)] and respond to the opponents of Islam. It used to take time to spread books, but now, a message can be delivered instantaneously. As soon as a book is published, it can be printed at the other end. These days, the books of the Promised Messiah (as), the Holy Quran, and other Islamic literature is traversing new stages of broadcast through Internet and television. The speed of media today could not have been imagined a few decades ago.

Thus, avail these opportunities given to us by Allah the Exalted, for preaching and defense of Islam. It is a favor of Allah the Exalted that he has provided these latest inventions in this time. By making these available the work of preaching has been made easier." *(Friday Sermon delivered October 15, 2010, Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.)*

A Huge Blessing!

Fatima Suhail /Age 10/ Virginia North

We are so lucky to have MTA, our own Jama'at channel that comes on 24 hours a day. Through MTA we listen to and see our dear Huzoor (aba) on a regular basis. This is a huge blessing for people living all around the world. Many inspirational programs about our religion come on this channel. There are also fun shows for children like *Bachon Ki Dunya* [World of Children], Friday Sermon for kids, Destination Next, and more.

Bachon ki Dunya has a puppet who discusses with the presenter a different topic each episode. This is a special show as it also helps kids with their Urdu. I like this show because the topics are very interesting, and it helps me improve my Urdu.

Friday Sermon for Kids is a weekly show for children and is a summary of the Friday sermon. Another exciting show is Destination Next, a kids' traveling program, where they explore the world by visiting different places. All these programs help us to learn more about our religion and the world around us in a fun and enjoyable way.

Technology & Social Media

Atia Mansoor / Age 15 / Dayton

Pros -
⇒ - Connectivity
⇒ - Accessibility
⇒ - Communication
⇒ - Creativity
⇒ - Diverse learning resources

Cons -
⇒ - Limited social interaction
⇒ - Addictive tendencies
⇒ - Lack of hands-on experiences
⇒ - Distractions
⇒ - Reduced sleep quality

Huzoor (aba) said, "As I have said today, We are able to utilize modern technology to convey our teachings. Apart from MTA, we also have Jama'at websites through which programs and books filled with knowledge and information are easily available. You must seek to avail these resources and constantly increase in your knowledge." (*Address at Lajna Ijtema UK, October 25, 2015*)

Medical experts highlight that excessive screen time negatively affects children's health. Parents should regulate usage, especially for younger children. Ultimately, we must ensure technology does not distract us from our faith and family. If it does, we should turn to prayer and reflect on our choices.

A BLESSING FOR THE JAMA'AT

Ahmad/ Age 9/ Virginia North

Technology has helped our Jama'at and helps us learn more about Islam and Ahmadiyyat. These are just some of the technology resources we have:

We have different apps available on our alislam.org website:

- The Friday Sermon app allows you to listen to Friday sermons from anywhere and they also have translations available in different languages.
- The Holy Qur'an app allows you to read the Holy Qur'an and translations in different languages easily from anywhere.
- The Ten Conditions of Bai'at App tells you lots of different information about what the Ten conditions of Bai'at are.
- The askislam app allows you to ask any questions about Islam and get answers. For example, I asked about animals and it gave me an audio recording of Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifat-ul-Mash IV (rh) explaining about animal testing in Islam and why it is allowed.

Another form of technology which is very important to us is MTA. Huzoor (aba) said, "I have repeatedly drawn the attention of Ahmadis all around the world to watch programs on MTA. Parents should pay attention to this,

as well as making sure their children are attached to MTA. This is a spiritual blessing which is the source of your spiritual survival. It will increase your religious knowledge. You will make spiritual progress and have a strong connection with Khilafat. It will also save you from the toxic effect of other worldly channels. May Allah enable you to act on my advice, *Ameen*" (*Message for Jalsa Salana Australia, December 14, 2015*).

The Holy Qur'an states:

> ***"Allah will raise those who believe from among you, and those to whom knowledge is given, to degrees of rank. And Allah is Well-Aware of what you do."*** [Ch. 58, V. 12]

In this verse Allah is telling us that on the Day of Judgment He will raise the true believers and those with knowledge to high ranks in the heavens. In today's age one of the ways to expand our religious and worldly knowledge is to use technology in the best possible way. May Allah enable all of us to expand our knowledge in the best way, *Ameen*.

Technology – A Vital Role

Kashifa Wahab Mirza / Age 15 / Virginia North

In the 21st century, we are surrounded by incredible technological advancements, from self-driving cars to AI robots. However, technology's impact depends on how it is used. When used well, technology can lead to great advances and enable us to achieve wonderful things with Allah's help. As Ahmadi Muslims, our goal is to spread the message of Islam Ahmadiyya to the world. Technology plays a vital role in many of our Jama'at's achievements.
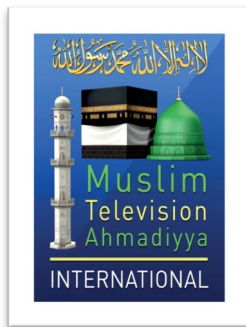
1. **MTA-International** Launched on January 7th, 1994 by our beloved fourth Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (rh). MTA is the world's first international Islamic TV channel. It broadcasts in 26 languages across ten 24/7 channels, playing a key role in spreading the message of Islam Ahmadiyya.

2. **Wakalat-e-Tasneef** This agency translates, formats, and publishes Jama'at books. They've translated the Holy Qur'an into 77 languages and made various works available for younger readers using digital software.

3. Al-Islam and Digital Resources

Our official website, alislam.org, offers a wealth of resources, including MTA programs, Jama'at articles, and digital archives. Innovative tools like the ReadQuran app and Qur'an search programs allow users to explore the Qur'an anytime, anywhere.

Al-Hamdu Lillah, these examples show how technology can benefit our Jama'at when used for the right purpose. May Allah enable us to use these resources wisely to serve the Jama'at and spread Islam's true message, *Ameen*!

We Want to Hear from You!!!

Children are encouraged to send their original writing for publication. Please include your full name, age, city, state and contact number when submitting an article as we may follow-up with the author for clarification.

If you would like to send a picture or artwork, please send the original. If you would like the original returned, please include your full name and return address/postage along with this request.

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Technology's Benefits

Muhammad Hisham (Hadi)/ Age 8/ Dallas

Technology is everywhere, and it has been created to make our lives easier. It connects us to the world around us. We use it at home, school, and even during games. However, it can be used for both good and bad purposes.

Television can be used for good if we watch educational videos or documentaries. Devices like iPads and computers can benefit us if we watch learning videos, play educational games, do schoolwork. We can also use technology to research different subjects or read the Holy Qur'an.

Cell phones help us stay in touch with loved ones. We can call them or use FaceTime, which makes us happy, and it makes them happy too. In striving to please Allah, we can also donate to organizations like Humanity First via online platforms.

In addition to these benefits, we must be aware of technology's dangers. We should set time limits for screen use to protect our eyes and avoid wasting time on social media.

Be a Good Digital Citizen!

Azlan Mahmood Ahmed/ Age 7/ Fort Worth

Technology can be used for both good and bad. Our beloved Huzoor (aba) has advised us not to spend too much time on the Internet playing games or watching videos on YouTube, as it wastes time. It is harmful because it can damage our eyesight, make us addicted to games, and lead to the leaking of personal information, which can be very dangerous. That is why being a good digital citizen is so important. We should limit our screen time and try to stay physically active. Instead of wasting time online, I find other activities. I like helping my mom with chores or observing my prayers, which helps me draw closer to Allah.
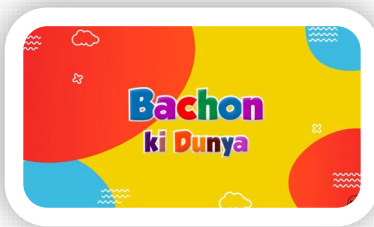
The good thing about technology is communication. When I travel, I can stay in touch with my grandparents and share pictures of places I visit. I also love how technology allows me to watch Huzoor (aba) live on MTA every Friday, even though I am thousands of miles away. Also, programs like *Bachon Ki Duniya* [World of Children] help me stay connected to Khilafat.

Technology can be both good and bad—it all depends on how we use it.

Balance is the Key!

Rameen Tahir/ Age 10/ Fort Worth

Technology has many advantages but just as many disadvantages. While it is important to use technology for necessary things, we should not rely on it for everything. For instance, technology provides access to information, making it easy to answer questions for homework or to learn something new. It also helps kids collaborate on projects remotely and stay connected with friends and family.

However, over-reliance on the Internet can prevent us from solving problems on our own. Privacy and safety are also concerns, as online activities can expose personal information or lead to unsafe situations. Excessive screen time can affect sleep, posture, and social interactions.

While many jobs require technology, we should avoid spending most of our free time on devices. Instead, balance is the key. Use technology for helpful purposes, like learning a new language or recipes, but also engage in offline activities like reciting the Holy Qur'an, drawing, or playing sports. Remember to balance technology with personal effort and problem-solving skills.

Spread the Message!

Narmeen Rashad/ Age 12/ Austin

Technology can be used for good or bad, but we should focus on its positive uses. In the 80s and 90s, texting and social media didn't exist as they do now. The first iPhone was only released in 2007, which wasn't that long ago.

Technology helps us with online Tabligh, allowing us to promote and spread the message of Islam. Social media lets us share updates, enjoy entertainment, and connect with family and friends. Platforms like MTA enable us to benefit from Huzoor's (aba) guidance. While technology has drawbacks, as Ahmadi Muslims, our goal should be to use it to spread the message of Islam worldwide, *In Sha' Allah*.

Using Technology for Good

Sundas Aiman Haq / Age 11 / Virginia North

"Mum and Dad, I'm eleven years old and I need a phone."
"But you are too young for a phone," said my father.

Let me share how technology has many benefits. Mama, you don't have to tell me my Nasirat teacher's message anymore - I can check it myself! Technology helps us in many ways. We can listen to the Khutba every Friday, watch MTA programs, learn to pray, or memorize the Holy Qur'an. Technology has many advantages but also some disadvantages. It can be misused to play games and waste time.

Promote Peace

Aqsa Suhail/ Age 14/ Virginia North

"Technology should be used to promote peace and understanding among people." This quote from Huzoor (aba) explains how we should be using technology positively, to make our community stronger. Unfortunately, we see so many examples of technology being used irresponsibly. However, the way our Jama'at has used technology for different purposes is amazing. Our community has used technology to its full advantages.

One example is creating a social media platform for Humanity First. This platform raises money to help people all around the world. The platform also highlights what Humanity First is working towards and helps create a wider network of people donating money for good causes.

Another platform the Jama'at uses to spread the true message of Islam is YouTube. On this you can watch endless informative programs ranging from historical documentaries, live streaming of Jama'at events to discussion programs on important topics. May Allah help us use technology in the best way possible to promote peace.

(Humanity First's Social Media page)

Use Technology Wisely

Eshal Hina Shahzad/ Age 13/ Baltimore

I often face a choice between using my laptop or engaging with my Holy Qur'an. Technology can sometimes distract us from our faith, but it also offers tools to deepen our understanding of Islam.

For instance, we can access Qur'anic translations and commentary, listen to Friday Sermons, and find answers to questions about Ahmadiyyat.

Earlier, I debated whether to read the Holy Qur'an or use my laptop. I chose to read the Qur'an and then used my laptop to explore the commentary on the verses I read. This shows how technology can be a tool for good if used wisely.

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USE IT WISELY

Zuha Mahrosh/ Age 13/ Baltimore

Let's talk about how technology, particularly the Internet, helps us spread the message of Islam. For example, Huzoor's (aba) Friday Sermons, broadcast from the UK, reach Ahmadis worldwide via MTA. The Internet also helps raise awareness about global issues like the persecution of Muslims in Palestine, Africa, and Pakistan. Websites like alislam.org and Humanity First provide resources for education and charity.

However, not everything on the Internet is good. We must use it wisely, focusing on its positive potential to serve humanity.

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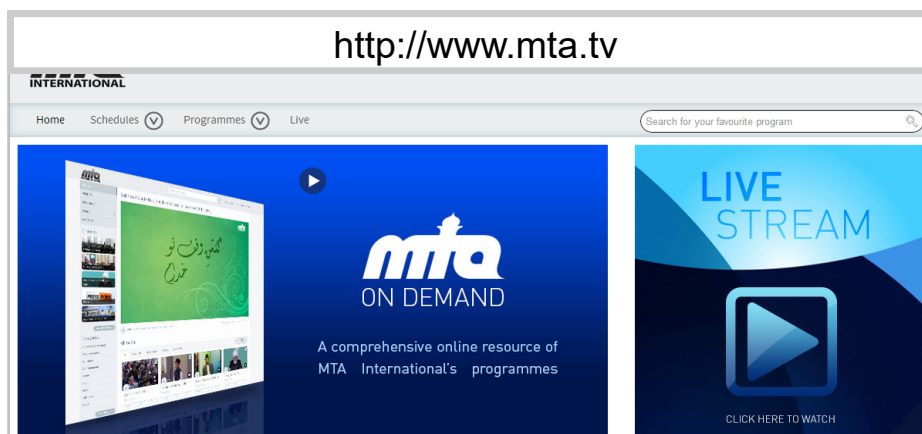
child safe internet?

Fatiha Imran / Age 13 / Albany

Today, I would like to discuss how the Internet can affect young Muslim children. Many social media platforms aren't filtered for children, exposing them to inappropriate content. There are a lot of negative remarks, threats, and cyberbullying, which can affect a child's mind and their way of thinking. Since children's brains are not fully developed, the things they see and hear stay with them. While there are some positive aspects, such as learning environments and children's shows, no website is completely free from risks.

For Muslim children, this is more complicated. Not everyone shares the same beliefs, and there may be racism or intolerance toward different religions. This can affect a child's identity as a Muslim.

How can we prevent this? There are child-safe apps like YouTube Kids and the Disney Channel, which are filtered for children, allowing them to watch safely without worrying parents. If you struggle with social media usage, consider trying these options.

New Children's Book
The Prince of Peace

PRINCE OF PEACE:
HADHRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD OF QADIAN

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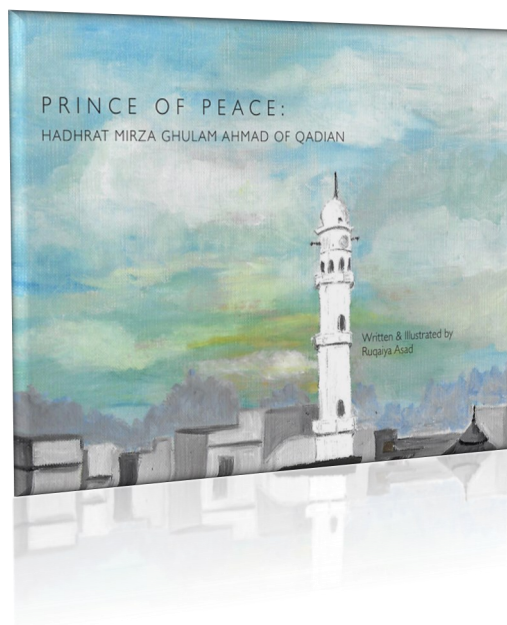
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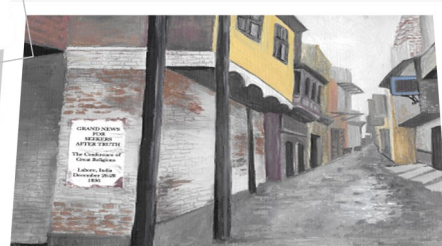
A TRUE BLESSING

Sara Sheraz/ Age 15/ Buffalo

As we know the advancement of technology has brought many advantages in every area of our life. It has been a true blessing from Allah for us in the religious aspect as well. The advantages of technology are that we can communicate with people from every part of the world, and we can use technology to teach others and learn about many subjects.

We can listen to and watch MTA. Thanks to technology it has helped us stay connected with our beloved Huzoor (aba). We are hosting zoom meetings and classes in our Jama'at. We can utilize Islamic websites like "alislam.org" to further our knowledge. We can also use the "askislam" platform to help us with questions we may have about Islam.

To protect myself from the harms of the Internet I should avoid going to bad websites and I should avoid wasting my time watching useless content that does not help me to achieve anything.

How I Use Technology

Daniyal Ahmad Malik / Age 8 / Albany

There are many ways we use technology throughout the day. I use technology to wake up for Fajr prayer by setting an alarm for 6:00 A.M. each morning. During the day, I use the Internet to take online classes on my laptop and help me study. For fun, I like to listen to nazms on my tablet, especially Qaseeda and the nazms about Khilafat. I also play games on my tablet and sometimes watch kids' programs on MTA. I also enjoy watching Huzoor's (aba) Friday Sermon on MTA. These are some of the ways I try to use technology for good.

JOKES!

Aiman Ahmad/ Age 10 / Maryland

Why did the computer go to the doctor?
Because it had a virus.
Why did the computer keep sneezing?
Because it had a bug.
Why did the computer go to the beach?
To surf the net.

Using Technology for Good

Muneefa Raza / Age 11 / Albany

Using technology in a good way is a great gift from Allah, as long as we follow beloved Huzoor's (aba) guidance. You can read the Holy Qur'an on a device or listen to the Friday Sermon. I also use the Qibla app to find the direction of Qibla. When I'm not home, I use a device to do my Tahir Academy homework. These are just a few ways to use technology in a good way.

The Internet

Aasim Ahmed / Age 10 / Houston

We've been gifted the Internet,
But we must manage our time.
We can play video games or chat with friends,
But we must do more than that -
We can watch MTA or take Qur'an classes online,
We can do research for school projects
Or even learn how to cook in our extra time.
Even with all the good things we can do with the Internet,
We must still go outside to get some exercise.

TECHNOLOGY IS A REVOLUTION!

Hazeem Ahmad / Age 11 / Virginia South

Technology is a revolution that has been invented for many purposes. While we know that technology can't always be used for good, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at has used technology in many ways to improve our lives and benefit humanity.

The Internet offers many advantages. For example, in secular studies, numerous websites and materials can help with such topics. Additionally, we use maps and weather technology in our everyday lives.

Moreover, around the world, every Friday, most Ahmadis tune in to MTA Live, a live stream of MTA that keeps us connected to the Jama'at, and more importantly, Huzoor (aba). Social Media platforms like Facebook, X, and Instagram are also used by Jama'at members to convey the message of Islam. Ahmadi resources like alislam.org are valuable informational sites that contribute to our well-being.

Though there are countless benefits, we must not forget the pitfalls of technology. The most obvious one is distractions. Social media and video games can be highly addictive, drawing us in for extended periods. These distractions can even lead us to neglect Salat. While using social media or playing video games is not inherently bad,

they can become addictive, so it is important not to spend excessive time on them. Additionally, not all information online is trustworthy. There's no guarantee that everything you read is true. Fake calls, emails, and phishing scams are common and must be avoided. Also, although social media itself is not inherently harmful, some sites, games, and other sources contain inappropriate content, which must be avoided.

Huzoor (aba) has repeatedly reminded us of the importance of using social media wisely. He says:

"Thus, in the current era, media has brought us closer to each other, not just within a country but around the world. Unfortunately, rather than bringing us closer to virtues, it has brought us closer to following Satan. Under such circumstances, an Ahmadi should be extremely watchful of his own state. Allah the Exalted has bestowed MTA on us. Allah the Exalted has given us a website for spiritual and educational programs of Jama'at. We can only stay focused on it if we pay full attention to it. This will bring us closer to God and we will be saved from Satan." (*Friday Sermon May 20, 2016, Gottenberg, Sweden*)

In summary, technology offers many ways to benefit us. Learning how to effectively use modern technology is essential for the future.

The Proper Way

Anabia Malik / Age 13 / Austin

Technology is used in many aspects of our daily lives, such as finding locations, sharing information, conducting research, and entertainment. Depending on how we use it, technology can be either positive or negative.

Let's explore the negative side of technology. Spending too much time on the Internet can disturb our spiritual lives by taking away time from worship. Beloved Huzoor (aba) reminds us not to overuse technology, as it can make us late for Salat or cause us to miss it completely. As Huzoor (aba) stated in his Friday Sermon on May 20, 2016, "If the worldly desire increases, so that one is engrossed in TV dramas and the Internet and is late in offering Salat, then love for Allah cannot develop."

The proper way to use technology is to control our time on it. Beloved Huzoor (aba) said, "Gaining the love of God requires sacrifice of desires." (*Waqf-e-Nau Class, October 8, 2011, Germany*) To cultivate love for Allah, we must limit our screen time to prioritize worship and Islamic practices.

Beloved Huzoor (aba) recited from Surah An-Nur:

"O ye who believe! Follow not the footsteps of Satan, and whoso follows the footsteps of Satan should know that he surely enjoins indecency and manifest evil. And but for the grace of Allah and His mercy upon you, not one of you would ever be pure, but Allah purifies whom He pleases. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing" [Ch. 24, V. 22].

Love for Allah demonstrates our commitment to Islam and helps us guard against the irresponsible use of technology.

A Treasure!

Labeena Ashraf / Age 14 / Minnesota

Technology has made our lives easier and opened up many opportunities we could never have imagined before. We can use it to spread Islam's message through MTA, social media, and news media. On MTA, we can watch Huzoor's (aba) Friday sermons and other Jama'at programs from the comfort of our homes. We can pay Jama'at chandas online and communicate via platforms like WhatsApp, Zoom, and Signal.

Through social media, we can introduce the message of Islam Ahmadiyya. Our Jama'at website, alislam.org, is a treasure of religious knowledge. Huzoor (aba) advises us to use social media for the introduction of Islam but warns against engaging in useless discussions. Technology has both good and bad aspects. The good includes gaining religious and worldly knowledge, while the bad involves wasting time on gaming, scrolling, and chatting. As Nasirat, we should always use the Internet to promote our religion, our Jama'at, and to gain knowledge that will benefit our future.

HOW TECHNOLOGY HELPS THE JAMA'AT

Mahera Qudus Malik / Age 9 / Virginia North

"And He has subjected to you whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth: all this is from Him. In that surely are Signs for a people who reflect."

[Holy Qur'an, Ch. 45, V. 14]

Allah has created an amazing world filled with resources that help us. Technology is one such tool, which can be used for good or bad depending on how we choose to use it. During the time of the Promised Messiah (as), many inventions helped spread his message.

Today, we use technology to stay connected to our faith. Through MTA, we can listen to speeches, watch Huzoor's (aba) sermons, and join Jalsa Salana events worldwide.

The Internet also allows us to learn and spread the true teachings of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Websites like alislam.org, the new Qur'an App, and digital magazines provide access to a wealth of knowledge.

These beneficial websites help us share the message of Ahmadiyyat with others. With Huzoor's (aba) guidance, we continue to use new technologies, *In Sha' Allah*, for the benefit of the Jama'at.

Technology Word Search

Created by Hiba Shahid

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How Technology Benefits Our Lives

Sarmed Ahmad / Age 12 / Virginia South

Technology can benefit our lives and our Jama'at in many ways. Here are some examples of how technology benefits us:

One way we can use the Internet to benefit our Jama'at is by doing tabligh through social media apps like YouTube or Facebook.

Posting videos that spread the message of Islam or participating in discussions on forums like X or Reddit helps us talk to anyone interested in Islam. When done correctly, this can greatly benefit Islam Ahmadiyya and spread the message of Islam.

Another way our Jama'at positively utilizes the Internet is by creating websites like alislam.org, Open Qur'an, Al-Hakam, and others, which spread the message of Islam. These websites help educate both ourselves and others on Islam, and computers make it easier to access this information.

The Internet also has an abundance of articles and videos on every imaginable topic, which can help us excel in school.

However, despite the benefits, technology can easily be misused. To stay safe, we should avoid sharing passwords or sensitive information like our date of birth or phone number online. Additionally, Huzoor (aba) has advised us not to spend more than two hours a day using the Internet, as excessive use can alter the way our brains work.

May Allah enable us to avoid the negative aspects of technology and use it to benefit our lives, *Ameen*.

The Pros & Cons of Technology

Ali Ahmad Khan/ Age 13/ North Jersey

Technology has made our lives easier in many ways. For example, it helps us stay connected with family and friends. We can make calls, send messages, or video chat, no matter how far apart we are. Technology also gives us quick access to information. If we have a question or want to learn something new, we can search online and find answers in seconds. It can also help us in times of trouble.

However, technology has both pros and cons. People can become addicted to screens, which leads to spending less time with loved ones. This can result in less face-to-face interaction, making people feel lonely and anxious. Furthermore, too much technology use can lead to health issues, such as eye strain or poor posture.

In conclusion, while technology has many benefits, it also comes with challenges. It is important to strike a balance between using technology and staying connected to real life. It can either help us or harm us, so it's essential to understand its impact.

Technology... A Gift from Allah

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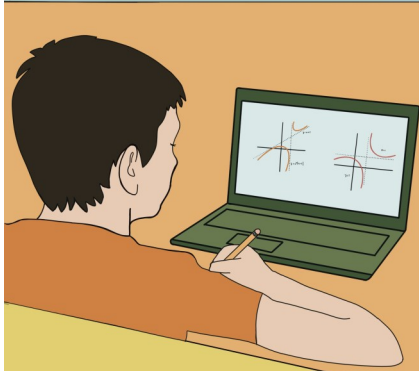
Like many things in life, technology can be a blessing or a curse. The result depends on how we choose to use it. If we are cautious, we can use it to bring many blessings into our lives.

One clear example of technology's blessings was during the peak of the COVID pandemic. Everything stopped due to COVID, and we couldn't meet relatives, friends, or attend school. Technology allowed us to still communicate with loved ones and continue our education. Through Zoom meetings, we were able to keep up with our learning, and when we were sick, virtual consultations with doctors helped us stay healthy.
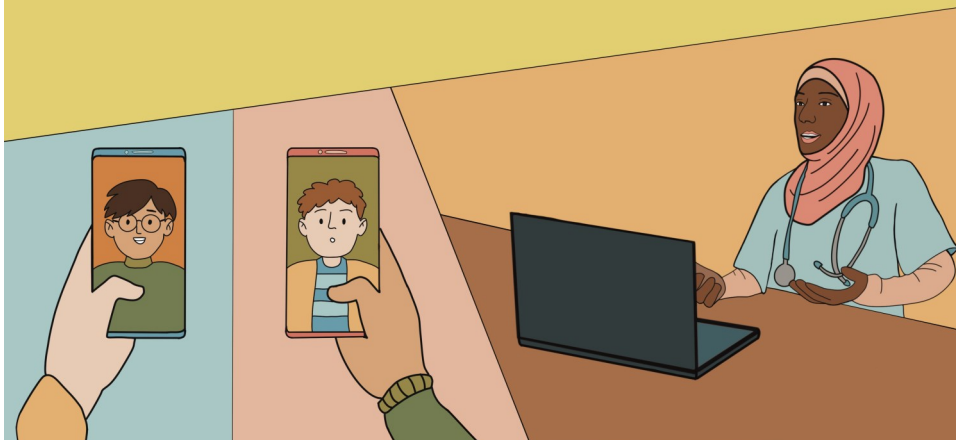
Use Technology for Good

Hibba Tul Malik Wali/ Age 10/ GA/SC

Today, technology is used for many purposes, but we must remember that it can be used for both good and evil. If we are careful, we can use technology for good. For example, in school, teachers can assign homework digitally instead of using paper. If we want to send a letter to Huzoor (aba), we can type it up and email or fax it. Technology also helps us stay healthy by using apps for fitness and health tracking. Furthermore, students and teachers can use technology for research, learning, and teaching.

In conclusion, technology offers many positive uses, but we must always stay cautious since some people misuse it.

Guardians of the Yard!

Aimen Ahmad/ Age 10/ Maryland

It was July 2024, and I was vacationing in the United Arab Emirates with my family, resting in my hotel room after a 14-hour direct flight from Washington, DC, to Dubai. My family and I were in my parents' room on the forty-fifth floor enjoying the view of the majestic Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest structure. Suddenly, a loud beep came from my mom's phone! She rushed to check the notification on her cellphone and said to my dad, "Oh, it's nothing, just a stray cat!" I was curious about what she was up to, so I asked my mom if I could borrow her phone to see what she was looking at. I was shocked to discover that I was watching the front yard of our house live from the hotel in Dubai, roughly 7,000 miles away. That's quite a long-distance surveillance when it was 2.00 A.M in Maryland!

That just piqued my interest in learning about home security cameras. My research helped me understand the following aspects of home security cameras:

Day and Night Watch: Whether it's daytime or nighttime, these cameras are always awake. They ensure the house is safe even when everyone is asleep.

Keep the bad guys away: Visible cameras can be a strong deterrent against theft and vandalism, and if you are worried about those online shopping deliveries going missing, security cameras can help catch porch pirates in the act.

Guardians of the Yard: Imagine having a superhero that watches over the front yard. It can help spot any strangers or even track down that runaway soccer ball.

Super Snoopers: Like in our favorite spy movies, home security cameras are like super snoopers that help parents keep an eye on the house and their children, ensuring everything is safe and sound.
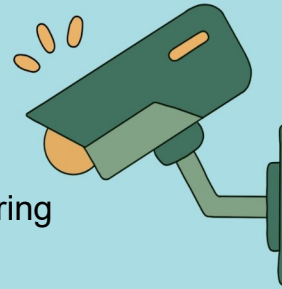
I'm a hundred percent convinced that home security cameras are a great technology. They are more than just gadgets; they're guardians for our homes, especially beneficial for families with children. A home security camera is like having a superhero watching over your house.
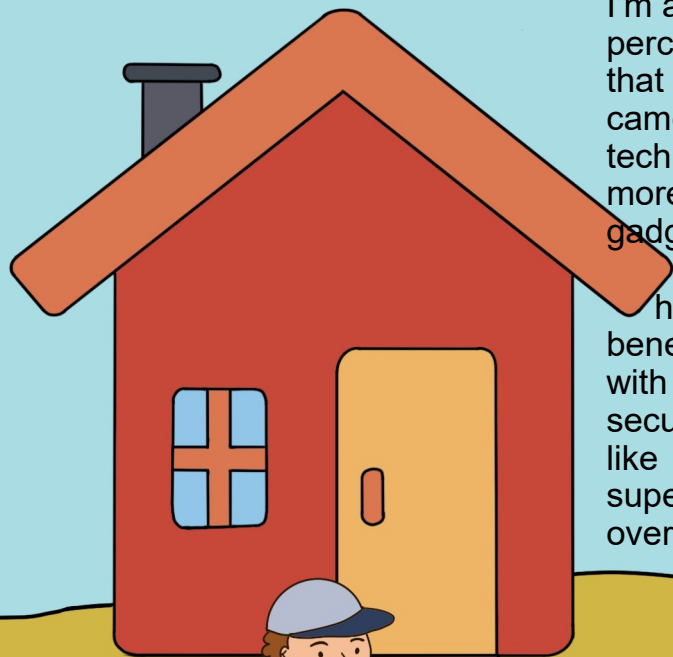
Friendly Visitors: These cameras also help identify who's at the door, like the delivery of a much-awaited package or friends coming over to play.

STAY CONNECTED!

Eshaal Sahibzada/ Age 10/ Maryland

Technology has become an integral part of our lives. Let's explore how we can use it to uplift our spiritual and material lives. As an Ahmadi Muslim, we need to strengthen our connection with Allah and Khilafat. In this age, the message of Islam Ahmadiyya has spread worldwide, first via space satellites and now through the Internet, through platforms like YouTube and our Jama'at websites.

"alislam.org" is our Jama'at's treasure chest of knowledge and wisdom. The Holy Qur'an, tafsir, Hadith, and speeches by Huzoor (aba) are all available at our fingertips.

In this regard, we should be very careful about how much time we spend using technology. Instead of wasting hours on social media or other distractions, we can use technology to learn new things, pray, read the Qur'an, and stay connected with our Jama'at and Khilafat. By using technology wisely, we can benefit both in the world and spiritually.

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How The Internet is Helpful

Tanzeela Ahmed/ Age 12/ Virginia North

As I sit here thinking about the Internet, I hear the Adhan from our Alexa speaker. It makes me smile thinking about how hard it would be to exist without the Internet. It's like electricity, without which we can't do anything!

The Internet has revolutionized the way we live, bringing countless benefits to our everyday lives. From instant access to information to transforming how we communicate, work, and learn, the Internet has made modern life more convenient and connected.

It can be helpful in various areas Of life, including education, healthcare, social interaction, and entertainment. One of the greatest advantages of the Internet is how easily it provides access to information.

الله اكبر...

In the past, learning new things required going to libraries or attending classes. Today, people can search for almost anything online, making knowledge available at our fingertips. Educational platforms like Khan Academy and Coursera offer free and paid courses, allowing people to learn new skills from anywhere in the world. This has opened up educational opportunities to millions, regardless of their location or financial situation.

Online degrees and courses have also become more popular, enabling students to study remotely. This is especially helpful for those who may not be able to attend traditional schools due to distance or personal commitments. In this way, the Internet has made education more accessible and flexible.

The Internet has also made a significant impact on healthcare. Telemedicine, which allows patients to consult with doctors online, has become a convenient option for many people. It is especially beneficial for those living in remote areas or those who find it difficult to travel to medical facilities. Platforms like Teladoc enable patients to receive medical advice, diagnoses, and even prescriptions without leaving their homes.

In addition, the Internet provides a wealth of health information. People can research symptoms, treatments, and health conditions online. Although it's important to consult a healthcare professional for serious medical concerns, having access to this information helps individuals understand their health and well-being better.

The Internet has revolutionized how we communicate with each other. Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp allow people to stay connected with friends and family, no matter where they are in the world. Sharing updates, photos, and messages has never been easier, making it simple to maintain relationships over long distances.

Beyond entertainment, the Internet also promotes cultural exchange. People can explore different cultures through websites, videos, and social media, learning about the traditions, art, and languages of other countries. This fosters greater understanding and appreciation of the world's diversity.

The Internet has had a tremendous impact on modern life, offering many benefits in education, healthcare, and communication. It has made information more accessible, created new job opportunities, and connected people across the globe. With its ability to entertain and promote cultural exchange, the Internet has become an essential tool for both personal growth and social development. Despite challenges like privacy concerns and misinformation, the Internet remains a helpful and transformative resource in our daily lives, *Al-Hamdu Lillah*!

Above all, what I value most is the access to Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA). It serves as a constant source of comfort in our home, with the soothing presence of our beloved Huzoor (aba) in the background. Without the Internet, I often wonder how we would manage to witness the live broadcasts of Huzoor's Friday sermons and his speeches, which are filled with care and offer profound guidance on every aspect of life. His words provide an abundance of wisdom and reassurance that we rely on deeply. All perfect praise belongs to Allah, who guides our beloved Khalifa (aba), *Al-Hamdu Lillah.*

TALES TO LIVE BY

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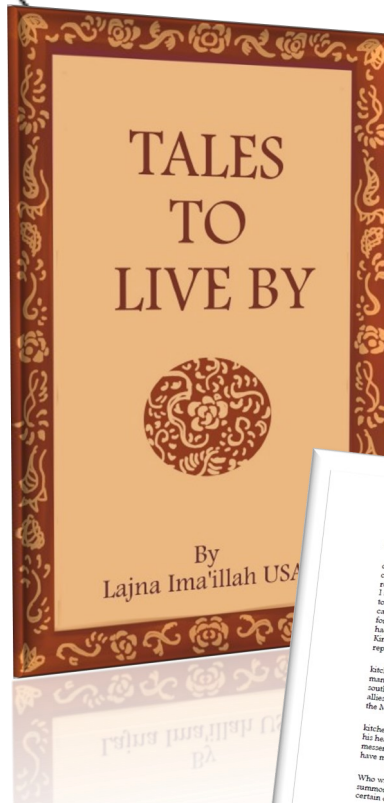
I Love Allah

Written by Hajra Batool Ahmad
Illustrated by Amatul Alla Mubarika Ahmad

This sturdy and large sized board book is perfect for toddlers and young children. Children will love following Amal and learning about blessings from Allah. The original illustrations are colorful and cheerful. This book offers parents a great opportunity to talk to young children about Allah.

I love Allah

because Allah gave me a loving family.
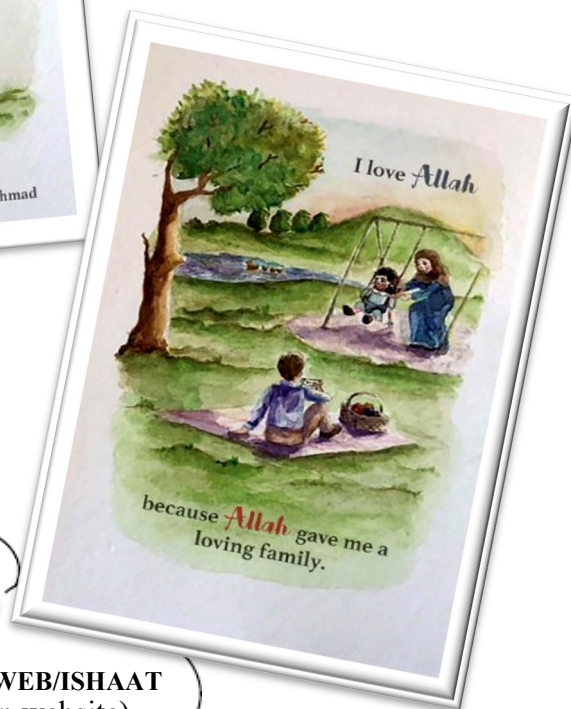
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THE GOOD AND BAD USES OF TECHNOLOGY

Sajeela Ahmad/ Age 13/ Virginia South

Our parents, Jama'at mentors, and Huzoor (aba) frequently remind us that technology can be used for both good and bad purposes. So what does Islam teach us about this? What guidance do Allah and the Holy Prophet (sa) provide on this matter?

In the Holy Qur'an, Allah describes true believers as those who: *"…shun all that which is vain,"* [Ch. 23, V. 4]. In this context, vain things are those that produce no positive result; things that are useless, pointless, or worthless. Believers are instructed to avoid such actions.

Examples of vain activities include endlessly scrolling through social media, watching 'funny' videos, or arguing on platforms like X for the sake of argument. These activities are widespread but result in little or no benefit. Recent studies show that such activities don't lead to happiness or deeper connections, contrary to what some believe about social media.

Ibn Abbas reported:

the Messenger of Allah (sa) said,

"Take advantage of five before five: your youth before your old age, your health before your illness, your riches before your poverty, your free time before your work, and your life before your death" (*Shu'ab al-Iman lil-Bayhaqi 10250, Sahih*)

This hadith underscores the importance of time in Islam. Our youth and blessings should not be wasted on vain things, but rather used to achieve goals and do good.

In the Holy Qur'an, Allah says:

"And every one has a goal which dominates him; vie, then, with one another in good works. Wherever you be, Allah will bring you all together. Surely, Allah has the power to do all that He wills" [Ch. 2: V. 149].
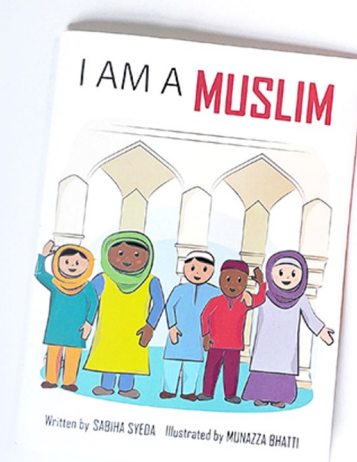
Technology can be a tool to achieve these goals and do good deeds, but it's crucial to remember that a true believer avoids everything vain, using all resources, especially technology, to get closer to Allah.

A BENEFIT TO THE JAMA'AT

Shafiya Munir/ Age 11/ Virginia North

Technology benefits the Jamaʻat in many ways. It connects us, helps us learn, and makes our community stronger! One of the best things about technology is that it gives us access to so many learning resources. The Jamaʻat is able to provide resources using online websites like www.alislam.org. This website has online books, Friday Sermon summaries and videos, articles, FAQs, and different formats of the Holy Qurʼan, which make it easy for us to read and learn about our religion anytime.

The Jamaʻat also has other websites with abundant information and resources. For example, we can easily access Tahir Academy and Nasirat workbooks and other helpful resources online. Every country in the world is using technology to create their own websites for the members of their Jamaʻat.

Our Jamaʻat's television and YouTube channel, MTA, is the best way to watch educational programs about Islam and learn about Ahmadiyyat. MTA also has different language channels. In this way, it also spreads the message of Islam to non-Ahmadi people all over the world. MTA also has news channels that show Jamaʻat news and other news from around the world, so that people can stay well informed.

Technology also helps us create presentations for meetings and classes. Instead of just talking, we can use slides, videos, and images to make our meetings more interesting. This makes learning more fun.

Technology is very helpful for people who do Jama'at work, like *Tasneef,* which involves creating books for spreading our message. Having everything online makes it easier and faster to get things done!

During the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone depended on using technology. We had meetings and communication online, which helped us stay connected even when we couldn't meet in person. We continued our *Tabligh* efforts online, sharing the message of Islam with others.

We can also join Qur'an classes online through Alfurqan.us. This is especially good because we can learn from teachers anywhere in the world!

In conclusion, technology benefits Jama'at Ahmadiyya in so many ways. In fact, it is a way to fulfill the revelation of the Promised Messiah (as): "I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the Earth." Technology is helping to spread Islam through websites like www.alislam.org and our MTA channel all over the world. Technology also helps us learn, connect, and do important work for our community. By using these tools wisely, we can grow stronger together in faith and knowledge. Let's keep using technology to support our Jama'at and share the message of Islam.

A Great Privilege

Jaziba Munir/ Age 8/ Virginia North

Today, I want to tell you about technology. Technology is not just about video games and watching funny YouTube videos. There's a lot more to it! For example, you can visit websites like www.alislam.org to learn important things. You can watch shows like "This Week with Huzoor" or read Friday Sermons from long ago. If you want to know more about the Battle of Badr or need to study for Tahir Academy or Nasirat class, you can search for it online! That's why having technology is a privilege. We should use it for learning.

In his book *Social Media*, our beloved *Huzoor* (aba) said, "As I have said today, we are able to utilize modern technology to convey our teachings. Apart from MTA, we also have Jama'at websites through which programs and books filled with knowledge and information are easily available. You must seek to avail these resources and constantly increase your knowledge." (*Address at Annual Lajna Ijtema UK, October 25, 2015.*) This is one way we can use technology for good.

Technology is also good for school work. If you have a Chromebook, you can use it to study for tests. You can watch educational videos, access homework, study guides for tests, and more on your Chromebook.

But remember, technology isn't all good. Sometimes it can be unsafe. There are people online who might have evil intentions. That's why it's important to be safe! Always have

a parent, teacher, or some adult with you when you're using technology. This is also important when you're doing Jama'at work.

You might go on your computer or iPad if you're bored at home, and you might have apps or games that you like to play, but you have to make sure they're safe. On the Internet, you can get ideas for crafts, cooking, baking, learning skills, and lots more. But you have to make sure they involve being safe and are not dangerous and you are not interacting with strangers.

Remember, technology can be helpful, but we also have to be smart and safe while using it. Let's use technology to learn and do good things!

Technology 's Many Uses

Kinza Rehman Malik/ Age: 11/ Virginia North
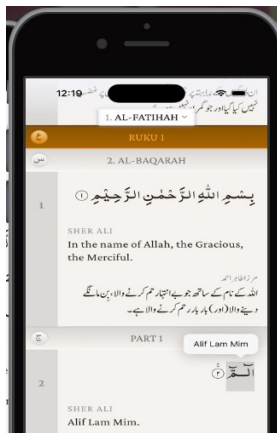
All kids, including me, think that without technology, the world will collapse. We use technology for everything: school, video games, YouTube, social media, etc. Technology is everywhere. Most kids might only use it for video games or social media, but I believe that technology can be used for many good things as well, such as school, research, learning about Islam, reading the Qur'an, etc. I see technology from a different perspective than others, and you can too!

Is Artificial Intelligence good and should we use it?

Nothing is bad in its essence, nor is it good. A person can make it good or evil. As for a human he is neither bad nor good when he is born. The Holy Prophet said his surroundings, his environment, his parents, those who live near him, they make him bad or good. If he is given good Tarbiyat then he becomes good. But if he is given bad Tarbiyat then he becomes bad. If you find good friends then you will also become good, but if you have bad friends who wander about, watch films, stay on social media, and do not study, then you will also become like them…

So in this manner the systems that are in place today i.e. artificial Intelligence, it possesses good and good deeds can be done through it, and we can use it well for translation. But to completely rely or depend on it is incorrect, we have to examine it later. For example, if we translate our religious books using A.I., then we have to revise it once more, we have to edit it again. A.I. only has the capacity proportional to how much information you've fed it. It will produce whatever the person feeds it.

Yes it has good use and some people use it well, and there is no harm in that, but to totally depend on it, or to give someone wrong information through it and to tarnish their reputation, to

cause them to fall into disrepute or to give them false information through it, then this is wrong. Use A.I. to the extent to which it is in your control, because there is no harm in it. But if you totally depend on it, or use it for the wrong reasons, if you begin to defame or disgrace people through it or if you start creating fake news, then it is wrong…. If how you use it is good for humanity, then it is fine.

How can I safeguard myself from social media?

Ask your parents or if you know how to do it, ensure all unsuitable websites are blocked. Only open those sites that are beneficial for your educational purposes. Gain knowledge from them, derive benefit from them. Apart from them do not view any other content. You must make a resolve that you are not going to do anything inappropriate. However, there are such sites where children's stories appear yet inappropriate advertisements pop up. From that the mind is polluted, it becomes poisoned. Children's minds are ruined, and they start learning bad things. Therefore, if such a thing appears, immediately move past it – change it. Make an effort; resolve that you are an Ahmadi Muslim; you have to do good deeds, learn good things.

Firstly, you should have the sites blocked by getting all the information through your parents. All those websites that can give you inappropriate content – block them. They should not even appear. There are such applications through which this can be done. And only learn good things and view educational programs which are good for your education. Only view them and study them. You have been given an iPad at school for the purpose of studying. It has not been given for you go on websites and social media and to start saying inappropriate things. So, use it for the purpose you've been given it, and not for inappropriate things. You have to make a resolve.

Ways That Technology Is Used For Good

Manal Ahmad/ Age 11/ Virginia North

Is technology good or bad for you? The truth is, it's a little bit of both. Technology has become an important part of our lives. From the cars we drive to the appliances we use in our homes; technology is a crucial detail in our lives. It offers many benefits, such as:

Medical Uses:

Advancements in technology have significantly improved healthcare. From life-saving implants to sophisticated hearing aids, technology has revolutionized the medical field. In the past, medical knowledge was quite limited, as the treatments offered by doctors were often ineffective or even harmful, and the patient being treated would often have to go through excruciating pain, especially during amputations. However, with the advent of modern technology, medical professionals have access to a wealth of information and tools that enable them to provide more exact diagnoses and effective treatments that are less painful.

Learning Properties:

Technology has taken learning to a higher level. With the internet and search engines like Google, we have access to tons of information at our fingertips. Computers have opened many opportunities, allowing us to complete schoolwork from the comfort of our homes, take part in virtual classes from anywhere, and stay organized with digital tools and resources. The educational landscape has been reshaped by

technology, offering unparalleled flexibility and accessibility.

Tabligh:

With the blessing of technology in our hands, spreading and promoting Islam has never been easier. In the past, our people often had to walk miles to do Tabligh, and to encourage people to work hard in the name of Allah. Now, with our cell phones, we can do *Tabligh* from our homes, like watching MTA, or posting about Islam on social media for everyone to see. Since 1992, when MTA was established, Islam has grown significantly in population and has reached every corner of the earth, fulfilling an inspiring revelation of the Promised Messiah (as) that "I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth."

Using Technology for Jama'at Purposes:

Huzoor (aba) has delivered many speeches about the benefits of technology for staying attached to the Jama'at. He said: "As I have said today, we are able to utilize modern technology to convey our teachings. Apart from MTA, we also have Jama'at websites through which programs and books filled with knowledge and information are easily available" (*Address at Annual Lajna Ijtema UK October 25, 2015*).

Huzoor (aba) reminds us that there are many websites for Jama'at learning. You can access them online and learn about the Qur'an*,* Ahadith*,* and Islamic history. If you don't have a physical book, the Internet allows you to access books for free!

Using Technology for Good

Asher Nayel Malik/ Age 9/ Maryland

Today I will be talking about how to use technology for good. One such example of this is the Internet. The Internet allows me to search different topics or different subjects that interest me. I used the web when I needed a citation for my Atfal speech at my local Ijtema. Social media is another example of technology that we can utilize to spread the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

In the Qur'an the importance of seeking knowledge and understanding God's creation is mentioned. In today's world we can research where this is mentioned in the Qur'an just by clicking a few buttons and searching the web. We can also read the Qur'an on our phones or tablets wherever we go.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is when the computer has a brain of its own that you can ask about real world issues, and it responds within a few seconds saving us a ton of time from researching. Examples like the Internet, social media, and AI can help us seek knowledge more easily and do what the Qur'an teaches.

YouTube is not only an entertainment channel, but we can also watch Huzoor's (aba) sermons, and even sermons from the previous Khalifas. We can also see speeches and highlights of Jalsas and Ijtemas from around the world.

Although technology is advancing each day and we become more dependent on it, we should remember to use it in moderation. Islam encourages moderation in everything. We should always utilize it to better ourselves and we must stay away from the negative things it may have. May Allah enable us to do so and keep us away from the harms of technology, *Ameen*.

Technology – A Gift from Allah

Farwaa Rashad/ Age 9/ Austin

Technology is a gift from Allah! In the past, communication was much harder without it. Now, technology allows us to play games, stay connected with family and friends, and listen to Huzoor's (aba) guidance. It also plays a role in education and daily life.

Watching Huzoor (aba) is a significant blessing of technology, making it clear that this gift from Allah can be used to strengthen our faith.

An Important Tool

Zara Laiq/ Age 15/ Virginia North

"Say, 'Whether you conceal what is in your breasts or reveal it, Allah knows it; and He knows whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. And Allah has power to do all things.'" [Holy Qur'an Ch. 3, V. 30]

In modern times, technological innovations are perhaps making a bigger difference in everyday life than anything else. Advancements are occurring at a rapid pace, with new developments that are difficult to keep up with. An important fact to keep in mind is that we must use this new technology wisely; it should serve as a way to improve the lives of individuals and society at large.
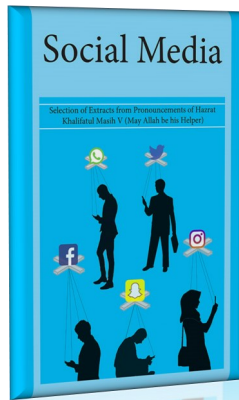
With the ownership of technology, we are also given the responsibility of being transparent to God. As He is the **"All Knowing"** and has total awareness of people's innermost thoughts, people are required to always be mindful of what they are posting online as Allah is always watching. Integrity while using social media should be of utmost importance, so that people present themselves honestly on the various social platforms they are using.

Huzoor (aba) has said, **"No human knowingly approaches evil. It is against human nature to do something that one knows will lead to harm. Allah the Exalted has clearly explained the**

good and the evil to a true believer. One should identify good and evil according to the teachings of Allah the Exalted and should act or abstain accordingly.” (*Friday Sermon May 20, 2016, Gottenburg, Sweden*)

Excessive use of Internet and social media is an indirect attack from Satan, for the purpose of distracting mankind from its true purpose of worshiping Allah. The distractions of Satan are mentioned in Surah Al-Nas when it says:

“From the evil of the sneaking whisperer.” [Ch. 114, V. 5]

Satan is constantly fighting a silent battle against each individual to make an attempt at guiding us away from the path of God. When excessive use begins leading to the neglect of worship of a believer, only then does Satan succeed in his mission, which is why we must make a constant effort to deflect these attacks even when they are not visibly apparent.

According to a 2023 survey by the website Reviews.org, the number of times that Americans check their phones per day is around 144 times. Huzoor (aba) has said:

“If worldly desire increases so that one is engrossed in TV dramas and the Internet and is late in offering Salat, then love for Allah cannot develop. Gaining this love requires sacrifice of desires.” (*Waqf-e-Nau Class, October 8, 2011, Germany*)

Having self-awareness is essential in order to create true reformation in oneself. Being able to recognize and improve from one's sins and weaknesses is contingent on an individual being able to let go of their own pleasures. Allah has not said to let go of desires entirely, but rather to act on them in moderation and not

become entirely consumed by them.

Television and social media may also act as sources of knowledge depending on how they are utilized. Allah has emphasized the importance of gaining knowledge for Muslims, which these platforms are able to help promote. It is up to us to make sure that we are reaping the benefits from it, and not falling into the trap of the inescapable technological abyss Satan has set up for us. An important tool that will help us succeed in attaining these benefits is developing a habit of regularly watching MTA.
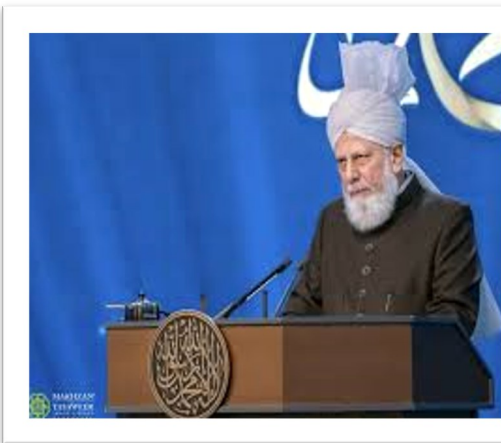
Regarding MTA, Huzoor (aba) has said, **"Parents should pay attention to making sure their children are attached to MTA. This is a spiritual blessing which is the source of your spiritual survival"** (*Message for Jalsa Salana Australia December 14, 2015*).

Society's connection to Khilafat is vital, and through MTA, people in various areas of the world are able to gain access to the valuable guidance of our Khalifa.

May Allah enable us to seek the benefits of modern technology and safeguard against the evils of it.

Huzoor's Valuable Advice

Hana Suhail/ Age 12/ Virginia North

"O ye who believe! let not your wealth and your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah."

[Holy Qur'an Ch. 63, V.10]

In the book, Social Media, a collection of addresses delivered by our Beloved Huzoor (aba), he explains to us that these days social media has made a great impact in all our lives and especially in the lives of children and young adults. When children start to grow away from their faith, a lot of the time it's because of the attraction of social media.

Unfortunately, a lot of social media platforms give misleading and false impressions of things, which they know children will get attracted to.

In one of the episodes of 'This Week with Huzoor,' Huzoor (aba) pointed out that unfortunately the good things don't outnumber the bad things on social media. And social media platforms which are spoiling your life are morally corrupt.

Huzoor (aba) is constantly reminding us to use social media to benefit ourselves. Twitter and other platforms are great resources that can be used for different purposes to benefit everyone such as spreading the true message of Islam, showing all the great work that the Jama'at does through Humanity First, and being able to listen to Huzoor (aba) on a daily basis.

Why it was Invented!

Sabeeka Kamran Syeda / Age 12/ Fort Worth

Technology is a vast dictionary/encyclopedia. It is also our calendar and streaming services device. However, some pros and cons of this device can help you, and others can ruin your life. Here is a chart that separates the pros and cons.

Pros:
⇒ You can learn anything without a book.
⇒ You can keep yourself organized
⇒ You can use it for entertainment and music.

Medical success - The healthcare industry has seen incredible advancements thanks to technology. From improved diagnostic tools to robotic surgeries, technology has significantly enhanced patient care and increased life expectancy.

Efficiency and Productivity
One of the most significant advantages of technology is the boost in efficiency. Tasks that once took hours, if not days, can now be completed in mere minutes. This increased efficiency has revolutionized industries, making production and operations more streamlined and cost-effective. In civil engineering, modern technology has given rise to machines that handle tasks like cement mixing and even foundation construction, streamlining these essential processes.

Cons:
Job Displacement
Automation, artificial intelligence, and robotics have the potential to replace many jobs. This trend creates job insecurity for those in positions that can be automated, which can result in economic and social challenges.

Health Concerns
Excessive screen time can lead to various health issues. These may include digital eye strain, poor posture, physical inactivity, and even addiction to the Internet and social media.

Social Isolation
The increasing reliance on technology for communication has the potential to isolate individuals. Face-to-face interactions are reduced, and there's a risk of reduced social skills and increased feelings of loneliness.

Technology can have a great impact on our lives very immediately because everything on the Internet is always spreading and it will get to you very quickly, even if it's on the other side of the world. Research shows that teens 14 to 18 watch about eight hours of TV every day, not including homework. So much exposure is causing depression in

children which is not something children should have at this age. Huzoor (aba) admonishes us to use technology for good. It can be used to spread Islam by doing *tabligh*. We could make a YouTube channel and post different things that happened in the mosque! That would be a perfect way to do use technology for good because I think that's why it was invented.

Allah Is Watching

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The internet can be used for both good and bad purposes. Some benefits of the internet include writing letters to Huzoor (aba) and listening to books online. However, it can also waste time if not used wisely. Always remember that Allah is watching us, so we must make the right choices.

Technology Word Search

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Internet	Online	Mta	Camera
Media	Taqwah	Content	Youtube
Privacy	Halal	Allah	Application
Purdah	Comment	Haya	Technology

Glossary

Abū Dāwūd ابو داود : A collection of Aḥadīth. The author of this collection.

Adhan: The call to prayer

Al-Ḥamdu Lillāh اَلْحَمْدُ لله : All praise belongs to Allah.

Al-Hilāl الہلال : The new moon.

Āmīn [Āmeen, Aameen] آمین : So be it. Amen. Ceremony to commemorate the completion of the first reading of the Holy Qur'an.

As-Salāmu 'Alaikum اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ May peace be upon you. (The formation assalam-o or assalam-u is incorrect as there is no waw و after mīm م, hence the abbreviation AoA or A.O.A. or A-o-A is also incorrect.)

Bukhari: A collection of Ahadith. The author of this collection.

Chanda: چندہ Monetary contribution, donation. (The ha at the end is to indicate a fath on dal, and is not pronounced, so should not be explicitly written in the transliteration of the word.)

Ḥaḍrat حضرت[Hadhrat, Ḥaḍrat, Hazrat]: His Holiness

Aḥmad, Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Masroor (1950-...)حضرت مرزا مسرور احمد, may Allah be his Helper: Fifth successor (2003-...) to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

Ḥuḍūr [Ḥudhūr, Ḥuzūr, Huzoor] حضور : His Honor, His Holiness, Your Honor, Your Holiness. In Urdu, it is spelled Ḥaḍūr [Ḥaḍoor, Ḥadhūr, Ḥadhoor, Ḥazūr, Ḥazoor].

Ifṭār افطار : breaking the Islamic formal fast at sunset

Ifṭārī افطاری : eating to break Islamic formal fast.

Ijtema: gathering

Jalsa Salana: Annual Convention

Jama'at: Community

Muslim: Believer, one who submits to Allah

Nāsirāt ناصرات : helpers (feminine). A member of Majlis Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya, association of young Ahmadi girls.

Sadaqah صدقہ: alms

Tabligh: preaching

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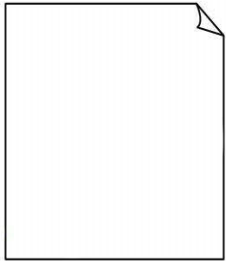
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