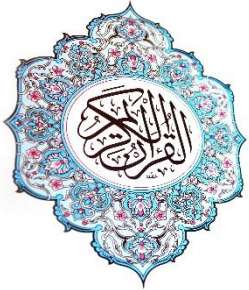


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Holy Qur'an 4:49, An-Nisa

“Surely, Allah will not forgive that any partner be associated with Him; but He will forgive whatever is short of that to whomsoever He pleases. And whoso associates partners with Allah has indeed devised a very great sin.”



The Friday Sermon

Excerpts from Friday Sermons delivered by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba), the fifth Khalifa (successor) to the Promised Messiah (as) and the supreme head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Message from ‘National Additional Secretary Tarbiyyat & Waqf-e-Jadid for New Ahmadis’

Assalaamu Alaikum Wa RahmatAllahi Wa Barakatahu,

It is our great pleasure to bring you another edition of the New Ahmadi Muslim Newsletter. We pray that this newsletter is of value to all new Ahmadis and helps you to strengthen your faith, come close to Allah Almighty, and follow the beautiful practice (sunnah) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

The theme of this month’s newsletter is:

‘Shirk’ (associating partners with Allah). Features include Hadith and sayings of the Promised Messiah^{as} about Shirk as well as videos regarding the topic.

If you have any comments or feedback, please send them via the email provided at the bottom of this newsletter. May Allah Almighty bless you all abundantly.

With a humble request for prayers,

Wasalam (with peace),
Jonathan Butterworth

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Faith and Financial Sacrifice: Launch of Tehrik Jadid Year 2023

After reciting Tashahhud, Ta’awwuz and Surah al-Fatihah, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aba} recited the following verse, the translation of which is:

“Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend, Allah surely knows it well.” (The Holy Qur’an, 3:93).

Huzoor^{aba} quoted the Promised Messiah^{as} who said that true virtue, which leads to salvation, can be attained when one spends out of their most precious and beloved wealth. Spending out of useless wealth is meaningless, rather, the wealth which is most dear to a person must be spent in order to become the most dear to God. How can one attain heights in rank without enduring difficulty? The Companions of the Holy Prophet^{saw} did not just happen to attain their rank, rather they did so only after a great deal of struggle. Blessed are those who do not care about enduring difficulties for the sake of Allah.

HADITH

MUSNADU AHMADABNI HANBAL, VOL. 4. P. 124, CITED IN CONDITIONS OF BAI’AT AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AN AHMADI, PP. 16-17

The Holy Prophet^{saw} feared the spread of shirk in his ummah [followers]. One hadith states:

‘Ubadah Bin Nasi told us about Shaddad Bin ‘Aus that he was crying. He was asked, ‘Why do you cry?’ He replied, ‘I have remembered something that I heard from the Holy Prophet^{saw} and it has made me cry. I heard the Holy Prophet^{saw} say that, “I fear about shirk and their secret desires in my ummah.” I

asked, “O Prophet of Allah, will your people be involved in shirk after you?” The Holy Prophet^{saw} responded, “Yes, even though my people will not worship the sun and the moon, the idol and the stone, they will suffer from ostentations in their actions and they will be prey to their hidden desires. One of them will start the day fasting but then he will come across a desire and he will break the fast and indulge in his desire.”

THE PROMISED MESSIAH^{AS}

ON SHIRK (ASSOCIATING PARTNERS WITH ALLAH)

The Promised Messiah^{as} says regarding Surah An- Nisa verse 49 that, “every sin is forgivable except ‘shirk’. Therefore, do not go near shirk and consider it to be a forbidden tree.” He has also emphasised that Shirk does not merely mean bowing before stones, etc.; rather, it is also shirk that you should depend entirely on worldly means and emphasise worldly idols.”

The Promised Messiah^{as} has furthermore stated that “anyone who gives reverence to his own plans, mischief or clever designs as he should revere God alone, or depends upon another person as he should depend upon God alone, or reveres his own ego as he should revere God alone, in all such conditions he is an idol-worshipper in the sight of Allah.”

Conditions of Bai’at and the Responsibilities of an Ahmadi, pp. 15-18



THE BAI'AT (OATH OF ALLEGIANCE)

After six to seven years, in the first quarter of year 1888, Almighty Allah commanded the Promised Messiah^{as} to take bai'at in with the Divine words:

“And when you made up your mind, then trust Allah. And, make an ark before Our eyes and according to Our revelation. Those who take a pledge at your hand take a pledge with Allah. Allah’s hand is above their hands.”

The Promised Messiah says:

“To take bai'at means handing over your life to Almighty Allah. It means, ‘Today we have sold our life to Almighty Allah.’ It is wrong to say that by treading in the path of Allah anybody would ultimately suffer a loss. The truthful can never be in a state of loss. Only he who is false—i.e., who, for worldly gain breaks the pledge that he has made with Almighty Allah— suffers loss.”

Ishtihar, December 01, 1888, p. 2

THE FIRST CONDITION

‘The initiate shall solemnly promise that he/she shall abstain from shirk [associating any partner with God] right up to the day of his/her death.’

LITERATURE

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Read The Conditions of Bia'at and the Responsibilities of an Ahmadi [here](#)

MULTIMEDIA

TOPICS ABOUT SHIRK



Arrogance is a vice that ranks second only to shirk

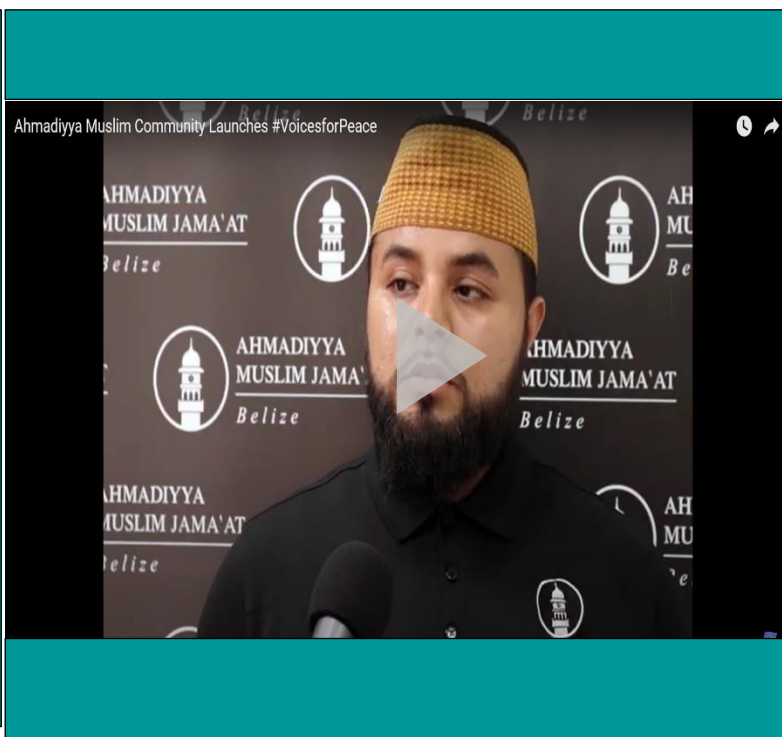


Faith Matters No. 191
Play from 54:21

CONVERTS' ACCOUNT

MISSIONARY ATTA'UL HAQ GABB

“Throughout my life, I have never felt a relationship with such a divine love than that of the Khalifa. Since I've even been an Ahmadi Muslim, I can see the great difference between me and a normal Belizeans because they're moving throughout their lives trying to find the answers , trying to find leadership. Me as an Ahmadi Muslim, I already know who is my leader and what my beliefs are you know, I don't need to search for anyone to lead me or to find the answers because the Khalifa can give me the answers...”

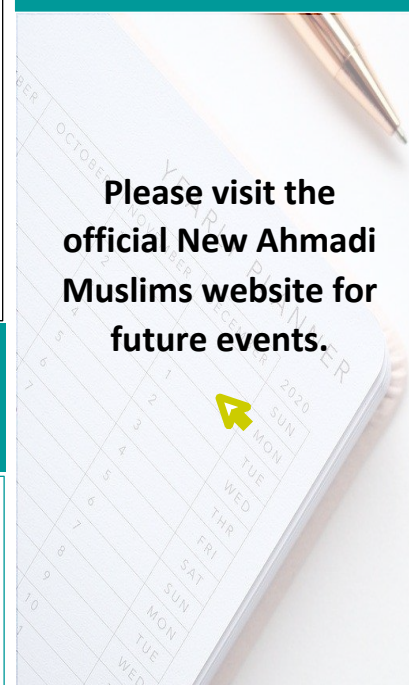


Watch Murrabi Atta'ul Haqq's story [here](#)

His Holiness^{aba} said that this was the spirit which the Promised Messiah^{as} wished to inculcate in his Community. Now, there is a large number of people in this Community who put their own needs aside and blessings of Allah increase. This may be difficult for a worldly person to understand, but a person of faith knows that it is a result of such sacrifices that the blessings of Allah increase. One of the initial mandates of the Second Caliph (ra) at the outset of Tehrik-e-Jadid was that rather than having jewellery made, women should offer that wealth in financial sacrifices. However, it can be even more difficult to have something already in your possession and then give it up in the form of financial sacrifice.

Please note: The above excerpts are just summaries, please watch, listen to and read the full Friday sermon via the [official website](#) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Please visit the official New Ahmadi Muslims website for future events.

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