

**How to safeguard  
oneself from the ills of  
the society**

## NATIONAL TARBIYYAT DEPARTMENT UK

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## About this Booklet

This booklet has been prepared in light of Shura Proposal 19.02 in which the sub-committee recommended that: *Tarbiyyat Department should produce a book targeting younger members that would compile the teachings of The Holy Quran, The Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>, Hazrat Masih-e-Moud<sup>as</sup> and Khulafa. It should focus on contemporary subjects and should also contain tips on spiritual enhancement.*

Thus the Tarbiyyat Department has prepared this booklet which is a compilation from the writings and sayings of the Holy Quran, the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>, Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and the Khulafa<sup>ra</sup> on how we can safeguard ourselves from the ills of the society along with tips on how we can better ourselves spiritually and attain Allah's nearness.

## Objective of Human Creation

What is the objective of human creation? What does it demand and how can one achieve the purpose of life? Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> has elaborated on this topic in many Friday sermons and addresses. In a Friday sermon, instructing the members of the Jama'at, he<sup>aba</sup> said:

“Allah the Almighty has bestowed a huge favour on man that He exalted him above all other creations and granted him a mind that allows him to subjugate other living beings and things created by God, and take maximum advantage of those. Each day the human mind is using this faculty to bring forth the latest innovations. The worldly progress today was not seen ten years ago, and worldly progress seen ten years ago was not seen twenty years ago. As we keep looking back [in time] we can appreciate the importance of the latest innovations and the capability of the human mind. However, is the material progress achieved by man the objective of his life? Throughout history, worldly man considered the objective of life to be attainment of progress, power, worldly grandeur, might, and indulgence in worldly luxuries and exuberances using his wealth to establish his superiority over the less fortunate, using his wealth

to gain physical comfort and using his power to subjugate others. An ordinary worldly man who does not have wealth thinks the same way. Young men of today who are not drawn to religion and are engrossed in the world think that these latest inventions, such as television and Internet, are the real means to progress and are greatly influenced by such things. This is an extremely erroneous concept. This concept has created greater tyrants. This concept has created most cruel individuals. This concept has created many men, who are engrossed in hedonism. Each era has seen Pharaohs created by this idea because of their power, wealth, might and grandeur. Allah the Almighty, who is the Lord of the worlds and the Creator of all the worlds, has strongly refuted this concept. He said, what you consider to be the objective of your life is not! You were not created so that you may gain benefit from the material things and then leave this world. No! Instead Allah the Almighty said:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me. (Holy Quran 51:57)

Friday Sermon 15/01/2010

## Excessive use of TV and Internet leads to Neglect of Worship

In a Friday sermon Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> recited Tashahhud, Ta'awwuz and Surah Fātiḥah and then recited the following verse of Sura An-Nur and explained its translation:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ط وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعْ خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ  
فَإِنَّهُ يَأْمُرُ بِالْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ ط وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ مَا زَكَا  
مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ أَبَدًا وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يُزَكِّي مَنْ يَشَاءُ ط وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

O ye who believe! Follow not the footsteps of Satan, and whoso follows the footsteps of Satan should know that he surely enjoins immorality 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.

Holy Quran, 24:22

Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> then used this verse to discuss those matters that hinder a man from reaching the objective of his life (i.e. worshiping his Creator). Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> said:

“It is important to erect defences against Satan in our homes that not only protect us from each attack but are also able to launch a counter attack. Do not let Satan enter your life by accepting his love as [true] love. Instead, each Ahmadi should make effort to seek Allah’s protection by doing Istighfār (repentance) all the time. Allah the Exalted is the greatest defence against Satan. Thus, in this world gone astray, one should seek protection from Allah by doing Istighfār because Istighfār is the only way to come under the protection of Allah. 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. Satan knows that he cannot harm a man who is in the protection and fort of Allah the Exalted. Therefore, Satan takes a man out of this protection and takes him out of the fort of Allah and makes man follow him. It is obvious that to take a man out of Allah’s protection, he tempts him with virtuous deeds. Or one can say that a believer can only be taken out of the protection of Allah by giving him the temptation of good deeds.”

Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> then said:

“Evils of these days include television and the Internet. You can observe this in most homes that the eldest to the youngest are not offering Fajr Salat on time as they were either watching TV or were online on the Internet until late, watching some program and, as a result, they could not wake up on time. In fact, such people do not even realize that they have to get up for Salat in the morning. Both the Internet and TV and similar useless things not only cause you to miss your Salat once or twice, but those who fall victim to this behaviour get into this habit of watching programs until late at night or sitting on the Internet. Then it becomes difficult to get up for the prayer in the morning and [such people] may not even wake up [at a reasonable time]. Some people eventually fail to give any importance to Salat. Salat is a fundamental obligation; its observance is necessary in all circumstances, even in war, difficulty and sickness. It must be offered even if a person has to offer Salat sitting, lying down, or in the case of war or travel offer it as qasr (reduced form). But it must be offered. In ordinary circumstances, men are directed to offer it in congregation and women are also directed to offer it on time. However, Satan diverts a person away from Salat for the sake of a

single worldly program. Additionally, Internet is such that it continues to engage one in the various programs and applications using a phone or iPad. At first, good programs are watched on these. Its attraction is such that, at first good programs are watched, and then all kinds of filthy and destructive immoral programs are watched, which destroy morality. There is restlessness in many homes because the rights of wives are not taken care of and children's rights are not fulfilled because men are busy watching vulgar programs on TV and Internet during the night. Consequently, the children of these homes are coloured in the same hue, and they watch the same. Hence, an Ahmadi house should try to stay clear of all these ills. The Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> was so concerned about saving the believers from the attacks of Satan that he<sup>saw</sup> taught his companions prayers to save them from Satan, and he taught them comprehensive prayers. A companion has narrated that he<sup>saw</sup> taught us this prayer: 'O Allah create love in our hearts, reform us, and make us tread upon the paths of security, and take us to light saving us from darkness, and save us from overt and covert indecencies, and place blessings for us in our ears, in our eyes, in our hearts, in our wives and in our children, and turn to us with mercy. You are the

acceptor of repentance and the one who forgives time and again. Make us the ones who are grateful for your favours and appreciate them and accept them. And, O Allah, perfect your favours on us.’ Sunnan Abu Daud Kitabus Salat. Bab Al-Tashahud, Hadith 969

Thus, this is the prayer to restrain from wrong worldly entertainment”

Friday Sermon 20/05/2016

In addition to the Friday sermons, on many occasions Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> has explained that excessive use of technology is a hindrance to worship. In a Waqf-e-Nau class, he explained:

“If you have fear of Allah the Exalted, then you will have love for Him, as well. Allah the Exalted says that if you take one step towards me, I will take two steps [towards you] and if one comes to me walking, I will go to him running”

Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> then said:

“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. Gaining this love requires sacrifice of desires.”

Waqf-e-Nau Class 08/10/2011

## **A Believer Shuns all that is Vain**

### **Need to raise the standards of Modesty:**

Irresponsible use of the latest inventions and modes of communications has resulted in extreme moral corruption in every society in this world. Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> has repeatedly reminded members of the Jama'at and especially the youth to safeguard themselves against these societal evils. In this regard, he said the following in a Friday sermon:

“As I had mentioned earlier, the latest inventions such as TV and Internet have redefined the historically established standards of modesty. Even after showing blatant immodesty, they say it is not so. The standard of modesty of an Ahmadi is not how it is shown on TV and the Internet. This is not modesty: rather, it is people being embroiled in lust and passion. Immodesty and indecency have also changed the standards of modesty in some apparently decent Ahmadi household. In the name of progress, such [vulgar] things are discussed and such [vulgar] actions are taken, which are not permissible for any decent human, even if they are husband and wife. Some matters are such that when they are done in front of others, not only are they unwarrantable, they become a sin. If Ahmadi

families do not clean their homes of such vulgarities, then they have not honoured their pledge, which they had made at the hand of the Imam of this age, and they have wasted their belief. The Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> clearly said: الْحَيَاءُ شُعْبَةٌ مِّنَ

الْإِيمَانِ Modesty is part of faith.

Muslim Kitabul iman baab Shu'aib ul Iman wa Afzaluha, Hadith number 59

Hence, each Ahmadi youth should be especially cognizant of not getting ensnared by the transgressions shown by the media; otherwise, they may lose their faith. Under the influence of these indecencies some individuals cross all limits and have to be excommunicated by way of punishment. Always remember that all your actions should be done to please Allah. A Hadith relates that Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> said: Indecency makes the perpetrator unsightly and modesty and bashfulness gives a modest person inner and outer beauty and makes him beautiful."

Tirmadhi Kitabul Birr wa Sila Bab maja'a fil Fuhsh wal Tafahhush. Hadith number 1974

Friday Sermon 15/01/2010

## **Vulgarity in the Name of Adornment**

On many occasions, Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> has declared the trend of increasing immodesty in society to be extremely dangerous. He has often explained the Islamic teaching of Ghade-basr, meaning modestly lowering the gaze to safeguard oneself. In an address to the Ahmadi ladies he said:

“As I said, the attire is increasingly becoming an indecent attire. They advertise these [indecent clothes] through large billboards, advertisements on TV, advertisements on the Internet and even in newspapers. If a decent man happens to come across such advertisements, he lowers his gaze out of embarrassment, and he should lower his gaze. All this is done in the name of the modern society and broad mindedness. As I said, the clothing trends have become immodest. There is advertisement for indecency in the name of beauty.”

Address to the Ladies at Jalsa Salana Germany  
29/06/2013 at Karlsruhe, Germany

## **International Spread of Societal Evils**

In the current age, the circle of transgression is expanding due to the extreme expansion of the

communication system. Hence, drawing attention to the members of the Jama'at towards this important topic, Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> said in a Friday sermon:

“These days the practical danger stems from the rampant and uncontrollable spread of the societal ills and, worse, some ills are given legal protection in the name of freedom of expression and speech. Evil was somewhat restricted before this age. The evil of the neighbourhood remained in the neighbourhood, a city’s evil stayed in the city, and a country’s evil remained in the country. At worst, neighbours would be affected by an evil. Now, however, with the ease of travel, television, internet and various media these individual and localized evils have turned into international evils. Contacts are forged on the Internet across thousands of miles to spread evil and indecency.”

Friday Sermon 06/12/2013

## **Guidance for the Youth**

### **Chatting on Social Media and immodesty through pictures of Women**

Increasing mutual connection and exchange of pictures of females is against our moral values and

should be absolutely avoided by Ahmadi youth, girls and children. Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> warned regarding this important issue:

“These days a new method of introduction has been created on the computer and the internet called Facebook. Though it is not that new, but it was introduced in the last few years. I had previously discouraged you from this practice. I had said in my sermons that it encourages immodesty. It shatters the boundaries among people, boundaries from one another, boundaries around secrets. It exposes secrets and invites indecency. The creator of this site has said, ‘I have created this and I believe that whatever a man is on the outside and inside should be exposed to others.’ In his view, exposing someone means that if someone wants to post a nude picture of himself, he is allowed to do so and he would even encourage others to comment on it. Innaillah [“To Allah we return”]. Similarly, anyone can post about anything he sees. If this is not extreme moral regression and degradation, then what is? In this state of moral regression and degradation, an Ahmadi has to teach the high standard of morality and virtue.”

Concluding Address Jalsa Salana Germany  
26/06/2011

## **Exhortation to the youth to act according to Islamic teachings**

Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> has repeatedly reminded the Ahmadi youth and children to live life according to the traditions of the Jama'at and keeping the pledge in mind. In a special message for the Annual Ijtema of Majlis Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya India, Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> said:

“In your Ijtemaat and meetings, you repeat the pledge that you will give precedence to faith over all worldly matters. To achieve this, each one of you should regularly recite the Holy Quran, for it is a spiritual light which really teaches us how we can give precedence to our faith over all worldly matters. The Holy Quran teaches us that true believers offer Salat with due regard. Hence, each one of you should make five daily Salat the objective of your lives and, as much as possible, offer Salat in congregation because there is a greater reward in congregational Salat. Congregational Salat becomes a source of unity and cohesiveness and reflects the unity and might of a community of believers. Your Ijtemaat should be such that you compete with each other in piety and righteousness. Young Khuddam and older Atfal

should stay in the company of good friends and good people. Misuse of the internet and social media is becoming common. If a thing or an act leads to harmful effects on the mind, then it is considered 'lughv' (a vain thing) and a characteristic of believers is that they avoid all that is vain. Similarly, it is also obligatory on men to safeguard their piety and modesty. They have been commanded to observe ghaze basar (lowering of gaze) and should keep their gaze lowered and hearts and mind safeguarded against impure thoughts and bad intentions. Each Islamic principle is based on wisdom and strong reasoning. Through *ghaze basar*, Islam teaches control of the self. Thus, you should remember that piety is an important characteristic trait of a Khadim which can lead one to attain spiritual heights.”

Annual Ijtema for Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and Atfal ul Ahmadiyya, India 10/10/2017

Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> gave comprehensive instructions to Khuddam about developing noble character and self-control. He said:

“Further there are many other vices and ills that are spreading immorality in today’s society and sadly they are increasing by the day. For example, the misuse of the internet and social media is

becoming increasingly common and this includes inappropriate chatting between boys and girls online. Similarly, the internet is being used to watch indecent and immoral films including pornography. The smoking of cigarettes or the use of shisha are also examples of vices that are spreading. Furthermore, even the permissible things can cause harm if they are misused. One example of this is where a person stays awake late into the night watching television or surfing the internet and then fails to wake up for the Fajr prayer, even if what they were viewing was not bad in itself. The end result is that they are moving away from righteousness and in this way the permissible act becomes immoral and not in keeping with the status of a true Muslim. In essence anything at all that has a poisonous or detrimental effect on a person's mind is included in what the Holy Quran has deemed as vain."

Referring to verse 6 of Surah Al-Mu'minun, Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> said: "Allah the Almighty has stipulated another sign of a believer. Allah the Almighty states:

And who guard their chastity [Holy Quran 23:6] وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَفْوَاجِهِمْ حَافِظُونَ to safeguard and protect one's chastity and modesty is certainly not only the

task of women but is also incumbent upon men. To guard one's chastity does not only mean that the person should avoid sexual relations outside of marriage, rather the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> has taught us that it means that a believer should always keep his eyes and ears pure from anything that is indecent or immoral. As I mentioned earlier one thing that is completely obscene is pornography and to view it is to forgo the chastity of one's eyes and ears. It is also wrong and against Islamic teachings of modesty for boys and girls to mix freely, to form relationships or inappropriate friendships."

Address to Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK at Annual Ijtema 26/09/2016

The Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> said:

"The adultery of the eye is the lustful look."

Sahih al-Bukhari, Book 79, Hadith 17

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> wrote:

"But those whose eyes commit adultery and whose hearts are more dirty than filth and who have totally forgotten that they have to leave this world one day, I and my God are completely disgusted with them. I shall feel happy if such people, on their own account, sever their connection with me,

because God intends to make this Community a model for others, who strive to reach the highest rung of the ladder of piety and purity and those who have truly given priority to faith over their worldly pursuits.”

Ruhani Khazain, Vol.20, p77

### ***Ghaze basar* (lowering of gaze): Jihad of the self**

The current age is of the Jihad of the self rather than the Jihad of the sword. One can only stay on the path of piety by following the teachings of the Holy Quran. In this regard, explaining the importance of controlling human emotions and *ghaze basar*, Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> said in a Friday sermon:

“We Ahmadis should remember that the world is going through a dangerous time. Satan is aggressively striking from all directions and if Muslims and specially Ahmadi Muslim men, women, and youth do not try to uphold the religious values, then there is no guarantee of our future. We will be held accountable by God the Almighty more than others because we understood the truth that the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> explained to us yet we did not act upon it. Thus, if we want to save ourselves from destruction then it is

imperative to live in this world while adopting every Islamic teaching with full confidence. Don't think that the progress of the advanced countries is a guarantee of our progress and life and walking with them will guarantee our survival. The progress of these advanced countries has reached its peak and their immorality and immoral actions are causing them to decline, which has begun manifesting itself. They are inviting the wrath of God, they are inviting destruction. Thus, in such a situation under human compassion, we have to show them the right path and save them, instead of adopting their colours. Their reformation seems to be difficult due to their arrogance and distance from religion. If they do not reform themselves then the future progress of the world will be led by those nations who keep the religious and moral values intact. Thus, as I said before, I am especially addressing the youth that they should pay attention to God Almighty's teachings. Instead of getting influenced by the world and walking behind them, you should make the world follow you."

Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> further stated:

"For the progress of Islam, all that is commanded by God and His messenger Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup> is essential. The restrictions for modesty are not

only for women. In Islam, restrictions are equal for both men and women. God Almighty first taught the way of modesty and purdah to men. He says:

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَعْضُوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا أَرْوَاجَهُمْ - ذَلِكَ أَرْسَلِي

هُمَّ - إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ

Say to the believing men that they restrain their eyes and guard their private parts. That is purer for them. Surely, Allah is well aware of what they do.

Holy Quran 24:31

God Almighty first commanded faithful men to do *ghaze basar* because it is necessary for purity. If there is no purity, then one cannot find God. Thus, before commanding women to do purdah, men are commanded to refrain from all that which may incite their emotions. They are prohibited from seeing women with open eyes, mixing with women, watching vulgar films, and chatting with non *mahram* people on Facebook or through social media; all these do not maintain chastity. That is why the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> very clearly spoke about it on several occasions. He said, "It is the Word of God alone that, by its very clear and open statements, lays down specific and well-defined limits and parameters for all our words and deeds,

action and inaction, and teaches us the norms of humanity and the way of purity; it alone emphatically stresses upon the safeguarding of one's organs— like the eyes, ears, tongue, etc. — as He says:

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَعْضُوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا أْفْرُوجَهُمْ - ذَلِكَ أَرْكَى لَهُمْ

‘Say to the believing men that they restrain their eyes and guard their private parts. That is purer for them.’

This means that the believers should guard their eyes and ears, and private parts from those who are not *mahram* and should refrain from seeing, hearing, and doing all that is forbidden. Thus would they be able to foster inner purity. That is to say, their hearts will be safeguarded from diverse types of passions, for these are the organs which primarily incite the carnal passions and provoke beastly traits. Observe, therefore, how the Holy Quran stresses safeguarding oneself from those who are not mahram and how explicitly it urges believers to restrain their eyes, ears, and private parts to avoid any occasion that might lead to impurity.”

Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya Part III, Ruhani Khazain Vol.1, p209

Friday Sermon 13/01/2017

## **Habit hinders the effort of reformation**

Established habits create hindrance in taking practical steps towards reformation. Regarding this important matter, Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> said:

“A man was in the habit of swearing all the time and during every conversation. Often, he would not even realize that he was swearing. When a complaint was sent to Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud<sup>ra</sup>, he sent for the person and asked him why he swore so often? The person swore and asked who says I swear? Thus, once a habit is established, one does not realize what one is saying. Habits lead one to a state where one loses all awareness of it and all awareness is erased. However, if a person makes an effort then he can create awareness and work to reform [these habits]. Hence, habits create a strong impediment against practical acts [of reformation]. These days, people are drawn to watching unsuitable films. People are interested in the films as if they were addicted to them. They do not eat, but simply sit and continue watching films. If they sit on the internet, they will continue sitting there. Even if they are falling asleep, they just continue sitting there, not caring about their wife and children. Such people exist. Thus, these habits

play a major role in obstructing practical reformation.”

Friday Sermon 20/12/2013

## **Comprehensive prayers to avoid evil**

Inappropriate use of the latest technology and media in the current age is indeed a satanic act. Prayers have become even more important to safeguard against the satanic attacks. In this regard, advising the members of the Jama'at, Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> said:

“The Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> was so concerned about saving the believers from the attack of Satan, that he<sup>saw</sup> taught his companions prayers to save them from Satan, and he taught them comprehensive prayers. A companion narrated that he<sup>saw</sup> taught us this prayer: “O Allah create love in our hearts, reform us, and make us tread upon the paths of security, and take us to light saving us from darkness, and save us from overt and covert indecencies, and place blessings for us in our ears, in our eyes, in our hearts, in our wives and in our children, and turn to us with mercy. You are the acceptor of repentance and the One who forgives time and again. Make us the ones who are grateful for your favours and appreciate them and accept them. And, O Allah, perfect your favours on us.”

Sunan Abu Daud, Kitabus Salat, Bab Al-Tashahud, Hadith 969

Thus, this is the prayer to restrain from inappropriate worldly entertainment and to save from all other kinds of useless things and also from the attacks of Satan. Even today, various improprieties are taking place in the world in the name of entertainment. When a man prays for blessings for the ears and the eyes, prays for peace and for moving from darkness to light, and prays for the ability to discharge the rights of wives and for children to be the delight of eyes, then his attention will automatically be diverted from improprieties and immoralities. This way a believer will become a source of saving the whole house from Satan.”

Friday Sermon 20/05/2016

## **Lies and Deceit through Media**

These days, Media is not only used for trampling upon all types of morality, but people are also using it to cheat and harm others through fraud and deception. Instructing Jama’at members to safeguard themselves, Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> said:

“The third thing I want to say is that it has come to my knowledge that someone has created a Facebook [page] in my name. Someone created a Facebook account without my awareness. I have neither created this account, nor am I interested in creating one. In fact, a little while ago I had warned the Jama’at to avoid Facebook. There is much harm associated with it. I do not know whether someone made a silly mistake, whether an opponent did it, or some Ahmadi did it thinking he was committing a good act. Whatever the reason may be, we are trying to close the account and, Insha’Allah, it will be closed. There are more harms and less benefits in it. I have individually been saying to people that Facebook leads to wrong actions and can be a source of worry for an individual. Girls need to be extremely careful in this regard. However, I want to make an announcement that you should ignore this Facebook [page] and no one should join it. People with Facebook accounts are visiting the page, reading it and commenting on it. This is wrong. If a need arises for an official site like a Facebook page at a Jama’at level, we will create one in a secure way which cannot be accessed by everyone. It should just reflect Jama’at viewpoints and can be visited by anyone. I have been told that opponents [of the Jama’at] had commented [on the Facebook

page]. It is an immoral act to create a Facebook page in someone else's name without telling the person, even if it is done with good intention. Thus, whoever did it with good intention should immediately close it and offer *Istighfār* (repentance) and if it was created with ill-intent then Allah will deal with him. May Allah the exalted save us from all harm and may the Jama'at tread on the paths leading to progress."

Friday Sermon 31/12/2010

### **Destruction through Cyber Attacks**

In a Friday sermon, Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> mentioned the tense relations between various countries and his concern over new ways of harming each other, he said:

"Then, there are new inventions. Humans have created easier ways to communicate, keep records, [manage] economy, and oversee systems. Computers can manage many tasks. However, these new innovations can lead to the destruction of the world. These days cyber-attacks are occurring in certain countries and sometimes all over the world. These destroy entire systems. Even here [England], the NHS system was destroyed. Systems of airports were destroyed. These cyber-attacks can lead to escalating tensions with

catastrophic results, lead to wars, and lead to destruction. A NATO representative has explained that if there was a cyber-attack on NATO [alliance] or other sensitive systems in the world, then it can lead to a destructive war and we cannot afford a dangerous attack like that. They have given this warning! Thus, the world is creating means of its own destruction. They think that progress of the worldly people is a source for its protection. This itself can lead to destruction. The worldly people and worldly government leaders are oblivious to this because of their own selfish gains. Especially when the president of the largest apparent power in the world sits within his own shell and makes fantastical claims that the world will act according to his wishes. These things are further deteriorating the situation. One thing is clear that due to his arrogance he is determined to destroy every opponent, and due to his hatred of Muslims, destroy all Muslims as well. He is determined to eliminate all opponents no matter who they are. He is oblivious to the fact even he will not be safe from the dangerous results of the world resulting from various causes.”

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