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Ḥadīth about Truthfulness

The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "Leave alone that which involves thee in doubt and adhere to that which is free from doubt, for truth is comforting, falsehood is disturbing." (Tirmidhī)

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Dear Anṣār Brothers,
As-Salāmu 'Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

We are starting another year in the grand history of Majlis Anṣārullāh. And once again we have grand plans.

We plan to strengthen a culture of congregational Ṣalāt by encouraging fathers to lead their families in Prayers at home, parents to drive to Ṣalāt centers, and families to populate the mosques.

We plan to encourage members to develop a habit of reading the Holy Qur'ān with translation—if not daily—then on most days of the weeks.

We plan to continue to follow our Khalīfah's vision to "save yourself and your families from a fire" by coming to our monthly meetings and engaging in Ta'lim & Tarbiyat interactive discussions.

We believe that when we strengthen our monthly meetings, it blesses us with *fa-allafa baina qulubikum fa-aṣbahtum bini'matihī ikhwānā* "He united your hearts in love so that by His y o u became as brothers" (The Holy Qur'ān, 3 [Āl 'Imrān]:104)—and then everything else falls into its place. Itḥār activities increase, interest in reading the books of Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) peaks, Ta'lim tests become enjoyable, more of us participate in financial sacrifices, and less of us feel depressed.

In order to accomplish these plans, the members of National 'Āmila, starting

with this humble servant of Islām and Aḥmadiyyat, will be travelling to all 70 Majālis around the world, Inshā'allāh. That's hard work. Sometimes the local Majālis will have to accommodate the schedules of these guests of the Promised Messiah. You may have to come on a weekday or may have to stay for an hour after Friday Prayers. Please do that. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "Putting up a guest for one night is obligatory. If you find a guest at your door in the morning, then this (hospitality) is (like) a debt that you (the host) owe him." (Ibn Mājah)

Plans mean nothing if they are not backed by hard work, humility, and intense prayers. "Nothing can happen on this earth unless it is decreed in the heavens." The Promised Messiah said in Kitābul Bariyya.

Let's pray that Allāh the Almighty strengthens our plans and may this caravan continue to follow their Imām with the spirit of being the real Anṣār.

Was-Salām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
Serving Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

Ijtimā' 1-1-1-1 - Ḥuḍūr's Concluding Address

English translation of the concluding address by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) at National Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh UK/USA 2015 is available at:

ansarusa.org/1111-closing-address

Ijtimā' 1-1-1-1 - Concluding Address (Part 2)

Address by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper)

So, after completing 75 years, Anṣārullāh organizations here and in the whole world should assess how much part each one of us has taken in fulfilling its purpose. At this time, American members are also listening to this message directly—and members at other places may also be listening—as Ijtimā' is being held there as well. Just being a member of Anṣārullāh is not the purpose but to sacrifice your being, your wealth, and your time to achieve its purposes is the real goal. It is then, that the next generation comes to accept the responsibilities and it will continue so. Only then we will be firm to our foundations and only then we will be the ones who achieve the will of Allāh. Only then we shall be counted among the helpers of the God's messenger for the revival of Islām in the current times, and in reality we will be able to count ourselves among those who raise the slogan of "Naḥno Anṣārullāh."

We find this slogan in the Holy Qur'ān in regard to Ḥaḍrat 'Īsā's (may peace be on him) companions. A verse was also recited about it. But when they were thrown into hard times and faced difficulties—history tells us that these hardships were inflicted upon Christians, especially the Unitarian Christians for about three hundred years at different times and in different situations—despite hardships, they kept on protecting their purpose. When after three hundred years, the governments accepted Christianity and though Christianity started spreading at a large scale, they started turning away from its basic teaching. They lost their purpose and forgot their Creator God. They put aside the basic message and teaching of Ḥaḍrat 'Īsā that taught the unity of God, and engaged themselves in Shirk (associating other entities to God). Today, the world thinks that Christianity has made great progress. What to do with such a progress that has the purpose of being affected by the dazzle of this world and doing away with the remembrance of Almighty Allāh. This is due to forgetting this basic teaching—that eminent scholars say, for example, about homosexuality that showing leniency it should also be made a part of the religious teaching now. Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. This is the vision of these world mongers about the religion. As if religion is not revealed to God's apostles; rather worldly forums and organizations and so called dealers of the religion can, according to the needs, interfere in the religion and change the injunctions of Almighty Allāh. Such thoughts and deeds invite the wrath of Allāh. These matters tell that these people are falling in the deeps. There were those Christians who proclaimed "Naḥno Anṣārullāh" and pledged to act upon the decrees of God and they swore to try in every way to establish the unity of God. And here are the people who are engaged in Shirk and fell into the moral lows and they continue to fall. Their aim is only to earn the material and mold the religion in their favor rather than follow it. Almighty Allāh has mentioned about those real Christians in the Holy Qur'ān:

"And when Jesus perceived their disbelief, he said, 'Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allāh?' The disciples answered, 'We are the helpers of Allāh. We have believed in Allāh. And bear thou witness that we are obedient. Our Lord, we believe in that which Thou hast sent down and we follow this Messenger. So write us down among those who bear witness.'" (The Holy Qur'ān, 3 [Āl 'Imrān]:53-54)

These were the people who proved to be the true disciples; who announced their belief in Allāh that: we believed in Allāh; we are among the obedient; we will act upon the injunctions of Allāh; and will show obedience; material interests and considerations will not take us away from religion. Announcing their aversion to Shirk, they announced their belief in God. They said that they accepted those words and the teaching brought down by His Messenger. These were the people who cared more about the next world rather than this one. They were concerned about the achievement of Allāh's will. They announced to follow Allāh's messenger and carried out their pledge. When they said, 'Naḥno Anṣārullāh,' they did become the helpers of Allāh. So preserving these words, Almighty Allāh has determined the ways of preferring faith over this world for us. Those words have been described by which we can become the helpers of Allāh.

To understand who the Anṣārullāh are, we need to understand the word "Ḥawārī" (disciple) in the verse. It is important to understand it. It is a very important word. The perception of Anṣārullāh increases with the understanding of this word. It is only after understanding this word that the meaning of "the helpers of Allāh" becomes clear. If the meaning of this word is clear, it is then that one—having understood the spirit of 'Naḥno Anṣārullāh'—raises this slogan. We need to understand the deepness hidden in the meaning of the word Ḥawārī. There are many meanings of Ḥawārī. One of the meanings is: the one that makes the clothes clean and sparkling after washing them. Another meaning of it is: if he is tested, he should be devoid of vices and defects. Another meaning is: the one who is completely faithful and clean. Another meaning is: such a person who is sincere in his advice and should uphold faithfulness. Another meaning is: truthful and faithful companion. Another meaning is: a faithful and chosen companion of the Prophet, companion with a distinguished relationship. Another meaning is: the one who has special and a strong relation which will never be broken. Only that person who possesses these qualities will be called a true Ḥawārī and only then he could do justice to 'Naḥno Anṣārullāh.' So, everyone can assess himself by keeping these things in view. And that how much he is truthful in raising the slogan of 'Naḥno Anṣārullāh.'

Helpers of Ḥaḍrat 'Īsā (may peace be on him) were called Ḥawārī because they actually possessed these qualities or were those who pledged to achieve those qualities and would try to do so. They cleansed the dirt of their hearts, created Taqwā, and became the source of cleansing the dirt of others' hearts. And then, Allāh kept them clean from vices due to their increased faith and fulfilling of their pledges. But when these qualities died and they started feeling proud of their worldly progress, and they started becoming complacent in inculcating goodness in next generations, engaged in Shirk (associating other entities to God) instead of Unity of God, then Almighty Allāh deprived them of the spiritual blessings.

Mohammad Ikramul Haq Jattala

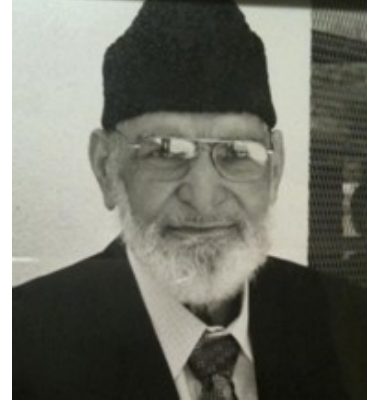
Mohammad Ikramul Haq Jattala of LA Inland Majlis passed away on February 1, 2016 at the age of 85, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. He was born on December 4, 1930. He had been a member of the Los Angeles Jamā'at for the past 45 years and was one of the pioneers of the Los Angeles Jamā'at.

He is the younger brother of late Ch. Muhammad Ziaul Haq of Virginia. Aḥmadiyyat came in the family through their father, Ch. Nabi Bakhsh, who accepted the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) in the early 1920s.

He served in the Pakistan Air Force and later established an import & export business before moving to the U.S. in 1970. He was the first Pakistani Aḥmadī to settle in the Los Angeles area. At the time, there was only one African-American Aḥmadī in Los Angeles, Late Brother Rahmat Jamal. Together, these two pioneer members set out to build the Los Angeles Jamā'at.

Having served as Qā'id Majlis Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya, Montgomery (now Sāhiwāl), Pakistan, in the 1960s, he had the good fortune of serving the Jamā'at in the Los Angeles area in various capacities. He has been the longest serving Secretary Wasāyā for the Los Angeles area. He has been also blessed to serve as President of the Santa Maria Jamā'at in the 1990s and Vice President of Los Angeles Inland Jamā'at during the 2000s. He was a Mūṣī serving as Secretary Waṣāyā of LA Inland Jamā'at at the time of his passing. He is also known for his service in the building of the Baitul Ḥameed Mosque in Chino, CA from start to finish.

Mohammad Ikramul Haq Jattala, a man of strong principles, was a true lover and servant of Aḥmadiyya Khilāfat. He is survived by two sons, 4 grandchildren, and a younger sister. Three of the four grandchildren are Wāqifin-i-Nau in the U.S. May Allāh elevate his status in the Paradise and shower His immense Mercy on the departed soul and provide solace and comfort to the family members, Āmīn.



Nasir Raja

Naveed Malik, Silver Spring, MD

Nasir Ahmad Raja of Laurel Majlis passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2016, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. He had been unwell for the past two months and was being treated at The Johns Hopkins Hospital.

He was a very well liked and respected member of the Laurel Majlis. He was at the forefront of starting the Ta'limul-Islām College Alumni Association in the USA. He was also the first General Secretary of the association. He served at the National General Secretary's office. He also served the local Jamā'at in teaching and organizing children classes and in other capacities.

He always served the Majlis and the Jamā'at with great zeal. He had been very helpful to the Department of Publications of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA with its needs in handling the books and orders. Most recently, he served the guests of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) at the national Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA in the area of transportation.

May Almighty Allāh exalt his status in the paradise and grant fortitude to the family, Āmīn.



So we should remember that the passage of years or celebrating jubilee is of use only if we do not let these virtues die, we never let our spiritual states become low, when we increase our religious knowledge, when we do not forget our education when we announce that we will fulfill the pledge of faithfulness and sacrifice—that we have made with our Prophet—under all circumstances. And no temptation of this world will sway us from our purpose. Allāh had no covenant with the followers of the Messiah of Moses that the teaching that they are following would remain intact in its original form till the end of the world. But with the followers of the Messiah of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him), Allāh has promised that the teaching brought by the Holy Prophet—and the one that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), after a long time, had to show to the whole world with all of its beauty—is the teaching that will now last till the end of the world. So, if the Christians forgot their teaching—and the continuity of the Ḥawārīs was broken—then that was their destiny. But the followers of the Holy Prophet's Messiah and his community will excel and prosper till the end of the world, Inshā'allāh. So the community will always continue to receive those Ḥawārīs who will raise the slogan of 'Naḥno Anṣārullāh.' But Aḥmadīs of all ages who are included in the organization of Anṣārullāh need to assess if they are trying to be a part of this beautiful end that is destined for the real followers of the Holy Prophet and Muslims. Are we purifying ourselves? Are we cleansing the dirt of our hearts? Are we learning the wisdom of the Holy Qur'ān, adopting it, and acting upon it? Are the standards of our sincerity rising higher? Are we paying attention to

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the training of our generations? Do we—according to our pledges of Bai‘at—consider our relationship with the Promised Messiah to be above all worldly relationships? Do we, in religious as well as worldly matters, give our opinions and pieces of advice—by believing in the presence of God—with honesty and faithfulness? So if we keep these standards in view, our assessment will be clear to us.

This is a favor from Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) to the members of the Jamā‘at that he gave the name ‘Anṣārullāh’ to your organization, so that at this age when a human is mature in every respect, he should become a useful being for the Jamā‘at because of his experience and capabilities. Presenting his example, he should become a source for the training of the young generation. The words ‘Anṣārullāh’ should keep us reminding that we have to become helpers of Almighty Allāh. We have to present every sacrifice for God and for the propagation of His religion. We have to act upon the injunctions of Almighty Allāh, and telling its wisdom and importance to the next generations, give advice and make sure it is acted upon. To send the message of religion to the ends of the world, we have to become the helpers of the Promised Messiah. There is no doubt that God has promised to the Promised Messiah: “I will make your Tabligh reach the ends of the earth.” He will Inshā‘allāh make it happen and He is making it reach to the ends of the earth. But if you put your effort in it, you will be the ones to reap Allāh’s blessings. Definitely, this is also a promise of Almighty Allāh that when he will cause the message to reach the ends of the earth, He will surely bring its good results as well.

(To be continued...)