

Conditions of Bai'at and our
duty towards the future
generations
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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) explained that Ansarullah and Lajna Imailla are extremely important organisations for the progress of Jama'at

It is a Divine law that those claiming to believe in Allah are put through trials

God Almighty brings trials so that the believers become closer to God, and thus opens up ways of progress

Ahmadiyyat is destined to success, it is in the best interest of our children that they remain dedicated to Ahmadiyyat

Hudhur (aba) gave a synopsis of the conditions of bai'at

Hudhur (aba) emphasised the importance of Salat and the Holy Qur'an to achieve Taqwa and instil Taqwa in our children

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Ijtima'at

Ansarullah and Lajna Imailla

These are extremely important organisations for the progress of Jama'at

If men and women truly comprehend their responsibilities regarding Jama'at and fulfil these effectively

This will ensure that the next generations will remain dedicated to Jama'at and will progress in their commitment to Ahmadiyyat

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Chapter 29, Verse 3

أَحْسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُتْرَكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا
آمَنَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ

Do men think that they will be left alone because they say, 'We believe,' and that they will not be tested?

The success of
Jama'at Ahmadiyya
has been destined

Troubles are also an
integral part of this
progress

As a result of passing
through these troubled
circumstance, a believer
increases in faith

Trials and progress.

It is Divine Law that trials distinguishes between those who are true to their faith and those who are not.

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وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ
اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ الْكٰذِبِينَ

Chapter 29, Verse 4

And We did test those who were before them. So Allah will surely distinguish those who are truthful and He will surely distinguish the liars *from the truthful.*

Trials and progress

All types of trials should result in the strengthening of the faith of the believers

Persecution is one such form of trial which may lead to the weakening of the faith of those who are already fragile

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In some cases they start questioning the truthfulness of the Jama'at

Those who are weak in their faith always look for opportunities to criticise; this further increases their doubts

These objections puts their own faith in danger

They progress to criticise ordinary and superior office holders

In every Jama'at there are people who object on the smallest of matters

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Trials and progress

God Almighty brings trials so that the believers become closer to God

Therefore all prophets and their peoples are subjected to persecution.

The key is to remain steadfast in face of adversity

We should always keep in mind that God Almighty sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in this age and his Jama'at is destined to be victorious.

Persecution is not an indication of failure but of success and victory

The Promised Messiah (as) said that ways of progress are opened for those who succeed in these exams. He also said that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) eventually met with success because he was put through trials and difficulties in the early part of his mission.

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Hudhur (aba) explained that the promise of success of the prophets of Allah is followed by the attributes of Allah, Who is Powerful and Mighty

God Almighty has destined blessings in favour of the Jama'at and we will reap these favours if we persist in establishing a close personal relationship with the Jama'at for ourselves and for our children

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لَا غَلْبَ لَنَا وَأَنَا وَمُرْسَلِي إِنَّ
اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

Chapter 55, Verse 28

Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.' Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty

Trials and progress

InshaAllah, our next generations will witness this victory

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Hudhur (aba) directed that each and every person should always evaluate their level of Taqwa and how to improve it,

and those who have attained the age of maturity should focus on the religious and moral training of the younger ones.

This is part of taqwa and also part of the fulfilment of our pledges.

Progress of Ahmadiyyat

It should also be remembered that the progress of the Jama'at is not associated with whether we keep our children linked to the Jama'at or not; indeed it is the benefit of the children to remain associated with Jama'at.

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It is God Almighty's promise that He shall grant the Jama'at victory, so success lies in remaining associated with it.

If we are deficient in the moral upbringing of our children such that they move away from the Jama'at, the progress of the Jama'at will not falter

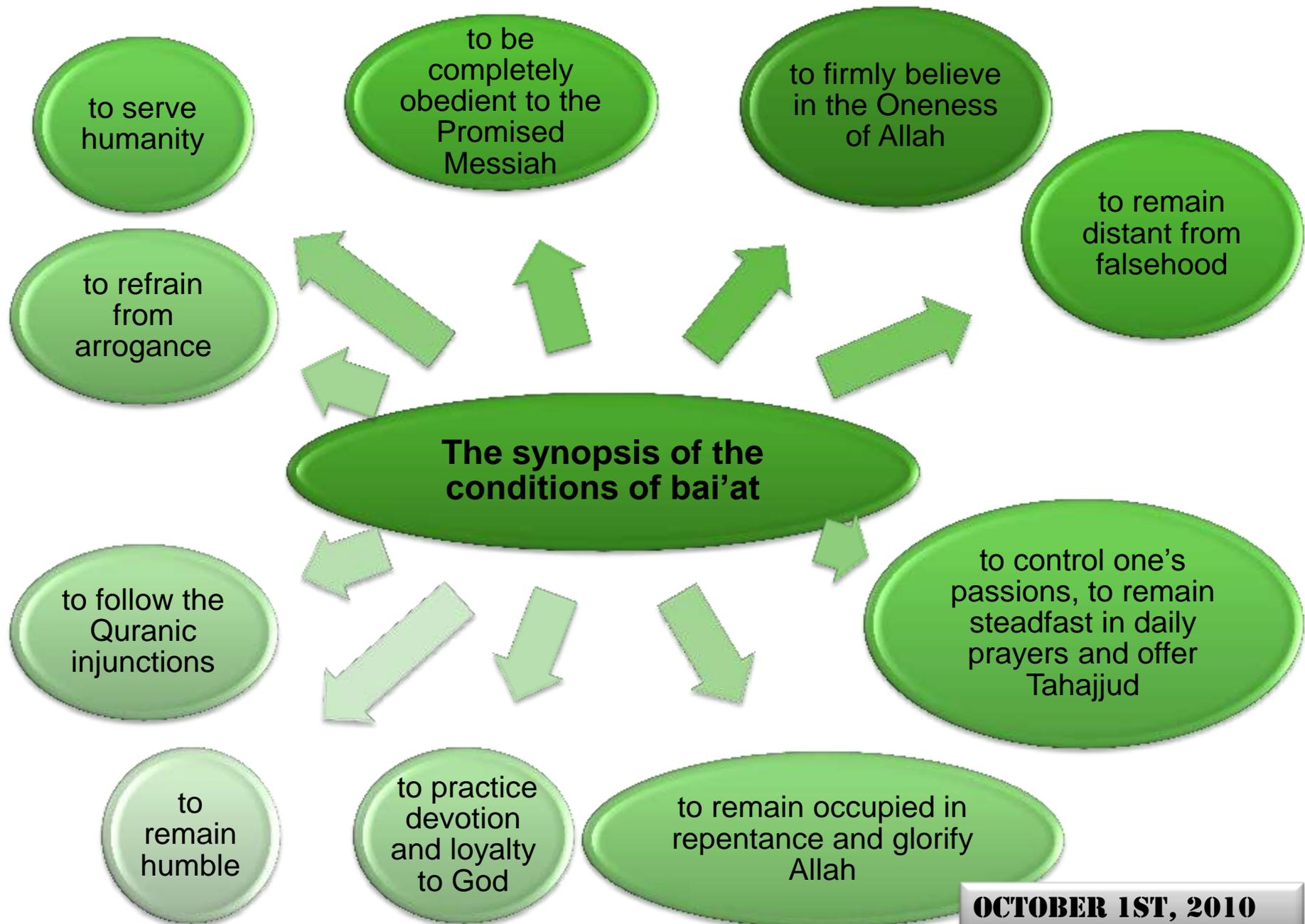
When the weak ones move away, God Almighty brings more passionate and dedicated people into the Jamaat.

Therefore, we must always bear this very important point in mind and remain concerned for the moral training of our children.

Progress of Ahmadiyyat

In this regard, our own practical model is most important.

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All these practices lead to increasing one's level of Taqwa, and this is the minimum standard expected of Ahmadis by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

When a person develops love for God, he progresses in faith, and this results in enhancement in taqwa.



It is the responsibility of the Ansarullah and Lajna Imaillah to progress in taqwa so that they become models for the future generations

The Promised Messiah (as) said that God has appointed him to establish taqwa among people and to establish faith in God such that they refrain from committing sin. Such a taqwa should reflect the condition of one's heart and result in gaining nearness of Allah, and should not be developed for fear of punishment.

رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا بِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ وَاتَّبَعْنَا
الرَّسُولَ فَكُتِبْنَا مَعَ
الشَّاهِدِينَ

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

Hudhur (aba) then shed light on the slogan of "Nahno Ansarullah" i.e. We are the helpers of Allah, and he elaborated upon the two Quranic verses where this slogan appears

فَلَمَّا أَحَسَّ عَيْسَىٰ مِنْهُمْ الْكُفْرَ
قَالَ مَن أَنْصَارِي إِلَى اللَّهِ قَالَ
الْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ آمَنَّا
بِاللَّهِ وَاشْهَدُ بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ

And when Jesus perceived their disbelief, he said, 'Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allah?' The disciples answered, 'We are the helpers of Allah. We have believed in Allah. And bear thou witness that we are obedient.'

Chapter 3, Verse 53-54

Nahno Ansarullah

The obedience to a Prophet means that one must fulfil the pledge taken at his hand, to practice upon his teachings and to have firm faith in the truthfulness of his teachings

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Chapter 61, Verse 14-15

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا أَنْصَارَ اللَّهِ كَمَا قَالَ
عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ لَلْحَوَارِيِّينَ مَنْ أَنْصَارِي إِلَى اللَّهِ
قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ فَأَمَّتْ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْ
بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَكَفَرَتْ طَائِفَةٌ فَأَيَّدْنَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
عَلَىٰ عَدُوِّهِمْ فَأَصْبَحُوا ظَاهِرِينَ

O ye who believe! be helpers of Allah, as said Jesus, son of Mary, to *his* disciples, 'Who are my helpers in *the cause of Allah.*' The disciples said, 'We are helpers of Allah.' So a party of the children of Israel believed, while a party disbelieved. Then We gave power to those who believed against their enemy, and they became victorious..

وَأُخْرَىٰ تَحِبُّونَهَا نَصْرٌ مِّنَ
اللَّهِ وَفَتْحٌ قَرِيبٌ وَبَشِيرٌ
لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Nahno Ansarullah

And *He* will bestow another *favour* which you love: help from Allah and a near victory. So give glad tidings to the believers.

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Helpers of Allah

- Similarly, the Messiah of the Ummah of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) gave the same instructions to his followers, that they should become the helpers of Allah and do not be among those who reject the message

Our responsibilities

- Hudhur (aba) said it is incumbent upon us to obey the true and loyal devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) so that we can propagate his religion, the religion of Islam in the world.

Our children

- If we progress in our faith and as a result, our children progress in their faith, then we can expect that we will continue to get good Ansar.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) came to re-establish the Oneness of God. We must carry this message to the corners of the globe and inculcate the same passion in our children, such that the helpers of Allah keep increasing till Islam prevails with splendour.

Hudhur (aba) drew the attention towards the first condition of bai'at which says that we must abstain from Shirk (to associate partners with God).

The followers of the first Messiah (Jesus as) move away from the concept of Unity of God only after a few generations.

This is because they did not implement the teachings of the Messiah in their lives, their faith weakened, their relationship with God decreased and they turned their eye to worldly gains.

The followers of the Messiah of the latter days however must not let their personal relationship with God weaken, nor should they let the relationship of their children with God falter.

Otherwise, just like the followers of the first Messiah, their future generations will also be lost to associating partners with Allah

Chapter 1 , Verses 5

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ
وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

Thee alone do we
worship and Thee
alone do we
implore for help

Hudhur(aba) then drew the attention towards the offering of five daily prayers, which is also part of the conditions of bai'at.

Referring the Qur'anic verse above, Hudhur (aba) explained that this prayers teaches

that man bows before God and humbly asks for His Divine assistance in carrying out this important obligation of worshipping Him.

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حَافِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ
وَالصَّلَاةِ الْوُسْطَى

Watch over Prayers, and the middle Prayer,
and stand before Allah submissively

Salat should be such that it
increases man in virtue

Chapter 2, Verse 239

The middle prayer

Therefore it is the duty of a believer to give special attention to this injunction, so that their personal progress in faith continues to occur and that of their children as well.

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Nawafil

Hudhur (aba) then mentioned the importance of offering nawafil (supererogatory prayers) and tahajjud prayers.

Tahajjud

A majority of Ansar should be offering tahajjud prayers.

The Promised Messiah (as) has said that supplication (dua) is the vessel to propagate Islam, therefore, special attention should be diverted to steadfastly supplicate with great zeal

The Holy Qur'an

- Hudhur (aba) said that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also drew the attention of his followers to learn the Quran, therefore we must only recite it daily and also try to learn its meaning and understand it.

If we make the effort to improve our own knowledge of the Quran, our children will also develop a passion to do the same.

Hudhur (aba) said that the conditions of bai'at set a minimum standard for all the followers of the Jamaat in the eyes of the Promised Messiah

Ansarullah and Lajna Imaillah should try to achieve a higher standard

Every woman should aspire to attain a high standard in spirituality and henceforth, the next generations will develop a deep connection with God

Hudhur (aba) also instructed that we should not only pray for ourselves, but we should also pray for each other and pray for the next generations.

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May Allah
enable us to
fulfil our pledges
and become
obedient and
loyal devotees
of the Promised
Messiah (On
whom be peace)

Ameen

Hudhur (aba) read out an extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) which stresses the importance of supplication, which is a weapon against sin and all evils

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