

REVIVING THE SPIRIT OF WAQF-E-NAU



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Summary

In today's Friday sermon Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih gave an exposition reviving the Waqfe Nau spirit.

The concept of Waqfe Nau was elucidated

Focus is needed to revive the spirit of Waqfe Nau

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih (aba) recited the following Quranic verses at the start of the sermon:

'Remember when *the woman of 'Imran* said, 'My Lord, I have vowed to Thee what is in my womb to be dedicated to Thy service. So do accept it of me; verily, Thou alone art All-Hearing, All-Knowing.' (3:36)

'And when he was old enough to work with him, he said, 'O my dear son, I have seen in a dream that I am slaughtering thee. So consider, what thou thinkest of it!' He replied, 'O my father, do as thou art commanded; thou wilt find me, if Allah please, of those who are patient.'

(37:103)

'And let there be among you a body of men who should invite to goodness, and enjoin equity and forbid evil. And it is they who shall prosper.' (3:105)

'It is not possible for the believers to go forth all together. Why, then, does not a party from every section of them go forth that they may gain better understanding of religion, and that they may warn their people when they return to them, so that they may guard against evil?' (9:122)

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The first verse (3:36) expresses a mother's desire to dedicate her child to faith...

... the next verse (37:103) mentions a father's upbringing of son in the cause of God and the son's readiness for sacrifice.

The third verse cites those groups which spread good and forbid what is evil ...

... the fourth verse mentions that in order to distinguish between good and bad insight into faith is essential.

The reason to follow all of the above is to be among those who save the world from destruction.

In order to fulfil this requirement In order to fulfil the above, God established the Ahmadiyya Community through the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

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No mother apart from the Ahmadi mother today dedicates her unborn child to God



It is the Ahmadiyya Jama'at alone which has fathers who bring up their children in such a manner that when the children reach adolescence they are ready for every sacrifice.

These children renew their pledge at 18 and write to the Khalifa of the time saying, 'the first pledge was my parents, I now make the pledge myself; send me to sacrifice wherever you choose. You will always find me among those who are patient and who have resolve and those who do not shirk away from the pledge of their parents.'

Good upbringing by the parents and their own piety has taught them the aspects of dues of God as well as dues of mankind, and they have passion for Tabligh and service for humanity.

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It should always be remembered that living and progressive communities do not ever let these thoughts, pledges and fervour die.

They constantly remind themselves of these aspects in order to keep the fervour invigorated.

If there is ever any laxness, they make plans to overcome it and in light of God's commandment of: '**So go on reminding...**' (87:10)

It is indeed the task of the office of Khilafat to remind from time to time so that there is no reduction in the speed of progress.

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said that today he would like to remind that when Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) had initiated Waqfe Nau scheme it was with the hope and with the prayer that groups of people to serve faith will always be available

Without doubt the passion to dedicate one's children is commendable. However, once the dedication has been made, the parents' responsibility increases.

The initial preparation has to be done by the parents. By being a role model for their children, they have to connect them to God and to inculcate the significance and importance of Nizam e Jama'at (the administration of the Community) in them from an early age

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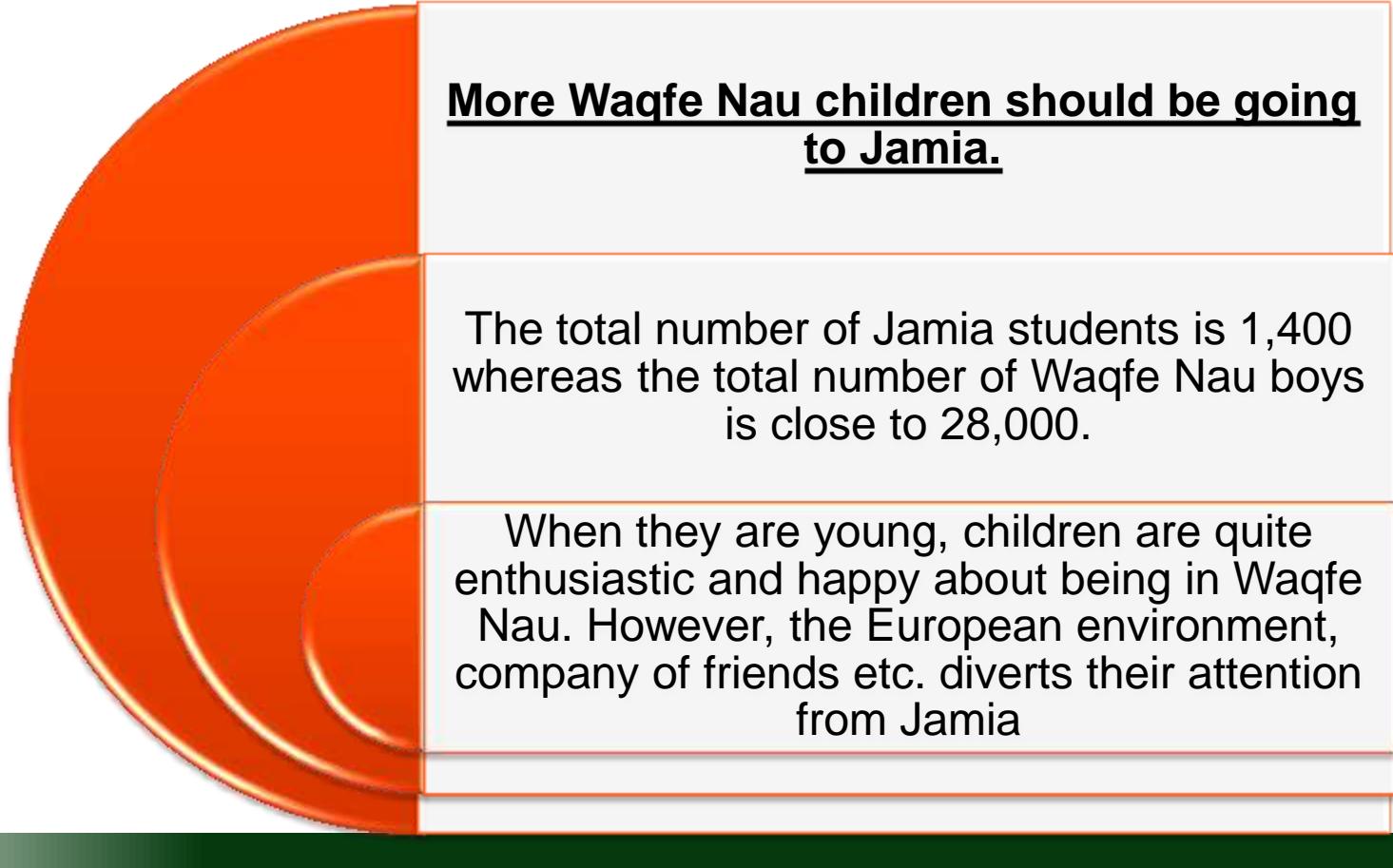
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If the upbringing of the parents inculcates in the child from the start that he or she is in Waqfe Nau and whatever he or she has is of the Jama'at, there would be attention to consult the centre when choosing subjects.

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Parents of Waqfe Nau children will have to reflect on how much are they honouring their obligations.

There is all manner of freedom in these countries and for this special supervision and attention is required

It is the obligation of both parents to make special endeavour in this regard

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih told Waqfe Nau children aged 13 and 12 to start thinking about themselves and ponder over their importance and not simply be happy that they are Waqfe Nau. They will appreciate their importance when they will realise their objectives.

As for those who are 15 and 16 years old, they should have a very good understanding of their importance and their responsibilities.

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The verses recited at the start do not only mention the wishes and responsibilities of the parents or the Nizam e Jama'at. Rather the children's attention is also drawn.

Firstly, every Waqfe Nau child should be mindful that his parents wished to dedicate him or her, before birth, for a very important cause. Thus, the Waqfe Nau child should try and be a rightful candidate to be dedicated for God's cause.

Secondly, it is a huge favour of the parents on Waqfe Nau children and as such the children should pray for the parents and should have regard for every step that the parents take.

Thirdly, promise to show patience and resolve in every sacrifice for the sake of gaining God's pleasure. No matter how hard the time, he or she has to honour the pledge of Waqf regardless.

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Fourth, to develop and make efforts for the commitment to be counted among those who spread good and who forbid evil. To set good models of this; when this will come to pass and good will be followed and evil will be shunned, people will be drawn to the good models.

Fifth, to attain insight and perception of Holy Qur'an and Ahadith, to recognise/identify good and evil and to read the books and discourses of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and to constantly try to increase religious knowledge.

Sixth, Waqfe Nau children should pay attention to the practical field of Tabligh as commanded by God.

Seventh, each Waqfe Nau should comprehend and have the passion group of people who are to save the world from destruction.

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Everyone should remember not to limit their prayers to themselves.

- On the contrary, our prayers should flow in every direction and no person should be deprived of the beneficence that God has today granted us.

As mentioned before, it is important for the Waqfe Nau children and their parents to fulfil their responsibility. **Attention is drawn once again** that in order to spread religion in the world, religious knowledge is required; such knowledge can be attained mainly Jamia Ahmadiyya in our Jama'at.

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The total number of Jamia students is 1,400 whereas the total number of Waqfe Nau boys is close to 28,000.

Given the numbers of Jamia student cited above, we cannot have missionaries everywhere.

Until we have full-time missionaries it will be very difficult to have revolutionary change or have revolutionary Tabligh.

In Canada and USA the Waqfe Nau children over the age of 15 number about 800.

If these children are prepared, the numbers attending Jamia in the next two years can be considerably increased.

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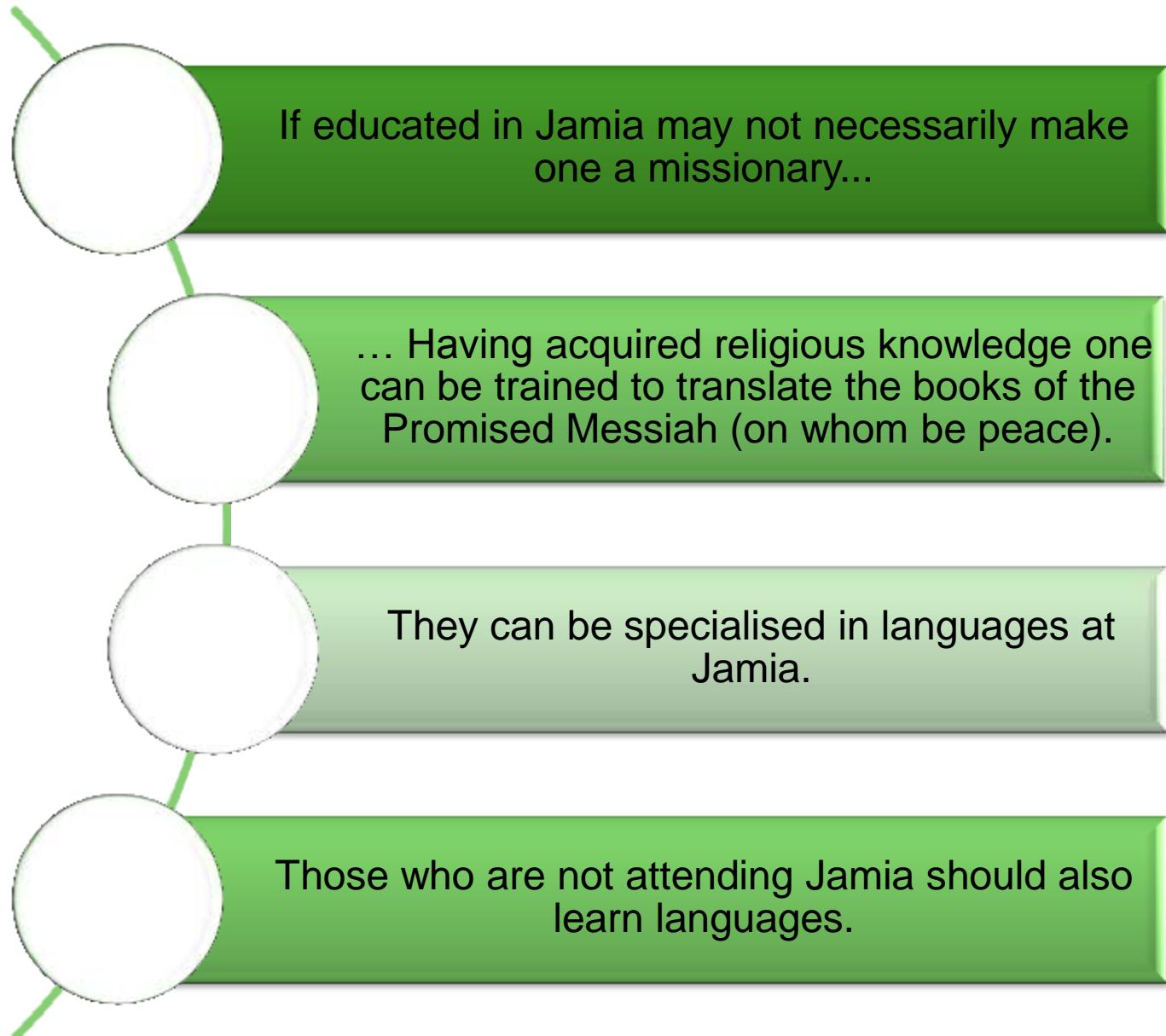
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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) had said as regards to languages, and it is essential, that three languages should be learned: **one's own language, Urdu and Arabic.**

Arabic has to be learnt anyway; to read the Holy Qur'an and commentaries and a large amount of other literature.

Urdu is necessary because real insight of faith can be attained through the books of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). His books, commentaries and writings are a treasure which can bring about a revolution in the world and impart real Islamic teachings to the world, interpreting the Holy Qur'an.

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We need a large number of diverse linguists.

If anyone other than Jamia students is skilled at languages, as mentioned earlier, they should also learn Arabic and Urdu.

With the grace of God the education of Jamia is based on extensive studies.

With the grace of God, graduates of UK and Canadian Jamia have proved very effective in Tabligh.

Some people have raised objections here and in Germany about the standard of education in Jamia. This is a wholly unwarrantable objection. The complaint is that after graduating from Jamia the students are not fluent in Arabic. This information from Germany is mere excuses for not sending children to Jamia. Those who carp are merely troublemaking or perhaps have hypocritical leanings.

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Next Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih gave advice from the department of Waqfe Nau, some of which will be perhaps repetition of what has already been said.

 When reaching adolescence Waqfe Nau children should be aware that they have to present themselves to the Jama'at.

 Guidance should be sought from the Waqfe Nau department about the education of children, if they opt for subjects which the Jama'at does not have a need for, the Waqf should be withdrawn.

 Girls of Pakistani origin, living here, who can speak Urdu should learn to read it. They should also learn the local language, as well as Arabic and then they should present themselves for translation.

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Local Waqfe Nau department should hold bi-annual forums for members

The Waqfe Nau syllabus now goes up to the age of 21. It should be studied and any exams organised should be taken.

Beyond the age of 21 Waqfe Nau members should study the commentary of the Holy Qur'an in Urdu or the Five Volumes in English.

They should also study the books of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and listen to Friday sermon and other addresses regularly and should send in report regarding this.

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In some places the Waqfe Nau secretaries are not very active. Elections are going to take place this year. Reports should be sent from Jama'ats as to who is active and who is not. In light of this, even if a person has received more votes but is not active, they will not be elected.

If in places special arrangement for Waqfe Nau is not available they can join their peers in following the general syllabus of Atfal, Khuddam or Lajna. Or the syllabi can be merged.

The Waqfe Nau syllabus can be translated in different languages. This has been done in Sweden. Efforts should be made for French translation by France of Mauritius. It should be promptly reported on who will do the translation and the work should be completed in two months.

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Waqfe Nau members should daily read religious books, even if a few pages.

100% Waqfe Nau members should listen to the Friday sermon.

The administration should try and make interactive Waqfe Nau programmes.

Each country should form a committee to ascertain within three to four months what its requirements for the next ten years are.

Waqfe Nau department should properly follow up these reports.

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A magazine entitled 'Ismail' has been started for Waqfe Nau boys and another entitled 'Maryam' for girls.

These should be translated in German and French.

Articles can be written and published locally or material can be accessed from UK which can be translated in local languages and published in conjunction with Urdu.

May God enable all those parents who have dedicated their children for Waqfe Nau to bring up their children and pray for them in a way that would make them rightful Waqfe Nau members. May these children be the delight of their parents' eyes and may be enabled to honour their parents' pledge and be included in that group of people in the true sense whose task is solely to publicise faith. May God enable them so!