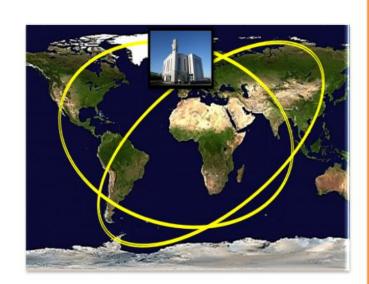
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<u>Muhammad</u>

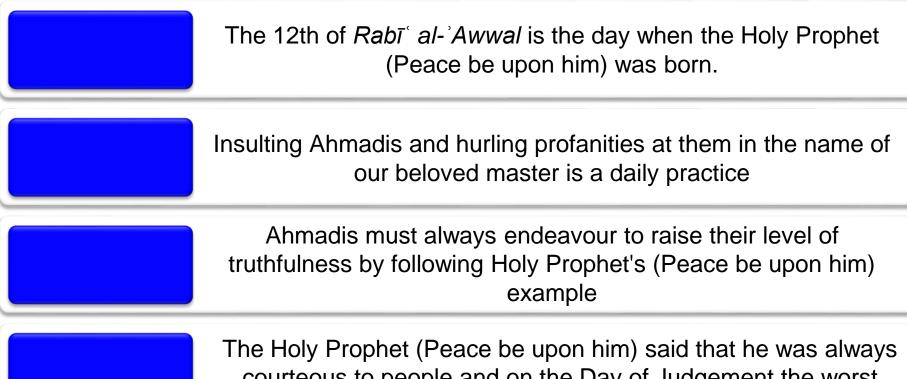


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The 12th of *Rabī* ' *al-'Awwal* is the day when the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) was born.

He has been called the lamp that radiates bright light to illuminate the entire world with spiritual light.

It was the one about which Allah the Exalted said, "And We have sent thee not but as a mercy for the world."

[21:108] His teaching is a mercy for everyone until the Day of Resurrection.

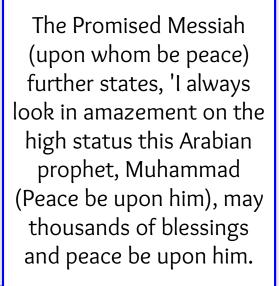
Allah the Exalted said to his followers that this Messenger of Allah is an excellent model for you as he stated that, "Verily you have in the Prophet of Allah an excellent model, for him who fears Allah and the Last Day and who remembers Allah much." (33:22)

Our Prophet (Peace be upon him) demonstrated ways for us to establish the Oneness of God, worship, excellent morals fulfilling the rights of mankind.

Insulting Ahmadis and hurling profanities at them in the name of our beloved master is a daily practice but in celebration of this day, even this was intensified today. In their opinion, they are elevating the dignity and honour of this magnificent prophet.

All in the love of the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him), who had told his followers to firstly avoid sitting on the streets and if necessary, to refrain from causing grief, spread peace, lower their gazes, promote good deeds and stop others committing bad deeds.

The Promised Messiah (upon whom be peace) says about the Holy Prophet's (Peace be upon him) love for Allah that The Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) was immensely in love with Allah to the extent that people would say that Muhammad (Peace be upon him) has fallen in love with his Lord.'



The essence of the Promised Messiah's claim is that nearness to Allah can only be attained by following the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) in his example of worship in seclusion with fervor and devotion.

Huzur said that the reports from auxiliary organisations and the main organisation state that such and such percentage of people are regular in prayers, but unless it is 100%, we cannot get comfortable. It is the individual's as well as the jamaat's responsibility to improve the state.

His [Muhammad (Peace be upon him)]
truthfulness was so exemplary that one of his
most bitter enemies testified to it, citing
examples from all stages of life

The
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Even today, truthfulness of his teachings and actions can bring non-Muslims closer to Islam, unlike lies, fabrications and deceptions.

Ahmadis must always endeavour to raise their level of truthfulness by following Holy Prophet's (Peace be upon him) example.

The Promised Messiah (upon whom be peace) says that at the time of the Holy Prophet's (Peace be upon him) advent, all previous religions had lost their spirituality. He brought the unity of God back into this world and brought about a transformation in the lives of the people that beasts were turned into men, then educated men and finally Godly men.

Thus, in order to be true
Muslims and do develop a
connection with the True God,
we need to raise the level of
our truthfulness. It is only
Ahmadis who can do this as
they have pledged to give
preference to their faith over
the world. It should not
remain a mere oath, instead all
of our actions must bear
testimony to it.

The Promised Messiah (upon whom be peace) says that the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) was the greatest individual but was most humble in his demeanour that one example of his humility and meekness is present in the Holy Ouran.

Hazrat Ayesha (may Allah be pleased with her) relates that a man asked to see the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him). The Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) told Hazrat Ayesha (may Allah be pleased with her) that he was a bad brother and a very bad son. When he came and sat down the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) extended great courtesy to him. When he left, Hazrat Ayesha (may Allah be pleased with her) asked him why he was so courteous despite him being a bad person.

The Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) said that he was always courteous to people and on the Day of Judgement the worst person will be the one who people avoid out of fear of his mischief.

Once the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) was asked how to find out if one was a good person or a bad, he said that if your neighbour says you are a good person, then be sure that your conduct is good.

So today's celebration should be done by following the noble example of the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) with high levels of worship, complete conviction in *tauheed* and high morals. If we do not follow this example, there is no difference between us and others who are disintegrated by following their temporary leaders and so-called scholars.

For us, the requirement of the pledge of allegiance to the Promised Messiah (upon whom be peace) is that all our deeds are done with the example of the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) in mind. May Allah enable us all to do this.

The Promised Messiah (upon whom be peace) states 'That man who was the most complete and flawless individual and the perfect Prophet, who came with absolute blessings through which there was a spiritual revival and upsurge and the first manifestation of the Day of Judgement revealed itself to the world. And through whom an entire world of the spiritual dead came to life; that blessed Prophet was the Seal of all prophets, Leader of the pure, Seal of all Messengers and Pride of the Prophets, Muhammad the Chosen One (Peace be upon him).

O Beloved God! Send down Your blessings and mercy on this Beloved Prophet, which You have not sent down on anyone since the beginning of time. If this Noble Prophet had not appeared in the world then we would have no proof of the truthfulness of prophets of lesser rank such as: Jonah, Job, Jesus son of Mary, Malakai, John, Zakaria etc, yet they were all granted closeness, honoured and were the beloved of God. It is the virtue of this Prophet that these people have been accepted as truthful. "O Allah send blessings and Your Mercy upon the Holy Prophet, his family and his companions. And the conclusion of their prayer shall be, 'All praise be to Allah, the Lord of the world's.'

Huzur mentioned a few deceased and led their funeral prayers in absentia. First of those was sister Salma Ghani who lived in Philadelphia, USA, and passed away on 20th November at the age of 83.

She performed the Bai'at and joined the community in 1960 or 61 at the age of 24. She served as Sadr Lajna for 15 years with great diligence and took the Lajna Imaillah to whole new level.