

Khilafat and Mujaddidiyyat



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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) gave a discourse about the concept of Mujaddiat after the advent of Khilafat

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was the Mujaddid of the 14th century, the Messiah and the Mahdi and the Mujaddid of the last millennium

Thus, the condition for a future Mujaddid would be subordination to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

After the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) the Mujaddiat, would become subordinate to the system of Khilafat in the task of revival of Islam

Hudhur (aba) said rather than enter into the debate about Mujaddids, we should strengthen our belief on the claim of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and take his mission forward

Craftily, the debate is initiated from an academic viewpoint

Hudhur (aba) said that the question of Mujaddidiat is raised in the Jama'at from time to time

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) expounded this matter on various occasions.

In the era of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) this issue was raised quite forcefully and he gave comprehensive discourse in response.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) was also questioned about this

Mujaddidiat and Khilafat

The hypocritical have tried to create restlessness as to what is the difference between Mujaddidiat (the office/agency of a Mujaddid) and Khilafat

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Mujaddidiat and Khilafat

Mujaddid

- There is no doubt that it is stated in hadith that at the turn of each century Mujaddids will rise to revive faith

Messiah

- In the latter-days, having found the Muslims in ignorance, God revived the religion of Islam.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that God willed the garden of Islam to be evergreen and fresh, therefore at the turn of every century, He sent a person for the reformation and the ignorant contended with him. Yet, God did not abandon His way

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote: 'When God Almighty, observing the condition of the world and finding the earth filled with every type of disobedience, sin and misguidance, appointed me for the propagation of the truth and the reform of people and the time was.....the end of the thirteenth and the beginning of the fourteenth century, then I—in obedience to this command—sent forth the call through written announcements and speeches, that **I am that person**, who was to come from God at the turn of the century for revival of the faith.

The purpose was that I should re-establish the faith which had disappeared from the earth, and pull mankind towards reform and righteousness and truthfulness through the power and strength that God had bestowed upon me and through the magnetic power of His hand. I was also destined to correct their doctrinal errors and to reform their conduct.

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A few years thereafter, it was made quite clear to me through Divine revelation that the Messiah, whose advent among the Muslims had been promised from the beginning, and the last Mahdi whose advent had been Divinely decreed to take place at the time of the decline of Islam and the spread of error, and who was to be guided directly by God, and who was to invite people to partake of the heavenly banquet, and whose advent had been foretold by the Holy Prophet^{sa} thirteen hundred years in advance, was none other than myself.'

[Essence of Islam, Vol. IV, pp. 31 – 32,
Tadhkirat-us-Shahadatain, Ruhani
Khaza'in, vol. 20, p. 3 - 4]

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also said that who could argue that the age of the Mahdi was an age of revival and that the solar and lunar eclipses were a sign for it. As these signs had appeared, whoever wished to accept them was free to do so.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was not just the Mujaddid of the 14th century, rather, he was also the Messiah and the Mahdi

His status was considerably higher than that of a Mujaddid

He was sent to revive faith and guide people, his status was very high and he was granted Prophethood

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'Although generally speaking, the hadith of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) has been fulfilled that God will continue to send a Mujaddid at the turn of each century to reform this *Ummah* and to revive His faith.

However, so many indications of the Prophet (pbuh) as regards the fourteenth century, in terms of the glad-tiding that a magnificent Mahdi will appear at the turn of the fourteenth century can be found that a seeker cannot deny them.'

He also said: 'God has sent this prophet, who is a perfect Mujaddid, so that God may demonstrate and prove in this age that all religions and all teachings are naught as compared to Islam.'

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This Imam, whom God has designated as the Promised Messiah, is the *Mujaddid* [Reformer] of this century as well as of the last millennium.'

He further explains this: '...counting from the time of Adam, the present millennium is the seventh...This too proves that we are now in the seventh [last] millennium.'
[Lecture Sialkot, p. 9]

Hadhrat Huzaifa narrated that the Messenger of Allah said: 'Prophethood shall remain among you as long as Allah shall will. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilafat on the precepts of Prophethood for as long as He shall will and then bring about its end. A tyrannical monarchy will then follow and will remain as long as Allah shall will and then come to an end. There will follow thereafter monarchical despotism to last as long as Allah shall will and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge Khilafat on precept of Prophethood.' The Holy Prophet said no more.

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The Promised Messiah, is the *Mujaddid* [Reformer] of this century and the last millennium

Hudhur (aba) explained that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) had called the preceding millennium as a time of darkness, after which the advent of the Mahdi would take place and the second phase of Islam would begin

Khilafat for revival of faith

Hudhur (aba) said that once Khilafat on the precepts of Prophethood is established, it alone carries out the work of revival of faith

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Hudhur (aba) stressed that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is the Mujaddid of the last millennium and Khilafat established through him is to accomplish the task of revival of Islam

As the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained:

'I came from God as a Manifestation of Divine Providence and I am a personification of His Power. And after I am gone there will be some other persons who will be the manifestation of the second Power [of God].'

He went on to explain the second manifestation by citing the example of Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) after the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

Mujaddidiat and Khilafat

It is possible that in centuries to come, someone will declare to be a Mujaddid



The condition for this would be subordination to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and to be a characterisation of second manifestation



If God so wills, He can give the status of Mujaddid to a Khalifa of the time at the turn of a century, and enable him to declare this

Hudhur (aba) said it should also be clear that each Khalifa is a Mujaddid during his era because he is doing the work of the **Promised Messiah** (on whom be peace)

Being a Mujaddid does not alter the station of Khilafat; the status of Khilafat comes before that of a Mujaddid

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Hadhrat Khalifatul
Masih II (may
Allah be pleased
with him)

- He said a Mujaddid is not for the entire world, rather, a Mujaddid is sent by God to every region and area. Since Islam is a religion for the entire world, it is essential to have different Mujaddids in different parts of the world

A person who revives and reforms faith based on Divine revelation is a spiritual Mujaddid.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had said that the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb was a Mujaddid, although Aurangzeb did not claim to receive revelation.

**There can be many
Mujaddids at a
given time whereas
there can be only
one Khalifa at a
time**

In a hadith he explained that God will send a Mujaddid at the turn of each century, who will revive and reform religion for the people of the time. It is said that there will be a Mujaddid or Mujaddids at the turn of each century

The coming of the Mujaddid was prophesied by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to be later, after one hundred years, **a Mujaddid was not needed in the first century of Islam.**

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Our responsibilities

Today the task of revival of faith can only be performed by adhering to the system of Khilafat.

The Qur'an does not mention Mujaddids but it mentions Khilafat as Hudhur explained in his sermon of 27 May in light of Ayat e Istakhlaf

Hudhur (aba) said rather than enter into the debate about Mujaddids, we should strengthen our belief on the claim of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and take his mission forward

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is indeed the Mujaddid and we need to be his dynamic helpers

Our task is to simply take the message to the world

Whoever will do so will be a helper of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and his Khilafat and will be doing the task of revival of faith

May God enable each Ahmadi to do this

Barud sahib was born in 1947 in Indonesia and took his *Bai'at* in 1971. He came to study at Jamia in 1977, learned Urdu and obtained his Shahid degree in 1982.

He served the Jama'at in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and was currently serving in Papua New Guinea.

He was a very sincere person who was very keen on Tabligh work and would cheerfully discharge of any duty that was given to him.

He passed away on 6 June after a brief illness.

He is survived by three wives and fourteen children.

May God grant patience to them all and elevate his station

The sad news of the passing away of Khairuddin Barud sahib of Indonesia

Hudhur (aba) announced that he would lead his funeral Prayer after Jummah

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