

Tribute to Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib



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SUMMARY

God has informed us that with the exception of His Being everything that exists in the entire cosmos will perish

Man should be mindful of passing away from this world. This helps one to focuss on God

One of Jama'at's great worker, Syed Abdul Hayi Sahah sahib passed away recently

Paying tributes to him, Hudhur (aba) said that in God's eyes Syed Abdul Hayi sahib was a pious person

He tried to fulfil the tasks given by the Khulafa in optimum time. He always tried to honour dues of God and dues of mankind

May God elevate his status and may He continue to grant Khilafat e Ahmadiyya such dedicated devotees

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The Holy Qur'an mentions the subject of: 'Every soul shall taste of death...' (3:186)

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Life after death is the real and enduring life



By obeying God's commandments in this world one can be a recipient of blessings in the Hereafter while disobedience can also make one liable of chastisement.

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Every soul shall taste of death

The Holy Qur'an states: 'And of men there is he who would sell himself to seek the pleasure of Allah...' (2:208).

Fortunate are those among us who give precedence to the Hereafter over this life.

Who are ever on the lookout to please God and spend most of their lives in trying to please their Beloved God.

They excel in giving precedence to faith over worldly matters to such an extent that they have no interest other than to serve religion

They honour their pledges for the pleasure of God and for this they do not care about any impediment along the way

For them there is only one objective no matter what they are going through; be it time of adversity or ease, illness or good health

Their objective is to be able to fulfil the covenant made to God and honour the trust that is given to them

Every soul shall taste of death

These are the kind of people about whom the Holy Qur'an states: '**And of men there is he who would sell himself to seek the pleasure of Allah...**' (2:208).

Their faces exude serenity at all times as if they are a personification of *Nafse Mutmainnah* (soul at peace).

An elder of ours who possessed such qualities and was certainly a great asset of the Community recently passed away. His name was Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib.

Inna lillahi wa inna illaihi raji'oon.

Introduction of Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib

May God grant him a place near His dear ones and may God through His grace alone make good this loss of the Community and may God create numerous others like him so that the convoy of Ahmadiyyat can carry onwards and upwards towards its destination.

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Shah sahib was born in June 1932 in Kashmir. He moved to Qadian and later, went to Pakistan.

For the sake of his faith, he endured separation from his mother in Kashmir for forty years

He studied at Madrassa Ahmadiyya and Jamia Ahmadiyya

He gained 1st position in the district in his Maulwi exam.

He passed the exam of Maulwi Fazil and stood first in the Punjab University

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Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib

Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib devoted his life (Waqfe Zindagi) in 1945

Services of Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib for the Jama'at

He gave lengthy service to Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya.

He served as the editor of monthly AnsarUllah for sometime and was involved in many Jama'at journals such as Khalid and Tasheez al Azhan for twelve to thirteen years

He was the manager and printer of Zia ul Islam press and president of Al Fazl board

He was the first managing director of MTA Pakistan

He was also director of Fazl e Umer foundation and Tahir foundation

He was the Nazir e Isha'at and was also the acting Nazir e Ala and Ameer muqam

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Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib's services for Jama'at

He reviewed the
Kashmiri language
translation of the Holy
Qur'an

He supervised the
computerisation of
Ruhani Khaza'in

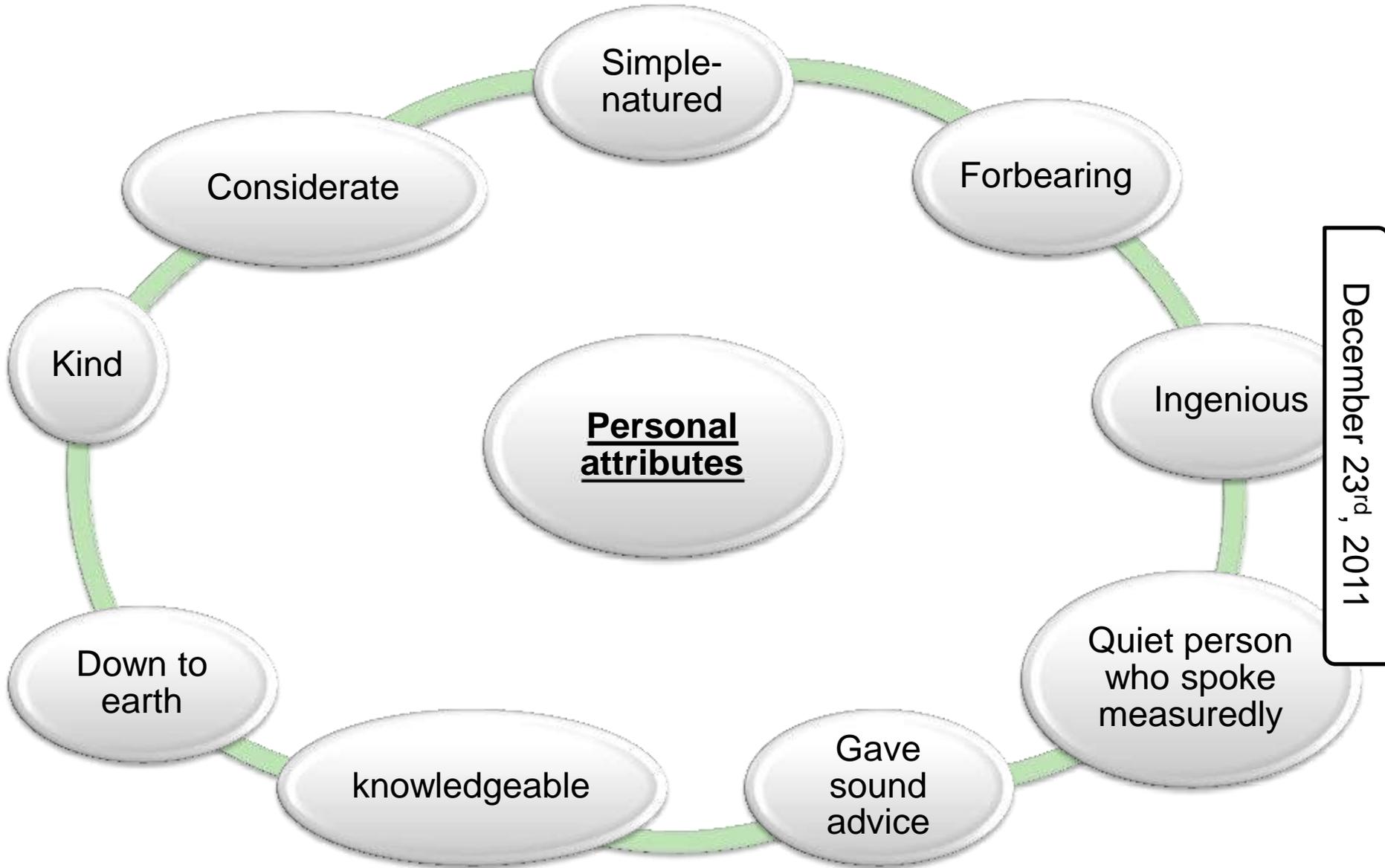
His first Jama'at
appointment was in
1956

He also served in the
project of translation of
the Holy Qur'an by
Hadhrat Khalifatul
Masih IV (may Allah
have mercy on him)

He served in the
project of publication
of the lectures by
Hadhrat Khalifatul
Masih IV (may Allah
have mercy on him) on
homeopathy

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Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib; Personal attributes



Hudhur (aba) said that Shah sahib accomplished the task of publishing the computerised edition of Ruhani Khaza'in with great hard work.

He rendered services for the Darsul Qur'an series of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him). He also provided academic assistance with Friday sermons.

He guided his team in preparation of books and other publication matters and gave sound advice.

Along with other distinctive features of the computerised set, one is that it is exactly in accordance with the previous editions so that references can be looked up easily

He researched matters thoroughly and then gave his opinion. He tried to fulfil the tasks given by the Khalifa of the time in optimum time

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Services of Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib for the Jama'at

He was enabled to serve in the publication of Quranic translations in Punjabi, Sindhi, Pushto and Saraiki.



In 1997, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) said: 'I have observed this quality in Syed Abdul Hayi sahib that when a specific matter is explained to him, even if he does not have personal knowledge of it, he looks for people who do. It has never happened that I have given him instruction about a book and he has not prepared exactly what was asked for. With the grace of Allah he has deep insight and studies everything in minute detail.'

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Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib; commendation by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him)

In another letter Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) wrote to Syed sahib: ' MashaAllah, you are working prolifically and are very productive. With the grace of Allah you are the only Nazir who does not ever need reminding about entrusted tasks...'

In 1997 Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) wrote to Syed Abdul Hayi sahib about the publication of the Mahzarnama (The Memorandum) which was presented in the National Assembly of the country. He wrote: 'The publication of Mahzarnama is very good. MashaAllah you work very hard and with flair.'

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Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib; commendation by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him)

Hudhur (aba) explained that such commendation increased Syed Abdul Hayi sahib's humility and he worked harder still.

Services of Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib for the Jama'at



Recalling his first meeting with Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) after he was given some important responsibilities, Syed Abdul Hayi sahib said that he was in deep awe and due to nervousness his hands shook. Seeing this Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) said, 'there is no need to be nervous. You should get to understand the work fully from me and then undertake it with complete diligence.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) then took Syed Abdul Hayi sahib's hand in his hand which eased him.

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In God's eyes Syed Abdul Hayi sahib was a pious person

Hudhur (aba) explained it was common for editors and publishers in Pakistan to have arrest warrants issued in their names. As such, an arrest warrant was issued for Syed Abdul Hayi sahib. Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) convened a meeting with him and lawyers. After the meeting Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) sent one of his sons to Abdul Hayi sahib with the message that he should not worry.

The son told him that after the meeting Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) had prayed and God made him utter the words: 'He [God] never lets His pious people go to waste.'

Hudhur (aba) explained that God's disclosure to Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) is also a testimony that in God's eyes Syed Abdul Hayi sahib was a pious person who remained in God's refuge.

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Syed Abdul Hayi sahib related that in early days the allowance Waqfe Zindagi devotees received was meagre and it was difficult to make ends meet. Once his father-in-law said to him that he was also highly educated from a worldly perspective, perhaps he should find his livelihood in that sector.

Syed sahib replied, 'I have made two pacts; one of marriage with your daughter and the other of devoting my life with God. Tell me, which pact shall I break?' He later added, 'how can I break the second pact while keeping the first?'

Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib; two pacts

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Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib; Academic attributes

Once Syed Abdul Hayi Shah was introduced as

• People work in different ways

- Those who work with one hand and clap with the other (they work but are always promoting what they do).
- Then there are those who clap with both hands, that is, they do not do any work and simply publicise.
- Then there are those who work with both hands and they are not concerned if anyone sees their work or praises them.
- And Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib was such a person.

Hudhur (aba) explained that this was 100% correct.

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Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib; Academic attributes

He used Jama'at funds with utmost caution

He worked quietly

He only spoke in meetings when he had to say something of substance

He was conscientious and carried out his duties with extremely responsibility

He was extremely hardworking

He was always cheerful

There was not even a hint of hypocrisy in him

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Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib; Special attributes

He was a model of steadfastness and never complained about his pain, be it ill health or any other problem.

His patience was exemplary; he bore the news of the passing away of his mother with resoluteness.

He was most hospitable. At Jalsa when guests arrived from Kashmir to stay at his house he would move into a store room with his family and offer them the entire house.

Once Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) sent Shah sahib with a message to occupied Kashmir. He could not find any transport in Rawalpindi, so he started walking to Kashmir because he wanted to fulfil the instruction of the Khalifa of the time in optimum time.

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He worked tirelessly even during his last illness; he had a great desire to do all the correction work on the computerised edition of Ruhani Khaza'in

On 17 December Shah sahib saw a dream in which his (deceased) wife asked him had he not obtained a ticket yet? He said no he had not. But a little later he told her in the dream that he had obtained a ticket and had also got a boarding pass.

On the day of passing Shah sahib called his son Imran over and murmured to him that his flight had arrived.

Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib; last days

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Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib; Hudhur (aba) commended

Hudhur (aba) said this servant of the Community was devoted to the Community till the last and gave it precedence over everything else

- He acquired religious knowledge and he also put it in practice
- He always tried to honour dues of God and dues of mankind.

Hudhur (aba) said when he was Nazir e Ala Hudhur found Shah sahib to be perfectly obedient and after God granted Hudhur the mantle of Khilafat, his sincerity and loyalty increased to a great degree as is the due of the office of Khilafat.

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May God elevate his status and may He continue to grant Khilafat e Ahmadiyya such dedicated devotees.

May He grant steadfastness to the bereaved and keep them firm on virtues and may they serve the Community with sincerity.

He understood the essence of Bai'at and honoured it.

Syed Abdul Hayi Shah sahib; Hudhur (aba) prayd

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