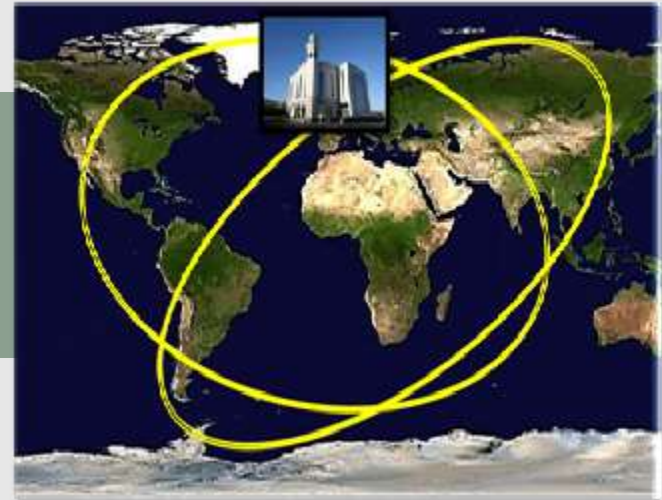


GOD CONSCIOUSNESS AND UNITY OF ALLAH



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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih recited the following verses of Surah

‘O ye who believe! fear Allah; and let every soul look to what it sends forth for the morrow. And fear Allah; verily Allah is Well-Aware of what you do. And be not like those who forgot Allah, so He made them forget themselves. It is they that are the rebellious.’ (59:19 – 20)

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The Holy Qur’an gives various commandments to acquire taqwa; calls those who follow these commandments as *Muttaqi* (righteous) and warns those who do not practice *Taqwa* about their ending.

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What is Taqwa?

Its summarised
 definition as gleaned
 from the Holy Qur'an is

..to give precedence to
 the pleasure of God
 over everything else

.. to consider God as
 One and Incomparable
 and the Source of all
 powers.

.. to pay God's rights
 and in order to seek His
 pleasure

.. to also pay the rights
 of His creation.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote: 'It is obvious that to be mindful of the trusts of God Almighty, and to fulfil all the covenants of faith, and to employ all faculties and limbs both overt, like eyes and ears and hands and feet and others like them, and those that are covert, like the mind and other faculties and qualities, on their proper occasions and to restrain them from coming into action on improper occasions, and to be warned against the subtle attacks of vice and to be mindful of the rights of one's fellow beings, is the way of perfecting one's spiritual beauty.'

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It is a favour of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) on us that he has explained to us in great detail that path to those high stations which bring nearness to God.

Certainly, each person has different potential for piety, insight, perception etc.

This is why, everyone is commanded to try to the best of their individual capacity to fulfil the pledge made to God; and this is abiding by Taqwa.

It is commanded to make proper use of hands, feet, ears and eyes and to avoid whatever has been forbidden.

If this matter is pondered over, we realise that these commanded practices in fact bring about benefit to the individuals.

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Thus, by going against the commandment of God or not doing something as commanded by Him, man breaks God's limits...

... and drifts away from *Taqwa* and ends up leaning towards Satan.

This is why the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that a believer should not only avoid what is forbidden but should also be ever aware of Satan's covert attacks.

Awareness of this saves one from covert attacks of Satan who attacks in different ways

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There are many modern inventions which can be harmful. These could be regarded as covert satanic attacks because

- ... they take one away from worship of God and have a detrimental effect on morals.

One may regard gambling, late night watching of TV and internet as personal matters as these do not directly harm anyone else...

However, these improper practices distract one from the worship of God and ultimately distant one from paying the dues of God as well as paying the dues of people

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Alcohol, gambling, lewd films on the internet, improper friendships in these countries cause families to break up.



They also put young people on the wrong path, even lead them astray from belief in existence of God and they end up becoming malignant for society.

God has stated that one's every limb, every faculty and every thought should be used in accordance with what God enjoins and at the proper occasion and this enhances one in Taqwa.



Any practices contrary to this, will lead one to Satan and those who end with Satan are the ultimate losers.

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God states that after believing adopt
Taqwa

- One should seek God's pleasure because these are the deeds which will avail in the next world ...
...while the attractions, comforts and enjoyments of this world will remain here

One should self-reflect;

- The root of sin is that man becomes complacent and forgets God

If one wishes for eternal blessings one should follow God's way.

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Marriage and worldly union is a temporary pleasure. Real delight is in seeking God's pleasure which is attained in this world as well as its fruits are enjoyed in the next world

The verse
59:19) is
recited at the at
Nikah.

Pious children are a source
of God's pleasure.

Pious children not only adorn their own
ending they also elevate their parents'
station in the Hereafter by praying for
them.

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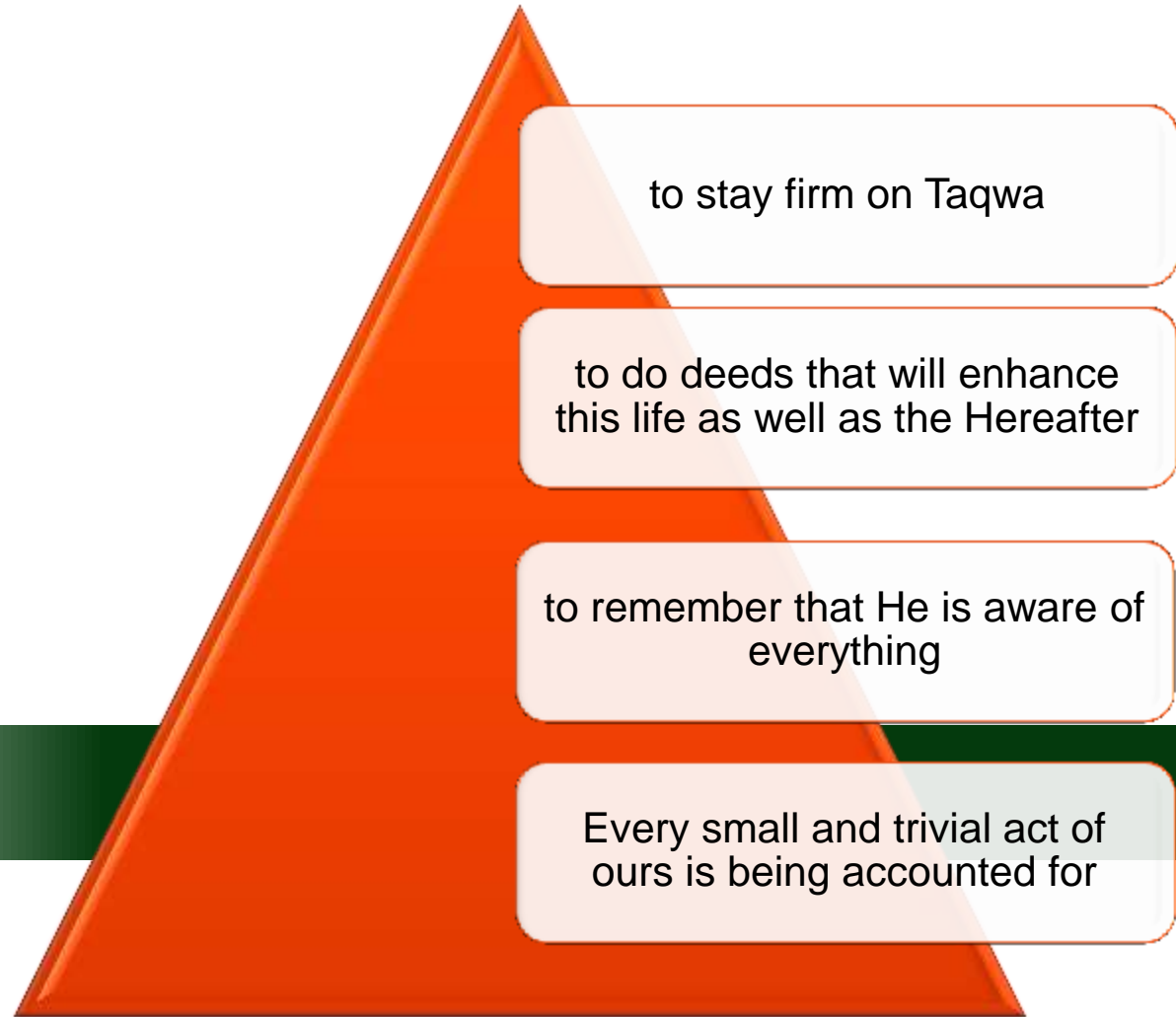
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God repeatedly enjoins



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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said : 'In Islam, real life requires a death, which is harsh, yet one who accepts it is the one who ultimately gains life. Hadith states that man considers worldly desires and pleasures as paradise, although they are like hell. Pious person accepts difficulties in the way of God and that alone is paradise.. True wellbeing and happiness cannot be attained without Taqwa. And abiding by Taqwa is like drinking a toxic cup.

' God Almighty facilitates all the delights for the righteous: **'...And he who fears Allah — He will make for him a way out, And will provide for him from where he expects; not...'** (65: 3- 4) Thus, the underlying principle of wellbeing is Taqwa. However, in order to attain Taqwa, we should not make conditions. Once Taqwa is adopted, one gets what one asks for. God Almighty is Ever Merciful and Generous; adopt Taqwa, He will give you what you wish.'

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) further said:

‘The path of *Taqwa* is very difficult and only that person can negotiate it who completely abides by God Almighty’s will and does what God wants and does not follow his own preference.

Nothing can be availed from
pretence; therefore what is needed is God’s grace. This can come to pass if one prays in conjunction with making effort. God Almighty has enjoined both prayer and making effort.’

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also said: 'None can be purified unless God Almighty purifies him. When the very soul of a person falls on God's door with humility and meekness, God Almighty will accept his prayer and that person will become righteous and will be worthy of understanding the religion of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Otherwise, whatever proclamations about religion he makes and his worship etc. is of customary nature that he follows by merely emulating his forefathers without any essence of reality or spirituality.'

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‘Attain Taqwa
because Taqwa is
followed by God
Almighty’s blessings
and a righteous person
is saved from the
calamities of the
world.’

We should always try that
after taking Bai’at we attain
that standard of Taqwa
which befits a true Muslim
and which the Promised
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We should always remember God.

Indeed, it is not God's loss if we forget Him, however, forgetting God is detrimental to us.

Those who forget God have weak faith and overlook that they have to face Him one day.

Their practices are such that their moral and spiritual condition declines, to them world takes precedence over faith.

What treatment they will be given in the Hereafter, God alone knows, but those who are too involved in this world also lose their inner peace in this life.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) came in servitude of his master, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to establish Unity of God and to prove the existence of God. Real Taqwa is instilled when one has complete faith in Unity of God.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote:
'Unity of God (*Tawheed*) does not signify that one utters the words *La ilaha illalla* (There is none worthy of worship except Allah) while having thousands of idols in heart.

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‘In fact, a person who gives any of his own work, trick, deception or plan God-like importance or relies on a person as only God should be relied on or gives his own self the kind of importance which should be given to God, according to God he is an idolater in all these instances. Idols are not just those which are made with gold, silver, copper or stone and are relied on. Rather, everything, word or deed, which is given the importance that is God’s right, is an idol in God’s sight.’

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‘The true Unity of God, the affirmation of which is demanded by God and upon which salvation depends, is to believe that God in His Being **is free from every associate**, whether it is an idol or a human being, or the sun or moon or one's ego, or one's cunning or deceit; and to conceive of no one as possessing power in opposition to Him, nor to accept anyone as sustainer, nor to hold anyone as bestowing honour or disgrace, nor to consider anyone as helper or assistant; and to confine one's love to Him and one's worship to Him and one's humility to Him and one's hopes to Him and one's fear to Him.

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First, there is the Unity of Being, that is to say, to conceive the whole universe as nonexistent in contrast with Him and to consider it mortal and lacking reality.

Secondly, the Unity of attributes, that is to say, that *Rububiyyat* and Godhead are confined to His Being and that all others who appear as sustainers or benefactors are only a part of the system set up by His hand.

Thirdly, the Unity of love and sincerity and devotion; that is to say, not to consider anyone as an associate of God in the matter of love and worship and to be entirely lost in Him.'

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Regarding excellence of
Taqwa the Promised
Messiah (on whom be
peace) said:

‘Excellence of *Taqwa* is
this alone that man’s own
being ceases to be and in
reality this alone is also
Tawheed.’

To give
precedence to God
over everything
else is *Taqwa* and
this is also abiding
by *Tawheed*.

May God enable
us to attain this
standard!

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said he is going on travels and asked for prayers for his travels to be blessed in every way.