BUILDING OF MOSQUES AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih recited the following verses of Surah

‘Say, ‘My Lord has enjoined justice. And fix your attention aright at every time and place of worship, and call upon Him, making yourself sincere towards Him in religion. As He brought you into being, so shall you return.’ (7:30)

‘O children of Adam! adorn yourself at every time and place of worship with garment of fear of Allah, and eat and drink but exceed not the bounds; surely, He does not love those who exceed the bounds.’ (7:32)
With His grace God has enabled the Ahmadis of Brisbane and the Ahmadis of Australia to build a mosque in Brisbane, Australia.

We could not thank God enough for this favour.

The site was purchased about fifteen years ago and a mission house and a Prayer hall was built. When Hazrat Khalifatul Masih visited Brisbane for the first time in 2006, he advised to build the mosque here to invigorate the site.

The Jama’at responded dutifully and with the grace of God had the mosque built on site.

To establish a bond of love, brotherhood and obedience with the head of Ahmadiyya Community in his conditions of Bai’at.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that he has been drawing attention in this regard that mosques are a source of Tabligh.
The construction started in December 2012 and now we have a beautiful mosque. The new construction as well as renovation of the earlier buildings cost 4.5 Australian dollars. Members of the Jama’at gave most generously for the project. Everyone contributed what they could afford, perhaps more than they could afford. Ahmadi ladies also donated their jewellery for the building of the mosque. May God bless all those who made sacrifices!

It should be remembered that this spirit of sacrifice, love, sincerity and obedience should be lasting and enduring; this sense should also be instilled in our next generation.
The verses recited at the start are verses 30 and 32 of Surah Al Ar’af cite what is expected of believers. Those who are associated with mosques will attain God’s grace if they become true worshippers of God.

First and foremost, justice is enjoined; establishment of justice is the first building block of society. Justice is needed for peace on every level in the world and failure of this is what can create disorder.

Every true believer should do justice to his obligations towards Allah. The five daily Prayers should be observed with due diligence and regularity. This will lead to a noticeable pure change in the believers.

Every true believer should do justice to his obligations towards human beings.
Responsibilities of a husband is:

- to give the rights of their wives, to look after their needs, to be gentle with them and to be considerate of their familial ties (rehmi rishtay), to respect parents, siblings and other relatives of wives, not to set eyes upon the wealth and earning of wives and to be mindful of the education and training of children.

Responsibilities of every wife:

- Her first responsibility is her family; to respect the husband and his familial ties, to look after the children and their moral training.

Responsibilities as parents:

- to do religious training of their children
- Instil in the children that they are Ahmadi Muslim and for this the parents have to be role models and educate the children about the difference in them and the others.

If the parents do not lead by example they will not be doing justice.

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It is important to be just and fair.

God has made the community of believers as one entity. This standard will be upheld when each person is conscious of the pain of others, when justice and fairness is met.

Pain in one part of the body is felt by the entire body and this is how we should be aware of others’ pain.

We tell the world about our fraternal ties, we need to also demonstrate it in practice.
They understand that they can realise the purpose of their creation by fulfilling the rights of God and His creations.

Ahmadis understand this concept very well because they have accepted the Imam of the age.

When mankind’s rights are given every act becomes an act of worship and further enhances worship of God.

... if rights of mankind are not given, worship of God is pointless.

In the mosque inauguration reception held for Australian guests, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih’s discourse centred on the subject that...
The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: ‘It is a great act of worship to be affectionate and sympathetic to humanity. It is a tremendous source to attain pleasure of Allah the Exalted.’

When a man goes to mosque with these thoughts, he comes in the embrace of God’s love.

As we know, each effort of ours is covered by an act of God.

We cannot attain any virtue merely through our own strength, we need support of God to enable us to attain virtue.

We must pray that we are enabled to achieve our good inspirations and our efforts to do good are successful.
The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: It is also essential for acceptance of prayers that man instils a pure change in himself. If he cannot avoid bad deeds and breaks the limits of God Almighty, then there can be no effect in prayer. Limits of God can be understood from the commandments of the Holy Qur’an, these commandments are the limits by following which one gains nearness to God and also witnesses acceptance of prayer. The second verse states to children of Adam to adorn themselves when going to mosque and the adornment of every believer is the raiment/garment of Taqwa (righteousness).

spiritual beauty and spiritual ornament are achieved through righteousness. Righteousness means that one must be mindful even of the smallest details of the Divine trusts and covenants and also of all the trusts and covenants of one’s fellow beings, as far as it may be possible. That is, one must try to fulfil, to the best of one’s ability, all the requirements in their minutest details.
As mentioned earlier, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has further expounded in this extract that one has to be mindful of one’s covenants and trusts.

The trust given to Ahmadis which they are enjoined to practice is to give precedence to faith over worldly matters.

If this is followed then our every act will be to seek pleasure of God.

We will come to mosque purely for the sake of God and we will pay the rights of people once a mosque is built.
God enjoins that Taqwa is achieved when rights of God and mankind are paid, when efforts are made to elevate standards of worship of God, when one safeguards one’s Salat and is mindful of the sanctity of mosque.

The advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was for the revival of Islam, to create a new earth and a new heaven and it will not be fulfilled unless each one of us, man, woman, young and old, honours our trusts with Taqwa.

All blessings are in developing the connection with God and then connecting to Khilafat. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) foretold triumph for those who will be connected to Jama’at.
With the building of the mosque in Brisbane the responsibilities have increased because the mosque also needs to be populated with that adornment which is adornment in the sight of God.

This is a responsibility of the local Jama’at as is pays each other’s dues and takes the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat to people of the region.

If all this comes to pass then God will certainly accept the sacrifices made in building this mosque.
A Hadith relates that those who come to the mosque with the fervour to worship God day and night will be given hospitality of God.

The time between one Salat and the next should be spent as if one is guarding a border, guarding oneself against Satan, and one should go to the mosque with the raiment of Taqwa.

It is the responsibility of each Ahmadi to establish this standard in this materialistic world. If we understand this reality, we will be the recipient of God’s grace more than ever.
The second verse recited at the beginning also states: ‘…eat and drink but exceed not the bounds; surely, He does not love those who exceed the bounds…’

One meaning of this is to be moderate in one’s diet and eat what is Halal and wholesome in moderation because diet effects one’s thoughts and feelings.

God does not like extravagances where eating and drinking and such pleasures overtake one’s thoughts

Indeed, He has not forbidden from earning a living, but when earning a living becomes a source of forgetting faith, one is deprived of blessings.

May God save each one of us from such extravagance which makes us distant from God!
Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said he has many times expressed his concern for populating mosques. A great effort should be made to populating mosques.

The first mosque is not the ultimate objective of Ahmadiyyat, in fact it is the first step.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said it was his prayer that may the numbers of the local Jama’at grow due to local Australians accepting Islam Ahmadiyyat.

Wherever in the world we have built new mosques, our profile has increased manifold and with this come increased responsibility.

We should express our gratitude for this blessing of God by populating this mosque by paying attention to Tabligh.
In Pakistan every day some mischief or the other is created against Ahmadis. An incident was reported to police by a mainstream Muslim that his feelings were hurt at the sight of any Ahmadi Mosque.

- Ahmadis are living in Pakistan in a state of fear and some Ahmadis emigrated to Australia because of persecution.
- These conditions should not be forgotten and dues of mosques should be paid.
- May God enable all of us to do so!