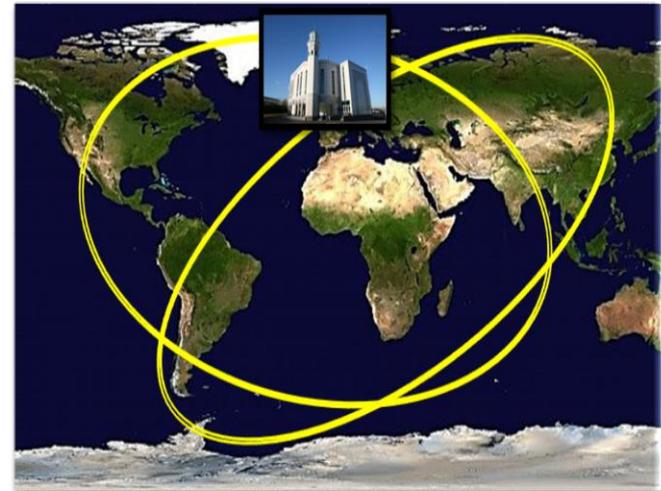


Extremism and Persecution of Ahmadis



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Summary

Extremism and Persecution of Ahmadis



Huzur (aba) explained in his sermon today that the far-right political parties and nationalists have an increasingly stronger presence.



Huzur (aba) stated that The current state of the Muslims is extremely dire



We must propagate the beautiful message of Islam to all parts of the world with wisdom, best argument and without creating disorder



Huzur instructed jamaat that wherever there is a wave of Anti-Islamic sentiments, Jamaat should organise events to highlight the peaceful message of Islam.



Huzur led three funeral prayers in absentia

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Rise of far-right political parties and nationalists

Anti Islam sentiment

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Nowadays the far-right political parties and nationalists have an increasingly stronger presence

The experts and analysts believe that this is because the left-wing parties are not strict enough in their policies on immigration.

Our duty

They also cite various other reasons for this, but ultimately all of these issues boil down to banning Muslims from entering their countries.

They claim that Muslims do not make an effort to integrate into their society and can only live in their countries if Muslims forgo their religious practises and customs and adopt their values and tradition.

Wisdom

Funerals

If they do not give up their teachings then that means that they do not want to integrate into the society

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A threat to their way of life

They believe that construction of minarets, wearing of Hijab and not shaking hands with the opposite gender is a threat to their way of life

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They believe that the religion of Islam poses a serious threat to them and they try to prove this claim by citing the current state of certain Muslim countries where terrorism and lawlessness is rampant.

Our duty

Although most of the things they claim are purely out of their opposition to Islam

Wisdom

Unfortunately they are right in regards to citing the example of the current state of the Muslim countries and the acts of terrorism carried out by the Muslims...

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... even though these rebel groups are being supported by the Western powers.

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Persecution of Ahmadis

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It is unfortunate that whenever Muslims have incurred any loss it is because of their own ill-practises and by overlooking the true teachings of Islam.

Instead of improving their spiritual conditions and following the instructions of the Holy Prophet^{sa}, they have given preference to their greed for the worldly pleasures

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Our duty

The *Ulema* [scholars] have further misled the Muslims because instead of accepting the person regarding whom the Holy Prophet^{sa} had prophesied that he shall appear in the latter days and will once again revive the faith of the Muslims, they have grown in their opposition against him.

For instance, in Algeria, there is intense opposition against the Jama 'at and Ahmadis have been put into jail simply because they have accepted the Imam of the age

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There are over two hundred Ahmadis who are currently jail or in police custody but despite the cruelties perpetrated against them they are firm in their faith.

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The dire state of Muslims

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The perpetrators should remember that Allah the Almighty is watching their injustices and cruelties and He is listening to the prayers of those being oppressed and when He declares His judgment then these people will face ruin in this world and in the hereafter

Our duty

Does Islam not have powerful arguments and proofs to establish the superiority of its teachings?

Do they think that Islam will only spread by killing people of other faiths?

Wisdom

If that is what they believe, as is evident from the practise of the *Ulema*, then these people are rejecting the commandments of the Allah the Almighty and the Holy Prophet ^{sa}.

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The current state of the Muslims is extremely dire

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The dire state of Muslims

On the one hand, there is the so-called *Ulema* and extremist organisations who seek to create disorder in the name of Islam

On the other hand, we have those Muslims who have drifted away from their own teachings or have come under the influence of the West and have become fearful to express the beautiful teachings of Islam.

Instead, they simply agree to whatever the worldly people say, or give a completely wrong interpretation of the Islamic teachings in order to please others.

Thus, the Muslims who reject the one who has been sent by Allah the Almighty are in fact rejecting the commandment of Allah the Almighty and His Prophet^{sa}.

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Those who oppose the Jama'at have no argument and simply resort to hurling verbal abuse

The opponents are going to continue to perpetrate cruelties against Ahmadis, and those who have drifted away from faith will also one day begin to oppose the community when it speak against their ill practises which they commit in the name of freedom

In such circumstances will Ahmadis become fearful and agree to whatever these people say?

If they do then what is the point of entering into the *Bai'at* [oath of allegiance].

The Promised Messiah ^{as} has told his Jama'at that they must adhere to the commandments of Allah the Almighty, follow the example of the Holy Prophet ^{sa}, never lose faith and nor create any disorder on the earth.

We must also propagate the beautiful message of Islam to all parts of the world.

Wisdom and best argument

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In order to accomplish this task, the Promised Messiah ^{as} states that Allah the Almighty has given us the guidance in the Holy Quran: **Call unto the way of thy Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation and argue with them in a way that is best.**

Thus, one should use sound and convincing arguments in order to demonstrate the true and beautiful teachings of Islam instead of raising the sword like the so-called *Ulema* [scholars] and as other extremists do.

Nowhere has Allah the Almighty said to spread Islam in this manner.

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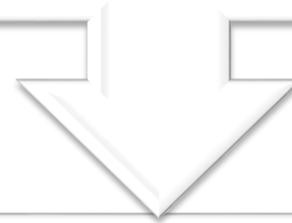
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Certain ill-practices which religion deems to be unlawful and sinful acts are becoming widespread in some of the developed countries and the laws of the land also protect them



If the concerned party is going to take offence and become angry at what we have to say regarding those practises then we can temporarily avoid speaking against it and simply walk away by conveying the greeting of peace, as that will be the most wise act to do at the time.

However, if someone were to become fearful of them or come under their influence and agree with what they say then this is something completely wrong.

Wisdom and cowardice

Anti Islam
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The Promised Messiah ^{as} states that '*and argue with them in a way that is best*' does not mean to show weakness in faith, rather to convey the true teaching without causing any disorder.

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Thus, a *Momin* [believer] should be aware of the difference between showing cowardice and wisdom.

Our duty

The practices that Islam deems to be unlawful must clearly be declared as unlawful but at the same time we must not take the law into our own hands and create disorder.

Wisdom

Further expounding on this, the Promised Messiah^{as} states that the ignorant *Maulvis* [Muslim clerics] think that Jihad means to spread Islam by the sword.

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This is a completely erroneous concept and the Holy Quran cannot be made blameworthy for their wrong actions.

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Our Responsibilities

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There is no compulsion in religion and that he should call people to the way of his Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation.

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Allah the Almighty also told him to suppress his anger and forgive those who perpetrated cruelties and injustices against him.

Our duty

Thus, how can such a God give a teaching wherein it states that the disbelievers should be killed?

Wisdom

The other Muslims do not practise the true teachings of Islam.

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However, we must promote the true message of Islam to Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Every Ahmadi must pay special attention towards this.

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The Promised Messiah (pbuh) says

The Promised Messiah^{as} further states that that a person who is harsh and enraged, cannot utter wise and meaningful words from his tongue. The heart that flies into a rage and quickly gets out control is deprived of sage matters.

This is precisely what we see in the *Maulvis* when they oppose us. And so, when Ahmadis propagate the true and peaceful teachings of Islam to the world, **then the opponents of Islam always say that though you preach this message but the other Muslims do not consider you as Muslims therefore how can you be considered as the representatives of Islam?**

Therefore, in these circumstances, every Ahmadi must realise that their responsibilities have significantly increased.

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Wisdom and timing

The wisdom of Hazrat Ali^{ra} should be kept in mind when preaching. He stated that at times the heart is willing and inclined towards listening to something while on other occasions it is not. Therefore, one should enter into the hearts of people while taking this into consideration and should assess the situation and whether the person is willing to listen to what you wish to say. Thus, we also need to adopt this wisdom.

The Promised Messiah^{as} also guided the Jama'at in this regard and said that a person should **ponder over what they wish to say and keep it concise**. Delving into long debates and deep discussion has no benefit. One should convey his point in a few words which goes straight into the ear and if ever the opportunity arises in the future then he can expound upon it. However, this is only possible when one is constantly in contact with them.

Opposition of Islam

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Those who oppose faith, seek to challenge the laws of God and in the name of freedom are trying to portray their ill-practises as moral

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However, we must respond to them with wisdom and by remaining constantly in contact with them

Our duty

The opposition towards Islam has reached to such an extent that in Australia some people say that Muslims who do not shake hands with the opposite gender should be expelled from the country.

In Holland, a politician stated that all the Muslims should be expelled or all the Muslims belonging to a particular country

Wisdom

The President of USA also wants to ban Muslims of certain countries.

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Huzoor (aba) stated that although the anti-Islamic movements are behind all of this and some Muslims groups are assisting them.

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The majority of the people are unaware of the true teachings of Islam

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Opposition is opportunity

Huzoor (aba) instructed all those Jamaats that have a substantial amount of members, to organise programs that display the peaceful teachings and message of Islam in a manner that will leave a lasting impression

It is only the Ahmadiyya Community that can arrange these events in an organised manner, as this task has been assigned for those who have followed the Promised Messiah (as).

The Promised Messiah (as) stated that 'no matter how fiercely falsehood opposes the truth, it is the absolute truth that will always reign supreme.'

Huzoor (aba) stated that wherever Ahmadis face opposition, we witness that this gives us an opportunity to introduce the Jamaat.

May God Almighty grant us the opportunity to live our lives according to this and may we become examples of true Muslims.

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Huzoor (aba) then announced that after the prayers he would lead some funeral prayers in absentia

The first funeral prayer was of Maulana Hakeem Muhammad Din Sahib of Qadian, who was the son of Mr Aziz-ud-Din Sahib. He passed away on 15th March 2017 at the age of 97.

The second funeral prayer is of Fazal Ilahi Anwari Sahib, who was the son of Master Imam Ali Sahib. He passed away in Germany on 4th March 2017 at the age of 90.

The third funeral prayer will be of Ibrahim bin Abdullah Ugzul Sahib, who was the father of Jamal Ugzul Sahib of Morocco. He passed away on 10th March 2017 at the age of 81.

May Allah the Almighty elevate the status of the deceased and grant steadfastness to all those who survived him, and enable them to remain attached to Khilafat.

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