MUHARRAM AND GREAT STATUS OF HADHRAT IMAM HUSSAIN

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<u>SUMMARY</u>

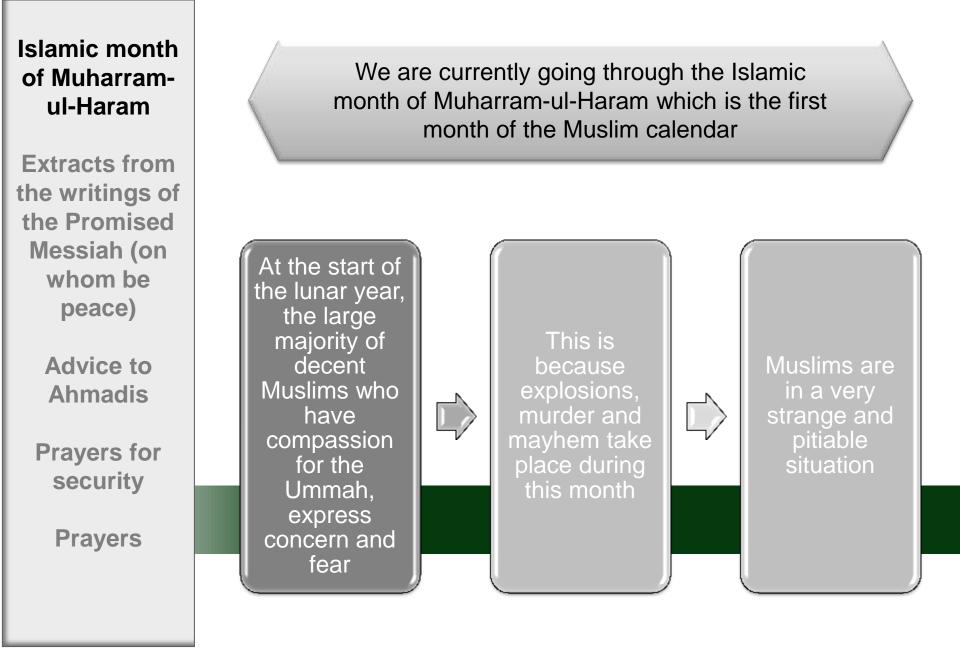
We are currently going through the Islamic month of Muharram-ul-Haram which is the first month of the Muslim calendar

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Advice to Ahmadis is that we will follow the role model of Hadhrat Imam Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) and despite all the persecution we will not even think about retaliation.

We will respond by excelling in righteousness and prayers

May our sacrifices bring pure-natured souls in the fold of Ahmadiyyat, true Islam and may we witness triumph



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At present religious or other disagreements are creating gulf between Muslim countries

There is no Muslim country where moral values are not trampled upon and oppression against each other is not taking place due to religious differences

If only they took lesson from their forefathers and learn from history when Hadhrat Muawiya despite his differences with Hadhrat Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) rejected all offers of collusion by the Roman king

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If Muslims wish to reclaim their unity, if they wish to save themselves from attacks of the other, they will have to eradicate the Sunni Shia differences and follow the Islam brought by the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in which there was no division

> The Companions of the Prophet (peace be on them) were like guiding stars, the status of some of them excelled others

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Hadhrat Abu Bakr Sadeeq (may Allah be pleased with him)

'I have been given the knowledge that Hadhrat Abu Bakr Sadeeg (may Allah be pleased with him) had the greatest glory and highest stature among all the Companions. Without doubt he was the first Khalifa and verses regarding Khilafat were revealed about him.'

'Allah the Exalted knew that Hadhrat Abu Bakr Sadeeq (may Allah be pleased with him) was the most valiant and righteous and was the most beloved of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). He was a victorious general, who was completely absorbed in the love of the chief among creation'

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Hadhrat Abu Bakr Sadeeq (may Allah be pleased with him)

'By becoming a Muslim at the time of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) the first Khalifa, who was a great merchant, gave incomparable help. He was granted the status of being called 'Sadeeq' and was the leading friend and first Khalifa'

'Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) gave all his property in the way of God and assumed a destitute life for himself. But what did Allah the Exalted grant him for this? He made him the king of entire Arabia and gave Islam a new lease of life through his hand and demonstrated triumph over apostate Arab and conferred on him what was beyond anyone's imagination.'

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Hadhrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with him)

'Do you realise how high is the stature of Hadhrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with him) among the Companions? So much so that at times, Qur'an used to be revealed in accordance with his viewpoint.'

'Two persons buried adjacent to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) were pious, pure, wholesome and accepted and God deemed them friends of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) in life as well as after their death'

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Hadhrat Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him)

'My Lord has made it evident to me that Hadhrat Abu Bakr, Hadhrat Umer Faroog and Hadhrat Usman (may Allah be pleased with them) were pious and had faith and were from among those people who are chosen by God and are made exclusive for His conferments.'

He wrote that God made them doors of Islam and the vanguards of God's army'.

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Hadhrat Ali (may Allah be pleased with him)

'A close relative who was stirred with love and faith, covered his face and laid on the bed of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) out of bravery and on the signal of the Prophet, so that the spies of the enemy would not investigate the leaving of the Prophet and would stay around thinking him to be the Prophet.'

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Hadhrat Ali and Hussein (may Allah be pleased with them)

'I have an exquisite likeness with Ali and Hussein (may Allah be pleased with them) and no one apart from the Lord of the East and the West knows this secret. Most certainly, I love Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) and both his sons and have enmity with whoever has enmity with them.'

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Hadhrat Imam Hussan (may Allah be pleased with him)

'In my view it was very good that Hadhrat Hassan (may Allah be pleased with him) stepped aside from Khilafat. Thousands had been killed and he did not want more people to be killed...As this action of Hadhrat Hassan (may Allah be pleased with him) is contrary to Shia [creed], therefore they do not fully accede to Imam Hassan. Indeed, we praise them both.

Fact is that each individual has diverse strengths. Hadhrat Imam Hassan did not want internal fighting among Muslims to increase leading to more killing; he kept preference of peace in view. Hadhrat Imam Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) did not choose to take Bai'at at the hand of a wicked man because this is detrimental to faith. They both had good intentions: deeds are judged by motives

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Hadhrat Imam Hussan (may Allah be pleased with him)

'It should always be remembered that Prophets (on whom be peace) and similarly honest and truthful people of God come in this world as models/exemplars. A person who does not try to be according to their model but is prepared to prostrate before them and consider them as relievers of needs can never be acclaimed in the sight of God the Exalted. Rather, such a person will see that after death the Imam will be weary of him.'

'Likewise, those who exaggerate the status of Hadhrat Ali or Imam Hussein (may Allah be pleased with them) are tantamount to idolising them; they are not from among the followers of Imam Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him). This cannot please Imam Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him)..'

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Hadhrat Imam Hussan (may Allah be pleased with him)

Admonishing Ahmadis, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that it should be very clear that anyone who says that God forbid Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) did not take Bai'at of the Khalifa and was rebellious is a great liar. He said that it is our belief that Yazid was an impure person who did not fulfil what a true believer signifies. Love of world had blinded him whereas Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) was pure and among those chosen people whom God purifies Himself. He was among those who are of Paradise. His devotion to God is a model for us. Destroyed is the heart who is his enemy and successful is the heart that demonstrates his love by practice. It is extreme lack of faith to deride Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him), one who does this, wastes his faith.

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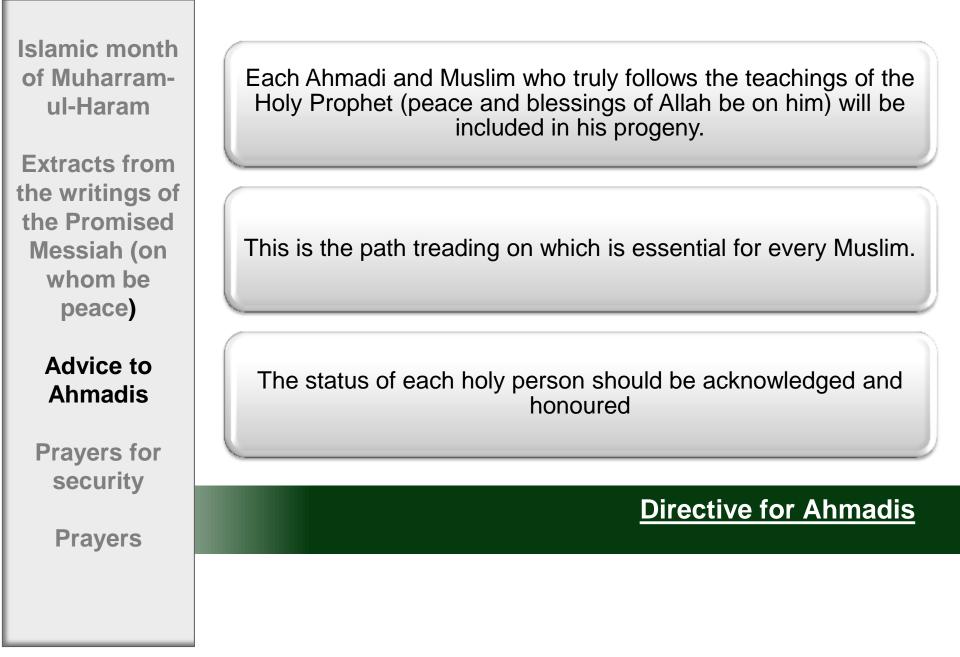
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Hadhrat Imam Hussan and Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him)

The term spiritual progeny is extremely appropriate for the beloveds of God. It was their spiritual inheritance from their spiritual maternal grandfather, which no plunderer can plunder and they are the inheritors of those gardens which no other can usurp. Which person of faith would argue that Hadhrat Imam Hussein and Imam Hassan (may Allah be pleased with them) were God's chosen people, that they were persons of excellences, were pure and chaste and were leaders of guidance.

Only those have true connection with the Holy Prophet (pbuh) who are included in his progeny on a spiritual basis..'



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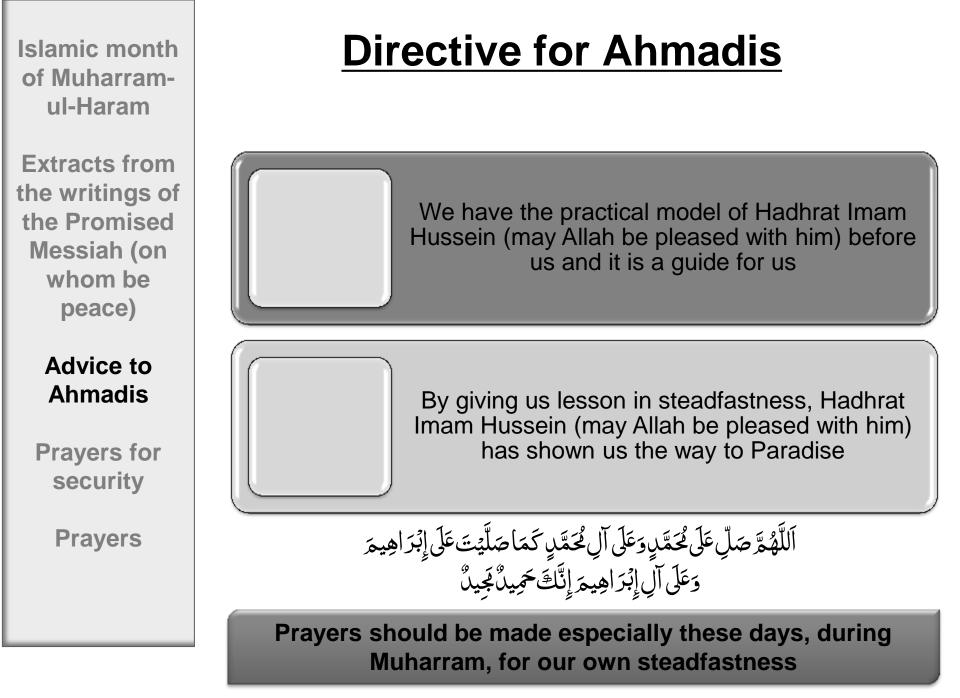
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Directive for Ahmadis

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said that he wished to say to Ahmadis that while other Muslim sects take revenge from each other, but after coming into the Bai'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and in spite of all the persecution that all these sects are perpetrating against us, <u>we should not even think</u> <u>of revenge</u>.

What is needed is that after every persecution we should enhance in righteousness and piety and pray to God more than before and forge a better connection with Him.



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Each Ahmadi should say these prayers abundantly .



prayer 'O Lord, everything is subservient to You. O Lord, protect us, help us and have mercy on us.'



The prayer: 'O Allah, we make you a shield against the enemy and we seek Your protection against their evil designs' should also be said abundantly.

As said many times, blessings and salutations (Durud) should be invoked a lot

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May God keep each Ahmadi safe and help us against our enemies. By virtue of His mercy, may He keep each Ahmadi safe from the enemies of the Jama'at and may each evil they plan against us rebound on them.

May He include us in the true progeny of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), as explained by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that real progeny is the spiritual progeny

We need to constantly self-reflect. When invoking blessings and salutations (Durud) we should reflect on how much beneficence do we attain from it. How much do we live by the word of the Holy Qur'an!

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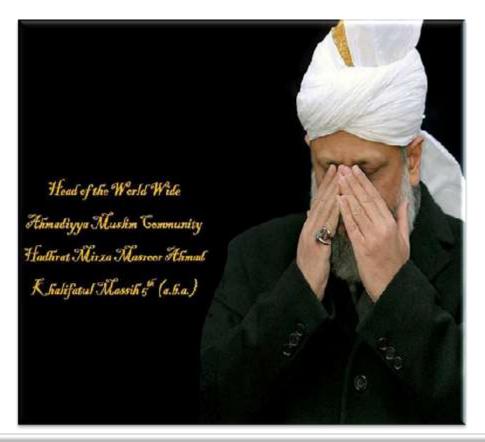
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Abundant prayers should be made that God may save innocent souls caught in the Israel aggression against Palestine. May God have mercy on innocent Palestinians and save them from every kind of cruelty.