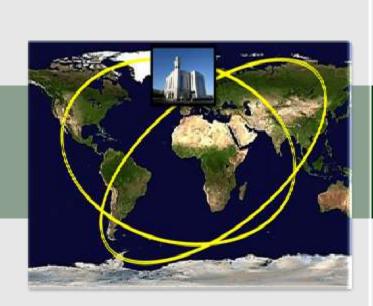
## ESSENCE OF SPEAKING THE

## TRUTH



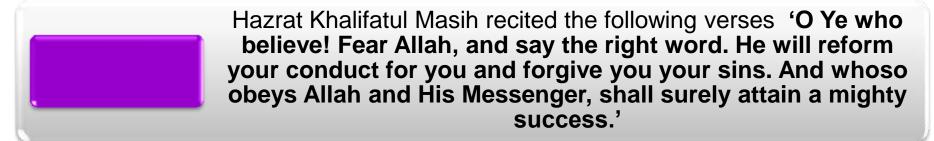
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## **Summary**



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By adhering to the finer ways of Taqwa, one 's deeds are reformed and one is enabled to avoid what is frivolous with God's grace.

Another martyrdom in Pakistan



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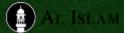
**Martyrdom** 

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih recited the following verses

'O Ye who believe! Fear Allah, and say the right word. He will reform your conduct for you and forgive you your sins. And whoso obeys Allah and His Messenger, shall surely attain a mighty success.' (33:71-72)

God has stated in these verses to adopt Taqwa (righteousness) and to say what is straightforward and clear.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote:
'Qawl e Sadeed (the right word) entails uttering what is completely true and appropriate and has no hint of randomness, uselessness and falsehood.'
'O' you who believe, fear God and say what is based on truth, honesty, fairness and wisdom.'
'Do not talk randomly; speak at the right time and place.'



The above statements [of the Promised Messiah] make it clear that Taqwa is attained when truth is upheld in every situation,

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- · in times of difficulty or ease
  - be it when arriving at a decision
- when in a decision-making capacity
  - at the time of giving testimony
  - at home with wife and children
  - with friends and family
- in business while selling or buying
  - and with one's employer.

Some people think that telling small white lies does not matter.

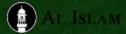
God states, it matters.

Such practices lower the standard of Taqwa, leads one to falsehood and distant from God or is rejected by God.

True believers adhere to qawl e sadeed (the right word).

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One should be truthful even if it goes against one.



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A benchmark of qawl e sadeed is that whatever one says is pertinent and appropriate.

If it is not pertinent and appropriate it can cause discord and strife.

However, at times something may not be appropriate in one situation but becomes necessary in another situation.

For example, it is pertinent and appropriate to bring matters to the attention of the Khalifa of the time to help with reformation.

These matters are not for divulging in other situations.

To utter what is truth without wisdom and appropriateness is not qawl e sadeed.

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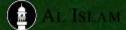
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'Man should be inclined to the finer ways of Taqwa; therein is safety/well-being. If one does not take care about small matters then one day these small matters make one commit grave sins.

Laxity and carelessness would set in and cause one's destruction. ...'

'True well-being and pleasure cannot be achieved without Taqwa. Whilst staying firm on Tagwa is indeed like drinking a cup of toxin. Allah the Exalted makes all the arrangements for the righteous. '...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, .... Adopt Taqwa and you will get what you seek. Allah the Exalted is Most Merciful and Noble, adopt Taqwa and He will grant you what you wish for.'



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No Divine commandment should be considered small, let alone the commandment for qawl e sadeed; on which rests the peace of society and which forms the basis of reformation.

By adhering to the finer ways of Taqwa, one 's deeds are reformed and one is enabled to avoid what is frivolous with God's grace.

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We often listen to a Hadith which relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) advised a man to promise from that day onwards to always stay firm on honesty. He said if the man was to follow this advice all his weak points and failings would be eliminated. The man followed the advice and got rid of all his big and small sins.

- Those who adopt Taqwa and adhere to honesty God will forgive their past sins.
- Indeed, Istaghfar (seeking forgiveness from God) gives us strength against sinning.
- Istaghfar helps one to attain perfect obedience of God and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)



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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said regarding honesty: 'Fact is that insight is a good thing, it gives man an inherent understanding about another's honesty. There is courage and valour in honesty ...

Reflect over even worldly matters a little. Is there one whom God has granted good standing in life who is without those who envy him? Every person with good standing has enviers who pursue him.

Religious matters are the same. Satan is an enemy of reformation. .... Unless God's grace is there, mere human effort does not avail much.

'...man has been created weak.' (4:29)

Man is feeble and full of flaws and difficulties encircle him from all sides. Thus, one should pray that may Allah the Exalted enable and make one recipient of help from the Unseen and beneficence of His grace.'

Thus, philosophy of Istighfar is that it leads one to piety by enabling one to overcome human weaknesses and satanic influences.

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Man faces difficulties in worldly as well as religious matters. With the grace of God with Taqwa and honesty, these difficulties can be removed.

Sometimes speaking the truth can put one in difficulty but if one is honest all these difficulties get resolved.

Indeed, God's grace should be sought to get protection from harm

Those who cause discord within the Jama'at by lack of truthfulness will be apprehended by God

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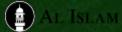
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'It is generally observed that people say seem to say Kalima, offer Salat and observe fasting. However, the reality, they have no spirituality in them. ... since these practices are not carried out in the spirit of good deeds but as habitual customs. ..... they do not even have a hint of sincerity and spirituality. ...

Remember very well that unless these practices are undertaken with sincerity of heart and with spirituality, there will be no gain and these practices will be of no avail. Good deeds are indeed good deeds when they have no discord. Discord is the antithesis of concord and a good person is one who is free of discord.

One should always selfreflect that one has to practice good deeds with the right intention so that good deeds are accepted by Allah.



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'Man thinks that mere verbal utterance of the Kalima or merely saying Astaghfurullah is sufficient. But remember that it is not sufficient .... .... Unless one's heart is in what one says and one also practices accordingly, whatever one says will be considered mere words without any quality or blessing even if it is the Holy Qur'an or Istaghfar that one is reciting.

God Almighty demands actions and that is why it is directed again and again to do good deeds without which one cannot attain Divine nearness. ..

This is the reason Hadith relates that come people recite the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Qur'an curses them because their recitation is mere words and without any practice.



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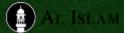
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'A person who does not conform his practices to the limits set by Allah the Exalted is being derisory because mere reading up [on something] is not the will of Allah the Exalted for He wants action.'

If a person reads the penal code of India every day but does not follow the law, ..and when this person is caught [committing a crime] would his excuse that he read the penal code every day save him from punishment? Or would he be given a harsher sentence for committing a crime in spite of having the knowledge?'

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) gave it as a sign for people of the Jama'at that they follow the 700 commandments of the Holy Qur'an. Everyone needs to enhances their practices based on Quranic teachings.



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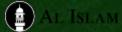
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'In short, mere words will not avail. .... There is no breaking of Divine promises. He has promised: '...as to that which benefits men, it stays on the earth...' and it is absolutely true. It is also a general rule that no one wastes something beneficial. Who would slaughter a horse, bull, cow or goat if it is advantageous and beneficial? However, when [such an animal] does not remain serviceable and is of no use then the last resort is to slaughter it.'

'Similarly, when a person does not remain of any use in the sight of Allah the Exalted and he is of no benefit to others, Allah the Exalted does not care for him, in fact He destroys him as good riddance.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said these phrases needed to be reflected on.

Holding an office of Jama'at is only beneficial if one's intention is to provide maximum benefit to others, and one's actions are based on fear of God and righteousness.



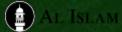
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If you wish to attain the grace and beneficence of Allah the Exalted, then demonstrate an accomplishment, otherwise you will be discarded like a useless item. No one throws out his household valuables, gold and silver. On the contrary all such items and all useful and valuable items are greatly cared for.

However, if a dead rat is found in the house, it will be instantly thrown out. Similarly, Allah the Exalted always holds dear His pious people, grants them long age and blesses their business. He does not let them go to waste and does not let them die an ignoble death. However, one who contravenes the directives of Allah the Exalted is destroyed..'



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'In short, remember this very well that mere verbosity is of no avail or influence unless it is carried out in conjunction with practice and hands and feet and other limbs are utilised to do good works. ...

If you wish for God Almighty to value you it is essential that you become pious so that you are worthy in God's sight. God makes a distinction between those who fear Him and abide by His commandments and the others. ... Such a person is worthy wherever he lives because he exudes piety. He is compassionate to the underprivileged, is kind to his neighbours; is not mischievous, does not file false court cases, does not give false testimonies, in fact he keeps his heart purified and is inclined to God and is

called God's friend.'

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May we abide by Taqwa and remain firm on truthfulness, may we be perfectly obedient to God and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), may He cover our sins and may our practices be those which gain acceptance with God.

May we attract His grace and attain that objective in real terms for which God sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and may we also be helpers of this objective and have God loving grace on us.



He was 33 years old businessman and was martyred by unknown gunmen at his home on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013

- He was a gentle, sincere person who was compassionate towards everyone. His house was a Salat centre for a long period. He served Khuddamul Ahmadiyya in various capacities. He was very generous in chanda-giving. He leaves behind his widow and three young children.
  - · He was a Moosi.

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## **Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat**

His mother, Razia Karim Dehlvi sahiba, suffered a heart attack at the time of Jawad sahib's burial and passed away. She was a retired school headmistress who was active in Jama'at work. May Allah elevate the station of the deceased and be the Helper of the bereaved family and strengthen their connection with the Jama'at.