

# **BE A MAN OF GOD**

#### NOVEMBER 8TH, 2013

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Hazart Khalifatul Masih (aba) delivered this Friday sermon from Nagoya Japan.

Huzoor (aba) thanked the Gracious God, by Whose grace, Huzoor had another opportunity to directly address the Japanese Jama'at after approximately seven years.

Hazart Khalifatul Masih (aba) thanked the garce of Allah that a Mosque in Japan is near completion and commended the financial sacrifice of Japanese Jama'at.

Huzoor( aba) reminded Ahmadis in Japan of their responsibilities

Huzur (aba) announced the commencement of the new year (80<sup>th</sup>) for Tehrike Jadid

Huzoor (aba) said with the grace of God he is enabled to directly address the Japanese Jama'at after approximately seven years. Huzoor in Japan Follow the With the grace of God like some other Jama'ats in the world, the teachings of Japanese Jama'at is also a progressive Jama'at. It is advancing Islam in sincerity and loyalty and in financial sacrifice. The purpose of Bai'at Japanese Jama'at has made great financial sacrifices to buy a new place for a Mosque, ... Definition of a true believer Ahmadis in ...but it should always be remembered that a Mosque comes Japan with the responsibilities. Tehrik-e-Jadid We must follow the true Islamic teachings explained by the Promised Messiah (as) with due diligence, commitment and only for the sake of gaining acceptance by Allah.

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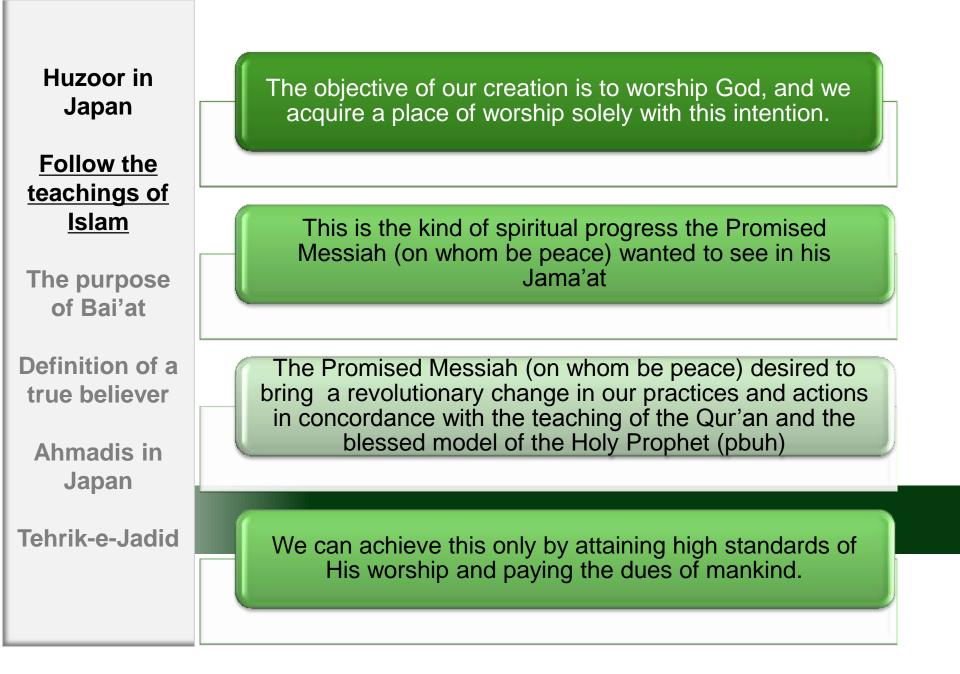
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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'These excellences are found in Prophets (peace be on them) and it is stated in: **'The path** of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings....' (1:7) Attainment of this is the real purpose of every person. Our Jama'at in particular should be drawn to this because Allah the Exalted willed by establishing this Community to prepare a community like the community which was prepared by the Holy Prophet (pbuh) ...'

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has put a huge responsibility on us. This is to aspire to attain those objectives which the Companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) tried to attain. They sacrificed life, property and time for the sake of God while engaging with worldly matters.



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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih appreciated the help and support of our non-Muslim Japanese lawyer friend in acquiring the site and building Baitul Ahad Mosque.

The Lawyer acknowledged the services of Jama'at during various natural disasters in Japan.



Huzoor (aba) said that serving mankind opens new avenues of introduction of beautiful teachings of Islam and Tabligh Huzoor (aba) said that we did not serve the victims of natural disasters as a favour; we regard this as our obligation



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After some small legal formalities, Baitul Ahad will acquire the status of a mosque. The Japanese Jama'at, most of whom are of Pakistani ethnicity must review their words and actions, as their profile is raised.

When you do Tabligh, people judge you by your practical examples and not by how much you sacrificed to build the mosque. They will assess the Jama'at's living relationship with God and will decide what they will gain by joining the Jama'at!

In worldly terms these people are far ahead of the Jama'at and they are most courteous; all we can offer them is a connection with true and living God.

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We can enhance the knowledge and understanding of the Japanese nation about connecting with God.

> We can offer them the understanding that only Islam is the living religion that clearly defines the dues of worship of God.

> > We can build their understanding that how God listens to prayers and how He talks to people.

> > > And, for this we need to self-reflect and strengthen our connection with God, and develop a bond of mutual love and affection with each other.

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Japanese are civil, sympathetic and respond to good deeds with kindness.



The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> said that because of its noble character, the Japanese nation is granted the blessing of being inclined towards the teachings of Islam.

In response to their interest in Ahmadiyyat, we should demonstrate to them the practical teachings of Islam with our words and our actions.

And for this, each Ahmadi in Japan will have to keep the Qur'an and the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in view at all times. For this the guidance given by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) should always be practiced.

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The first matter about which God will hold us accountable is <u>upholding</u> pledges.

It is not sufficient for us to say that we have taken the Bai'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and are now Ahmadis or that the long-term Ahmadis re-new their Bai'at at the hand of Khilafat and think it sufficient.

Indeed, pledge of allegiance that Bai'at is, has its requisites; the ten conditions of Bai'at.

The gist of the 10 conditions of Bai'at is that <u>faith should be</u> given precedence over worldly matters; always and under all circumstances.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'You see that I ask for a declaration in Bai'at to give precedence to faith over worldly matters. This is so that I may observe how much the person taking Bai'at practices this.'

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that people have to work very hard for worldly tasks to achieve success, but they do not take pains for faith and do not make efforts to keep God in view at all times. .... I do not wish that a few words be repeated in parrot-like fashion at the time of Bai'at. There is no benefit in this. Attain knowledge of selfpurification, for that is what is needed.'

To believe that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was the seal of all the Prophets, to accept the Messiah of the age and to take his Bai'at, are all preliminaries of faith.

## Faith has its conditions.

The fundamental condition of faith is that the <u>love of God</u> overarches and embodies all actions, words and intentions of a believer.

The faith is conditional to <u>amaal e saleha (</u>i.e. good deeds carried out at the right time, at the right time with true intentions).

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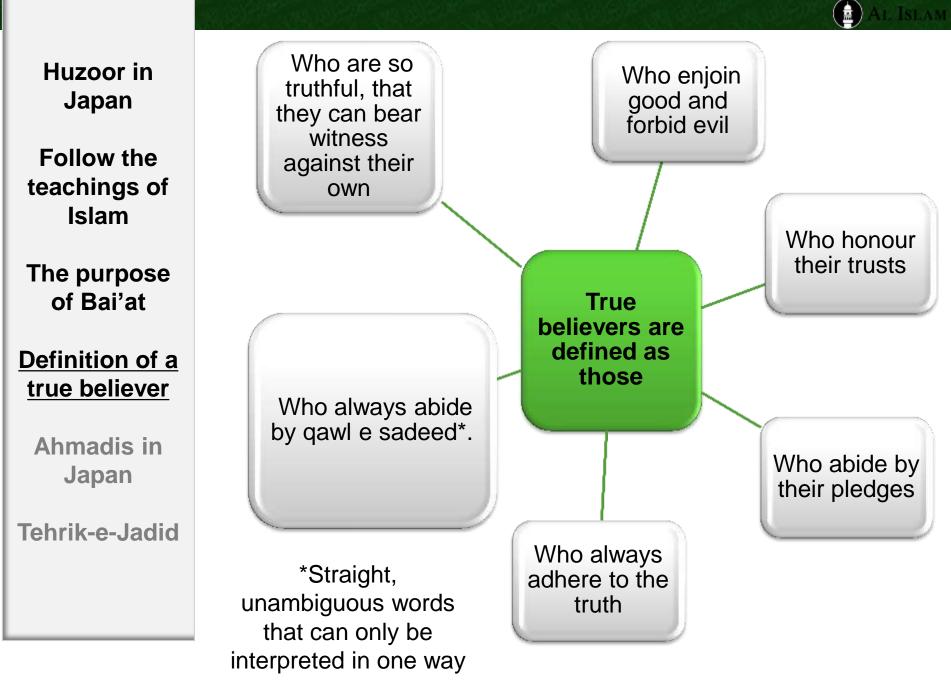
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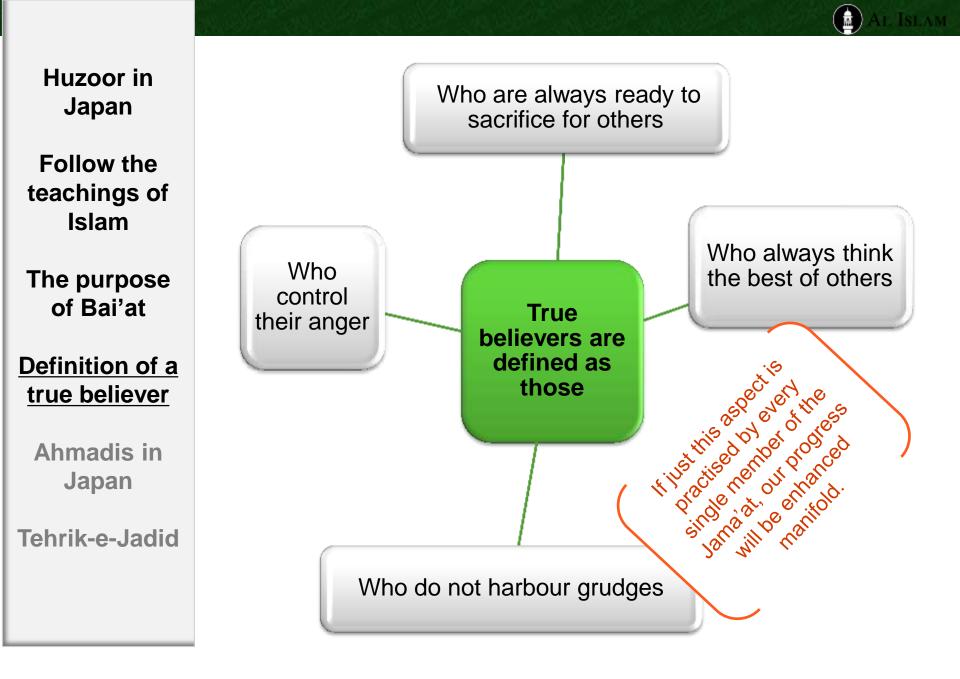
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Explaining the real purpose of Bai'at, he said: 'Instil a pure change within yourself and become like a completely new person. It is essential for each one of you to understand this secret and to bring about such a change that he can say that he is a different person.'

We need to appreciate the true philosophy of Bai'at.

We should understand, act upon and honour the pledge of allegiance we have taken in the form of Bai'at.





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Humility is the proviso to gain nearness to God; He does not like arrogance.

> The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) expressed in one of his Urdu poetic couplets that regard yourself inferior than everyone else, this will take you closer to God!

> > If we all adopted this philosophy, we would learn how to forgive.

We should instil a spirit of brotherhood and rather than find faults in others we should look for good in others.

The purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was to instil a living connection with God as well as to serve mankind.

> Hazrat Khalifatul Masih reiterated that everyone should selfreflect.

The Promised Messiah (on

whom be peace) said:

'Each one of you should

remove mutual conflicts,

anger and enmity. Now is

the time to abandon lowly

matters and be engaged in

significant and magnificent

work. Remember, if you

will be inclined to what

Allah the Exalted

commands and will

endeavour in promoting

His faith, God will remove

all your impediments and

you will be successful.'

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The Japanese Jama'at is small and...

... even one example of contradiction in words and deeds will put their youngsters off.

Only a few examples of poor behaviour will avert those Japanese men and women who have come closer to the Jama'at.

The first and foremost duty falls on the Sadr Jama'at and the missionary-in-charge, who need to act as father figures to enhance the Jama'at; they are accountable to fulfil this great responsibility.

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And every member of the Jama'at should self-reflect

Office-holders should reflect if , they are creating restlessness by not honouring their responsibilities!

Each one will be accountable for the trust given to them and their pledge

Instead of finding faults of the office-holders, practical help and support should be offered.

Meetings should be conducted in Japanese language. Urdu translation should be provided for those who do not know Japanese.

Japanese Ahmadis should be fully involved in all programmes

Japanese Ahmadis should be asked to make speeches and asked to serve in other ways.

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It is great blessing of Allah that the Jama'at in Japan is granted a Mosque which is nearing completion; the site and size of the Mosque is beyond the expectation and planning of the Japanese Jama'at.

The small Jama'at in Japan has made massive financial sacrifice to raise \$800,000 to build the Mosque.

A functional mosque opens new avenues of Tabligh and it is our responsibility to make sure that anyone who comes by is guided in the best possible manner. This task cannot be undertaken unless everyone has a connection with God!

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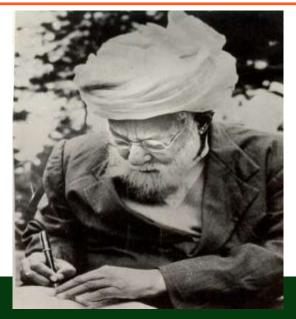
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The grace of God on the Jama'at worldwide is an answer to the vociferous claims of our enemies who claimed in the era of the second Khilafat e Ahmadiyya in 1934 that...

... they would raze Qadian to the ground and God forbid, eliminate Ahmadiyyat.



Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) initiated Tehrik e Jadid at the time and said ...

..that the answer to this aggression was to do Tabligh and to spread Ahmadiyyat in the world.

Tehrike Jadid completes its 79 years and with the grace of God last year's contributions stand at £7,869,100 which is an increase of £650,000 from last year's total.

This year 225,000 new contributors joined Tehrike Jadid.

Commendations for Jama'at Kababir, Kerala and Germany

## Huzur (aba) announced the commencement of the new year (80<sup>th</sup>) for Tehrike Jadid

Pakistan maintains its first position worldwide; followed, in the descending order by

Germany, USA, UK, Canada, India, Indonesia, Australia, two Arab states, Ghana and Switzerland.

USA came first in per capita contributions followed by Switzerland, Australia, Japan, UK, Germany, Norway, France, Belgium and Canada.



In terms of increase based on local currency, the prominent countries were: Ghana, Germany, Australia, Pakistan, UK, Canada, India and USA.

The top-ranking African nations in terms of financial contributions are as follows:

- 1. Ghana
- 2. Nigeria
- 3. Mauritius
- 4. Burkina Faso
- 5. Tanzania
- 6. Gambia
- 7. Benin
- 8. Kenya
- 9. Sierra Leone

10. Uganda



## **THE TOP-RANKING AFRICAN NATIONS**

Sierra Leone made the biggest effort to increase contributors to Tehrik e Jadid in Africa and was followed by Mali, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Benin, Senegal, Liberia, Uganda and Tanzania.

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May God increase all those who are making any kind of sacrifice and have also contributed to Tehrik e Jadid in faith and may these sacrifices be purely for the sake of God.