

Essence of Conscious Nation Building



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Summary




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Shortcomings are of two kinds,
individual and communal just as good
qualities are also both individual and
communal.



It should be remembered that flaws and
shortcomings develop due to the
influence of the environment.



Our surroundings impact on our
actions; different individuals are
affected in different ways.

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Certain virtues or evil can develop in a society due to specific situations and can result in rise or fall of nations.

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Individuals can improve and progress through effort but an individual's effort cannot impact communal good or evil.

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Communal virtue or communal evil impacts the entire community.

A whole certainly impacts all its elements and the principle is that benefit or loss to a whole is beneficial or adverse for every element.



Therefore, reformation of the entire community needs communal effort.



If governments do not take precautionary measures and are not conscientious, communal loss can intensify.

While it is important for each individual to self-reflect, it is also important to reflect on communal shortcomings and rectify them.

There can be no success without collective remedy!

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Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said that with reference to Ahmadiyya Jama'at it can be beneficial if the Jama'at reflects over nation's shortcomings and remedies them.

- Harmful innovations in religion can spread erroneous beliefs and this can also negatively impact culture.
- We are Muslim and consider the Holy Qur'an to be Word of God and believe its teachings to be flawless.
- Indeed, flawless teachings do not lead to bad behaviour but their incorrect interpretation can lead to errors.
- These errors may have crept in by the erroneous understanding of religious scholars past and present.

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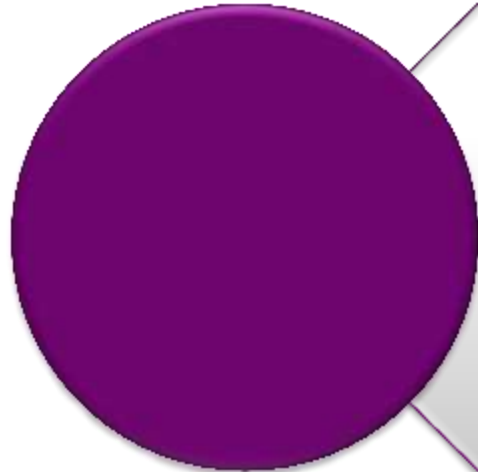
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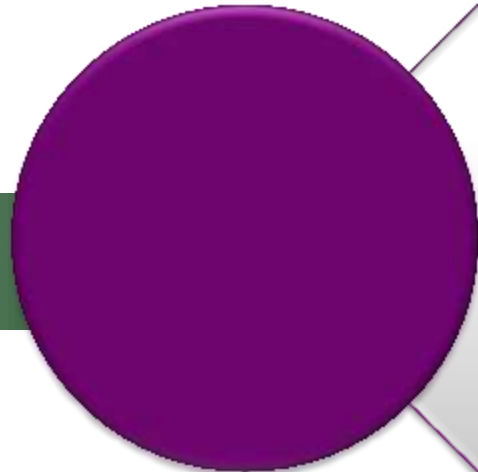
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We are fortunate to belong to the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and traditions which are devoid of any wisdom should not have any impact on us. However, we too are not completely safe.



In order to avoid promoting any erroneous concept scholars should express their views in subordination of Khilafat.

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We should reflect and see what communal shortcomings do people of other faiths or those of no faith have.

Our environment definitely affects us. Parents may impart their own values to their children but environment also affects.

Children spend a large part of their day at school and at home too 'friends' can be made through other means who can have negative impact on children and adults alike.

Children do not listen to parents and some parents react strongly; this leads to a break down in relationship between parents and children.

These shortcomings and flaws do not remain individual flaws, they become communal ills and homes are broken.

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Parents kill their children spiritually as well as physically

Some Ahmadis are also being influenced by the communal ills of the Western world.

Before these shortcomings affect us any further we need to heighten our efforts to rectify them.

All parts of Jama'at Ahmadiyya should think collectively and plan to eradicate these ills right away before the ills of the Western world creep into us as communal ills.

We have pledged and declared to reform the world of its ills.
We can not do this if we do not proactively reform ourselves!

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A communal weakness of not offering Salat in mosque or combining Salat all the time is a dangerous national ill.

Some children say that Salat is offered three times a day (due to combining)

Urgent reflection and planning is required everywhere in this regard otherwise this could become a communal ill for our next generation

There is not much focus on congregational Salat and there is too much inclination to combine Salat.

- There is a critical need to put this right.
- Significance of congregational Salat has declined.
- Although Ahmadis offer their Salat at home with deep tenderness and humility....
- We need to pay attention that mosques are filled and populated by true believers.

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Those who take precautionary measures can safeguard themselves from many ills.

After reforming ourselves we need to constantly safeguard against such ills.

We should ponder on the areas where ills have entered in the lives of other Muslims and they have lost the way.

We should not go with the flow; in fact we should mould situations to suit us.

We need to remain connected with Khilafat and also need to keep in touch with MTA and our website alislam.org.

They provide us the true teachings.

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It is worth remembering the Muslims were given a Book
like the Holy Qur'an yet they have so many ills and
shortcomings.

There is no doubt that the Holy Qur'an is a perfect Book and will be a source of guidance till the Day of Judgement.

Indeed, there is also no doubt that God Who is the Creator of the human mind knew that if the mind is not trained to think it loses its functions and loses its capacity to develop.

Therefore, although God made the Holy Qur'an flawless and perfect, He left one part of each commandment therein for the human mind to work out.

Some of its principles are clear and decisive while other aspects need human mind to reflect and think so that the human mind remains sharp.

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The Holy Qur'an is a perfect Book and it has everything in it but only those are granted guidance from it who read it, reflect over it and try and put it in practice.

It informs us of individual and communal ills as well as good qualities

Those who do not reflect on it have rejected the one sent by God and are thus deprived of the expansive knowledge of the Qur'an.

They are lost in ignorance and bring Islam in disrepute.

Such acts of other Muslims should spur us even more to to understand the spirit of Islamic teachings so that we should eradicate every ill before it becomes communal.