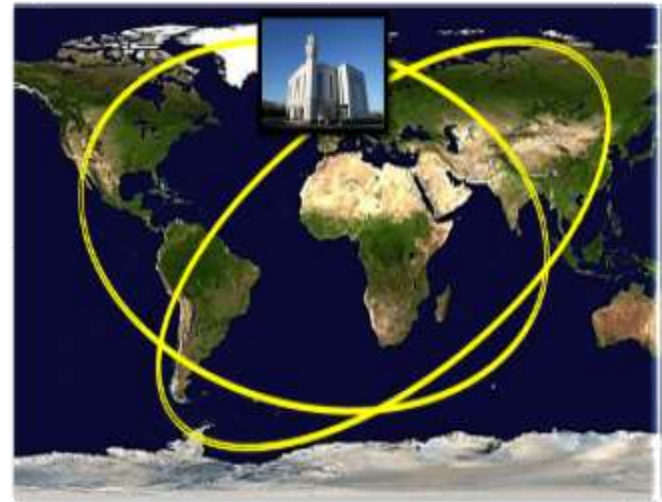


Khalifatul Masih II: Pearls of Wisdom



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Every human, including kings and emperors, faces difficult times which reduce him to humility and at a loss as to what to do. During such times, difficulties can be resolved through prayer.

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Munshi Aroora Khan Sahib used to visit Qadian quite regularly in early days but later, due to his employment commitments he could not. Hazrat Musleh Maud (RA) recalled that during his childhood, on his arrival in Qadian, Munshi Sahib would warmly greet others like a long lost brother.



Munshi Sahib worked in the offices of a session judge. He once asked for time off to visit Qadian but the magistrate declined. Munshi Sahib said that he would start invoking malediction from that day on. The magistrate went on to sustain great loss which cautioned him.

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As a result every Saturday he would ask his staff to finish work early to ensure Munshi Sahib caught his train



The Promised Messiah (AS) has stated the significance of prayer many times. His companions developed insight into this through him and had others acknowledge that their prayers were accepted.

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Hazrat Musleh Maud (RA) said that people are sensitive to feeling hot or cold in varying degrees.

The Promised Messiah (AS) recounted that some townspeople were talking about sesame seed. Claiming no one could eat a measure of approx 230g without falling ill. One of them said if anyone was to eat 230g I would give him Rs.5.

A farmer heard and was amazed how anyone could be paid to eat something so delicious. He asked them, do I have to eat the seeds with the plant?

On one hand were people who thought it impossible to eat 230g of sesame seeds and on the other was someone prepared to eat them along with the plant

The same principle applies to the spiritual world. Prayer affects some people more than others as some are more spiritually perceptive.

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A renowned religious scholar Maulawi Khan Malik was so simple in his appearance that he could easily be mistaken for a manual labourer.

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He visited Qadian and accepted the Promised Messiah (AS). Later, he went to Lahore and visited Maulawi Ghulam Ahmad(who had been Maulawi Khan Malik's student) a scholar with hundreds of pupils

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When he declared that he had accepted the Promised Messiah (AS), Maulawi Ghulam Ahmad was astonished and asked that he was such a big scholar what quality did he see in the Promised Messiah?

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Maulawi Khan Malik told him to mind his own business as he still did not know much. This riled his pupils but Maulawi Ghulam Ahmad calmed them saying **that Maulawi Khan Malik was right.**

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An Arab came to visit the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

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When he decided to return the Promised Messiah offered to meet his travel expenses but he declined saying he had come to Qadian because of the claim of the Promised Messiah and not to receive anything.



Since no one from that region who had not been in need had visited Qadian before, this was a new situation, the Promised Messiah (AS) asked him to stay on a few more days and appointed someone to do tabligh to him

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It was said that he was a very passionate person quite unlike those in need and **he was in search of the truth**. The Promised Messiah (AS) was requested to pray for him. **The Promised Messiah prayed for him and informed that he will be guided.**



The next morning the man took bai'at. Later, Hazrat Musleh Maud learned that the man went to Hajj and fervently did tabligh to people. **Some people beat him up so much that he would faint but this did not deter him and he would start tabligh again.**

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In the time of the Promised Messiah (AS) an American, Alexander Russell Webb accepted Islam.

His correspondence with the Promised Messiah (AS) led to his acceptance of Islam. He went on to dedicate his life to the propagation of Islam. He visited India and wished to meet the Promised Messiah (AS) but the maualwis deterred him by saying that if he met the Promised Messiah, Muslims would not make donations to him.



He was tricked by this and left India without meeting the Promised Messiah (AS) but also without receiving any help and support. He wrote to the Promised Messiah (AS) before his demise and said that he had suffered a lot by not taking the Promised Messiah's advice. He wrote, **“you told me Muslims have no interest in serving faith but I did not listen to you and as a result failed to meet you.”**

Hazrat Musleh Maud (RA) said that [at the time] the Jama'at was progressing more in the USA as compared to Europe

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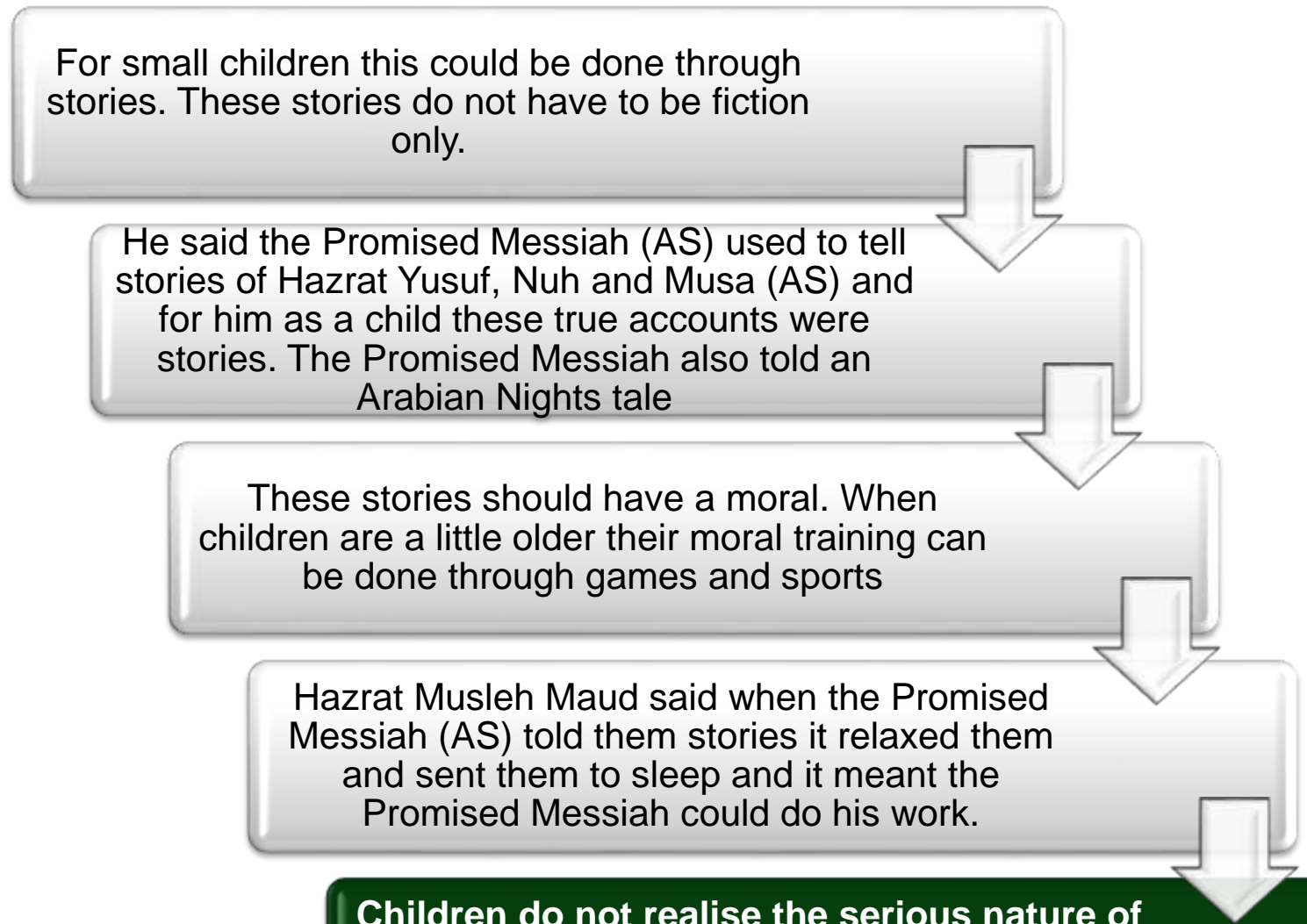
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Hazrat Musleh Maud (RA) said that moral training of children should be done in a relaxed manner e.g. while they are playing



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Children do not realise the serious nature of their parents' work, story-telling calms them as they fall asleep. Of course good, useful stories should be told.

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The Promised Messiah (AS) used to tell a story about a man with a pet bear who were good friends. The mother of the man became ill and he sat with her to keep the flies off her. Meanwhile, he had to go somewhere so he asked his bear to take over the task. The bear started earnestly but the flies kept coming back. The bear felt this must be bothersome for the old lady, (shooing them off did not come naturally to him) so he decided to do something about it. He took a large stone and hit the flies with it but in the process he also crushed his friend's mother.

Any tale which the Promised Messiah (As) told had a moral to it.

The moral of this story is that some foolish people make friends but do not know how to keep the friendship. They may do something for the friend as a well-wisher but end up causing harm.

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) illustrated ethics of friendship by saying help your brother, regardless of whether your brother is an oppressor or a victim.

When one stops an oppressive friend from being cruel, this amounts to helping him! True friendship means one may even go against one's friend in order to be of use to him.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (RA) said two people had an argument. A friend of one of them got fully involved in the argument to show his support as a good friend.

Due to his good nature the man who had had the argument was reconciled to the other but the friend who had got involved, ended up renouncing his faith.

While friends can take one closer to God, they can also cause ruin. Supporting friends should mean being sensible and controlling one's emotions.

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The Promised Messiah (AS) used to relate the story of a man who was friends with a bear and his wife used to mock and deride him for this. One day she scorned very loudly and the bear heard it all. The bear gave his friend a sword and asked him to strike on his head. The man refused but the bear insisted so the man eventually struck him with the sword, the bear started to bleed and went off to the woods. The bear returned after one year and asked the man to see if his wound had left any mark. The man checked and said none. The bear said he found some herbs in the woods which he used to treat his wound but the wound left by the derisory remarks of the man's wife was still fresh.

At times emotional hurt is much greater than any physical wound and everyone should be mindful of this to maintain societal peace. We should be careful about what we say to each other.

The Promised Messiah (AS) related an account regarding Hazrat Musa (AS) many times

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When Hazrat Musa left Egypt he met an opposing tribe. The king of the tribe, threatened with defeat asked a holy man to pray against Hazrat Musa. The man prayed and God revealed to him that Musa (AS) was a Prophet of God and prayers against him should not be made.



The king tried the same trick which Satan had used and gave jewellery to the wife of the man but he still refused to pray. However, his wife insisted and they took the holy man to a place to pray. He said his heart did not open up, so they took him to a few more places.

Following his malediction there was chaos among the Israelites owing to their own spiritual failings and the faith of the holy man was also lost and his future standing as a holy person was over.



This story illustrates that just as a bird flies out of one's hands faith left the holy person's heart. Developing one's spirituality and faith takes hard work but it can all be lost for something quite minor!

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The Promised Messiah (AS) used to say a Persian proverb which means, one's hand may be busy doing work but one's heart must be filled with remembrance of the Beloved [God].

Once someone asked a holy person how many time should he remember God.



The holy person replied you want to count how many times you remember your Beloved? Real remembrance of God is that which is countless.



The point in remembering Him at appointed hours is that having abandoned everything else man makes those times exclusive for God.



Since both these situations are important, the right way is to remember God at appointed times as well as at other times, while one is standing and sitting and doing other things.

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The Promised Messiah (AS) once started a series of lectures to women

He decided to test them and asked a lady who came to attend the lectures from outside [Qadian] what had the lectures in the past eight days been about.

The lady replied you have talked about God and His Messenger.

The Promised Messiah (AS) was very disappointed by this answer and said that there was much negligence among our women.

He said it seems they are in need of very basic [religious] knowledge and do not have the capacity to comprehend finer points of spirituality.

The objective of Ahmadis should be to listen to matters of faith attentively and try and retain them and then put them in practice.

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Hazrat Musleh Maud (RA) said compare this to the Companions of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) who listened to him day and night and then put his words in practice

Availing the books of the Promised Messiah (AS) is one of the foremost obligations of the Jama'at

These books should not simply be read for the pleasure of reading, rather they should be fully availed of and practiced.

Even if the entire Qur'an was read simply for the pleasure of it one would not gain anything

However, if one uttered just SubanAllah (Holy is Allah/Allah's glorification) just once while contemplating Divine attributes it can take one on a spiritual voyage.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) once said in an assembly that **when we glorify God, doing so a single time can take us on a spiritual voyage.**



Hazrat Musleh Maud was not in the assembly but a young came to him and expressed his puzzlement at what he had heard. Although Hazrat Musleh Maud was only an adolescent at time (17 or 18) he had had such spiritual experiences so he assured the young man that this does happen.

He asked how. Hazrat Musleh Maud replied that **many times just by uttering Subhan Allah he had experienced spiritual flights.**



The young man reacted mockingly because he had never uttered SubhanAllah meaningfully or had reflected over it.

If God is glorified with sincerity of heart, its affect is evident.

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said there are two phrases which are very dear to the Gracious God. They are very light on the tongue but on the Day of Judgement when deeds will be weighed in scales the phrases will prove most weighty. Whoever's scales will have these phrases will have the scales weighed down. These phrases are:
Holy is Allah, the Praiseworthy. Holy is Allah, the Great.



Hazrat Musleh Maud (RA) said I recite these phrases a lot and uttering them once takes one on a soaring spiritual flight.

The main aspect is to reflect over commandments of God and try and put them in practice. **May God enable everyone to experience this, to inculcate inner strength to practice and seek God's pleasure and glorify Him so that our souls may soar and we may attain God's nearness!**

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