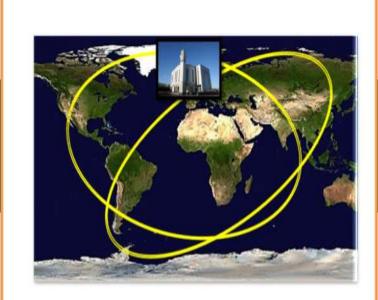


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## **Summary slide Truth and Justice**



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Leave the matter with God Almighty Who is Well-Aware of all matters.



Funeral prayer of Mr Hasan Muhammad Khan Arif Sahib.

"O ye who believe! be strict in observing justice, and be witnesses for Allah, even though it be against yourselves or against parents and kindred. Whether he be rich or poor, Allah is more regardful of them both than you are. Therefore, follow not low desires so that you may be able to act equitably. And if you conceal the truth or evade it, then remember that Allah is well aware of what you do." (4:136)

Truth and Justice

The first verse I recited gives clear unambiguous guidelines for establishing the standard of justice in personal and domestic matters as well as social matters.

This can only be achieved when a person has absolute faith in God Almighty and when his belief is of the highest standard and very strong.

Firm resolve can only be achieved and manifested when a person is willing to testify against himself, against his wife and children and, even against his parents and close relatives.

It is unfortunate
that at times, even among
us there are some, having been
influenced by materialism and our
surroundings, despite having
pledged initiation to the Promised
Messiah (as), make statements
and give testimonies, which are
not based on facts
and realities.

God Almighty states that whether you personally suffer a loss or whether your parents do so, never make a deceptive statement or one, which gives the impression that you have concealed the truth and tried to save yourself from giving an honest testimony.

God Almighty says that you should not conceal the truth whether it is against yourself, your parents or your close blood relatives; you must always express the truth. Also, you should always remember that God Almighty says that He is well aware of whatever you do. God Almighty cannot be deceived. God Almighty says that you may gain worldly benefits, however, even if you have evaded the punishment of God Almighty in this world, you will be punished in the next world.

For the sake of some of our personal gains, or for the satisfaction of our egos, or due to holding grudges for others in our hearts we try to take revenge and in doing so we go to such an extent.

which even removes the fear of God the Exalted from our hearts.

Truth and Justice

Ahmadis must bear worldly losses and not hide the truth. They must always speak the truth.

Even if one believes he has been mistreated, then now...

...after the matter has been resolved and concluded, separate yourselves from those who have transgressed.

Leave the matter with God Almighty Who is Well-Aware of all matters.

The translation of verse 9 of Surah Al Ma'idah which I have recited is as follows,
'O ye who believe! be steadfast in the cause of Allah, bearing witness in equity; and let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be always just, that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah. Surely, Allah is aware of what you do.'

The real meaning of bearing witness in equity is to act in strict accordance with the Islamic teachings that it becomes an example for the people of other faiths, for society at large and for other nations too.

This is why God Almighty stated that the enmity of a nation should not entice you to cross the limits to the extent that you fail to uphold the requirements of justice.

The beautiful teachings of Islam can only be manifested when there is support of the truthfulness of Islam or the support of the truthfulness of God Almighty.

How beautiful indeed is the command of the Holy Quran 'and let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice'. This command has not been given in any other religious scripture. There should be no discrimination in acting justly and Muslims and non-Muslims alike are equally entitled to attaining justice.

'And of those We have created there are a people that guide men with truth and do justice therewith' (Al-A`raf 182) The ones giving guidance have always been the ones who speak of justice and equality then give guidance.

Therefore, if we want to fulfil our pledge with the Promised Messiah (as), complete his mission, spread the message of Islam to all parts of the world and to fulfil the due rights of Tabligh (propagating the message)...

...then we must adopt all of the excellent morals in accordance to this principle which is the teaching of Islam and the instruction of the Holy Prophet (sa) and which the Promised Messiah (as) has also told us to adopt.

Thus, every Ahmadi has a great responsibility wherein they have to open the avenues of *Tabligh* through their own conduct and practice. May God Almighty enable us to lead our lives by adhering to His commandments and fulfil the due rights of the pledge we have made with the Promised Messiah (as). We must fulfil the pledge we have made with the Promised Messiah (as) and become a model for others in respect to true guidance and justice.

After the prayers I will lead the funeral prayer in absentia of Mr Hasan Muhammad Khan Arif Sahib, who was the son of Mr Fazal Muhammad Khan Sahib Shimalvi.

Mr Hasan Muhammad Khan Arif Sahib was the former Vakeel-e-Tabshir, Rabwah and was also the editor of the Ahmadiyya Gazette, Canada. He passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 at the age of ninety-seven. **To Allah we belong and to Him shall we return**