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- There is only one God, unique in all His attributes and possessor of all good.
- The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was the *last messenger and prophet* of Allah after whom there will not appear any prophet, old or new.
- Those who recite the *Kalimah* and do not label others as *kafir* are Muslims.
- We will be judged by our actions, not by mere profession of a creed.
- *Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad*, the founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was a servant of the Holy Prophet Muhammad who was raised by Allah to revive the faith of the Muslims in their religion. He was the reformer, saviour and guide who, the Holy Prophet Muhammad promised, shall appear in the fourteenth century of *Hijra* to lead Muslims to victory at the time of the final conflict between Islam and other philosophies.

November, 97 Meeting

Assalamu
alaikum

You, together with your family and friends, are cordially invited to take part in our next meeting.

Venue: *Dar-us-Salaam*

Date: **Sunday, 2 November 95**

Time: 3 p.m.

Subject: Awareness Of Religion

Please remember meetings of the *Jamaat* are held on the first Sunday of each month. Do not forget to bring your friends and relations to the meeting.

Baiat - The Pledge

by

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

I want to give a few words of advice to those who have taken the *baiat*. The *baiat* is the seed of righteous deeds. If a gardener plants a tree or sows a seed and . . . he does not look after it and water it, the seedling will be wasted. . . . Thus, if a person does not try to safe guard his good deeds, these deeds are wasted. All people, take

Salaat time table

NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
Date	(Fajr) Dawn	Sunrise	(Zuhr) Noon	(Asr) Afternoon	(Maghrib) Sunset	(Isha) Evening	Date	(Fajr) Dawn	Sunrise	(Zuhr) Noon	(Asr) Afternoon	(Maghrib) Sunset	(Isha) Evening
1	5.24	6.54	11.45	2.15	4.36	6.06	1	6.14	7.44	11.51	2.00	3.57	5.27
2	5.26	6.56	11.45	2.14	4.34	6.04	2	6.15	7.45	11.51	2.00	3.57	5.27
3	5.28	6.58	11.45	2.13	4.32	6.02	3	6.17	7.47	11.51	2.00	3.56	5.26
4	5.29	6.59	11.45	2.11	4.30	6.00	4	6.18	7.48	11.52	2.00	3.56	5.26
5	5.31	7.01	11.45	2.10	4.29	5.59	5	6.19	7.49	11.52	2.00	3.55	5.25
6	5.33	7.03	11.45	2.09	4.27	5.57	6	6.21	7.51	11.53	2.00	3.55	5.25
7	5.35	7.05	11.45	2.09	4.25	5.55	7	6.22	7.52	11.53	2.01	3.54	5.24
8	5.36	7.06	11.45	2.09	4.24	5.54	8	6.23	7.53	11.53	2.01	3.54	5.24
9	5.38	7.08	11.45	2.08	4.22	5.52	9	6.24	7.54	11.54	2.01	3.54	5.24
10	5.40	7.10	11.46	2.08	4.21	5.51	10	6.25	7.55	11.54	2.01	3.54	5.24
11	5.42	7.12	11.46	2.08	4.19	5.49	11	6.26	7.56	11.55	2.01	3.54	5.24
12	5.43	7.13	11.46	2.07	4.18	5.48	12	6.27	7.57	11.55	2.02	3.54	5.24
13	5.45	7.15	11.46	2.07	4.16	5.46	13	6.28	7.58	11.56	2.02	3.54	5.24
14	5.47	7.17	11.46	2.07	4.15	5.45	14	6.29	7.59	11.56	2.02	3.54	5.24
15	5.49	7.19	11.46	2.06	4.13	5.43	15	6.30	8.00	11.57	2.02	3.54	5.24
16	5.50	7.20	11.46	2.06	4.12	5.42	16	6.31	8.01	11.57	2.02	3.54	5.24
17	5.52	7.22	11.47	2.06	4.11	5.41	17	6.31	8.01	11.58	2.02	3.54	5.24
18	5.54	7.24	11.47	2.05	4.10	5.40	18	6.32	8.02	11.58	2.02	3.55	5.24
19	5.55	7.25	11.47	2.05	4.08	5.38	19	6.33	8.03	11.59	2.02	3.55	5.25
20	5.57	7.27	11.47	2.05	4.07	5.37	20	6.33	8.03	11.59	2.02	3.55	5.25
21	5.59	7.29	11.47	2.04	4.06	5.36	21	6.34	8.04	12.00	2.02	3.56	5.26
22	6.00	7.30	11.48	2.04	4.05	5.35	22	6.34	8.04	12.00	2.03	3.56	5.26
23	6.02	7.32	11.48	2.04	4.04	5.34	23	6.35	8.05	12.01	2.03	3.57	5.27
24	6.03	7.34	11.48	2.03	4.03	5.33	24	6.35	8.05	12.01	2.04	3.57	5.27
25	6.05	7.35	11.49	2.03	4.02	5.32	25	6.36	8.06	12.02	2.04	3.58	5.28
26	6.07	7.37	11.49	2.02	4.01	5.31	26	6.36	8.06	12.02	2.05	3.59	5.29
27	6.08	7.38	11.49	2.02	4.00	5.30	27	6.36	8.06	12.03	2.06	4.00	5.30
28	6.10	7.40	11.50	2.00	3.59	5.29	28	6.36	8.06	12.04	2.07	4.01	5.31
29	6.11	7.41	11.50	2.00	3.59	5.29	29	6.36	8.06	12.04	2.07	4.01	5.31
30	6.13	7.43	11.50	2.00	3.58	5.28	30	6.36	8.06	12.04	2.07	4.02	5.32
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for example the Muslims, follow the duties of their religion but they make no progress in it. The reason is that they do not think of developing the good deeds and gradually the good deed becomes a ritual. For example, because they are born in a Muslim home, they start reciting the *Kalima*. If they had been born in a Hindu household they would be calling out to Ram.

Remember, at the time of the *baiat*, repentance is blessed. If this condition of the pledge - religion will be given preference to the world, is put into practice then there will be progress. However, it is not within your power only because there is a great need of God's help. As Allah has said that those who are eventually guided on to the right path are those who make an effort in His way. Just as the seedling, without care and not being watered, remains without growth and eventually dies; in the same way, if you do not renew this promise daily and do not pray to God for help, His blessing will not come. Change is impossible without His help. The wrong-doers do not, at all times, behave in the same way. Some times they, too, must have regret. This applies to every evil-doer.

This also proves that every individual does have, in him, some thought of goodness. It is for this reason that he need help from God. That is why it is Commanded to recite the *surah Fatiha* in the five daily prayers. It says "iyya ka na budu" and then "iyya ka nas ta een". That is to say that we worship You and we also want help from You. . . . Struggle, think of ways and means and use your resources to do a good deed. For a person who only prays cannot be successful. How can a farmer who, having planted the seed, does not struggle hope for it to bear fruit. This is the Divine Law. You will be deprived of the fruit if, having planted a seed, you only pray. . . . The same applies to religious work.

The hypocrites, the useless, the righteous, the saints all come from the same folk. Some perform their prayers for forty years. Yet, it is as if they are saying their prayer for the first time because no change has taken place in them. The thirty days of fast do not benefit them. Many say that they are

pious and meticulous in prayer but they do not get Divine Help. The reason is that their worship is mere ritual and following the herd. The idea of making progress does not occur to them. They do not seek out their sins and truly repent. Thus they remain on the first rung. *Salaat* should bring (spiritual) progress. Take the example of a patient under treatment from a doctor. If having used a prescription for ten days, he is not getting better, he begins to wonder whether the prescription suits him.

There are prayers and the *Darood* in the *salaat*. These are in Arabic. However, it is not unlawful for you to say, in addition a prayer in your own language in *salaat*. The Lord Commands that the *salaat* requires the utmost sincerity and pleading. It is said in the Holy Quran that goodness drives away evil. Here goodness means *salaat*. This . . . comes from using your own language. Thus, at some time during *salaat* also pray in your own language. The best prayer is the *Fatiha* for it is a succinct prayer. When the farmer has learnt to farm then he has arrived at the right path for farming. In the same way you should seek the right path for meeting Allah. Pray to Him saying that you are a sinner and a lost soul and ask for guidance. Ask Him without embarrassment to fulfil all your requirements regardless of whether they are big or small for He is the real source of all giving. Pious is the person who supplicates much.

If you go and beg at the door of the meanest person then one day even he will be embraced. Would one who begs the Lord, who is the most generous, not be given what he seeks! Allah says that when my servants ask you about me, I am very close. I hear the supplications of those who call upon me. Some doubt the existence of the Divine Being. The proof of his existence is that when you call Him and ask Him for something lawful, He will return your call and answer your prayer. Some say that we do call on Him but that He does not reply. Listen, if you call some one from a great distance and there is also some defect in your hearing then, even though the other person answers, you will not be able to hear him. However, as the distance and obstacles are removed, you will get to hear the

other person. It is proven that He has been speaking to His Chosen Ones since the creation of the world. Had it not been so, then the fact that there is a God would have been forgotten. Thus the greatest proof of God's existence is that we hear Him. It is true that one cannot hear Him when there are obstacles between God and the supplicant.

Some say that the Divine Converse came to an end thirteen hundred years ago. What it really means is that a blind person thinks that the rest of the world is blind as well. Had this grace, as a result of supplication and sincerity, not been present in Islam; it too would have been a dead religion, like all others. So do not worry about the dead. They are dead themselves and they call Islam dead as well. The truth is that this is the religion which allows man to make such spiritual progress that he can shake hands with angels.

If this was not so why were we taught to pray for His blessings. The supplication is not just for blessings which are temporal but also spiritual. The *Fatiha* is such a concise and magnificent prayer. It was not taught by any other prophet. If it consists of mere words and Allah is not going to accept them then what is the point of teaching us these words. If we are not going to attain this station then why do we waste our time five times a day. Neither is the Lord niggardly, nor do prophets appear so that we may worship them. They come to teach people to follow in their path and to come under their shadow. As is said "follow me and you will become dear to Allah." These blessings are the result of becoming a devotee of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him).

Any one who desires to, can part take of the food that the Holy Prophet brought. He did not bring the riches of this world. He brought the riches from Allah. If people had true faith in the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) then they would have believed that he came to give Heavenly riches to this world. They would have also believed that this *ummah* (Muslim) can become superior to all others.

(*Malfizat, volume 7, pages 224 - 229*)