



# National Tarbiyyat Class 2016

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**SELF REFORMATION**

# Topics for today

- Salat
- Zakat
- Purdah
- Innovations in Islam
  - Mehndi ceremonies
  - Christmas
  - Valentines day
  - Birthdays

# Salat- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pillar of Islam

- And observe Prayer. Surely Prayer restrains one from indecency and manifest evil. (29:46)
- **Second condition of Bai'at** “That he/she shall regularly offer the five daily prayers in accordance with the commandments of God and the Holy Prophet (pbuh);”
- **Promised Messiah (as)** said: ‘ one should offer five prayers with such humility as if you see God.

- Salat at home or mosque?
- Alone or in congregation?
- What are the challenges that we face everyday?
- Why can we not do Salat on time?
- How can we get our children do be regular in Salat?



# Huzur says

- Not much focus on congregational salat
- Too much inclination to combining prayers
- Urgent reflection and planning is required everywhere in this regard otherwise this could become a communal ill for our next generation! And one ill leads to another and faith remains all but in name with its spirit lost. There is great need to make endeavours to avoid spiritual illness.

Friday sermon 13/2/15

# Salat discipline

- Develop respect for prayers by dressing modestly.
- Come to prayer with modest clothing so that your arms and legs are fully covered
- No capris
- No short sleeve shirts
- No transparent/net dupattas
- No see-through clothing
- In Jamaat meetings, practice covering your head completely with your scarf/duppata

# Zakat – 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar of Islam

- Salat and Zakat have been bracketed together 27 times in Holy Quran
- Zakat - means of cleansing and purifying one's possessions and one's soul
- Zakat and chandas should not be mixed together, both are important, however Zakat takes precedence over others.
- The first column in receipt is Zakat.

# Holy Quran on Zakat

- A guidance and good tidings to those who would believe, who observe Prayer and pay the Zakat, and have firm faith in the Hereafter” (27:3-4)
- “And those who hoard up gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah, give to them the tidings of a painful punishment. On the day when it shall be made hot in the fire of Hell, and their foreheads and their sides and their backs shall be branded there with and it shall be said to them: this is what you treasured up for yourselves; so now taste what you used to treasure up”.  
( 9:34-35)



# Quorum/Nisaab

- Rate is 2 ½ % on savings(cash money, capital, stock, tradable assests)
- The minimum standard above which zakat is paid is
  - 87g gold
  - Or gold kept in lockers or not worn in more than a year
- Preferable not compulsory if we pay zakat on all jewellery in our possession
- Can I pay my Zakat money to the poor myself?



**MODESTY**

# Definition

- Regard for decency of dress, behaviour or speech.
- Simplicity
- Moderation
- Freedom from vanity, boastfulness
- The sphere of Modesty in Islamic morality is so vast that it covers all aspects of human life

# Purdah and modesty – not for women only

- “Say to the believing men that they restrain their eyes and guard their private parts. That is purer for them. Surely, Allah is well aware of what they do”. (24:31)
- “And say to the believing women that they restrain their eyes and guard their private parts, and that they disclose not their natural and artificial beauty except that which is apparent thereof and that they draw their head-coverings over their bosoms...”(24:32)

# Ahadith

- Modesty is part of Faith
- Each faith is characterised by some moral quality, the characteristic of Islam is modesty.
- Modesty and faith are both companions, when one departs the other leaves.
- Modesty is all virtue.
- He who does not feel shy of people, does not feel shy of Allah.

# Islam encourages Modesty

◦ In Islam:

- Men & women required to keep separate company in all Religious and social functions.
- Both men and women dress modestly and observe modest and respectful behavior towards each other.

# SEGREGATION for our own good

- Is it an outcome of male superiority or imposing restrictions on females or to protect honor of women?
- What are the challenges some of us face?



# Purdah at Workplace/Universities

- If she is permitted to work while wearing a long coat and a scarf on her head, then she may accept the employment, otherwise she is not permitted to work there. (Khutba 30/1/04)

- Guidelines for Minimum Islamic Purdah:
  - The scarf should cover the hair
  - And be close under the chin neatly secured (cover necklines)
  - Cover arms
  - Together with a loose outer garment (at least knee length coats)

(Khutba on Hayaa, 23/8/08 )



# Purdah changes behaviour

- Your walk should be so dignified that no one dare to look at you lustfully. When you are in Purdah, and in proper Purdah, and you are also dignified in your manners, no one would dare cast a lustful glance at you.

Khutba 1/30/04

# Purdah in Ireland



- Purdah can be adapted to suit the needs of different activities – the workplace, riding a bike and other exercise, gardening etc, so long as the minimum requirements are kept in view.
- Only adopt those fashions that are well within the bounds of modesty \*
- After initiating bait at the hands of Imam of the age, we are not ordinary women.
- We must always remember that we have a special identity.
- Every Ahmadi Lady is a role model and sets an example for every Ahmadi girl.
- When one ahmadi lady discards purdah, it affects many others negatively.

# Keep Hayaa while Traveling

- we can be a law-abiding citizen and keep to our practice of wearing hijab and burka.
- When you come to the security check points it will be helpful to have a thin summer coat under your thicker winter coat, which you might need for the colder seasons.
- You will be expected to take your winter coat and shoes off for passing through security but you may leave on your summer burka and hijab.

# Inner hayya not enough

- Some women present the excuse that if they are obligated to observe the veil of inner modesty therefore they do not need the outer covering.
- The fact is that the veil of inner modesty does not last for long without outer covering.
- In such a situation the mere veil of modesty lasts for a while in one generation, but gradually disappears and changes completely into shamelessness: and this immorality is more dangerous than before.

Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>th</sup> Daughters of Eve, One Nation 8/9/90

# Outer covering is not enough

- The Holy Qur'an requires that Muslim women dress modestly, cover their heads and wear an outer garment to conceal their beauty from strangers.
- this physical covering is the only first step to developing hijab. The true and full observance of hijab/purdah is achieved when "veiling" extends to a man or woman's mind and heart.
- This means that one should veil or shield his/her mind and heart from impure and immoral thoughts when in contact with the opposite sex.

(Pathway to Paradise p35)

# Huzur says:

- For believing men and women progress should not mean attaining conveniences of the world.
- It does not lie in nakedness of dress, immodesty, or indecent acts.
- Rather it is associated with Allah Ta'ala's approval and blessings. (Jalsa Germany 8/23/08)
- Whatever we hear from Huzur, we have to make it part of our life.

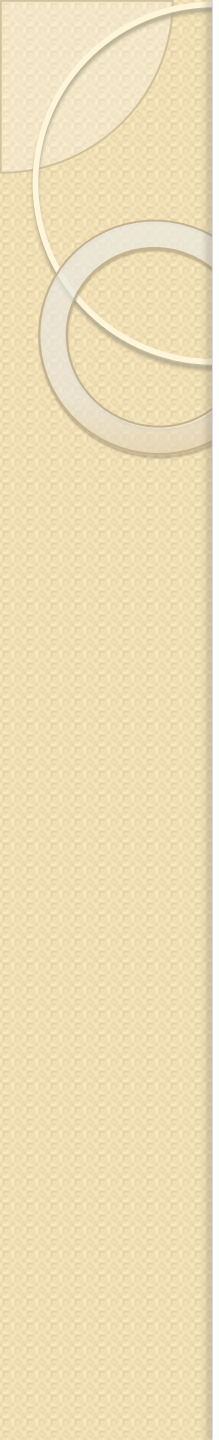
# Innovations in Islam

- The Holy Prophet (saw) said: “Whoso imitated another people (leaving the way and tradition of his own community and people) will be considered one of them.” (Abu Dawud)
- 6th condition of Bai’at: That he/she shall refrain from following un-Islamic customs and lustful inclinations and shall completely submit himself/herself to the authority of the Holy Qur’an;

# Marriage Ceremonies

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) has repeatedly reminded all Jama'at members and office holders about the proper observances at the time of marriage ceremonies.
- Idle rituals should not be followed at wedding ceremonies and should be brought to end.
- Mehndi (Hina) ceremony, rituals, wasteful expenses, are entrapment of Satan.(Friday sermon 15/1/10)







# Appropriate celebration

- Prayers and Taqwa
- Purdah should always be observed.
- Simplicity in clothing, decoration, and in food should always be practiced.

# Say NO to

- Requesting “no boxed” gifts/any gifts
- Father walking bride into ladies side or
- Bridegroom receiving bride in ladies side when non-family women are present
- Bride and groom cutting cake together
- Wastage of money on any occasion for the purpose of showing off
- Mixed gatherings.
- Dancing in any event.

# Simple Mehndi –Avoid wasteful Practices

- Celebrations held on several days before the wedding day.
- Different decorations of stage and bride's seating for each day.
- Printed invitation cards just for Mehndi party.
- Extravagance and lavish dinners at mehndi.
- Expensive and excessive clothing for the bride, groom, and other family members.
- Only female members of groom's family may be invited.
- The selection of songs to be sung by the bride's friends should be decent
- Similar functions in the name of 'ronaq' from the groom's side are strongly discouraged.
- The groom's family should not bring the mehndi; this is a Hindu custom.

# Wedding and Valima

- Only a woman photographer is permitted on the ladies side.
- Women servers only should be used on the ladies side.
- The groom and his male friends/relatives should not be called to the ladies side when guest ladies are present.
- At the time of Rukhsati prayers should be offered instead of songs.
- The bride should observe purdah when she arrives and when she leaves with her husband.
- The Holy Quran should never be held over bride's head to have her walk under it at the time of Rukhsati.



# Can we celebrate Christmas

- We have all the regard for Jesus Christ but we do not celebrate Christmas.
- Muslims celebrate Islamic days
- Not narrow minded, we can send gifts to christian friends, share a cake, no harm in eating turkey
- Can't celebrate it as a religious day because our religion is Islam not Christianity.
- **NO CHRISTMAS TREES, NO GIFTS FROM SANTA**





*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!*

# VALENTINES DAY

- History: links with Prechristian times – later pope in Rome declared it a Christian feast-  
historian feel its a Christian festival merged with pagan festival
- Commercialized, WASTAGE OF MONEY
- How can we celebrate a day with Christian background , followed by western nations??
- Spirit /central idea is to express love and affection and nothing wrong with that but why on particular day.

# BIRTHDAYS



# HOW CAN YOU CELEBRATE?

- Huzur has said you should celebrate birthdays.
- Offer 2 nawafil at time of Tahhajud and thank Allah for adding another yr in your life
- Pray for your life to come that Allah enable you to continue doing righteous deeds and that you are able to do things that please Him and you become a true Ahmadi Muslim.
- Offer salat
- Give money to charity to thank Allah for the life He has given you.

# Things we should avoid

- Get a cake and have happy birthday written on it and candles on it which you blow out
- Invite your friends and feed everyone cake
- Receive gifts from them
- If your friend of another religion invites you, you can go and you can bring a present for them
- But tell her how we celebrate: by praying and thanking Allah, by looking after poor. Instead of feeding cake ourselves, we feed it to the poor.

# Huzur says

- The Promised Messiah (as) said that a person who has not become an Ahmadi, and commits wrongdoings, then indeed he is a sinner, but the ones who have accepted Ahmadiyyat are even more accountable for their actions after performing the bai'at.
- May Allah enable us to follow every advice of Khalifae Waqt and to abide by our pledges.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih addressed Lajna at the occasion of recent waqfeNau Ijtema:

***“As you go about your daily lives, you should not look at which direction the world is moving in and you should not have any complex about the country or culture you are living in. Nor should you be unduly influenced by the latest trends or fashions. Rather, you must pay attention to what your responsibilities are.”***

**JAZAKALLAH  
FOR  
LISTENING TO  
MY  
PRESENTATION**