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The Inspiring Words of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V A at the Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK National Ijtema 2025 on Honesty

⁶⁶ Another fundamental virtue, instructed by the Holy Quran is truth. We must hold fast to the truth in every situation no matter how difficult or challenging. The Holy Prophet's standard of honesty was so utterly flawless that even his enemies could not accuse him of falsehood. Even Abu Jahl, his biggest opponent, admitted he could not call the Holy Prophet 2 a liar because he had never heard or seen him speak a false word. Despite this, Abu Jahl could not be rightly guided as he was motivated by extreme enmity and consumed by stubbornness and a love of idol worship. Thus, he would say that while the Holy Prophet was not a liar, he considered his teachings to be false. Yet, it is a matter of common sense that a person known for the highest standards of honesty and integrity would not present a false teaching to the world. Nonetheless, those bent on rejecting the truth will always find ways to remain in a state of disbelief.

Many further incidents demonstrate how, even before his claim to prophethood, the Holy Prophet's standard of truth was immaculate. Thereafter, upon his claim of prophethood and spreading Islam's teachings, he desired for his followers to uphold the highest standards of truth and honesty. It is narrated that, on one occasion, while sitting with some of his companions, the Holy Prophet said, 'Shall I inform you about the most grievous and grave sins?'. Firstly, he mentioned shirk associating partners with Allah. Then, he mentioned disobeying one's parents. Next, the Holy Prophet as said that to kill someone unjustly was a grave sin. Of course, it is obvious to all of us, that murder is a heinous crime and is something we all understand. Finally, the Holy Prophet stated that making false oaths or promises is also a very major sin. The fact that it was listed alongside shirk and unjustly taking a life proves just how much falsehood is detested by God Almighty.



The Holy Prophet explained that if a person lies or makes promises they do not intend to fulfil, it is because they seek to unjustly seize the rights of others. They are driven to falsehood in order to

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serve their own interests at the expense of others.

Thus, every Ahmadi, young or old, must ensure that in business, financial or other dealings, they maintain the highest standards of truth and integrity. The Holy Prophet desired to instil the virtue of truth to such an extent that once when he overheard a woman call her son by promising to give him something, he called her and said that if she had not actually given the child something, it would have counted as a lie. Moreover, she would have taught her son to deceive others. Hence, never engage in any falsehood, even as a joke and no matter how trivial it may seem. Absolute honesty ought to be the hallmark of every Ahmadi, only then will our Jama'at, underpinned by a pillar of countless truthful souls, be in a position to enlighten the world and guide them towards bowing down before Allah the Almighty and worshipping Him.

Another immoral practice that has

developed among some of our people is spreading gossip, exaggerating the truth, betraying confidences, and revelling in the distress of others, all for the sake of their cheap amusement or to provoke conflict. In this age of social media, it is easier than ever to spread disinformation and rumours. People often excuse this behaviour by labelling it as a joke but such vindictive actions can cause grudges, malice and hatred to ignite. It can even lead to fighting and the breakdown of social order. Hence, you must never engage in such things. Instead, if you are to use social media, use it for spreading positivity and truth. Use it to convey the commands of Allah the Almighty, the teachings of the Holy Prophet 3, and the moral and spiritual lessons of the Promised Messiah Do not use it as a means of vulgar entertainment or to spread vain and immoral things. Do not use it to distress others or to fuel hatred and division. Use social media for good and righteous things alone.



During my recent address to Lajna during the Germany Jalsa Salana, I mentioned that, while taunting or gossiping behaviour was traditionally associated with women, regrettably, now due to the effect of social media or partaking in improper gatherings, men are often the worst offenders. The Holy Prophet strictly prohibited such conduct, stating that the worst of mankind is a person who has two faces, meaning, a person who says one thing to one person and another thing to someone else either for their amusement, to satisfy their ego or to cause hatred and social unrest. Save yourselves from such shameful conduct as these are the traits of a hypocrite. Only by avoiding this behaviour can we act upon the commandment to excel in righteousness. Otherwise, our claim and stated ambition to bring forth the spiritual revolution in the world shall be rendered meaningless. If you wish to change the world for the better, we should first ask ourselves how the Holy Prophet ignited a spiritual revolution in his companions' hearts. Those same people who once were mired in a pit of ignorance, immorality and illiteracy, transformed into the most noble and moral people on the face of the Earth and soared to such spiritual heights that those armed with worldly knowledge alone could never reach.



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66 I REITERATE THAT **ALL JAMA'AT MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY KHUDDAM** AND ATFAL, SHOULD COLLECTIVELY **PLEDGE TO ERADICATE ALL TRACES OF DISHONESTY FROM** THEIR LIVES. INDEED, **AHMADI YOUTH AND** CHILDREN SHOULD, **AS INDIVIDUALS, AND** COLLECTIVELY, LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN AND **MOVEMENT TO UPHOLD TRUTHFULNESS AND HONESTY, AND REJECT** FALSEHOOD, AND **EMBRACE TRUTH.**

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