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WHAT IS AN AHMADI?

Our Beloved Huzoor (aba) expressed a desire that every Ahmadi should fully understand why they are an Ahmadi and what the claims of the Promised Messiah (as) are.

This is something which is part of our identity and something we should be immensely proud of that Allah has chosen to guide us to the right path. We must remember that we are true Muslims, followers of our Beloved Prophet the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). We should always strive to please Allah and put Allah Almighty at the top of our list. Once Allah is with us, we won't need anything else! All our difficulties will be resolved, and Allah will give us things when we least expect it!

We should always hold fast to the rope of Allah Almighty and the Holy Quran knowing that will always be our guiding principle throughout our life.

Watch the video and note down the 5 core beliefs of Ahmadiyyat.

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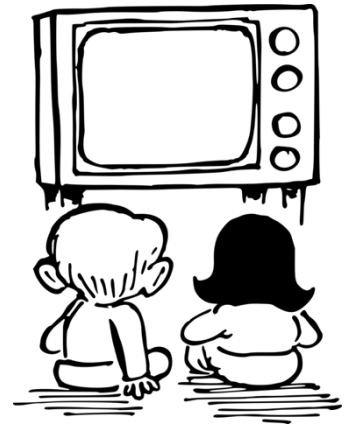
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WATCH: Why are Ahmadis declared as non- Muslims? Answer the following questions after watching the video



1. What do non-Ahmadi Muslims say about Ahmadis?

2. What is the difference between an Ahmadi and a non-Ahmadi?

3. Who was the last law-abiding Prophet?

4. Which prophet are non-Ahmadi Muslims waiting for?

5. What do Ahmadi Muslims believe?

TEN CONDITIONS OF BAI'AT

On January 12th, 1889 the Promised Messiah (as) published a pamphlet in which he laid down the ten conditions of Bai'at for initiation (being admitted into the Jamaat). In this pamphlet he made it known that anyone who wishes to enter the covenant of allegiance should promise that they will try their best to adhere to each condition from the core of his/her heart.

As an example, when you grow up and start a new job, you will have to sign a contract set out by your employer to say that you agree to the rules they have set out for your employment (job) and you will always follow these whilst working for them. If you break any of these rules you will have to answer to your manager. This is known as a worldly contract.

Similarly, Bai'at is a spiritual contract for life which we are bound by. You hand your life over to Allah knowing that He is watching over us all the time and when we return to Him we will have to account for each and every deed that we did including any time we broke the conditions of Bai'at.

Remember: The conditions of Bai'at are part of our everyday lives of being a true Ahmadi and form part of our identity. As Nasirat, we need to take time regularly to assess ourselves to determine what we are doing to fulfil each of these conditions to the best of our ability?

- Are we regularly listening to the Friday Sermons of our beloved Huzoor (aba), understanding them and acting upon this guidance to make it a part of our daily lives?
- Are we seeking Allah's help to give us the ability to understand the conditions of Bai'at so we can do our best to fulfil each promise?

At the annual Jalsa Salana UK, we renew our Bai'at with beloved Huzoor (aba) making a firm promise that we will try our best to adhere to all these conditions but what are these conditions and what do they mean?

Condition	What does this mean?/ Examples of how this can be met	How can I apply this to my life?
<p>1. That till the last day of his life, he shall abstain from shirk (associating partners with Allah).</p>	<p>Shirk does not just mean worshipping idols. There are other forms including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending on worldly means instead of seeking Allah's help. e.g. Being purely dependent on people and worldly means. • Doing things for the approval of others rather than for the sake of Allah. For example, <i>a person giving money to charity just so they can boast and tell people around them rather than doing it purely for the love of Allah Almighty.</i> 	
<p>2. That he shall keep away from falsehood, cruelty, adultery, dishonesty, disorder, rebellion, and every kind of evil.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We should stay away from falsehood and ALWAYS speak the truth otherwise we end up speaking even more lies. Remember, one lie leads to another then we get caught up in a cycle of lies. Before we know it, we have ruined ourselves as our heart becomes darker with each lie we tell and eventually our heart becomes fully stained. • When we make a promise, we should always keep it. e.g. <i>If you promise that you will give your little sister a chocolate for listening to you. You should not break this promise as this will be considered a lie in the sight of Allah.</i> • <i>Speak politely- refrain from using foul language when talking to others no matter how angry we are with the other individual. If for example, we are in a disagreement we should make our point known by softly telling our side of the story. We do not need to raise our voice and become abusive. Instead, we should follow our motto 'Love for All, Hatred for None' knowing we will get our reward from Allah.</i> 	

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<p>3. That he shall offer prayers (Salat) five times daily.</p>	<p>In the Holy Qur'an (24:57) Allah says:</p> <p>"And observe Prayer and give the Zakat, and obey the Messenger, that you may be shown mercy."</p> <p>The Promised Messiah (as) says: "Offer the Prayer. Offer the Prayer. That is the key to all good fortune." (Izala-e-'Auham, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 3, p. 549/First edition, p. 829)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Namaz is crucial and the only time we can have between ourselves and Allah. • The reality is that we need to pray to get away from the world and fulfil our responsibility to Allah. Asking for His help with any problems we are encountering in our day or just to thank Him for making everything go smoothly. • We should always safeguard our salat and remember that we will always need Allah by our side. So, we need to make the time to offer our prayers wherever we are no matter how busy we are. At school, we can speak to our teachers to give us a room to offer our prayers at the right time. This way we can also show others around us the beautiful teachings of Islam. 	
<p>4. That he shall not inflict injury on any of Allah's creatures.</p>	<p>We should act with love and kindness to all of Allah's creatures- whether they are human or animals-Allah's creatures.</p>	

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	<p><i>For example, if our siblings upset us (let's say they ate the last piece of chocolate cake in the fridge which our mum had saved for us as it was our share).</i></p> <p><i>We should not get upset over them (no matter how much we wanted that cake). Instead of arguing with them, we should keep calm and control ourselves letting them eat that cake. Knowing in our hearts that the reward we will get from Allah will be greater than any chocolate cake can bring us!</i></p> <p>We should also find it in our heart to forgive them completely (not matter how hard it is) and not think ill of that person.</p>	
<p>5. That he would bear every hardship for the sake of Allah.</p>	<p>Sometimes in life we see others get what they want, and we are left questioning why things aren't going the way we want them to. We forget that Allah's plans are greater than ours and He can see things in the unseen which we can't. Everything Allah does is out of His love for us, so He plans in our favour even when we don't think so.</p> <p><i>As an example, you want to get an Instagram account and share your pictures with all your friends in school. But you know your parents aren't happy about this. You also know that Huzoor (aba) has explained the dangers of posting your pictures on social media and advised us to refrain from doing this. In your heart, you feel sad thinking you will be left out and you will miss out on all the fun not knowing what all your friends are up to. You make a big sacrifice</i></p>	

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	<p><i>for the sake of Allah Almighty knowing that His reward is greater for you than pleasing your friends.</i></p> <p>Remember, Allah often tests us as we are His powerful soldiers, and He is the one that can give us the strength to get through the hard time! No matter how hard it may seem at the time and even when we think the pain will never end. Allah never fails to surprise us and sends us relief when we least expect it.</p> <p>Huzoor (aba) continually reminds us that if we are prepared to accept the will of Allah and suffer all hardships, troubles, and anxieties for His sake, we won't be left unrewarded by Allah the Almighty. After all, those who have trust in Allah eventually see Allah's hands in everything.</p>	
<p>6. That he shall not follow vulgar customs and guard against evil inclinations.</p>	<p>Often, when we are surrounded with peer pressure, we are more likely to give in to evils in society.</p> <p><i>For example, when wearing our scarf at school we may receive negative comments from others those who don't understand the teachings of Islam by telling us it looks ugly, that we should remove it from our head to become like them. In this instance, we should not give into materialistic desires. Instead, we should remember why we cover ourselves. We cover our heads (to attain the love of Allah Almighty) but also as it's a part of our identity and often in doing so it saves us from many evils in society.</i></p>	

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	<p><i>At the end of the school year, we may be invited to a ball party to celebrate moving to high school. We are likely to be caught in dangerous desires including mixing with others from the opposite gender and dressing to impress others. We should try our best to refrain from such company and in the name of fashion we should not compromise upon our modesty. In fact, these areas which we see as limitations are a means of guarding our honour, protecting us from everyday risks that exist in society and allow us to seek Allah's pleasure.</i></p>	
<p>7. That he shall discard pride and haughtiness, live in humility & meekness</p>	<p>We should live our lives with utmost humility following the example of the Holy Prophet (sa).</p> <p><i>For example, we should eat everything mum makes for us even if we don't like it. Rather than demanding, our favourite food or not eating what she has lovingly made for us as we fancy a takeaway from our favourite restaurant, we should appreciate the time and effort our mother has taken to make us food.</i></p> <p><i>Take a moment to think of those children who have less than us. They don't even know where their next meal is coming from or if they will have to go to bed hungry. Yet how blessed are we that we have a fridge with food and able to eat whenever our stomach rumbles. We have clean running water in our house and don't have to walk miles upon miles to fetch water for the day. All praise belongs to Allah who provided us with these provisions.</i></p>	

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	<p>We should shun arrogance (when we feel proud of ourself thinking others are lower than you). The Holy Prophet (sa) advised us 'One whose heart has arrogance as little as a small grain will not be allowed to enter paradise'.</p> <p><i>If Allah blesses our friend more than us with materialistic wealth (new clothes, nice house, intelligence) we should not be jealous and think why do I not have all those blessings. Why can't I be rich? Or why can't I have new clothes? Or why can't I be intelligent even though I work so hard? Instead, we should count our blessings and think of all the blessings Allah has bestowed upon us in our life. Remember everyone is unique in their own way and there is no flaw in the design of Allah.</i></p>	
<p>8. That he shall hold his faith, dignity, and the welfare of Islam dearer than his own life, wealth and children.</p>	<p>When we do Ba'iat we give up everything for the sake of Allah Almighty. Every action we do should be to please Allah Almighty and we should always keep Him at the top knowing He is in control over everything. This is not an easy task and is not possible without the help of Allah Almighty. Only Allah can help us achieve our brownie points!</p> <p>So how do we achieve this? We will continue to get closer to Allah Almighty by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worshipping him • Reciting the Holy Quran and understanding the meaning • Helping those around us 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving to charity • Listening to Huzoor (aba) and acting upon his continued guidance. <p>When we take a step towards Allah and do everything for His sake, He will come towards us and shower His blessings upon us.</p>	
<p>9. That he shall have sympathy for all of God's creatures, and devote his talents to their welfare.</p>	<p>We should help everyone around us not just our relatives or whom we know but also show compassion to our neighbours, teachers and classmates.</p> <p><i>For example, if you know your neighbour lives on her own and you haven't seen her for a few days you might go and visit her and take her some chocolates and check how she has been and if there is anything you could do to help.</i></p> <p><i>Or giving to charity out of your own means (this could include your pocket money) where you set some money aside to help a child who needs it more than you. You might give the money to put towards a toy for Eid so the child can experience that happiness that you get when you get new gifts each year on Eid.</i></p> <p>When doing so, we should not expect anything in return. Only doing it for the sake of Allah's love. In this way Allah will remove our worries and help us as we helped His creation.</p>	

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<p>10. That he shall establish brotherhood with me (i.e. Ahmad), obeying me in all good things, and firmly adhere to these rules until the last breath of his life.</p>	<p>When we take the pledge of Bai'at we establish a bond with Huzoor (aba) listening to him and trying our best to obey him in everything he says to help us to become better Ahmadis.</p> <p>We establish this bond for the sake of Allah so that we can spread the beautiful teachings of Islam across the world. So, this bond can only be successful when we are obedient to it. This bond should be so powerful that every other bond we have in our lives with our family, friends and loved ones doesn't come in our way of showing our obedience to Khalifat.</p> <p>Remember we have made this promise to Allah Almighty, and we will be held to account for whether we were faithful in delivering to it!</p>	



Reflections

THINK! How can I become a better Ahmadi and fulfil the obligations of Bai'at? Are there any areas I need to work on?

Set yourself 3 targets to help you get there! It might not be easy, but it will be worth it! ☺
Remember to make sure they are specific, measurable, and achievable!

Put your targets in a place where you can see them every day and remind yourself of what you need to do.

Target (What am I trying to achieve?)	How will I achieve it?	When will I know I have completed it?
<i>Example: I will try my best to trust in Allah, even when things aren't going my way.</i>	<i>By offering my Salat and telling Allah my problems.</i>	<i>I won't worry when things don't go my way. Instead, I will trust in Allah's plans and be happy knowing He always knows what is best for me.</i>
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WATCH: This video includes a story about how a Sunni Muslim converted to Ahmadiyyat. After watching the video note down your thoughts and answer the questions below:



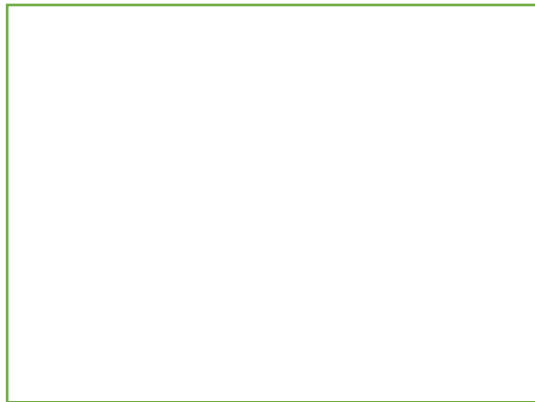
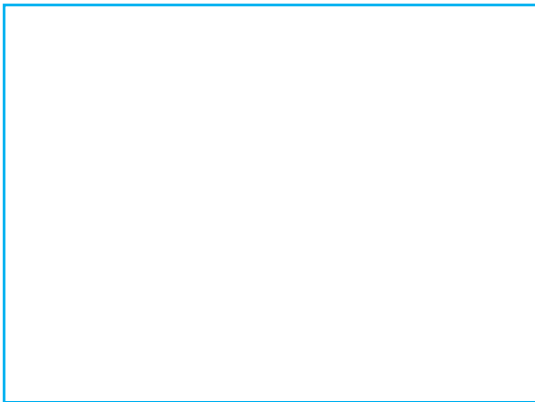
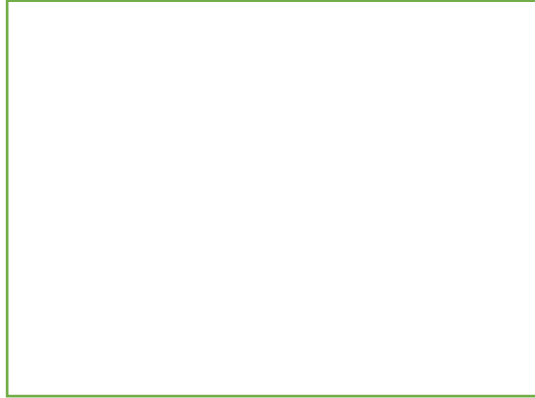
My Thoughts:

How did Allah guide her to the truth?

What can we learn from this?

Creative corner

Your Turn: Speak to a family member (mum, dad, grandad, grandma, nana, nani) and ask them about how Ahmadiyyat started in your family. Use this information to create a storyboard writing the information and drawing pictures (if you like) in the coloured boxes below.



Your Turn

Using what you have learnt, design your own poster on 'What being an Ahmadi means to me?' You could share this poster with your friends and other children in your class to introduce them to Islam as your religion.

Areas you may want to cover could include:

- Your role as an Ahmadi- what does it mean to you?
- What is your favourite aspect of being an Ahmadi?
- What makes you different?