

Good News

'...And give good news to those who do good (to others)' – Holy Quran 22:37

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A Message of Peace

**An extract from *A Message of Peace* by
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That religion is no religion which does not inculcate broad sympathy, nor does that man deserve to be called man who does not have a sympathetic soul within him. Our God has not withheld His bounty from any people. The powers and faculties which He bestowed on the ancient peoples of India have also been bestowed on the Arabs, the Persians, the Syrians, the Chinese, the Japanese, the Europeans and the Americans. For all of them, the earth

of God serves as a floor, and for all of them His sun, moon, and stars give light, and also perform other functions. All of them derive a benefit from the air, water, fire, earth and other things created by God, and all of them use the produce of the earth, its corn and its herbs, its flowers and its fruits. These liberal ways of God teach us that we also should do good to all mankind, and should not be narrow-minded, nor limit our sympathy.

God of all the worlds

The Holy Quran opens with the very verse which teaches this broad doctrine:

'Praise be to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds.' (1:1)

The 'worlds' include all the different peoples, different ages, and different countries. Opening the Holy Quran

with this verse, which embodies such breadth of view, is a reply to those nations who limit, each to itself, the universal bounty and providence of God, and regard other peoples as though they were not a creation of God, or as though, having once been created, they have since been completely forsaken and forgotten by Him. It is to refute such erroneous doctrines that Almighty God has opened the Holy Quran with the verse: 'Praise be to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds.'

Prophets raised in all nations

In many places in the Holy Book, He has clearly declared this belief to be an error that prophets have been raised from among only one nation, or been sent only to one country. On the contrary, God has not neglected any people or country. In the Holy Quran it is explained by various examples that just as Almighty God has been providing for the physical needs of the people of every country, so also has He been providing for the spiritual sustenance of every land and nation.

In one place, for instance, the Holy Quran says:

'And there is not a people but a warner has gone among them.' (35:24)

Islam is a holy and peaceful religion which never attacked the leader of any community, and the Quran is an honourable book which laid the foundation of peace among nations by accepting the prophets of all nations. Regarding the prophets of the world, the Quran says:

Say We believe in Allah and (in) that which has been revealed to us and that which was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and (in) that which was given to Moses and Jesus and (in) that which was given to the prophets from their Lord, **we do not make any distinction between any of them and to Him do we submit** (2:136)

The Holy Quran does not restrict the universal providence of God to any particular race. It accepts

all the prophets of the house of Israel, such as Jacob, Isaac, Moses, David and Jesus, and does not call any prophet, may he belong to Persia, India or any other country, a liar or an impostor. On the other hand, it plainly declares that there have been prophets among all peoples and in all lands, and thus lays the foundation of peace among mankind.

Golden Qualities

**From *Noah's Ark* by Hazrat
Mirza Ghulam Ahmad**

Be kind and merciful to humanity, for all are His creatures. Do not oppress them with your tongue, or with your hands, or in any other way. Always work for the good of mankind. Never unduly assert yourselves with pride over others, even those who are placed under you. Never use abusive language to anyone even though he abuses you. Be humble in spirit, kind and gentle, and forgiving, sympathetic towards

all and wish them well so that you should be accepted.

There are many who pretend to be kind, gentle and forgiving, but inside they are wolves. There are many on the outside that look pure, but in their hearts they are serpents; you cannot be accepted in the presence of the Lord unless you are pure, both on the outside and the inside.

If you are mighty, have mercy and do not show contempt to those less fortunate; if you are wise and well versed in learning, serve the ignorant with words of wisdom. Never desire to bring disgrace on their ignorance by trying to show off your own learning. If you are rich, instead of treating them with egoistic and scornful pride you should serve the poor.

Beware of the paths of destruction. Fear the Lord, be righteous and do not worship the creation of God. Turn wholly and solely to Him so that you lose interest in the superficialities and transience of this world. Become

entirely His, living wholly for His pleasure, for His sweet sake, hating everything impure and sinful for, indeed, He is the Holy One.

Summary of Beliefs of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

‘The gist and essence of our religion is: *There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah...*’ - (*Izala Auham*, 1891 p. 137)

‘**Our religion is the same Islam. It is not new.** There are the same prayers, the same fasts, the same pilgrimage, and the same *Zakaat*. But there is this difference that these duties had [by now] assumed outward forms only, without any true spirit in them; we want to infuse in them the spirit of sincerity. We want that these duties be performed in a manner that they produce results which are missing at the moment...’

- (*Ruhani Khaza'in*, no. 2, vol. ix, p. 312)

‘Our *Kalima* (confession of faith) is: *There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.* I believe in Allah, the angels, the apostles, the revealed Books, paradise and hell and the Day of Resurrection. I accept the Holy Quran as the Book of Allah, and Muhammad (on whom be peace and blessings of Allah) as the true Prophet. **I lay no claim to prophethood.** And I do not allege (God forbid) that there is any addition or subtraction to the Holy Quran as given to us by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). And I bear witness that **he is the last of the Prophets and the greatest of all the prophets and an intercessor for the sinners...**’ - (*Anwar al-Islam*, 1894 p. 34)

No Claim to Prophethood

‘Ignorant opponents allege against me that this person claims to be a prophet or apostle. **I make no such**

claim... - (Pamphlet *Ayk Ghalati Ka Izala*, 1901)

‘Our Holy Prophet being the *Khatam an-nabiyyin* (seal of the prophets(is a bar to the coming of any other prophet...’ - (*Izala Auham*, 1891, p. 575)

‘When God speaks to someone very frequently, and reveals to him His knowledge of hidden matters, this is prophethood (*nubuwwat*), **but it is not real prophethood...**’ - (*Malfuzat Ahmadiyya*, vol. x, p. 421)

I believe and acknowledge that, **according to the real meaning of prophethood, no prophet can come after the Holy Prophet Muhammad, whether a new one or a former one. ... But in a metaphorical sense God can call any inspired saint as prophet or messenger.’ - (*Siraj Munir*, published 1897, pages 2–3)**

‘God has called me *nabi* (prophet) **by way of metaphor, not by way of reality**’ - (*Al-Istifta*, Supplement to *Haqiqat al-Wahy*, 1907, p. 64)



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