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STUDY GUIDE for the 15 – 17 Syllabus

Our Teaching

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Our Teaching

Questions and Answers (Introduction -Pages 1 & 2)

Q1. What do we know about the book "Our Teaching"?

A1. "Our Teaching" is an abridged version of the teaching of the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} of Qadian, the Promised Messiah and Mehdi, as laid down in his book "Kashti-Nuh" (Noah's Ark) which he wrote in 1902.

Q2. In what context was (our teaching) written?

A2. During those days Great Plague spread all over India and for protection the British Govt. ordered everyone to be vaccinated. Hazoor^{as} told his Jamaat members that those who were "under the Divine Protection of the four walls of his house" not to be vaccinated as a Great Sign of his truthfulness. But he told said there was one condition. That is that members should follow his true teaching. Then he gave the details of his true teaching under the heading of "Our Teaching".

Q3. What is the essence of true teaching? (page 1)

A3. Hazoor^{as} said it is not a mere verbal pledge. It needs genuine and firm resolve to live up to that teaching. To practice it is important.

Q4. God revealed to Promised Messiah^{as}, "I shall Myself protect all those who are in this house" according to Hazoor^{as} what was the actual meaning of "that house" of protection? (page 1 cont.)

A4. Hazoor^{as} explained that it does not mean that the divine protection was granted to those who were living within the confines of his house made of mud and bricks. Divine protection was granted only to those who follow his teaching to the fullest extent. So those people could be truly said to be the inmates of his "spiritual home".

Questions and Answers (pages 3 & 4)

1. Complete these sentences and discuss with examples / scenarios from your daily life.

(a) If you are big -----.

If you are big **have mercy for those who are small – not contempt.**

(b) If you are wise and well versed in learning, -----

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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 showing of your own learning.**

(c) If you are rich, -----.

If you are rich **instead of treating them with self-centered disdainful pride, you should serve the poor. Beware of the paths of destruction.**

(d) Every morning should be a witness that ----- and every evening should be a witness that -----.

Every morning should be a witness **that you spent the night with righteousness** and every evening should be a witness **that you spent that day with fear of God in your heart.**

2. What does the Promised Messiah (as) tell us not to be afraid of and what should we be afraid of? How do you get rid of this fear?

Answer: Do not fear the curses the world might heap on you for they melt in the air like smoke, they cannot turn day into night.

What you should be afraid of is the curse that comes from GOD, which totally uproots from both the worlds, those on whom it fall. You cannot save yourself with hypocrisy and pretense, because thy God who is your Lord, can see to the innermost depth of your being. You cannot hope to deceive him.

So strengthen and cleanse yourself of any particle of pride, empty pretense, hypocrisy, vanity, and love of self or laziness of disposition for it will take away the light. If these are present, you do not amount to anything in the sight of God.

3. The Promised Messiah (as) warns us to not become content with 1-2 personal accomplishments. What should we really try to achieve / what does Allah really want from us?

Answer : Take care that on a basis of a thing or two, which you think you have accomplished, you do not fall into the delusion that you have done all that is needed to be done. For God desires that your entire life, your whole being, should undergo a deep and thorough revolution. Indeed, He demands from you a certain type of death, after which He will give you another life.

Immediately compose your differences and make peace among yourselves; forgive the transgressions of your brother for indeed he is evil who is not willing to make peace with his brother. He would be cut off for he tries to create disruption.

4. 'Even if we are truthful and justified we should behave as if we were in the wrong'.
True OR false?

Answer: Though truthful and justified in your stand, be humble in your demeanor as though you were wrong, so that you yourself should be treated with forgiveness.

5. The door we have to enter cannot admit a 'fat' person. What does Promised Messiah (as) really mean by 'fat'?

Answer: Leave off vanity and emphasis on self. Leave off everything that fattens your vanity for the door which you have been invited to enter is not one that would admit a fat person.

Questions and Answers Pages 5 -7

Q1. Fill in the blanks.

Show ----- to your -----, be -----to your -----and to your ----- who are -----, so that in heaven you too will be received with -----

A. Show **mercy** to your **subordinates**, be **kind** to your **spouses** and to your **brethren** who are **poor**, so that in heaven you too will be received with **mercy**.

Q2. How do you keep evils, tribulations and trials away from you?

A. With sincerity and steadfastness of heart, catch hold of God. No distress is lifted until mercy descends from Heaven.

Q3. Is it forbidden to have recourse to remedies?

A. No it is not forbidden. You can have recourse to remedies or plans with human Endeavour. What is forbidden is that you place your entire reliance on them. The position of faith in God and reliance on God is the best of all positions

Q4. What is another essential teaching besides faith and reliance on God?

A. Do not leave the Holy Quran like a book that has been forsaken. Those who do honour to this Holy Book shall be honoured in heaven.

Q5. Who is the only Messenger and Mediator for mankind now?

A. For the sons of man there is no Messenger and no Mediator except Prophet Muhammad may peace and the blessings of God be upon him. So strive that you cherish the purest love for this Prophet of power and glory, giving no one else any kind of preference over him.

Q6. What is real and true salvation? -----Page 6

A. salvation is not something that you will experience in the life after death. The real salvation is only that which shows its light in this very life.

Q7. Who will be saved?

A. Only he will be saved who maintains a firm faith that the living God is a reality, and that Muhammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him, is the Mediator between Him and mankind; and there is no one equal to him in rank and elevation: nor any book to rival the Holy Quran: that for no one else did God wish that he should live forever, but for this blessed Prophet He did so wish: that to keep him alive forever.

Q8. Who laid the foundation of Shariah?

A Prophet Muhammad saw laid the foundation for continuing the benefit of his Shariah and his spiritual blessings to the day of Resurrection

Q9. What was the purpose of sending Promised Messiah after him?

A. From the flow of His spiritual blessings for mankind, He sent Promised Messiah to this world whose advent was indispensable for the completion of the structure of Islam. For it was necessary that this world should not come to an end before the Movement of Muhammad saw was given the colour of a spiritual Messiah.

Q9. What are the similarities and differences between Prophet Muhammad saw and Prophet Moses as?

A Moses received the same spiritual treasure which unfortunately had been lost by the earlier ages. Muhammad saw received the treasure. Now the Movement of Muhammad saw stands in the place of the Movement of Moses, but such that in grandeur, the like of Moses, exceeding him a thousand-fold.

Q10. (i) Why Promised Messiah excels in status to Jesus? (ii) What are the similarities between the two?

A. (i) As Our Prophet Muhammad saw excels Moses in spiritual status so Promised Messiah too excels by thousand measures, in spiritual position to Jesus

(ii) Jesus came, in terms of time, exactly in the fourteenth century after Moses and he also came at a time when condition of the Muslims of the day was identical with the Jews of the time of Jesus

Q11. Fill in the blanks--- page 7

In----- you shall be counted----- of my ----- only when in all truth you actually begin to advance on the ----- of -----.

A. In heaven you shall be counted members of my following only when in all truth you actually begin to advance on the paths of righteousness.

Q12. Do all good deeds with the proper care they deserve, forsaking evil from a real repulsion rising in the heart.

True or False

A. True

Q13. What is the root of everything good?

A. The root of everything good is **Taqwah (righteousness)**

Q14. Practise the good to an extent where it reaches its highest perfection

True or False

A. True

Q15. God shall put you through trials to punish you.

True or False

A. False -> God puts you through trials to test whether or not you remain firm.

Q 16. Every one among you who relaxes and becomes lazy shall be in heaven.

True or False

A. False -> They shall be thrown out of the community, as a dirty thing is discarded and thrown out.

Questions and Answers (pages 8-10)

Q 1. In point of belief, what does God desire from you?

A1. In point of belief, all that God desires from you is this – that you hold God is One and that Muhammad (saw) is His Prophet, Khatam al Anbiya, the greatest of them all. After him there is to be no other prophet except one who should be given the mantle of *Muhammadiyyat* as a *buurooz*, since the servant is not separate from his master nor a branch different from its roots.

Q 2. What does the Holy Quran say about the death of Jesus^{as}?

A2. Be perfectly sure that Jesus, son of Mary, is dead, his grave being in Kashmir, Srinagar, and Mohalla Khanyar.

Q3. How does the Promised Messiah^{as} regard Jesus^{as}? What are their similarities and differences?

A3. It should be borne in mind that I, in no way seek to deny the eminence of Jesus^{as}. I hold him in great respect and esteem and whoever says I do not respect him is a great liar and mischief maker.

Promised Messiah (as) says 'I am the *Khatamal Khulafa* in Islam as Messiah, son of Mary was *Khatamal Khulafa* in the Israelite chain. In the Mosaic dispensation the son of Mary was the Promised Messiah, while I am the Promised Messiah of the dispensation of Muhammad. God has informed me that Muhammadi Messiah stands higher in rank than the Mosaic Messiah.

Q 4. Who belongs to my community and who does not?

A. Please read out this section slowly and self-reflect. Each Lajna to resolve and improve at least 3 areas of weakness. (Halqa leaders please give 2-3 mins for self-reflection after section is read out).

Q 5. Those who cleanse their hearts are indeed fortunate says the Promised Messiah (as). What is their good fortune?

A5. Fortunate are they who cleanse their hearts, washing away all impurities and who make a pledge of loyalty with their God – for they shall never come to naught. They shall be saved from all tribulations. Extremely foolish, indeed, is he who should try to harm them for they are in the lap of God, Who is ever ready to support them.

Q 6. Promised Messiah (as) tells us not let go of 'such a God '. What type of God is he talking about?

A6. He tells us about a God who possesses great and wonderful powers and is a very loyal God who shows wonders for those who are loyal to Him.

The world wishes to tear them to pieces and eat them up but He who is their friend saves them from every danger. He brings them out triumphant on every field and his enemies are left grinding their teeth in frustration.

Questions and Answers (pages 11-13)

Q1. How does Allah reward us for being loyal to Him?

A1. Those who remain loyal to Him, He shows wonderful works. The world wishes to tear them to pieces and to eat them up: and every enemy grinds his teeth on them: but He Who is their friend, saves them from every danger and brings them out triumphant on every field.

Q2. Fill in the blanks: - From ourwe have receivedthat shine like the sun.

A2. From our **God** we have received **revelations** that shine like the sun.

Q3. How are the prayers accepted?

A3. Prayers are accepted when you hold that your God has power over all things. It is only then, that you witness those marvels of power of your God that we have witnessed.

Q4. What are the etiquettes of praying to God?

A4. When you pray to Him, you should not be like those ignorant naturalists who have formed a natural law of their own, which does not bear the stamp of God, for they are the rejected ones whose prayers will never be accepted. They are blind, not gifted with vision, they are dead not alive. They put before God a law shaped by themselves, and they put limitations of their own on His powers, holding Him weak and helpless beyond those limitations. Naturally they would be dealt with in light of their own conditions.

Q5. Does God reveal His wonders to those who do not have faith?

A5. The innumerable wonders of God are witnessed by those who have become His in all sincerity and faithfulness. He does not reveal those wonders to those who do not have faith in His powers, and who are not faithful and true.

Q6. Discuss how God is our Paradise.

A6. God is our Paradise and our highest enjoyment is in God, for we have seen Him and found all beauty in Him. This is a treasure worth having, even if at the cost of one's life; and this is a jewel which should be purchased, even if obtainable by sacrificing one's entire being.

Q7. When you have full faith in God, how does He become yours?

A7. If you really become Gods, then rest assured that God is your very own. Whilst you sleep, He will keep a watch over you, while you neglect your vigil against enemy, He will keep an eye on him and disrupt his plans.

Q8. Is it ok to leave God and follow materialistic nations?

A8. Do not follow in the footsteps of other nations which have come to depend wholly on material means. As a snake eats earth, that subsist on the basis of lower and inferior material means. Like vultures and dogs eating carrion, they too have sunk their teeth in a carcass. Indeed, they have drifted very far away from God. They depend too much on material means and seek no help from God, they are dead and their heavenly spirit has flown out of them.

Q9. Fill in the blanks: - A person who iswould..... this, but it would be better for him if hebefore he indulged in this

A9. A person who is **spiritually dead**, would **laugh** this, but it would be better for him if he **died** before he indulged in this **laughter**.

Question & Answers from pages 14-16

Q 1. What does Promised Messiah say to those who wonder how the non-believers or atheists are so successful in worldly means?

A 1. having forsaken God, they have been but to trial in the matter of material means. Often times a trial from God takes the form that whoever forsakes him, giving himself up to carnal pleasure, setting his mind wholly on material wealth, the doors of worldly advancement are opened upon him; though from the religious and spiritual point of view he is altogether destitute and naked. He dies at last engrossed in this world, to be thrown into an eternal hell.

Q 2. The promised Messiah describes two forms of trials for non-believers whose prime focus is material wealth. Describe both forms of trial and which one is considered the worst form of trial?

A 2. One form of trial is when the doors of worldly advancement are opened upon him; though from the religious and spiritual point of view he is altogether destitute and naked. He dies at last engrossed in this world, to be thrown into an eternal hell. And sometimes this trial takes the form that such a person remains unsuccessful even in the task of amassing wealth. But the latter

trial is not so dangerous as the former, since the former breeds an inordinate measure of pride and a superiority complex.

Q3. The Promised Messiah tells us not to follow the philosophers of this world and says that there is only one true and real philosophy. Whose philosophy is the Promised Messiah(as) referring to and where can we find it?

A 3. The real and true philosophy is the only one which God has given to you in His Holy Book. In imminent danger of destruction are the people who have become enamored of these material philosophies; and successful are they, who for real knowledge and philosophy, go to the Holy Book.

Q 4. Is Revelation from God not possible in the future but was only possible in the past?

A 4. Do not think that the Revelation from God is not possible in the future; that it was possible only in the past: do not think that the Holy Spirit cannot come down now. I tell you truly that every door can be closed *but* the door for the coming down of the Holy Spirit.

Q 5. How can we become the recipients of Revelation from God?

A 5. Create a thirst for this spiring, and then, of itself, the water wil begin to gush out. For this milk cry like a child, so that it should well up in the breast. Begin to desrve mercy so that you should be shown mercy. Show anxiety and deep concern, so that your minds should be set at rest. Cry out with pain, again and again, so that a hand should strech itself and take hold of you.

Q 6. Promised Messaiah states " how terribly difficult is the way which is the way of the Lord ! - but for some it has been made easy. Describe the characteristic of those for whom it has been made easy.

A 6. It is made easy for those who jump into the abyss, resolutely determined to face destruction and death. Blessed are they who for the sake of the Lord wage a war against their own selves.

Question and Answers Pages 17-19

Q1. What is the foremost thing God provided us for our guidance?

A 1. The foremost among these is the Holy Quran, which sets forth the unity it's of God, His grandeur and greatness, and decides all points in dispute between Jews and Christian.

Q 2. What does Quran forbid us to do?

A 2. Quran forbids that you worship anything other than God- neither man, nor beast, the sun nor the moon, nor any other heavenly body, nor material means, nor your own selves. Therefore, beware! Do not take a single step in contravention of anything contained in the Holy Book.

Q 3. Why is it important to study the Holy Scripture (Quran) with attention?

A 3. The real and perfect paths of salvation has been opened only by the Holy Quran; all others were only its shadows. Therefore you should study this Holy Scripture with utmost attention and deepest thought; and you should love it as you have never loved anything else. For indeed, as God has conveyed to me: "Alkhair kullu fil Quran" i.e. all the good lies on the Quran. All kinds of good are to be found in it - and this is the truth. The Holy Quran is the fountainhead for your salvation, for all betterment and success.

Q 4. What is the supporter or falsifier of your Faith on the Day of Judgment?

A 4. The Holy Quran would be the supporter or falsifier of your Faith on the Day of Judgement; and apart from this Book, there is no other under the heavens which can provide you with direct guidance. It is indeed a great blessing of God upon you that He has bestowed on you a book like this.

Q 5. Would the fate of Christians and Jews be any different had they been bestowed by a book like Holy Quran?

A 5 It is indeed a great blessing of God upon they age bestowed on you a book like this. Verily, I tell you truly that the book which has been read upon you, had it been read upon the Christians, they would not have perished and the blessing and guidance which has been vouchsafed to you, had it been extended to the Jews, in place of Torah, many of their sects would have not ended by denying the Day of Judgment.

Q 6. How can the Holy Quran make you like the Prophets?

A 6.The Holy Quran can purify a man within a week, provided there is no attempt to get away from it in any form or spirit. The Quran can make you like the Prophets, provided you do not try to run away from it. No other book starts with the prayer like "ahde nassiraatal mustaqeem, siraat Allah zeena an'amta alaihim?"

Q 7. How can we achieve the status of the Prophets / Siddiqees / Shohada / Saliheen?

A 7. God has taught us a prayer in the beginning of the Holy Quran: "Guide us to the right path, the path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings." This held out to them great hope, namely, the hope of the way being shown them which would lead then to the attainment of those blessings which were bestowed on those who were of the Prophets/ the Siddiqees/ the Shohada and the Saliheen.

Q 8. What is the fate of the person, who lies about Mokalamah and Mokhatabah with God?

A 8. Whosoever by way of insolence shall lie and shall claim to have received Revelations from Him, such a person shall perish and be destroyed for having lied about the Creator and for having perpetuated a fraud.

Q 9. What is the second way of guidance for the Muslims?

A 9. The second instrument for guidance vouchsafed to the Muslims is the Sunnah i.e. the measures adopted by the Holy Prophet with a view to the exposition of the Holy Quran and its being put into actual tangible practice.

Q 10. Discuss with examples how the Sunnah guides us in our daily life?

A 10. One example is about the specifications of rak'aats in the five daily prayers. The Sunnah of the Holy Prophet has made all these things very clear.

Q 11. Is the Hadith same as Sunnah?

A11. The Hadith was collected a hundred and fifty years afterwards, while the Sunnah existed from the very outset side by side with the Holy Quran.

After the Quran, the greatest debt of gratitude the Muslims owe to anything is the **Sunnah**.

Questions and Answers pages 20 -22

Q 1. How does the Promised Messiah (as) teach his followers to regard the Hadith and why?

A 1. We look upon the Hadith as a servant of the Quran and Sunnah. The existence of servants is in no way derogatory to the master but in fact is a sign of his importance and grandeur. The Holy Book is the Word of God, while the Sunnah is the act of the Holy Prophet (saw), the Hadith being a supporting witness of the Sunnah.

The Hadith, which in any case has an element of speculation in it, cannot be given a superior position, being no more than a supporting argument. The Quran and Sunnah have done all the real work the Hadith doing no more than supplying additional verification.

Q 2. Can the Hadith be a judge over Sunnah or the Quran?

Ans. Promised Messiah (as) says 'How can Hadith be in a position of a judge for the Holy Quran? The Holy Book and Sunnah were extending guidance to mankind at a time when there was as yet no sign of the judge. i.e. Ahadith.

Q 3. How should we judge a Hadith as being acceptable?

A 3. If the Hadith does not run counter to the Holy Quran it should be accepted otherwise it should be rejected.

Give due recognition to Hadith and derive benefit from it to the fullest extent.

You should adhere to the accepted Hadith to such an extent that no action of yours should be without basis in Hadith. But if there is a Hadith which stands in contradiction to what has been stated in the Holy Quran you should exercise your mind to reconcile the interpretation but if this is not possible such a Hadith should be rejected. But if there is a weak Hadith which stands in accordance with the Holy Quran it should be accepted.

Q 4. What is the criterion for judging Ahadith embracing prophecies?

A 4. If there is a Hadith which the *Mohadditheen* have adjudged as weak but the prophecy contained in that Hadith has been fulfilled either in your time or before, then the Hadith has to be accepted as authentic. All those who failed to accept it were in error.

Rejecting such a hadith would be tantamount to faithlessness as its reliability has been established by God.

Q 5. Why does the Promised Messiah (as) caution us about Hadith?

A 5. A great deal of caution is needed as it is a fact that there exist a large number of fabricated Ahadith which have caused a great deal of disruption in Islam. All the conflicting sects take their stand on various Ahadith.

Questions and Answers pages 23-25

Q 1. There is nothing like perfect conviction says the Promised Messiah (as). What is perfect conviction and what can it do for you?

A 1. Perfect conviction is a fixed unshakeable belief in the All Knowing All Seeing All powerful God.

Perfect conviction delivers you from sin, gives you the power to do good and turns you into a lover of God. It gives you the power to turn away from evil and hold your base impulses in check. It helps you bring about a real change in yourself and attain satisfaction and perfect peace of mind and real prosperity.

Q 2. Did Jesus (as) have the perfect conviction? How does the Promised Messiah (as) advise the followers of Jesus?

A 2. Yes, he believed with conviction and was delivered because of conviction.

The Promised Messiah (as) asks the followers of Jesus if any atonement will give them the power to avoid sin? It is only firm and perfect conviction which would help them in avoiding sin. For

deliverance Jesus (as) himself had to depend on perfect conviction. They cannot be delivered by the blood of Jesus Christ when they are drowned from head to toe in evil.

Q 3. What are the blessings of a firm conviction?

A 3. Those who have this conviction are blessed. They are blessed because they have been delivered from uncertainties and doubts and these alone are the people who shall be delivered of sin.

You will be blessed when you get this great treasure of conviction because on that day sin for you will come to an end.

Q 4. Can sin and conviction exist together? How does the Promised Messiah (as) explain this?

A 4. The Promised Messiah (as) says sin and conviction cannot exist together he. He compares it to deliberately doing harmful things like

- knowingly putting your hand into a hole which you see is occupied by a poisonous snake
- remaining standing at a place where red hot stones are being showered from a volcano or
- standing at a place which forms a target of thunderbolt from the skies or
- standing at a place where a ferocious lion is likely to attack or
- going and living in a place where there is an outbreak of dangerous plague?

He goes on to say that if you believe in God with the same firmness of conviction as you believe in the danger from a snake, thunderbolt, lion, plague etc. then it is not possible that you defy God by disobedience and risk punishment or risk breaking the bond of sincerity and loyalty which binds you to Him.

Q 5. If a person says that he possesses firm conviction is he correct or delusional?

A 5. Saying you have firm conviction may be a delusion on your part. The Promised Messiah (as) says that firm conviction is most certainly not yet yours for you do not display the conditions which necessarily must go with it. You have not yet given up your sinful ways, you have not yet taken the first step which you ought to have taken the moment this firm conviction became yours. You do not yet fear sin as you should. This is because knowing the dangers of the snake, poison, plague, etc. your hand, feet, eyes and ears still dare to sin.

Q 6. How does the Promised Messiah (as) teach us to judge a religion as true or false?

A 6. The Promised Messiah (as) says that it is only conviction which delivers a man from sin and advances him in sincerity and steadfastness. All religions which fail to create this firmness of conviction are false. All religions which fail to show God, by means beyond any shadow of doubt are false. All those religions are false which contain nothing more than handful of tales and fables about what happened in the past.

Questions and Answers Pages 26-28

Q 1. How can man be free from sin?

A 1. Man is freed from sin only when he comes to know of the power of God, and of Divine retribution, on the basis of a ***firm conviction***.

Q 2. What should one do after taking Bai'at of repentance?

A 2. After taking Bai'at, take care that you do not remain unaltered in your former sinful ways. Remember death, which approaches you every moment, though you remain unaware. Do your best to purify yourself, for a man can attain nearness to what is purity par excellence only when himself he becomes pure, as far as possible.

Q 3. How can we win the blessings?

A 3. To this question, God Himself has given the answer. He says:

"wastaeenu bis sabre wassalaat"

i.e. Seek help from God with prayer and perseverance.

Q 4. What is Salat?

A 4. It is a prayer addressed to God in true humility of spirit and the fullest awareness of His purity, His praise-worthiness, His holiness, coupled with a burning desire on the part of the devotee for Divine forgiveness, and for the blessing on the Holy Prophet.

Q 5. Is it required to pray on the prescribed Arabic text only?

A 5. When you stand up for prayer, in addition to the prayers found in the Holy Quran, which is the Word of God, and in the Hadith, which is the word of the Holy Prophet, address your petitions to the Lord in your language, with heartfelt humility which should leave a lasting effect on mind. In the **prayer** lies the **remedy** for the coming tribulations.

Q 6. Should man immerse himself in the riches of the world and forget about accountability?

A 6. Every rich man who does not address himself to God in prayer, whose attitude to God is one of heedlessness, will have on his head the sins of all those who are connected to him. (The people who are blessed with worldly riches are not only accountable for their own deeds but also of those who are under him. The wealth and riches are a blessing but also bring responsibility along with them).

Q 7. Is this world going to last forever?

A 7. This world is not going to last forever. Take hold of yourself and be steady. Give up every excess. Leave all intoxications. The use of intoxicants not only becomes a matter of habit, all have deadly effect on the brain, and in the end prove fatal.

Q 8. What kind of people will be deprived of real prosperity?

A 8. Rich people, who, for the sake of this temporary life, forget their Creator, use forbidden things with such fearlessness, as if it was quite lawful, when angry, who rave upon people like a madman, using abusive language, ready to wound and kill, and who, in the pursuit of his lust, becomes shameless in the extremes. Such a one will never know the real prosperity.

Q 9. How can we attain salvation?

A 9. Being faithful to your Creator and by not displeasing Him, you can attain nearness to your Lord. Nobody can destroy you if you are held righteous in the eyes of the Lord. He will protect you and nobody shall be able to harm you. If there is no protection from Lord, one spends life in constant fear. Therefore, come to God and leave off all kinds of opposition to Him. Never be negligent in the discharge of the obligations He has laid upon you. Never oppress His creatures with hand or word of mouth and always remain in fear of the wrath of heaven, for herein lies the only way of salvation.

Questions and Answers pages 29 and 30

Q1. What does the Promised Messiah (as) tell the 'learned people of Islam'?

A1. He says O ye learned people! Do not be hasty in rejecting me as false. There are many secrets which man cannot comprehend in a hurry, all at once. It is not the way of the righteous to reject a thing the moment you hear it. Had there been no errors among you, and if you had not interpreted certain Ahadith in manner contrary to their real sense. Then the advent of the Messiah, as a judge and adjudicator among you would have been a useless thing.

Q 2. What is the belief of the learned Muslims that brings disgrace to Islam?

A 2. The mission given to the Mahdi by the learned Muslim is that he will make war on *all* and forcibly convert them to Islam. Promised Messiah (as) asks them where is it written in the Holy Quran to spread religion by force?

In fact the **opposite** is true. Allah says in the Holy Quran, ' There is no compulsion in matters connected with religion'. Then wherefrom would the Messiah, Son of Mary, get the right to use force for converting people to Islam?

The Promised Messiah (as) also says that the hereditary heads of the so-called spiritual orders / pirs / gade nashins are so far cut off from Islam that they have no idea of the difficult times

through which Islam is passing. They are engrossed day and night in their pernicious innovations and have nothing to do with real Islam.

Q 3. What does the Promised Messiah (as) exhort his followers to do?

A 3. The Promised Messiah says, my dear people! This is the time for rendering services to the cause of religion. This is a rare opportunity that would not offer itself to you a second time. Being the follower of such a great and exalted Prophet why do you lose heart? Be firm of faith, and set an example that even the angels in heaven should wonder at your strength and steadfastness, and should pray for blessings on you.

He ends by saying that I pray that this *teaching* of mine should be fruitful for you, working a change in your hearts which should make you like stars on this earth, filling the globe with the light and life you get from the Lord, Amen!