

Defence of Islam and The Holy Prophet ﷺ

- 1 5 mins Introduction to the Unit and Work
- 2 10 mins Discuss the Importance of defending Islam and the Holy Prophet ﷺ
- 3 25 mins Students to write a letter to any newspaper highlighting Islam in its glory. *Use resources provided*
- 4 15 mins Design a mind map/spider diagram/'brainstorm' showing all the different groups of people you can inform about Islam.

Learning Objectives/Aims

- 1 Understand the Importance Defending Islam and The Holy Prophet ﷺ.
- 2 Appreciate the mammoth task Huzur ايدده الله تعالى بتصره العزيز has asked the community to do.

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Antagonistic Anti-Islamic Wave in the Western world

Summary of Friday Sermon delivered by the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
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While on his visit to Germany, Huzur أيده الله تعالى بتصره العزیز delivered his Friday Sermon from Frankfurt. Huzur أيده الله تعالى بتصره العزیز based his sermon on the exceedingly antagonistic anti-Islamic wave that currently engulfs the Western world. Huzur أيده الله تعالى بتصره العزیز said among various motives for the anti-Islamic sentiments one is that people are against religion in the first place and deny the existence of God and maintain that it is the concept of God that has created all the hostility in the world. A recent book published in England, which has become a bestseller, tries to contradict the very existence of God (The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins). Similarly in Germany many absurd and nonsensical things are said about God. Recently, the visiting Pope, whose stature claims to be all about love and compassion, gave a lecture in a German university deriding the Islamic concept of God and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). The freedom of speech that he employed to say what he did or which the media uses to make crude remarks about Islam and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has exceeded limits to the extent that it even encompasses Christianity and Jesus (on whom be peace). A recent opera production in Germany that derided religion has been considered acceptable. The pity is that some Muslims have deemed it acceptable as well.

However some priests and others who have religious beliefs have backed the Ahmadi objection over the opera in that it is injurious to religious sentiments. The fact is that they trifle with the feelings of others in the name of freedom of speech and conscience and then maintain that if you do not appreciate these "values" then you should go back to where you came from. They are most sensitive about their own matters. They can say whatever they wish to whomsoever they wish. They may dress any which way they like or they may choose not wear clothes but when a Muslim woman chooses to cover her head, they object. In fact all this is to turn the Muslim youth against Islam.

In reality the world in general and the West in particular is rapidly turning away from religion for the reason that the religion they subscribe to has no dynamism in it. After all, having taken idolatry to the extreme of making a human a god this stage was but inevitable. However, Muslims too, indulging in materialism and latent shirk are on a path that takes one away from God.

In the past it was people like these who did not believe in prophets of God and were steeped in sin who suffered the consequences of their iniquity. The Holy Qur'an relates the account of these ancient people and the iniquities that were prevalent among them. These people, with the exception of a few, did not desist from evil despite the admonishment of the prophets of God. Today all these evils are widespread here, from

immodesty to moral depravity to commercial deception. We come across extreme dishonesty and the height of idolatry. The Being that created human for the very purpose of worship of God would obviously send His chastisement if His commandments are not adhered to. Otherwise the earlier people could rightfully claim as to why they were punished and the latter ones were not. He is the Master, He punishes some in this world and some in the Hereafter, however such people do not escape His chastisement. These days people say that God is cruel. God is not cruel, rather it is people of this ilk who undergo suffering due to their own doings.

Death penalty is not legal these days because it is maintained that it is contrary to human compassion. So a killer should not be punished whereas the bereaved family of the victim may suffer. They opt for life imprisonment instead of the death penalty. Just as they have a right to determine the punishment of a criminal, how could the Master of everything not have the right to punish those who break His laws?

Next Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزیز gave a brief outline of the opera that depicts a most erroneous illustration of Jesus (on whom be peace) and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزیز said these worldly people have no idea of God's sense of honour for Himself and for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) – they blaspheme the God Whose Rububiyyat and Rahmaniyyat grants them all the worldly possessions.

Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزیز said the staging of this opera was once cancelled, however some government ministers and others are urging that its production should go ahead and are fully supporting it. Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزیز said it has been noted that these 'supporters' of the opera are themselves steeped in depravity.

Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزیز remarked that Moses (on whom be peace) is not shown at any point in the opera. We certainly do not say that he should have been shown. However, some maintain that this 'omission' could be to prevent any offence to the Jewish people. However, Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزیز said that in his opinion it was not simply this. Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزیز thinks this is a much deeper conspiracy.

Today, it is the task of the Ahmadi to respond to this and save people from Divine chastisement. Our message to them should be that the advent of prophets is to save humanity from darkness and we should invite them to the God of Islam Who despite their trespasses grants them by virtue of His Rahmaniyyat. That they may seek forgiveness and discard the thought that God can be cruel. On the contrary He sends His prophets for the betterment of people and these prophets weary themselves with sheer concern for their people. The prophets of God do not want any reward from the people for their reward is with Allah. It is also the obligation of an Ahmadi to tell people that in this age Allah has sent a prophet in representation of the last Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزیز said the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has most lovingly explained his advent in that he has been sent to remove the ill will that has been created between man and his Maker, to abolish religious wars and to demonstrate a model of humanity that has been suppressed. By providing us with an

immense treasure of knowledge and spiritual discernment, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has prepared us for the task of taking this message to others. It is the task of each Ahmadi to rise and present the true concept of God so that the majority of people may return to acknowledging God and the Seal of all the prophets and God's holy people, so that instead of fighting and hostilities people honour each other's rights and develop spiritually.

Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيم urged the German Jama'at not to be despondent. He said Ahmadiyyat will spread among the German people. If the Ahmadis of today perform their task in a good manner a revolution can be brought about in that nation.

Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيم said literature is printed and distributed in the style of an enterprise and then dropped. Responses to most current issues are available, what is needed is to circulate them. Each Ahmadi man, woman, old and young needs to take relevant Tabligh literature and our responses to the current issues to the German people. Maximise the use of email and the internet for these positive steps. True introduction of Ahmadiyyat should be provided to each government minister, each newspaper and each educated person.

Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيم read extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) urging propagation of Islam. Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيم motivated the German Ahmadis to try harder than before to take the message of Islam to their people so that they may recognise the One God. He said no doubt our resources are limited but whatever we have the capacity for should be employed properly. An introductory pamphlet should reach in each town whether Ahmadis reside there or not, in addition the electronic resources should be utilised.

Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيم said a response is being published to the Pope's comments in the shape of a booklet. It should reach the Pope and every educated person so that they are informed about the truth about God and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) who heralded love, compassion and humility more than anyone else. Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيم instructed that it is the task of old and young to take the Tabligh material personally to everyone. However, to bring about results is with God.

Citing verse 34 of Surah Ha Mim Al Sajdah (41:34) Huzur أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيم said, first and foremost we have to espouse the Quranic teaching in our daily lives otherwise no effort will ever bear fruit. It is essential to keep all one's affairs wholesome with God and to pay the dues of fellow humans, to honour the rights of close relatives, the rights of the neighbours and the rights of the environment. It is important to help whoever is in need of help.

If one's own situation is such that parents are unhappy with one or one's wife and children are discontented or women who indulge improperly in fashion or those who do not control their temper and create discord – all these are not good deeds and people who give in to them are not effective at Tabligh. Therefore it is vital to be exemplary.

Remember that it is God's promise with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that 'I shall grant you dominance'. Now this dominance/triumph will be worldwide, in

Europe, Asia, Africa, America and InshaAllah Oceania. It is your task to carry out Tabligh demonstrating total obedience and good deeds. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said 'This hope of mine is not imaginary, rather I have received this glad tiding through the holy revelation of God'.

In conclusion Huzur **أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيم** said this derision of religion is there for us to take note of our task. The final decision has been made, however, we need to focus and take this message forward. This is the greatest service to humanity. May Allah enable us all to do this.