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Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works, that He will surely, make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear...

(THE HOLY QURAN, (24:56)

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"Prophethood shall remain among you as long as Allah wills. Then Allah will take it away. Then there will be Khilafat on the precepts of Prophethood as long as Allah wills, then He will take it away. Then there will be a reign of hereditary kingship, which will remain as long as Allah wills, then He will take it away. Then there will be a reign of tyrannical rule, which will remain as long as Allah wills, then He will take it away. Then there will be Khilafat on the precepts of Prophethood."

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GUIDANCE OF HAZRAT MASIH MA'UD (AS)

So dear friends! since it is the Sunnatullah, from time immemorial, that God Almighty shows two Manifestations so that the two false joys of the opponents be put to an end, it is not possible now that God should relinquish His Sunnah of old. So do not grieve over what I have said to you; nor should your hearts be distressed.

For it is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its Coming is better for you because it is everlasting, the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgment.

(THE WILL, PG7)



GUIDANCE OF OUR BELOVED IMAM (AA)

"We pledged allegiance to Khilafat so that we may implement the teachings brought to us by the Promised Messiah(as) and spread them throughout the world. Hence, our relationship with Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya places a great responsibility upon every Ahmadi. It is only when we fulfil this responsibility that we will be able to do justice to this blessing which has been bestowed upon us by Allah the Almighty."

HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V (AA), FRIDAY SERMON 28 MAY 2021

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NASA states that without the Sun's heat and light, the Earth would be a lifeless ball of ice-covered rock. Nothing is more essential to life on Earth than the Sun. It warms our oceans, stirs our atmosphere, generates weather patterns, and provides energy to the green plants that produce our food and oxygen.

Leadership is a vital ingredient for success in today's world. Whether it be prosperous nations, thriving corporations, or victorious sports teams—what they all share is strong, unifying leadership. Effective leadership brings together people of diverse backgrounds, directing them toward a common goal. Again and again, we see that unity forms the bedrock of success. Yet, when we look at the religious landscape, we find a different picture: constant division, even within the same faiths. Islam, too, has splintered into countless sects.



We observed this division in early Islamic history. During the time of Hazrat Uthman (ra) and Hazrat Ali (ra), when Muslims began to distance themselves from Khilafat, it led to turmoil and decline.

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On this subject, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rh) stated:

"In Islam, this is as clear as daylight and is part of Islamic teaching: without unity and harmony, you cannot truly practice the teachings of Islam. When you go to the mosque for prayers five times a day, there must be an Imam. Standing behind the Imam is a demonstration of unity. That is why the Holy Qur'an places special emphasis on congregational prayer. The role of the Imam is so significant that if he makes a mistake, the entire congregation must follow—even if they know a mistake has been made."

This leads us to ask:

HOW CAN WE BUILD A MEANINGFUL CONNECTION WITH OUR BELOVED KHALIFA?

One way is through regularly writing to him. In times of hardship or need, we can seek the Khalifa's prayers and guidance through letters. As mentioned in many Friday Sermons, Huzoor (aa) has shared how merely writing a letter has led to the resolution of many difficulties.

Mubarak Siddiqui Sahib once narrated an incident: when he entered Huzoor's (aa) office, he saw a box of letters placed on a chair. He moved the box to the floor, but Huzoor (aa) quickly stood up and asked him to gently place it back on the chair, saying, "Ye khat nahi hai, ye mere dil hain" — "These are not letters; these are my hearts." This profound statement shows the deep love Huzoor (aa) has for those who write to him. The Khalifa is divinely guided by Allah to lead the Muslim Ummah toward spiritual reform. His sermons and addresses are not just advice—they carry divine insight. It is therefore crucial that we listen to them attentively.

Years ago, Huzoor (aa) advised us to avoid Facebook.

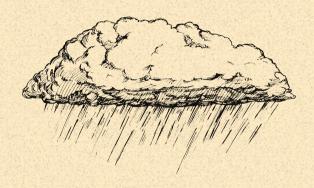


Today, numerous studies reveal the damaging effects of social media on mental health. Similarly, while some doctors once considered masturbation normal and healthy, Huzoor (aa) consistently warned us against pornography and such habits. Recent studies now confirm the negative psychological impact of these behaviors.



Perhaps one of the most profound examples of the Khalifa's divine insight is his repeated warning about the outbreak of a third World War if nations fail to abandon exploitation and turn to their Creator. Huzoor (aa) has voiced this warning for years, and now we witness the rising global tensions—Russia and Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, and India and Pakistan.

Abid Khan Sahib shared a moving incident from Jalsa Salana Canada 2012. Huzoor (aa) was staying in Peace Village, across from the mosque. Despite heavy thunderstorms and torrential rain one day, Huzoor (aa) chose to walk to the mosque for Salat rather than use the car prepared for him. Though offered an umbrella, he was soaked by the time he arrived.



Later, when Abid Khan Sahib asked him why he walked in the rain, Huzoor (aa) replied, "I saw three or four Ahmadis still waiting for me outside. If they were waiting, how could I ignore them and get into my car?"

This is the level of love our Khalifa holds for us.

Weeks later, a lady from a remote Pakistani village wrote to Huzoor (aa). She had seen this image—broadcast on MTA—of Huzoor walking in the rain. She wrote that although she was uneducated, this one image convinced her of the truth of the Promised Messiah's (as) claim. Only a true leader, she said, would show such humility and love for his people—and she did Bai'at. May Allah grant our beloved Khalifa, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aa), a long, healthy, and blessed life. May He enable us to follow his guidance sincerely, so we may attain the blessings of Khilafat. Ameen.

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- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aa)

THE RISKS OF



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The popularity of cryptocurrency has skyrocketed in recent years, with coins such as Bitcoin and Ethereum reaching record-high evaluations. As a result of this potential to make money, millions have become drawn towards investing into crypto. However, there are a number of risks connected to cryptocurrencies which we should be aware of.

Cryptocurrency investments should be avoided due to a lack of regulation and monitoring, as well as the use of celebrities and influencers who, with their outreach, convince their followers into investing into their branded cryptocurrencies which subsequently plummet in value. Furthermore, investing into cryptocurrency is a form of gambling due to their massive volatility in value and the lack of any real-world tie-in as to how they gain their value, as opposed to the more traditional forms of currency like the dollar. Therefore, as Muslims, we ought to refrain from making such investments.



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WHAT IS CRYPTOCURRENCY?

We should first learn the basic principles of cryptocurrency in order to understand why it should be avoided. Currency which is issued in digital formats is referred to as cryptocurrency. Cryptocurrencies are not issued by banks or governments, as most conventional forms of wealth like cash or credit cards are. Rather, they are decentralized, which means that a global network of computers collaborates to process and validate transactions in a peer-to-peer manner rather than having a single institution in charge of crypto.

Crypto uses technology called the blockchain to guarantee safe and transparent transactions. Because of this arrangement, no one organization controls the money or its regulations.

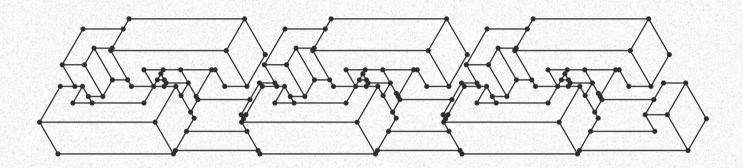
CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

One of the most troubling aspects of cryptocurrency is the way it is often marketed. Celebrities and influencers frequently endorse new cryptocurrencies, using their massive platforms to promote such coins and telling their fans to invest. A rising trend is the prevalence of "rugpull" schemes, where creators of a new cryptocurrency use celebrity endorsements to inflate the coin's value. These endorsements create a false sense of security, as fans assume that their idols are knowledgeable in such affairs and that they would never knowingly promote a scam.

On the contrary, however, in many cases these celebrities are paid to promote coins without understanding the risks associated with them. Once the coin's value rises, the creators sell off their holdings, causing the price to crash and leaving ordinary investors with useless coins. This unethical practice has led to massive financial losses for unsuspecting individuals who believed they were making a safe investment.

Speaking on this, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (AA) addressed this particular scenario in his Friday Sermon on the 6th of January 2023:

"It is not like worldly businesses where one may invest their money, only to lose it, if only after a short period of gain. Institutions take the majority of the wealth, leaving people to lose the majority of their investments, as has recently been the case with people losing billions in bitcoin and cryptocurrencies."



LACK OF REGULATION

The unregulated nature of cryptocurrency markets is another significant concern. Unlike traditional financial systems like banks, which are subject to government oversight and other regulatory protections for consumers, cryptocurrencies operate in a largely unregulated space.

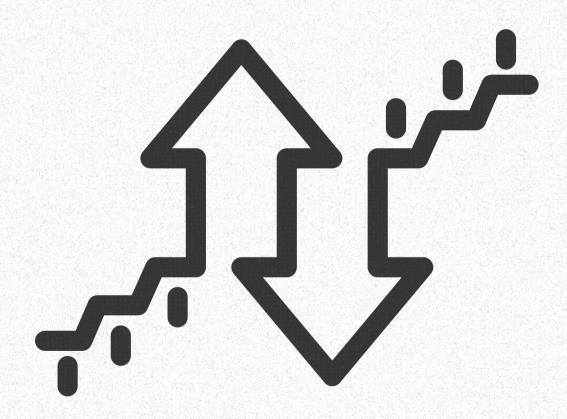
This lack of accountability makes crypto a popular target for fraud, scams, and other unethical practices. As a result of this lack of oversight, investors who fall victim to such schemes often have no legal route to pursue, as there are no governing bodies to hold the guilty accountable. With no official government or other legal body for the oversight of crypto, there is a constant possibility that investors may be scammed or otherwise tricked into losing their investments.

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EXTREME VOLATILITY

Cryptocurrencies are prone to extreme price volatility. Unlike traditional currencies, whose values are tied to tangible concepts such as national interest rates or GDP and as a result become predictable, crypto values are driven primarily by speculation and hype. This makes cryptocurrencies highly unreliable.

For instance, the price of Bitcoin has seen dramatic swings, from reaching highs of over \$150,000 in the past few weeks to suddenly dropping by \$50,000 the next day and then back up \$30,000 the day after. This instability mirrors gambling, where outcomes are largely based on chance rather than informed decision-making.



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CONCERN FOR MUSLIMS

For Muslims, Islam emphasizes financial transactions that are fair, transparent, and rooted in tangible value. For example, gambling is prohibited in Islam, as it can exploit people and lead to social harm. In Surah Al-Ma'idah verse 90, the Quran states:

"O believers! Intoxicants, gambling, idols, and drawing lots for decisions are all evil of Satan's handiwork. So shun them so you may be successful."

Since cryptocurrency trading often resembles gambling—where prices fluctuate unpredictably and profits are driven by chance rather than any intrinsic value—we as Muslims should stay away from such investments. This is not to say that Muslims must abstain from any sort of investments. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (AA) has instructed us on this matter, stating:

"You may become a share-holder of well-established and lawful businesses of the world. For example, there are sugar mills, textile mills, the car industry and other industries; these are all businesses which you may become a shareholder of."

As a result, when considering potential investments, we must consider whether they align with our Islamic teachings. We should strive to follow the guidance of our Khalifa. By investing into cryptocurrencies, not only would we face risks of potential scams and uncertain market volatility, we additionally will be participating in vices such as gambling. To this end, we should make every effort to avoid investing into cryptocurrencies and instead seek other acceptable forms of investment if we so desire.

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SPIRITUAL TREASURES

An Introduction to the Works of The Promised Messiah (as)

Lecture Sialkot

In the year 1904, the Promised Messiah (as) delivered a lecture before a gathering of Muslims and Hindus which later came to be known as 'Lecture Sialkot'. In this book, various topics ranging from the religion of Christianity to the prophecies of the Messiah are brought to light.

First and foremost, the Promised Messiah (as) analyzes the criterion for a true religion and states that religions such as Christianity and Hinduism have become corrupt over time, like a piece of cloth that was initially clean but gathered filth and dust over the years. An example he cites that proves the flawed teaching of Hinduism is the notion that God is dependent upon matter for creation, a belief that clearly contradicts the All-Powerful nature of God. He states that the one true religion that remains free from corruption to this day is Islam, and the greatest reformer who "brought the lost truth back into the world" was none other than the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). It was he who transformed brutes into men, men into civilized men, and civilized men into godly men.

He then goes on to shed light on the prophecies regarding the latter-day Messiah in Islam. One well-known prophecy he quotes is that of the eclipse, when the heavens testified to the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (as). Then, various allegations and their respective replies are outlined in a manner that leaves no doubt in the heart. For example, the Promised Messiah (as) addresses the allegation of why a latter-day Messiah is even needed, stating that the 'Holy Quran clearly shows the resemblance of the Muslim ummah and the ummah of Moses (as); just as Jesus (as) was raised 14 centuries after Moses (as), the latter-day Messiah was raised 14 centuries after the 'Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). After this, the Promised Messiah (as) turns to the topic of spirituality and establishing a relationship with one's creator. He explains the spirit behind the physical acts one goes through during Salat, and he also outlines three conditions required to attain a life of purity and repent from a sinful life.