

Without prejudice, Without Judgment:

Greetings to all.

It is a great pleasure perusing over all the messages and observing the thought patterns a mind can contemplate. There are some widely distinct views, the diversity of which gives rise to either, the debate to destroy, or the debate to keep an open mind and acquire knowledge in its various forms. While these messages are entertaining, and exciting, let there be a clear understanding in the author's mind the reason for posting. Perhaps, diplomacy may be a key factor, but if one wants to ridicule another for an absurd viewpoint, let it be to teach the ignorant. Religious views have been major contributors to wars down through the centuries. It is no different at present. Let that not divide the Ismailis. Even the spread of Islam was infested with uncompromising views leading to what it has become.

Without judgement, Is it possible that we Ismailis are on the wrong track in our understanding of our being? Perhaps, there is more than just rituals in Jamat Khana. By the way, Meditation is one of those practices which has been imported into our religion and is not practiced by mainstream Islam. Many of the rituals stem from religions beyond Hinduism, from older religions, and is basic to Kahuna practices. We need to research and understand, not the rituals, but the reasons of the rituals, the purpose of the rituals, and the mechanism of the rituals. In our blind acceptance, the very religion which is a blessing to us would likely imprison us and curtail our growth. This is evident in the communications. While it is encouraging to see the debates, it is also displeasing to notice the upmanship of one over the other instead of trying to accommodate the thought pattern and express the true understanding of the topics.

Know that we are in what is known as the KALI YUGAS, the DARK AGE (we call it kal joog). Is it possible that our lack of true knowledge is also expressing itself in our relations in Jamat Khana, and elsewhere? Is there a reason why the Imam has stressed the Intellectual understanding of our faith. This is the very reason for the secrecy of our faith. Do we really understand what our Ginans teach us? Clearly, Hazir Imam has Identified for us to "Carry the meanings of the Ginans In your Heart" Do we really understand what this means. While the Ginans relay precious teachings, they were an outgrowth of Kalame Mowla which was written approximately fourteen hundred years ago to wean us away from the Shariati Islamic understanding.

The revelations in Ginans were to deepen the Esoteric nature of our practice whilst conquering the sensual stimuli in our lives. Truly, the intellectual portions of our knowing the Ginans have been missing in our understanding. This model has failed. This is quite evident in our expressions. This world is set to commence the dawning of SAT YUGAS in the year 2012/2013, as was in existence eons ago for our turn back to the true spirit nature of the Human Soul. This is noted in our material, as well the The book of Revelation, Genesis,...One needs to search other religions and compare and relinquish the commercial portions, the social portions, and the administrative portions of those religions and understand the core information.... One needs to understand the true nature of the Human Soul, its workings, how it stores information, what is it composed of, what the light of God is composed of, how it relates to the Soul, How it travels the through the creation, the speed of its pulses, How one can use the Light to create, How the rituals come into play. How the Souls Inter-Connect, How one's thought pattern effect other Souls, and other portions of creation. How we too are a creative source of other life forms, and how our expressions are either productive, or detrimental to their growth. All this, and more, is Human Life and is Universal in Nature and not dependent on religious practice. Religions allow one to contemplate and direct one's research beyond the social implications of being Human. Are we open to it? Not until we understand our true nature will we understand the the Imam's position. Certainly, understanding the nature and workings of the Divine Light comes with the Intellectual pursuit. What are we expressing? What are we acquiring?

Unless we wake up and think carefully, the consciousness in this world will split into two and move in two separate directions; The Spiritual Nature, where the true Divine origin of Human existence will be practiced and understood and is evident from our history and Ginans, and the Gross Material Nature where the dense material form will entail problematic living, violence, lack of basic resources, respect. The nature of our mind and our pursuits will dictate our direction. All this is has been explained. It all depends on our attitude toward our pursuit of the Spiritual understanding our being. If this is clear, and this Spiritual level of understanding prevails, there is no need for any religion other than to collectively create material change through the use of ritual magic.

My best wishes in your endeavors,

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