

Conditions of Our Bai'at & Our Responsibilities

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WHAT IS BAI'AT?

Bai'at means to “sell oneself”, it means to hand over your life to Allah Almighty.

When one does bai'at, he is essentially saying,
“My person does not belong to me; I now have to abide by all injunctions of Allah Almighty under ALL circumstances and have to follow them faithfully, and make all acts of mine subservient to the pleasure of Allah.”

AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF BAI'AT

The Promised Messiah (as) announced on 4th March 1889 in Ludhiana, India:

“This system of bai'at has been established solely to gather together a group of the righteous people in Jama'at so that a weighty group of the righteous people should make a holy impact on the world. The unity of these righteous people should be a source of blessings, grandeur, and positive results for Islam...”

CONDITION I

**That he/she shall abstain from
Shirk (association of any
partner with God) right up to
the day of his/her death.**

CONDITION I

**What are some
hidden forms of
Shirk?**

CONDITION I

The Promised Messiah (as) said,

“Tauhid (unity of God) does not simply mean that you say la illaha ill Allah with your tongue but then hide hundreds of idols in your heart. Anyone who gives reverence (importance) to his own plans, mischief, or clever designs..or depends on another person as one should depend upon God alone, or reveres his own ego.., in all such conditions, he is an idol-worshipper in the sight of Allah.”

CONDITION II

That he/she shall keep away from falsehood, fornication/ adultery, trespasses of the eye, debauchery, dissipation, cruelty, dishonesty, mischief and rebellion; and that he/she will not permit himself/herself to be carried away by passions, however strong they might be.

CONDITION II

Why is *falsehood*
mentioned as the first
sin?

CONDITION III

That he/she shall regularly offer the five daily Prayers in accordance with the commandments of God and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) and shall try his/ her best to be regular in offering the tahajjud and invoking durud on the Holy Prophet (sa). That he/she shall make it his/her daily routine to ask forgiveness for his/her sins, to remember the bounties of God and to praise and glorify Him.

CONDITION III

The Five Daily Prayers

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❖ *Durud Sharif*

❖ *Astaghfaar*

CONDITION IV

That under the impulse of any passions, he/she shall cause no harm whatsoever to the creatures of God in general and Muslims in particular, neither by his/her tongue, nor any other means.

CONDITION V

That he/she shall remain faithful to God in all circumstances of life, in sorrow and in happiness, in adversity and in prosperity, in felicity and in trial; and that he/she shall in all conditions remain resigned to the decree of God and keep himself/herself ready to face all kinds of indignities and sufferings in His way and shall never turn away from Him at the onslaught of any misfortune; on the contrary, he/she shall march forward •

CONDITION VI

That he/she shall refrain from following un-Islamic customs and lustful inclinations and shall completely submit himself/herself to the authority of the Holy Qur'an; and that he/she shall make the Word of God and the sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) his/ her guiding principles in every walk of his/her life.

UNISLAMIC CUSTOMS

The Holy Prophet (sa) said, “The person who revives any one of my sunnah so that others start practicing it, he will reap the reward equal to all those persons’ rewards who act upon that sunnah, and their reward shall remain with them as well.

The person who introduces an innovation and others adopt it, he shall share in the sins of all those who act on it, and their sins will remain with them as well.” (Sunano Ibn-e-Majah, Al-Muqaddimah, Babu man Ahya Sunnatan qad umitat)

CONDITION VII

That he/she shall entirely give up pride and vanity and shall pass all his/her life in humbleness, cheerfulness, forbearance and meekness.

CONDITION VIII

That he/she shall hold faith, the honour of faith and the cause of Islam dearer than his/her life, wealth, honour, children, and all loved ones.

CONDITION IX

That he/she shall keep himself/herself occupied in the service of God's creatures for His sake only and shall endeavour towards the beneficence of mankind to the best of his/her God-given abilities and powers.

THE HOLY QUR'AN

”And worship Allah, and associate naught with Him, and show kindness to parents, and to kindred, and orphans, and the needy, and to the neighbour that is a kinsman and the neighbour that is a stranger, and the companion by your side, and the wayfarer, and those whom your right hands possess. Surely Allah loves not the proud and the boastful.” (An-Nisa’, 4:37)

OBLIGATIONS OF A MUSLIM

Hadrat 'Ali (ra) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (sa) said: Every Muslim has six obligations with regard to other Muslims:

1. When he meets him, he should say 'Assalamo 'Alaikum.
2. When one sneezes, he should say, 'Yarhamukumullah' [may Allah have mercy on you].
3. When he is sick, he should visit him.

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4. When one calls him for help, he responds to him.
5. When one dies, he comes to his funeral.
6. He desires for them what he desires for himself, and even in his absence he wishes him well.

CONDITION X

That he/she shall enter into a bond of brotherhood with this humble servant of God, pledging obedience to me in everything good for the sake of God, and remain faithful to it until the day of his/ her death. That he/she shall exert such a high devotion in the observance of this bond as is not to be found in any other worldly relationship and connection that demand devoted dutifulness.

FINAL THOUGHTS

May Allah the Almighty enable us all to fulfil all our pledges made with the Promised Messiah (as); may we remain firmly established upon all the conditions of his bai'at; may we, by acting upon his teachings, make our lives like paradise, and may we be judged to be the inheritors of the paradises of the next world. May Allah the Almighty help us. Amin.