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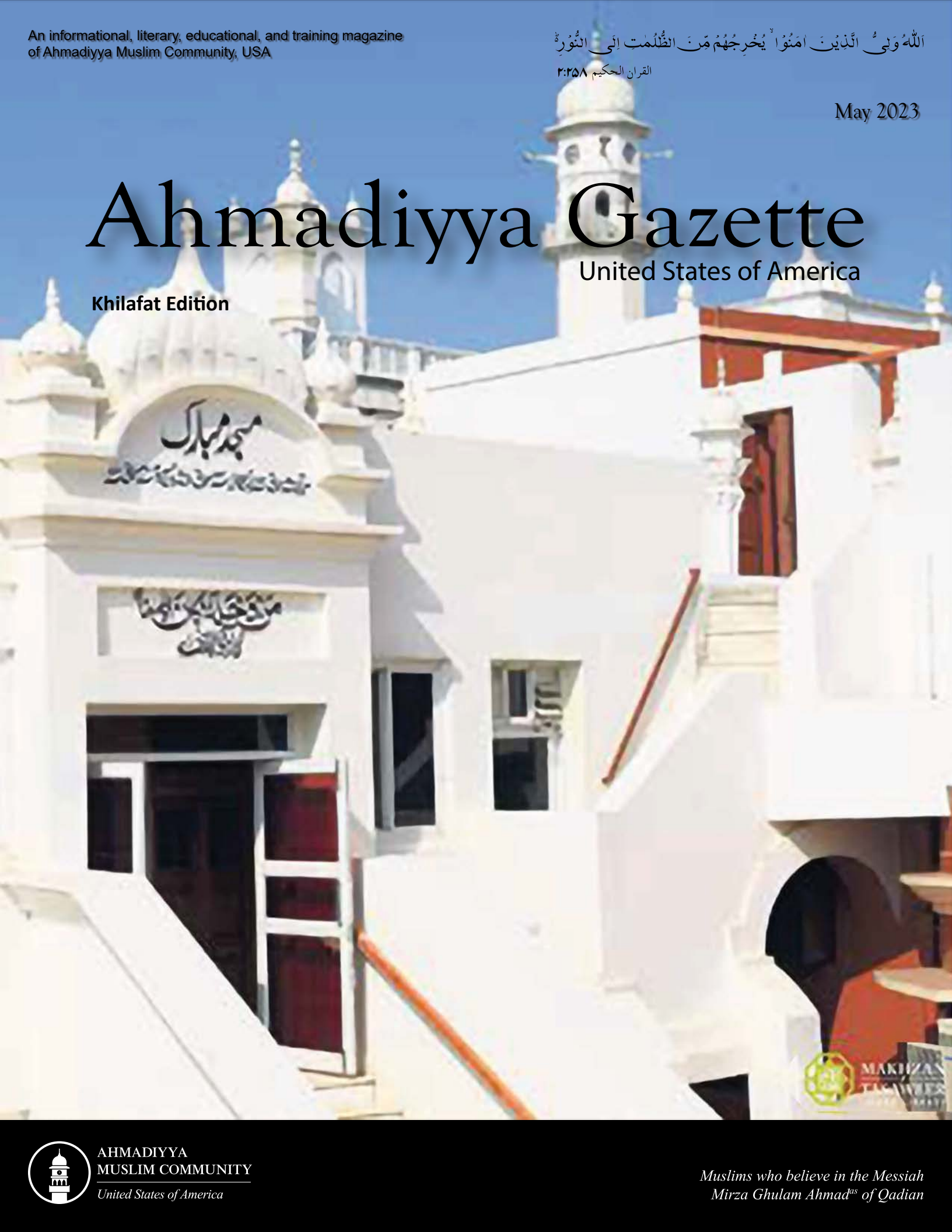
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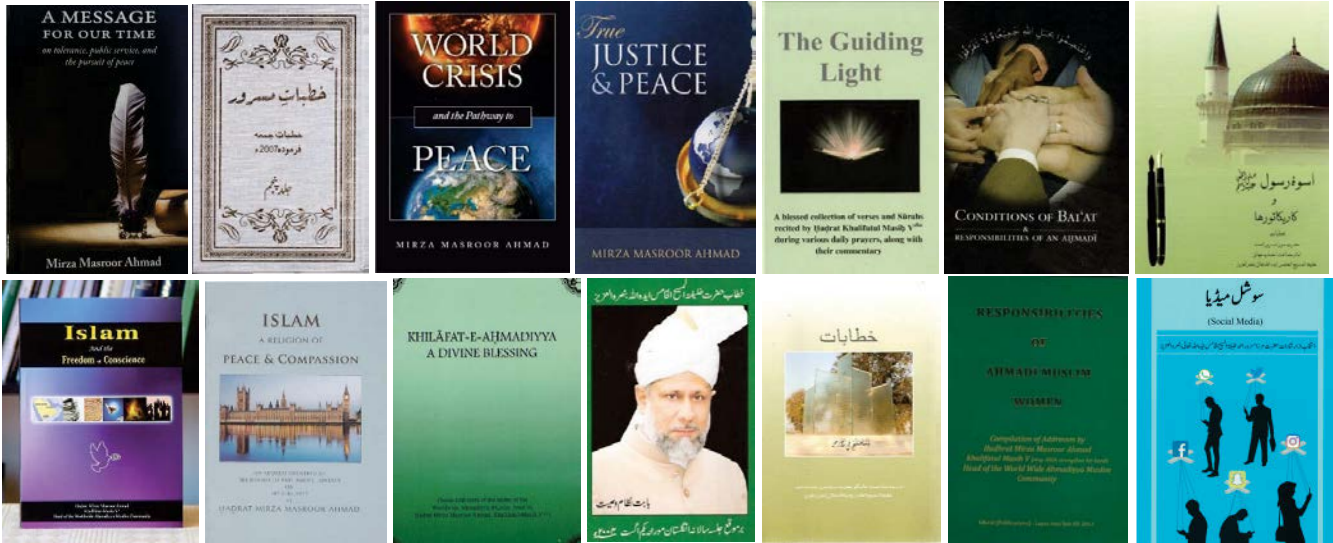


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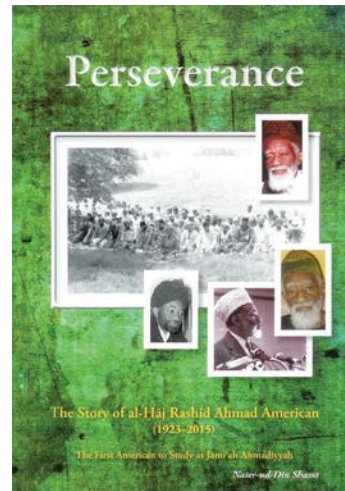
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(may Allah be pleased with him/her)  
r.h.: Raḥimahullāhu Ta‘ālā  
(may Allah shower His mercy on him)  
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(may Allah support him with His mighty help)

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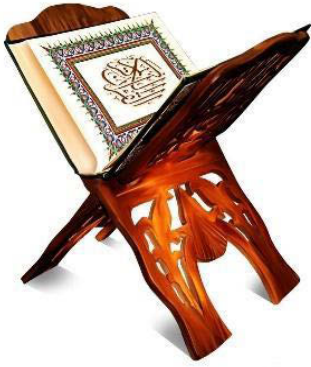
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## The Holy Qur'an on Khilafat



وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفْنَا الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا. يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا. وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

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: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. (24[An-Nūr]:56) [English translation of the Holy Qur'an by Maulawi Sher Ali]

### Commentary on (24[An-Nūr]:56)

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This verse deals with one of the most vital Islamic principles. The Surah under comment enjoys this distinction that in no other Surah has so much light been shed from the point of view of Islam on so many important moral, social and political problems as in this Surah. While the preceding few Surahs dealt with the great and triumphant future of Islam, this Surah tells us how the promised bright future of Islam will take a material shape. Whereas in verse 36 above an implied reference was made to Khilafat which was to be the main instrument for

establishment of the spiritual and political hegemony of Islam, the present verse deals with the subject of Khilafat in clear and unmistakable terms. The preceding few verses, i.e., verses 52-55, however, serve as a prelude to its introduction. In these verses emphasis is repeatedly laid on obedience to Allah and His Messenger. This emphasis implies a hint to the status and position of the Khalifah in Islam. Being the Successor of a Prophet, he must be given unconditional obedience.

The present verse embodies a promise that Muslims will be vouchsafed both spiritual and temporal leadership. The promise is made to the whole Muslim nation but the institution of Khilafat will take a palpable form in the person of certain individuals who will be the Prophet's Successors and the representatives of the whole nation. They will be, as it were, Khilafat personified. The verse further says that the fulfilment of this promise will depend on the Muslims' observing the Prayer and giving the Zakat and on their obeying the Messenger of God in all religious and

temporal matters concerning the nation. When they will have fulfilled these conditions, the boon of Khilafat will be bestowed upon them and they will be made the leaders of nations; their state of fear will give place to a condition of safety and security, Islam will reign supreme in the world, and above all the Oneness and Unity of God—the real purpose and object of Islam—will become firmly established.

The promise of the establishment of Khilafat is clear and unmistakable. As the Holy Prophet is now humanity's sole guide for all time, his Khilafat must continue to exist in one form or another in the world till the end of time, all other Khilafats having ceased to exist. This is among many others the Holy Prophet's distinct superiority over all other Prophets and Messengers of God. Our age has witnessed his greatest spiritual Khalifah in the person of Ahmad, the Promised Messiah. [The Holy Qur'an with English Translation and Commentary (a.k.a. Five-Volume Commentary), Commentary on (24[An-Nūr]:56)]

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# The Holy Prophet on Khilafat

May peace and blessings of Allah be upon him



عَنْ حَدِيثِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ تَكُونُ النَّبُوءَةُ فِيكُمْ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ ثُمَّ يَرْفَعَهَا اللَّهُ تَعَالَى ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَى مِنْهَاجِ النَّبُوءَةِ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ ثُمَّ يَرْفَعَهَا اللَّهُ تَعَالَى ثُمَّ تَكُونُ مُلْكًا عَاصِمًا فَيَكُونُ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَكُونَ ثُمَّ يَرْفَعَهَا اللَّهُ تَعَالَى ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَى مِنْهَاجِ النَّبُوءَةِ ثُمَّ سَكَتَ.

Ḥaḍrat Hudhaifah (may Allah be pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: “Prophethood shall remain among you as long as God wills. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilāfat on the precepts of Prophethood for as long as He wills and then bring about its end. Kingship shall then follow to remain as long as He wills and then come to an end. There shall then be tyranny, which shall remain as long as God wills and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge Khilāfat on the precepts of prophethood. Then he remained silent.” (Musnad Aḥmad)

## The Promised Messiah on Second Manifestation

May peace be on him



Rather the promise is with reference to you, as God [addressing me] says: I shall make this Jamā'at who are your followers, prevail over others till the Day of Judgment. Thus, it is inevitable that you see the day of my departure, so that after that day the day comes which is the day of ever-lasting promise. Our God is He Who keeps His promise and is Faithful and is the Truthful God. He shall show you all that He has promised. Though these days are the last days of this world and there are many a disaster waiting to happen, yet it is necessary that this world continues to exist until all those things about which God has prophesied come to pass. I came from God as a Manifestation of Divine Providence and I am a personification of His Power. And after I am gone there will be some other persons who will be the manifestation of the second Power [of God]. So, while waiting for the second Manifestation of His Power, you all together keep yourselves busy praying. And let a Jamā'at of righteous people, one and all, in every country keep themselves busy in prayers so that the second Manifestation may descend from the Heaven and show you that your God is such Mighty God. Consider your death to be close at hand for you never know when that hour will strike. (The Will, Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, Islam International Publications, UK, pp. 7-8)

اَلَيْسَ اللّٰهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهٗ

Is not Allah sufficient for His servant?

39 [Az-Zumar] : 37

# Some of the achievements of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih I during his Khilafat

May Allah be pleased with him



The primary purpose of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) was to establish the supremacy of Islam through the true exposition of Islamic values and their illustration in practice. When he assumed the mantle of Khilafat this became the pre-occupation of Ḥaḍrat Maulawi Nur-ud-Din (may Allah be pleased with him). The greater part of his time was devoted to the exposition of the vast treasury of spiritual verities comprehended in the Holy Qur'an and illustrated in their perfection by the example of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). In other words, Ḥaḍrat Maulawi Nur-ud-Din (may Allah be pleased with him) proved himself a worthy Successor of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

## Madrasah (Religious School) Ahmadiyya

His first task was to take up projects that were pending or were contemplated at the time of the demise of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) had established the Madrasah (Religious School) Ahmadiyya, a theological seminary, but for a lack of funds this had not yet taken off the ground. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) took the necessary steps to establish the seminary on a firm footing. This seminary which had as its purpose religious instruction at a high level and preparing and training scholars and divines who could be entrusted with the sacred task of carrying the message of the Movement and propagating its tenets and ideals far

and wide has today evolved into the Jami'a Ahmadiyya whose graduates are doing just that in different parts of the world.

## Baitul-Maal (Treasury)

In response to the growing financial requirements of the Community, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) set up the Baitul-Maal or Treasury charged with the responsibility of collecting all funds and donations. This was following the precepts of Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) the Second Successor to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) who had similarly established a Baitul-Maal when the need for it arose.

## Ta'lim-ul-Islam High School

Though not completed in his lifetime, the foundation stone of a new building for Ta'lim-ul-Islam High School, which consisted of a school, hostel and a mosque, was laid in the tenure of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) and completed in the era of the second Khilafat.

## Expansion of Aqsa Mosque

In view of the expansion of the Community, during the period of the first Khilafat, Aqsa Mosque was further extended. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) himself took part in the expansion work which prompted many others to join in. By doing so, the work was completed in time for the coming Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention).

## Weekly newspaper "Al-Fazl"

Sahibzada Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad sought permission from Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih I to start a weekly newspaper. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih I granted his approval and suggested the name Al-Fazl and appointed Sahibzada Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad as its Editor. Thus, popular newspaper that maintained a very high standard throughout was started which later became the official daily organ of the movement.

## Anjuman Ansarullah

In pursuance of a dream, Sahibzada Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, with the approval of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him), established the Anjuman Ansarullah with the

instructions that the members should keep themselves occupied with propagating the message of Islam and undertake, on a large scale, the study and teaching of the Holy Qur'ān and Ahadith.

## First mission to England

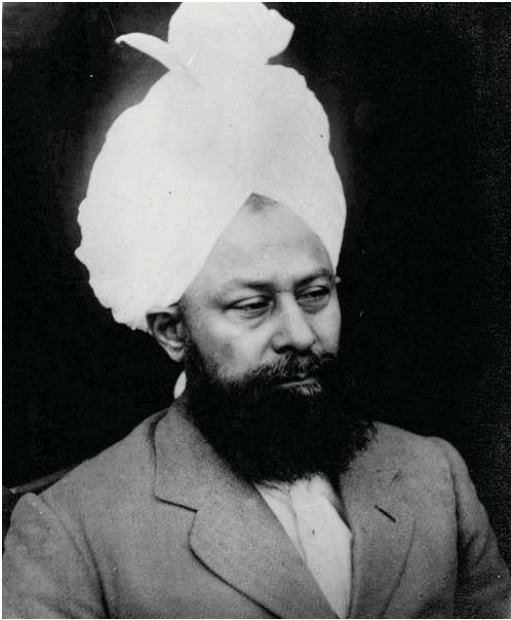
Allah had revealed to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him): "I shall carry thy message to the corners of the earth." The fulfilment of this grand prophecy began to take place during the Khilafat of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) when he sent Chaudhry Fateh Muhammad Sayal to England to lay the foundations of the very first foreign mission in the UK. That was the first foreign mission established outside India.

## Farewell Admonition

At a time when no Ahmadi owned a riding horse in Qadian, the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) had seen, in a dream that Ḥaḍrat Maulawi Nur-ud-Din (may Allah be pleased with him) had fallen from a horse. Towards the end of 1910, Ḥaḍrat Maulawi Nur-ud-Din (may Allah be pleased with him) fell while riding a pony. He received many injuries one of which, on his right temple, was quite serious and became a sore. He reacted with great equanimity and tranquility. More than anything else, he was pleased to see the prophecy of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) fulfilled. The commissioned one of God, that is, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has been justified, he declared. (Adapted from Review of Religions, January 1, 2008)

# Functions of Khilafat

## Ḥaḍrat Muslih Mau'ūd, Khalifatul-Masih II, may Allah be pleased with him



The issue of Khilafat is not a complex one. In the speech on 12th April, 1914 (Published under the title: Mansab-e-Khilafat) Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih II, may Allah be pleased with him, had explained with reference to a verse from the Holy Qur'ān what the function of a Khalifah is. The word Khalifah means someone who succeeds another and continues the work of his predecessor. To understand the function of a successor, one has to look at the function of the predecessor. God has explained the work of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, as following (3[Al-e-Imran]: 165):

يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ ۗ

That is, he should

1. Recite the verses of God to the people,

2. Purify them,
3. Teach them the book and
4. Impart wisdom to them.

I (Khalifatul-Masih II) also explained that these four tasks of the Prophet cannot be performed by any 'Anjuman.' They can be performed only by the person whom God Himself appoints after the Prophet, and who is entitled as *Khalifah*. I do not wish to go into details about this subject right now. For the time being, I will take up a few key accusations against me and answer them. I will also explain why I did not give up my courage and determination, and remained steadfast in my stance.

Some people criticize me by saying that I should have shown a big heart and declined the office of *Khilāfat*. Someone who talks like this considers *Khilāfat* to be a source of great pleasure and happiness; what he does not know is that *Khilāfat* has no worldly comforts and pleasures.

I will now explain why, having gathered all my courage and bravery, I took up this task. What exactly it was which, upon seeing the community divided into two, gave me the heart to stay steadfast; and whose hand it was that always supported me to stick to one point of view and not the other. Right now, people have come here from all sides but there was a time when just a handful of them were initiated into the Jamā'at. The question is, why, for the sake of unity among the members of the Jamā'at, did I not retreat from my position and let this so-called unity stay intact? To answer this, today I would like to explain what has always kept me strong and resolute in my stance. (Blessings of Khilafat by Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih II, pp. 9-10)

# The Essence of Khilafat

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V, may Allah be his Helper



## Fulfilment of a Divine Promise

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that on this day (27 May) we hold gatherings commemorating Khilafat Day, but why? It is important to always keep that answer to this question in mind. This day first started on 27 May 1908 when, in fulfilment of His promise, God established Khilafat in Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) had been informing the Community for some time that his time to pass on was drawing near, however, at the same time, he would give the glad tidings that God had promised this Community's success which would be led by the system of Khilafat.

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that once, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said to his companions that he would remain among them so long as God willed and after his demise, Khilafat upon the precepts of prophethood would be established; these caliphs would be in complete subservience to the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and then, this Khilafat would end whenever God willed. Thereafter would follow tyrannical monarchy and upon its end would follow monarchical despotism. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) prophesied

when all this would take place in the Muslim Ummah, when God would manifest His mercy and establish Khilafat upon the precepts of prophethood once again. Then, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) remained silent.

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) explained that this prophecy of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) about the ending of cruelty was for those who accepted the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and acted according to his teachings. If people do not avail this opportunity given to them by God, then the result is certainly that which is being seen with the rest of the Muslims world today. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) prayed that may Allah enable everyone to accept the True Servant of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

## A caliphate to remain until the end of time

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that the fact that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) remained silent after mentioning the second establishment of Khilafat upon the precepts of prophethood shows that this second manifestation and system of Khilafat would remain for a long time. There are some who think that the Holy Prophet's silence afterwards indicated that this Khilafat would end soon after the Promised Messiah's time. However, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) himself has explained that this institution of Khilafat would remain and persist.

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) quoted the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) who said that according to God's promise to him which has been published in his book Barāhīn-e-Ahmadiyya, the second manifestation after him – Khilafat – would remain until the end of time as God would continue to commission people for the safeguarding and progress of this Community and Khilafat. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V said that those of us who have always remained attached to Khilafat are fortunate, and unfortunate are those who wish to limit Ahmadiyya Khilafat to a certain period of time. Such people will only ever experience defeat.

## A Second Manifestation to continue the task of the Prophet

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) quoted the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) who said that he was the first manifestation sent by God, and that



after him, there would be others serving as the fulfilment of the second manifestation in the revival of Islam. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that thus, the promises made by God to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) regarding the establishment of Khilafat and the success of this Community will surely be fulfilled and will certainly come to pass. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said that according to God's decree, His chosen ones are always victorious, as He states in the Holy Qur'ān:

“Allah has decreed: “Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers. Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty.” (58:22)

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) further quoted the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) who explained that prophets are commissioned to present God to the people and so that they may sow the seeds, but these seeds do not grow fully during the prophets' time. Rather, there comes after them a second manifestation which sees to the fulfilment of their mission. Hence, the institution of Khilafat established after the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) serves the same purpose. As such, God inculcates a special bond and love within the hearts of people for Khilafat. In fact, this bond and love are even established in the hearts of new Ahmadis. This is all only possible due to the blessings of God.

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that in history we find that the sincerity and loyalty shown at the time of the First Caliph's (may Allah be pleased with him) election is a clear indication of God's help. Even though there was a very small number of hypocrites who wished to raise disorder, they were unable to rear their heads. Similarly, there were those who sought to create disorder at the time of the Second Caliph's election. Yet, the world saw thereafter how rapidly the community spread, with the establishment of mission houses and the publication of literature etc. Then, during the third caliph's time, despite great opposition from the government, the community continued to spread. The fourth caliph's time saw new avenues being opened in the spread of Islam and though there were those who sought to hinder him, the community only continued to flourish much more. If these were not fulfilments of God's promise then what were? Then during the fifth caliphate, we have seen the immense progress made by MTA with the establishment of new channels in more languages reaching further than ever before, as a result of which the message of true Islam is being introduced to those who had never heard of it.

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that upon studying the history of Ahmadiyyat, we find that God Himself would guide people to accept the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). This then

continued into the first caliphate, the second caliphate, the third caliphate, the fourth caliphate and now the fifth caliphate. This is all due to promises made by God to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). There are innumerable incidents of the miraculous ways in which people are guided towards Islam Ahmadiyyat, such that God's helping hand is evidently clear.

## Miraculous ways in which Allah guides towards the true Islam

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) narrated various incidents about how people have been miraculously guided towards accepting Islam Ahmadiyyat. For example, a Christian man in Guinea-Bissau saw a dream in which a man wearing a turban was delivering an address to a crowd of people. He saw this same dream three times but could not recognize who this was. Sometime later, he was in a nearby town and saw the Ahmadis watching the Friday Sermon on MTA. He asked who this was and was informed that this was the Caliph. Afterwards, he prayed with the Ahmadis and then announced that he was accepting Ahmadiyyat because this man who he saw on MTA was the same person he had seen in his dream, addressing people in the same manner. Hence, these are the ways in which God guides people, even if they reside in far-off places. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V said that some may ask why such incidents don't occur with them. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V said that these are the blessings of Allah, and it is also necessary for one to be sincere and pure in nature.

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) narrated that Ahmadis in Congo-Kinshasa had gone out to propagate the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat but were met with great opposition. Sometime later, one of the people who raised opposition called the mission house and said that he wished to accept Ahmadiyyat with his entire family. When asked what caused this change of heart, he explained that his wife had come across the MTA channel and insisted that he sit with her to watch Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V delivering his sermon. Though this person was at the forefront of opposition to Ahmadiyyat, upon hearing my sermon, he became enlightened as to the truth and decided to accept Ahmadiyyat. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V said that this is the manner in which God Himself sees to the fulfilment of His promise made about the success and victory of this Community. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) narrated many more incidents about the miraculous ways in which God guided people around the world towards accepting the truth of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that these are the ways in which God grants the community sincere and loyal people and this will continue to happen by the grace of Allah. This is

something which worldly people cannot understand. So long as people remain faithfully attached to Khilafat, they will reap the blessings of God. However, to achieve this, it is necessary to always remain mindful of our actions and ensure that they are in accordance with the commandments of God and are for the sake of attaining the pleasure of God Almighty. As the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) explains, God has mentioned the doing of good deeds along with the mention of faith. Hence, we must always remain mindful of these things, so that we may all partake in the bountiful blessings promised by

God to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). We must ensure that we remain attached to Khilafat so that we may be united in spreading the message of God to the entire world.

Ḥadrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that every Ahmadi must have a bond of sincerity and loyalty with Khilafat, which will in turn enable them to fulfil the purpose of their oath of allegiance. This in essence, is the true purpose of commemorating Khilafat Day. (Summary of Friday Sermon dated 27 May 2022)

میں وہ پانی ہوں کہ آیا آسمان سے وقت پر  
میں وہ ہوں نور خدا جس سے ہو ادین آشکار

I am the water that has descended from heaven at the right time

I am the light of God that has ushered in the daybreak

(The Promised Messiah)

# Friday Sermons of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V

## April 2023

May Allah support him with His mighty help

7 April 2023

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allah be his Helper) said that the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) stated that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was the complete and perfect Prophet, and thus the complete and perfect teachings were revealed to him. There are some who allege that if this is the case, then what was the purpose or need for the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)? The Promised Messiah himself responded to this by saying that had

Muslims truly been following the teachings of Islam, then there would have been no need for his advent. However, a glance at the state of the world makes it clear that manifestation of a reformer was absolutely necessary. In fact, this state of affairs was prophesied by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) who said that when such a state in the world and its people happened, a reformer would be sent to the world.

14 April 2023

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allah be his Helper) said that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that Allah has ordained for such a person to be forbidden from entering the fire who recites “La ilaha illallah – There is no god but Allah” for the sake of attaining God’s pleasure. When one proclaims that there

is no god but Allah solely for the sake of God and being entirely devoted to Him, in turn attains the blessings of God. This indeed is the same teaching brought by all prophets. Yet, unfortunately, it is the people of those very prophets who have forgotten these teachings and turned them into a means of associating partners with God.

21 April 2023

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V said: Today is the final Friday of Ramaḍān and the holy month is almost over. There might have been some people who had made plans to engage in worship and make positive changes within themselves during the month of Ramaḍān, but unfortunately could not do so. However, every Friday there comes a moment when every prayer made in it, is accepted. Now that we are approaching the final hours of Ramaḍān, we should pray that Allāh may overlook our

shortcomings and grant us the strength and guidance to lead our lives in accordance with His will. If we continue to strive to live with piety from one Friday to the next, and thus from one Ramaḍān to the next, then it will not only benefit us but our future generations as well. In this way, we will attain the true objective for which the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) established this Jamā‘at.

28 April 2023

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V said: Some people write to him and present various arguments to try and prove that in light of the difficulties being faced by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan and various other countries, Ahmadis should not just remain patient but should retaliate. Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V said that some people even cite certain examples of the Second Caliph (may Allah be pleased with him) and say that he gave permission to retaliate, however he made it clear that these things are wrongly ascribed to the Second Caliph. It is possible that under specific circumstances, the Second Caliph may have given permission to retaliate, however that too after great and careful consideration. Furthermore, if there were such instances, that response

was strictly according to the command of the Caliph and was not left to the determination of other office holders.

He quoted the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) who said that this Community would face difficulties similar to those faced by the community of Muslims at the time of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). However, it should be remembered that such difficulties are necessary. No one is greater than the prophets, and they endured the greatest of difficulties. The more difficulties there are, the more opportunities there are to draw nearer to God Almighty. Not only should one remain patient, but one should pray for the opponents. Patience can win hearts.

Full original text of Friday Sermons by the Caliphs of Ahmadiyya Islam is available in print in Al-Fazl International, Al-Fazl Rabwah and Badr. These publications are also available online at [alislam.org](http://alislam.org) under periodicals. Translations and summaries of Friday Sermons are available in various languages on [alislam.org](http://alislam.org) under Friday Sermons. Weekly Al-Fazl International (Urdu) can be subscribed at [amibookstore.us](http://amibookstore.us).

# Khilafat News

**“Live up to your pledge to bring forth a great spiritual revolution”**

**Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V addresses UK Waqifeen-e-Nau and Wāqifāt-e-Nau Ijtimas 2023**



Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) addressed Wāqifāt-e-Nau and Waqifeen-e-Nau Ijtimas of UK Jamā‘at at Bait-ul-Futūh on 29th and 30th April respectively.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said on 30th April: The purpose of Ijtimas (for boys and girls) is to join together to enhance their moral state, to increase their religious knowledge, to better understand their objectives and above all, to be inspired towards developing an everlasting bond with Allah the Almighty. The programme has been arranged to facilitate your religious training and spiritual development so that you become closer to Allah the Almighty as seeking His nearness is the ultimate objective for every Waqif-e-Zindagi – rather, every true Muslim.

As you are all aware, your parents decided before you were born to dedicate and devote your lives to the service of the Jamā‘at. Nonetheless, Waqifeen-e-Nau are not compelled to remain in this scheme, rather, upon reaching an age of maturity, all members of Waqf-e-Nau must determine for themselves if they wish to renew the pledge made by their parents and continue their waqf. Many of you have already reached adulthood or are rapidly approaching it. Indeed, some of you are married with children and are no longer dependent upon your parents. Consequently, most of you are no longer at an age of ignorance or immaturity, and so, should be able to fully comprehend and grasp the gravity of the undertaking you have taken as members of Waqf-e-Nau.

In general terms, if you make a promise or pledge to any person, you must try your level best to fulfil it, otherwise, you will be guilty of deceit and betray the

other person’s trust. The pledge you have made is on a different level entirely as it is not made with any person, but directly with Allah the Almighty. You have each promised to spend your lives in His service and be ready for every sacrifice and hardship for His sake.



Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said to Wāqifāt-e-Nau on 29th April: “Through your words and especially your deeds, you must educate and inspire others towards the fact that as human beings, we must fulfil each other’s rights and live in peace and harmony. You must guide others about the importance of upholding human values and treating one another with love and kindness and respect. However, you cannot expect to influence others until you yourselves are acting upon Islam’s teachings. In this regard, the foremost duty of a Muslim is to worship Allah as He desires. Accordingly, as members of the Wāqifāt-e-Nau scheme, you must always protect and safeguard your prayers. Consider salat to be your constant companion. As Wāqifāt-e-Nau, you have pledged your lives for the service of your faith and so, it is especially incumbent upon you to study the Quran and identify its various teachings. Every command of the Quran is vitally important and must not be taken lightly.”

Anas Rana, Secretary Waqf-e-Nau, UK said, “The total number of Waqifeen-e-Nau (boys) in the UK – above the age of 7 – is 3751. The total attendance of this year’s ijtima was 1552–this compares to the 2019 ijtima attendance figure of 1394. 168 guests also attended this year’s Ijtima.

Dr Maleeha Mansur, Secretary Wāqifāt-e-Nau UK reported that 1,213 Wāqifāt-e-Nau were in attendance this year, as compared to 1,154 Wāqifāt in 2019.

(Report from Al-Hakam)

# International News of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Guyana holds “Life of Muhammad” Conference



Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Guyana held the “Life of Muhammad Conference” on 7 January 2023 at Guyana’s National Library. It was attended by members of the Jamā‘at, and non-Ahmadi Muslims.

An advertisement was also posted on social media, which reached close to 100,000 people.

The conference speeches covered a variety of topics, with the speakers expounding on various aspects of the blessed life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

Jazib Sumner highlighted the various contributions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) for the improvement of the standard of

morality in the society.

Muzaffar Kwesi mentioned the remarkable examples of steadfastness and patience the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) displayed throughout his life.

Missionary Guyana Fahd Peerzada spoke about how Allah the Almighty has many attributes that the Prophet Muhammad mirrored in the most excellent and exemplary manner such as being merciful, gracious, forgiving and many more.

Missionary-in-charge, Maqsood Ahmed Mansoor, concluded the session with his speech talking about the different miracles the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) displayed during

his lifetime.

We accommodated guests from not only Georgetown but guests from Berbice and Linden totaling up to around eighty-five people.

The event was also attended by the mayor of Georgetown, Pandit Ubraj Narine, Pastor Ronald McGarrell, Pastor Wendell Jeffrey and Constable Andrew Smartt from the Guyana Police Force.

During this event, certificates were awarded to individuals who completed a four-week online course in the month of November 2022. (Report by Fahd Peerzada, Missionary, Guyana-Adapted from Al-Hakam 3 February 2023)

## HRCP mission finds upsurge in rights violations against religious minorities in Gujranwala, Pakistan

**Lahore, 15 February 2023:** A fact-finding mission led by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) has underscored an alarming uptick in the persecution of members of the Ahmadiyya community in Gujranwala and surrounding areas—specifically, the desecration of their

graves, the destruction of minarets at Ahmadi sites of worship and first information reports (FIRs) filed against community members for carrying out ritual animal sacrifice on Eid.

The mission’s report, released earlier today, finds evidence to suggest that the civil administration

in Gujranwala and Wazirabad were directly involved in destroying the minarets on Ahmadi sites of worship in December 2022 and January 2023, following objections raised by members of a local political-religious outfit. While the administration claims to have done so to circumvent the threat of mob violence, the way it

has handled the matter has only fostered growing hostility towards the Ahmadiyya community and increased the vulnerability of Ahmadi residents in the area.

Of particular concern is the district administration's perception that some legal and constitutional provisions provide room for persecution of this kind, although the report notes that, under Article 20(b) of the Constitution, this is not

the case. "While the mission understands that the local bureaucracy, police and judiciary were successfully intimidated by a religious group, their response displays a pitiful inability to manage law and order while respecting the fundamental rights of the Ahmadiyya community," the report adds.

The mission recommends that the judgments of Supreme Court

Justices Tasadduq Hussain Jilani and Syed Mansoor Ali Shah from 2014 and 2021 be implemented in letter and spirit, including the establishment of a special police force to guard religious minorities' places of worship. Additionally, the police's capacity to deal with the threat of mob violence in such situations must be augmented through proper infrastructure and training.

## International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers (IAAAE) serves in Liberia



Under the "Water for Life" initiative of the IAAAE, Dr Naseemuddin Khan from Germany was deployed for the rehabilitation of the hand pumps in Liberia towards the end of December 2022. Grand Cape Mount and Bomi counties have the majority of the hand pumps in Liberia installed by the Jamā'at. The central missionaries of both counties completed a thorough evaluation of the rehabilitation of the hand pumps prior to Dr Naseemuddin Khan's arrival. Included in this evaluation were the number of hand pumps, the expected repair costs, the logistics of transportation for the delivery of the items, and the organization of volunteer teams composed of Khuddam and local technicians. It

enabled the completion of more tasks in less time.

During the second phase, Grand Cape Mount County was visited, although the project had already begun in Bomi County. In total, forty-nine (49) hand pumps, three of which were brand-new, were repaired. Out of these, twenty-six (26) hand pumps were fixed in locations where members of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at are not present, demonstrating the Jamā'at's universal service to the populace. While 18 hand pumps were restored in various neighborhoods inside Tubmanburg city, 31 hand pumps were repaired in various villages. Due to broken hand pumps, two settlements in Cape Mount County were completely without access to

potable water. These hand pumps are being used by about 13,000 people. Along with maintaining the water supply, repairing hand pumps has taught Khuddam skills that will be useful in their line of work.



Final touches are being made to

the installation of name boards, protection fences, and some of the cementing around these hand pumps.

At the Baitul Kareem Mosque in Tubmanburg, 90 people attended a seminar, and a 45-minute programme was also broadcast on the radio, in which Dr Naseemuddin Khan gave a thorough explanation of the goals and accomplishments of IAAAE, as well as the history of its

founding, to the audience. On hand for the rehabilitation were residents of the area.

Haji Jalleba, the Tewor District Commissioner, visited Tiene during the reconstruction to greet the crew. He thanked them and expressed appreciation for the school, clinic, and other charitable endeavors of the Jamā'at.

A non-Ahmadi Chief Imam of Goja town said: "Our hand pump

had been broken for a long time, and there was little prospect of anyone coming to fix it. I am delighted to have you here. Your efforts and moral character have found a place in my heart. I have heard of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at before. You are welcome to visit our town for preaching." (Report by Farrukh Shabbir Lodhi, Missionary, Liberia, Adapted from Al-Hakam 27 January 2023)

## Lajna Imā'illāh Jamaica holds first-ever Ijtima



To celebrate the centenary year of Lajna Imā'illāh, the Jamaican Lajna held their very first Ijtima, towards the end of December 2022.

As we were not able to gather in one place due to logistical reasons, we held two regional Ijtimas instead. One was held in the Old Harbor-Kingston region, while the other one took place in the Trelawny Region.

In total, over twenty members attended, including Nasirat and Lajna.

As it was the first-ever Ijtima of Lajna Imā'illāh Jamaica, educational competitions only consisted of speeches. As for sports competitions, the attendees were divided into two groups; mothers and daughters. Each

group had its own sports competition.

The topics for the speeches were chosen by the participants individually, as our aim for this Ijtima was to increase participation and also enhance our knowledge on various topics. Each speech was followed by a brief discussion on the topic to further our understanding.

Some of the topics covered during Ijtima included, building a strong connection with God, modesty, love and respect for each other, the life of a modern Muslim woman and preaching to our neighbors. As Jamaica is predominantly a Christian country, there was also a fruitful discussion on the topic of "What it means to have a Muslim identity in Jamaica?"

The young Nasirat had prepared their speeches on the following topics: "Love for Allah," "Treating Your Neighbors with Kindness," and "Being Grateful to Allah."

One of the highlights of the Ijtima was the concluding address of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V delivered at the 2022 Ijtima of Lajna Imā'illāh UK. Members watched the address very attentively.

The event concluded with prize distribution by Sadr Lajna Imā'illāh Jamaica, Janet South, and a silent prayer led by the missionary in-charge, Tariq Azeem. (Report Misbah Anmol Tariq, Jamaica Correspondent, Adapted from Al-Hakam 27 January 2023)

## Invitation to Writers for the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA

We are thankful to all those who send us articles and Ahmadiyya news of chapters for publishing in the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA. May Allah reward them for their sincerity.

We recently published three souvenirs to commemorate hundred years of Ahmadiyyat in the US. The last souvenir was on American Icons of Ahmadiyyat. We feel that many inspired souls could not be part of that souvenir. We invite to all those who want to contribute on the US icons of Ahmadiyyat. Please send us your articles at [gazette@ahmadiyya.us](mailto:gazette@ahmadiyya.us), any article which can be of general interest to a large number of audiences. (Editor, the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA)

## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Victoria, Australia participates in interfaith event



Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Victoria, Melbourne East, Australia had the opportunity to be a part of the Harmony Week Celebrations organized by the Casey Multi-Faith Network. The programme was coordinated by the external affairs department, where I was fortunate enough to be one of the presenters at the event. The interfaith dialogue revolved around the theme of “How different faiths observe community service” and was held at the hub of the City of Casey Council offices at Bunjil Place, Narre Warren. The other speakers at the event were from Tzu Chi, a Buddhist organization based in Taiwan, Sikh Interfaith Council of Victoria and Casey Women of the Year, representing the Christian faith. Among the guests from various communities and people, there were

eleven Jamā’at members who participated, including one Tifl. It was a great opportunity to interact and introduce the Jamā’at, as the MTA team was also present and acknowledged by the organizers for their assistance in live streaming the event and covering the whole event. We were able to make new contacts as well.

The dialogue was opened by myself. I started the conversation by presenting the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) with a brief introduction to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā’at, and then further elaborated by presenting the details of the Jamā’at’s efforts in various countries in terms of education, well-being and healthcare. I ended

with information detailing the Community’s services in Australia. I also briefly mentioned the Ahmadiyya Muslim Doctors and Engineers Associations and how they volunteer their time and effort to serve humanity. I also introduced Humanity First and then explained how this was set up solely for the service of mankind.

This was the first event organized by the Casey Multi-Faith Network after their new committee was formed this year, where the secretary for external affairs of our Jamā’at is also a committee member of the network and we look forward to organizing more events with the Casey Multi-Faith Network throughout the year. (Report Atif Ahmed, Ahmadiyya missionary Australia)

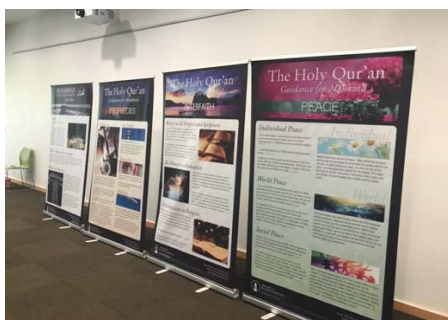
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## Activities and News of US Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



## Qur'an exhibition at Chapel Hill Library

By the grace of Allah, the Qur'an exhibition in my local library was very successful (about 40+ people visited the exhibition). We have been granted another opportunity to host the Qur'an exhibition In-Sha'-Allah on June 24, 2023. (Seidu Malik, RTP chapter)



## Birth of Rania Mohamed daughter of Naem and Olivia Mohamed



Naem and Olivia Mohamed of Riverside Halqa are blessed with a daughter Rania Mohamed on 19 March 2023.

May Allah bless the arrival of Rania for her family and Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. May Naem and Olivia's children become the delight of their eyes. May Allah bless both parents to raise their children according to the wishes and desires of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper), Ameen.

She is the sister to Nabeel, and granddaughter of Jameel & Saleema Mohamed. Prayers are requested that may Allah the Almighty keep Rania under His divine protection, and may she have a long, healthy, and prosperous life, in the service of mankind." (Naser Noor)

## Detroit chapter holds “Muhammad—Messenger of Peace Symposium” at Mahmood Mosque



Mark Tisdell



Sharon MacDonell



Ed Chezick



Rev. Stanley Ulman



Marion Tate



Narayanaswamy Sankagiri



Huwaida Arraf



Lyndell McLean



Rev. Ginger Luke



Dr. Tanmay Swadi

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Detroit chapter held “Muhammad—Messenger of Peace” event on 22 January 2023. The event was also advertised via various social media platforms.



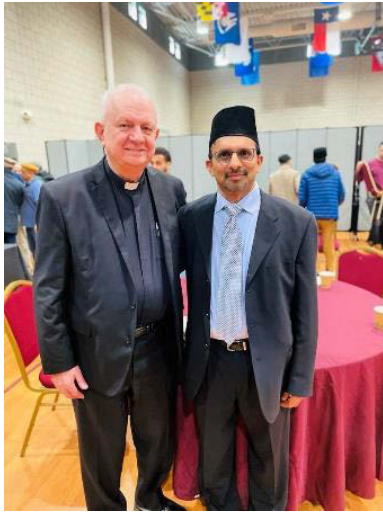
Despite freezing cold and snow on the day of the event, a full house was observed at Mahmood Mosque to

celebrate the life of Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

A diverse gathering of faith partners, neighbors and friends joined for a warm and delicious lunch followed by a faith inspiring program. Overall, more than three hundred members including eighty external guests attended the event.

The formal program proceedings started with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Ayaan Tahir. The translation of the verses was presented by Michael Carpenter. A Persian Qaseeda of the Hazrat Promised Messiah (peace be on him) in praise of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was presented by an Afghani Br. Syed Hashmi, while the translation in English was presented by Keaton Woods.

Secretary Tabligh, Muhammad Ahmad provided an overview of the program and the agenda, followed by welcome remarks of chapter president Maqbool Tahir.



A short documentary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was shown. Young Urooj Khan presented a speech “Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) as a role model in today’s society.” The public affairs secretary Fazal Gora thanked the guests.

In this keynote address, Missionary Faran Rabbani described beautiful details on the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). There were many interesting questions from the outside guests after the presentation. Missionary Faran answered the questions in very simple and understandable details which were very well received. There were many positive feedback comments post event from the guests. They all showed their appreciation of the invitation and the opportunity to learn new aspects of the life of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah

be on him) which they never heard of before.

The program was concluded with silent prayers led by Missionary Faran Rabbani. Following the formal program, guest enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the Ziyafat team.

Following public officials including interfaith leaders joined to attend the program.

Rep. Sharon MacDonnell, State Representative from the 56th House District, Huwaida Arraf a Palestinian American activist and lawyer who co-founded the International Solidarity Movement (ISM), a Palestinian-led organization using non-violent protests and international pressure to support Palestinians, Ed Chezick is a longtime friend of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community who represents the Jewish congregation Shir Tikvah of Troy, Rev Ginger Luke of the Beacon Unitarians Congregation, the Reverend Ginger Luke is the Interim Minister at Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Troy, Rev. Stanley A Ulman of the St. Mary of the Hills Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Hills and Narayanaswamy Sankagiri of Bharatiya Temple. Nasy Sankagiri has been volunteering as chair of the Outreach Committee at the Bharatiya Temple, Troy MI, for over five years. Lyndell McLean from the Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, Stuart D. Kay is a business connector focused on the intersection of healthcare and technology, Marion Tate of Wayne State University and Dr. Tanmay Swadia director of the Catheterization lab. at Saint Mary Mercy Hospital. (Report by Muhammad Ahmad, Secretary Tabligh, Detroit Jamā’at)

## Mahmood Mosque, Rochester Hills, Michigan hosts neighbors, civic and interfaith leaders to a Ramadan Open house



Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Rochester Hills, Michigan welcomed neighbors, interfaith leaders, public officials, and the community members at their Mosque to socialize and enjoy the iftar dinner on Saturday April 1, 2023.

The Interfaith iftar was held in person at Mahmood Mosque. The event drew more than seventy non –

Ahmadi guests. The open house and dinner were a continuation of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's efforts of peace and harmony among communities. The event provided first-hand opportunity for guests to understand and learn about the month of Ramadan, Islam/Ahmadiyyat.

After check-in to the mosque, guests keenly looked at

the display on the Holy Qur'an, Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Jam'at.

President of chapter Mr. Maqbool Tahir along with several Amila members welcomed the guests. The event was well publicized via social media. A local TV anchor from Fox news interviewed Missionary Faran Rabbani on the start of the month of Ramadan and its significance a few days before the start of the blessed month of Ramadan.

Jam'at members offered the congregational Asr prayers while the guests observed while seated in the prayer hall.



Muhammad Shaid Mahmood recited some verses of the Holy Qur'an beautifully and presented the translation. Secretary Tabligh, Muhammad Ahmad provided an overview of the logistics and offered the available literature to the attending guests, He also provided details on asking questions and welcomed the guests and thanked them for spending their evening learning about Islam and Ramadan.

Missionary Faran Rabbani started his Dars-ul-Qur'an as part of his regular and daily activity. He said, "we hope you enjoy your afternoon with us and may learn few things about the Holy month of Ramadan and Islamic teachings."

Missionary highlighted the significance of the month of Ramadan and mentioned that Holy Prophet of Islam would spend much of his time in praying and giving charity during Ramadan. Also, the Holy Qur'an revelation started in the month of Ramadan and every year during the month of Ramadan, the angel Gabriel would visit the Holy Prophet and repeat the Holy Qur'an that had been revealed up to that point.

Missionary took questions from the audience on a

variety of topics. There were questions on the status of Jesus in Islam and Jesus (peace be on him) and Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) food Miracles and if these are parables or can science explain these.

Missionary also addressed a question regarding the concept of fasting in different religions i.e., Christianity, Islam, Hinduism etc. To these questions, Missionary expounded in great details on how each religion has fasting in some form and shape.

There was a question on if Ahmadi accept the prophets of Hinduism and if a Hindu fasts during the month of Ramadan will he or she receive Allah's blessings. Missionary expounded that Allah has sent prophets to all regions and religions.

There were many other questions to which Missionary responded. Due to lack of time, some of the questions couldn't be addressed. Overall, Missionary's presentation and responses to the questions was very well received and there was great feedback post event.



After the questions and answers session, Secretary Public Affairs, Fazal Goraya recognized the dignitaries and the guests and thanked them for their participation.

Following the question-and-answer session, guests and members proceeded to the hall for the Iftar. Later dinner was served after the prayers and guests and members enjoyed delicious meal while socializing with the guests.



More than 70 outside guests attended the event and showed a great deal of interest and many new contacts were made.

By the Grace of Allah many guests took copies of the Holy Qur'ān, books of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and other literature.

**Guest Feedback:**

**Message from Ethan Baker - Mayor of Troy**

"I am so thankful for the gracious invitation and wish I could attend. Unfortunately, my family and I are

traveling this weekend and I cannot attend. Please keep me updated for future opportunities to attend events and celebrations - I would love to! Many thanks, and best regards, Ethan"

**Mayor Bryan Barnette of Rochester Hills**

"Mr. Ahmad, thank you so much for the invitation, I fully enjoyed Imam's presentation and loved the atmosphere which is so welcoming and friendly. Thanks again, Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor."

**Ann Erickson Gault - Council Member City of Troy**

I am member of Troy City Council and thank you very much for inviting me to the program. It was my first time and event was very nice, it was wonderful experience and learning more about Ramadan and the Islamic faith. I always like learn more about each other, the difference and the similarities and appreciate them. (Report by Muhammad Ahmad, Secretary Tabligh, Detroit Jamā'at)

**Buffalo Chapter holds "A Universal Message of Peace and Security" event at Mahdi Mosque**



Buffalo Chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, held Annual Iftar Dinner on April 1, 2023, at Mahdi Mosque on Colvin Blvd, Niagara Falls, NY. The event was attended by around seventy guests and 150 Ahmadi families, who were treated to delicious food and moving speeches on the topic of "A Universal Message of Peace and Security" as per the religious teachings of different faiths.

Dr. Nasir Khan, the host and President of Buffalo Chapter, began the event by giving a brief overview of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, its founder Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be on him), and the significance of Ramadan. He also highlighted the similarities between the ritual of fasting in different faiths.



The event featured three speakers representing different faiths. Rabbi Ellen Franke spoke on behalf of Judaism and drew parallels between Passover and Ramadan as times of reflection and reaffirmation of

family values and traditions. She shared her experience in Uzbekistan during the aftermath of the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the newfound freedom of religion that led to better peace and security.



Apostle Garney Davis represented Christianity and emphasized the importance of love in responding to evil events, such as the mass killing of African Americans at the Tops grocery store last year inspired by racism. He quoted scripture to highlight the value of sacrificial and elevated love to end hate and violence.

Finally, Missionary Qasid Nasir spoke on behalf of Islam and addressed the brewing conflicts between nations and the false egos and pride that are moving the world towards destruction. He highlighted the peaceful

teachings of Islam and how the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) emphasized peace and justice, even in times of conflict. He emphasized that peace and security can only come about when notions of superiority and ego are overcome with regard to justice and peace.



The event was a wonderful opportunity for people of different faiths to come together, share their experiences, and reaffirm the values of love, peace, and justice that are common and essential to all. The attendance of the audience was a testament to their dedication and commitment to peace and security. (Report Anas Mangla)

### Los Angeles chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community holds annual Iftar dinner



From L to R: Bill (Bilal) Essayli, Helen Tran Mayor of San Bernardino, deputy chief of police Kevin Menson and regional missionary for southwest Mahmood Kauser



Naser Noor, President, Los Angeles  
(Welcome Remarks)

On 1 April 2023, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Los Angeles held its annual Iftar dinner, inviting friends and neighbors from the region. Members gathered at Bait-ul-Hameed Mosque in Chino, California. Over 600 members attended the event along with seventy-nine guests. The session hosted various community leaders including local law enforcement community advocates and city officials. The program was organized by the local Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's public affairs department.

This was followed by Karen Spiegel, former mayor and Riverside County Supervisor. She shared a message of foundational togetherness with the Muslim community and the county. Then Assemblyman Bill [Bilal] Essayli who was the first Muslim elected to the State Legislature spoke on the freedom of religion and peace and shared the story of Hazrat Bilal (may

Allah be pleased with him) who was the first Muazzin (person who calls to prayer) in Islam. Next guests heard from the Mayor of San Bernardino Helen Tran who attended her first Iftar dinner. She spoke about the mindset of love, peace and unity to propel a city and community forward. The next speaker was Sam Itoni, who is the Chief Executive Officer of Corona Regional Medical Center and former member of the Corona Chamber Board of Directors who spoke of the Ahmadiyya Muslims Communities' relentless service to Humanity. Afterwards Raji Rab, Democratic candidate for US Senate and peace spoke. The next guest speaker was the Mayor of Corona, Tony Daddario who spoke about his experiences learning about the Islamic culture and traditions by attending Iftar dinners and his interactions with members. He elaborated his fascination with the Islamic ablution process among other traditions which fostered beauty in his eyes.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community received recognition by assembly member Freddy Rodriguez' office. The final guest speaker was the Deputy Chief of Police Kevin Menson who commended the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's commitment to serve the humanity.

The keynote address was given by the regional missionary Mahmood Kauser. He spoke about the love of Allah and the love of

Allah's creation. He went on to explain the unique experiences of Muslims in the month of Ramadan and to feel the pain of hunger and share compassion and empathy with their fellow man. He gave an example of the second Khalifa of Islam, Hazrat 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him), who would not only enact laws for the betterment of his community, but would walk amongst his fellow man to see at the grassroots of the effects of these policies. This shows a deeper commitment and humility towards the service of man. He closed by leading the congregation in silent prayer.



After these speeches and the call to prayer (adhan) the congregation opened their fasts with dates and water as they were joined by their guests in doing so. The dinner was prepared by the local Ziyafat department. Guests, and the members that hosted them, shared this meal and the brotherhood fostered by this gathering. (Report by Armughan Jattala, Los Angeles California)

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## Masroor Mosque SVA holds Interfaith Iftar dinner



Public affairs department of South Virginia Jamā'at held its annual Interfaith Iftar at Masroor Mosque on 1 April 2023 in SVA, USA. The purpose of Interfaith Iftar is to open the doors of the mosque to any guests and share the blessings of Ramadan together. Eighty to ninety guests and over 500 members of the Jamā'at were in attendance.



The program started by a welcome message by the President of South Virginia chapter, Tanveer Zafar. He drew attention to importance of holding interfaith events by stating: "In a world full of division and conflict, the event reminds us the importance of

dialogue and cooperation." Furthermore, he stated that the purpose of this event is to "establish unity within the community" and to "establish bonds of friendship amongst our fellow community members."

The program provided an authentic experience of an Ahmadi Muslim coming to the Mosque in the month of Ramadan.

Then, missionary Shamsad Ahmad Nasir provided an in-depth Dars-ul-Qur'ān on Surahs Fātiḥa and Al-Baqarah verses 184-187. He explained the importance of the opening chapter of the Holy Qur'ān in order to understand God Almighty. He explained God's attributes such as رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ (Lord of all the Worlds), الرَّحْمَن (The Gracious), الرَّحِيم (The Merciful). After that he explained concepts of forgiveness and *Tauhid* (oneness of God). He stated: "The Prophet of Islam gave this message that if you have done many wrongs against God but if you rush towards God with repentance and sincerity - God will pardon you. God does not need anything or atonement's from you.

He just requires you to come to Him with sincerity and repentance."



While mentioning that many of the guests were visiting the mosque for Iftar, missionary Shamsad then elaborated the importance of the holy month of Ramadan. He drew similarities of fasting between religions such as Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism. Stating the importance of the occurrence of the month of Ramadan for a believer, he stated: "This month is for practice and then during the rest of the eleven months you should continue that practice. Just like how the army trains it's soldiers during non-war times. Islam also commands Muslims to train themselves to



ensure they remain spiritually fit.” Towards the end of his *Dars*, he called to action for all those in attendance: “Friends it is time for all of us to come together and understand each other and respect each other and show tolerance, love and brotherhood amongst ourselves.

God says that those who hold hatred towards another person, his prayers will not be accepted. We must observe our own actions to make sure we do not hold any hate in our heart. From today, all of us who are here (religious leaders, politicians, neighbors), we should make a pledge

with God that “O God! For your sake, from today on, we are going to love humanity, we are going to love peace and we are going to show this through our actions Believing in one God. May God bless us all with peace from Him.”



Afterwards, a few selected guests addressed the audience. They are: Imam Sheikh Mohamadu Sufiyan Cole, Prince William County – Neabsco District Supervisor Victor Angry, Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chair-at-Large, Ann B. Wheeler, Virginia State Delegate Elizabeth Guzman, Virginia State Delegate Briana Sewell, Virginia State Delegate Michelle Maldonado, and Virginia State Senator Jeremy

McPike.

Virginia State Senator, Jeremy McPike stated: “Last time I was here I had the honor of sitting down and having dinner with His Holiness was at the dedication of this facility and his (holiness’) humbling message of peace and love was tremendous and seeing the community come together to welcome this facility and this Mosque.”

The guests remarks were concluded with the Adhan (call to prayer) and all members and guests opened the fast with dates and water. After the Maghreb prayer, guests and Jamā’at members enjoyed dinner together. (Report by Zeshan Ahmad Secretary Publications of SVA)

### Abdul Shakur Malik passes away in Dallas

Abdul Shakur Malik father of Dr. Amir Malik, former President of Houston Jamā’at, now living in Dallas passed away on 7 April 2023 at the age of eighty-nine. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Messiah (peace be on him) and was instrumental in bringing Ahmadiyyat to his village Nowshera Kakay Zayyan.

He served in Pakistan Air Force as an aeronautical engineer and retired as Group Captain. He had the honor of serving as Naib Ameer of Rawalpindi Jamā’at for over fifteen years. He was a Musi. His love and loyalty for Khilafat were unshakable and were passed on to his four children.

Abdul Shakur Malik is survived by four children, Dr. Amir Malik of Dallas, Shazia Sohail, Dr. Nadia Malik and Saadia Ahmed of Silicon Valley, and ten grandchildren.

May Allah Almighty grant the departed soul a place in the highest echelons of paradise and give patience and fortitude to the family, Ameen. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā’at)

### Nahid Akmal wife of Mirza Mohammed Akmal passes away in Virginia

Nahid Akmal, wife of Mirza Mohammed Akmal and mother to Adnan Mirza, Farhan Mirza, Anwar Mirza, and Sara Akmal passed away on 13 April 2023 in Ashburn, Virginia. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

She was the daughter of Abdul Qayyum Malik and Tahira Kulsoom and the granddaughter of Dr. Abdul Ghani of Bhera and Thekedar Abdul Rahman of Qadian, both of whom were the companions of Hazrat Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

She was deeply committed to serving Islam and helping the less fortunate throughout her life. She volunteered her time and resources to various Jamā’at events, and her selflessness and compassion inspired all who knew her. Her passing is a great loss to her family. She shall be buried in Pakistan.

May God Almighty grant her a lofty place in Jannat-ul-Firdaus. May Allah, the Almighty grant her

### Ahmad Jamal of Connecticut chapter passes away



Ahmad Jamal of Connecticut chapter passed away on 16 April

### Athar Mohammad Ashraf of Columbus, Ohio passes away



Athar Mohammad Ashraf son of Mohammad Ashraf of Columbus, Ohio passed away on 18 April 2023 at the age of 43 years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Athar Mohammad Ashraf was learning to fly just as a hobby from an instructor when the Cessna aircraft crashed during near the approach end of runway during landing at Madison County airport in London, Ohio. The plane's pilot and copilot (Athar) were pronounced dead at the scene. The tragic crash was reported by Columbus Dispatch and US News.

Athar was born in Multan,

family patience and strength during this difficult time. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA

2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Ahmad Jamal was father of Dr. Soumayah Jamal and grandfather of Omar and Zara. He was one of the oldest members of Connecticut chapter who accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1951 at the age of 21 years. He once said, "I accepted Islam because it took me from darkness into light and gave me direction."

He provided extensive service

Pakistan on 26 July 1979. He arrived in Columbus, Ohio with his mother in 1990 at the age of 11. His father is in the US since 1985. The family moved to Harrisburg PA in 1991 where Athar did his high school and graduation in computer science. They returned to Columbus, Ohio in 2003. Athar did his master's in business administration from Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio in 2003. Athar started helping his father Mohammad Ashraf in hotel management as owner-operator of the Columbus Grand Hotel and Banquet Center at the northeast corner of East Dublin-Granville Road and Interstate 71 and also owned a private company for designing power related generators in the US and abroad. Athar got married in November 2008 and has three daughters Ariana age 9, Ammara age 6 and Aleena age 3. He was divorced in 2023 and shared custody of his daughters with their mother. Athar was living with his parents and daughters in Columbus, just north of Worthington. He was very polite, respectful to elders. He was liked by friends and co-workers. All the employees of his business loved him. He was friend of everyone.

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and support to Jamā'at in the 50s and 60s. Ahmad Jamal was a World-famous jazz pianist and composer, earning several Grammy awards and performing at prestigious venues worldwide.

May Allah Ta'ala elevate his status in heaven, and Allah the Almighty grant patience and solace to the bereaved family. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

Athar had been serving Ahmadiyya Muslim Community since his youth. He was Qaid Majlis and Nazim Finance of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Columbus chapter. In Ansarullah Columbus, he served in the finance department. He also served as Secretary Audio-Video and Secretary Rishta Nata of Columbus chapter for a long time.



A funeral for Ashraf was held on 20 April 2023 at Bait-un-Nasir Mosque, 3360 Toy Road in Groveport where large Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi friends and relatives participated. (Contributed by Dr. Mobusher Mahmud, Columbus, Ohio)

## Munir Malik of Virginia passes away

Munir Malik of Virginia passed away on 17 April 2023 at the age of 95. He was the father of Bashir Malik and uncle of Naib Amir Wasim Malik and Shahid Saeed Malik of North Virginia. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Munir Malik was born on 10 August 1927 and was raised in Qadian. He lived in Sialkot, Lahore, and Karachi before moving to New

York in 1987. He moved to Locust Grove, Virginia in 2019 and lived there until his demise.

He was the great-grandson of Zainab Bibi, who was a companion of Hadrat Promised Messiah ('Alaihis-Salam). He was the grandson of Hadrat Malik Nooruddin and son of Hadrat Malik Aziz Ahmad. Both of them were companions of Hadrat Promised Messiah ('Alaihis-Salam). He was a very humble and hard-working person. He was a firm

believer of Islam Ahmadiyyat and a devotee of Ahmadiyya Khilafat. He faced persecution in Pakistan at work, but his resolve never wavered.

He is survived by his Wife, Safia Munir Malik and three sons, Bashir Malik, serving as National Amin of USA Jamā'at and as Afsar Jalsa Salana USA, Shabbir Malik and Kabbir Malik and three grandsons. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Ghulam Qadir Chaudhry of Silicon Valley chapter passes away

Ghulam Qadir Chaudhry of Silicon Valley chapter passed away on 15 April 2023 in San Jose, California at the age of 87. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Ghulam Qadir Chaudhri was the son of Dr. Ghulam Mustafa (Allah be pleased with him) and Noor Begum of Darul Sadr, Rabwah. His paternal grandfather Hazrat Munshi

Muhammad Deen (Allah be pleased with him) was blessed being #3 out of 313 companions of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

In his youth, he was one of the closest friends of Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him). The entire family had a deeply rooted love for Khilafat and was highly dedicated to serving the Jamā'at. He joined Waṣīyyat at age 19. He came to America in 1960 and his decision to establish roots in San

Jose, California created the foundation for the now Silicon Valley Jamā'at.

He is survived by the mother of his children, Majeeda Abdullah, his daughter Nusrat Jahan Qadir Chaudhry of the North New Jersey and Saleem Ahmad Qadir of the Silicon Valley Jamā'at, daughter in law Mubarka Qadir and three grandchildren Raees, Anisa and Ilyas Qadir. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Mubashera Khan of Bait-ul-Hameed Halqa passes away

Mubashra Khan wife of Bisharat Ahmad of California and mother of Sisters Sadia Khan, Sofia Khan and Shazia Khan passed away on 26 April 2023 at the age of 68. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we

return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

She was daughter of Maulana Chiragh-ud-Din, missionary in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (NWFP), Pakistan. She was very punctual in Salat and had a very deep love for

Khilafat. May Allah shower His mercy upon the grieved families and give them solace and fortitude and enable them to bear the loss with patience, Ameen! (Naser Noor, President of the chapter)

## Memunat Kukoyi mother of Hafiz Mubarak Kukoyi passes away

Sister Memunat Kukoyi passed away in a Hospital in Chicago on 24 April 2023, after a brief illness. She was the beloved Mother of our National Secretary, Ta'limul Quran Hafiz Mubarak Kukoyi. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Sister Memunat Kukoyi was the

wife of the late Al-haj Abubakar Kukoyi. He was one of the first Musi in Nigeria and was the longest-serving Nazm-e-A'la for the Majlis Ansarullah Nigeria. He visited Rabwah and Qadian several times for Jalsa Salana. He sent his two sons to Rabwah for Hifzul Qur'an, namely Hafiz Mubarak Kukoyi and Hafiz Quddus Kukoyi.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is the mother of Bro. Zafrullah, Hafiz Mubarak, Ibrahim and Samad Kukoyi. May Allah accept her into Jannatul Firdaus and grant solace and patience to the bereaved family members. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Message of Amir Jamā'at Ahmadiyya on Eid-ul-Fitr



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April 21, 2023

Dear Members Jamaat USA

Assalamo Alaikum wa rehmatullah wa barakatahu.

I wish you Eid Mubarak. May Allah enable us to continually reap the blessings of this Ramadhan through the year. I would like to share with you a brief extract from the Eid-ul-Fitr sermon delivered by Hazrat Musleh Maud Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup> in 1923 in Qadian.

“What is our purpose? In regard to this, we learn from the Quran that we have two objectives. Hazrat Masih Maud<sup>as</sup> states the first purpose is to achieve God Almighty’s pleasure and nearness and union with Him. If we succeed in attaining this goal, then it is indeed a great success and a true Eid. Allah has created mankind. Allah desires that man divorce himself from all sides and belong to Him alone. To spurn all other things, to sacrifice their life and wealth for Allah, to leave behind their relatives, to be willing to sacrifice their hopes and dreams, their thoughts, their country, and their children. It is then that they will experience a true Eid, and this is the secret contained within the Quranic verse,

فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبَادِي ۖ وَادْخُلِي جَنَّتِي ۙ

*“So enter thou among My chosen servants, and enter thou My Garden.”*

The other purpose is kindness towards humanity. This has many aspects to it, one of which is to inform them of that [knowledge] which if they did not possess, would leave them worse off than dead. It is our obligation to guide them to God and to steer them towards the right path. There is no greater blessing than this. If we feed one who is hungry, his suffering will disappear for one time. But if we rightly guide him, it will be to his benefit in this world and the hereafter. If we clothe one who is naked, it will cover him for a brief period, but if we help him to attain the garment of righteousness, and he enters the faith of Allah, he will always be protected from exposure.

So, the greatest kindness to humanity is to guide them to God; this would be the epitome of kindness. If we connect man to God, then this is a true Eid. No other day can equal this day. We should strive to achieve the objectives which lead to this true Eid. If we would like to experience true Eid, then we should propagate guidance. Guide those who are away from God towards the true path, otherwise it will not be a true Eid. True Eid is in nearness to God Almighty and that is achieved by bringing His Creation closer to Him. For upon achieving this purpose, the sun which rises will never set. May Allah enable us to achieve our objectives, so that we may celebrate a true Eid.”

May Allah enable us to understand our responsibilities towards Him and His Creation.

Wassaiam,

Khaksar,

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad

Amir Jamaat USA

# Resolution at the demise of Dr. Karimullah Zirvi, Ex-editor the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA



The Association of Ahmadi  
Muslim Scientists - USA



Muslims who believe in the Messiah,  
Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani

Sunday, April 9, 2023

## Resolution at the Demise of Dr. Karimullah Zirvi:

We the members of the Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists (AAMS) are immensely grieved at the demise of our former and first president Dr. Karimullah Zirvi Sahib who passed away on January 4, 2023, at the age of 83 years.

لنا لله وانا اليه راجعون (To Allah do we belong and to Him shall we return).

Dr. Karimullah Zirvi had an illustrious career in science and religion.

He was born in Lahore, Pakistan in 1940. He was fortunate to be educated in the Talim-ul-Islam College, Rabwah for his undergraduate studies. He then received a Masters' degree in Chemistry from the Karachi University in 1963 where he secured the second top position – an accolade that placed him in the History of Ahmadiyyat (Tarikh-e-Ahmadiyyat, Vol. 22, page 333). He was awarded the prestigious Fulbright-Hays Scholarship to study abroad and received his PhD degree in Pharmacology from the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky in 1968. He returned to Pakistan and served in the Pakistan Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (PCSIR) Labs in Peshawar, Pakistan for three years as a senior research scientist. He then accepted a position of Associate Professor at the Pahlvi University in Shiraz, Iran where he was awarded the International Cancer Research Technology Award from Germany. He was blessed to be able to perform Hajj in 1974.

In 1978, Dr. Zirvi returned to the University of Louisville as a visiting scientist. Later, he accepted a research scientist position at the University of California San Diego and then the Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Dr. Zirvi joined the faculty at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey where he continued his research in the field of Cancer and Oncology. He retired as an associate professor in 1993. He authored and co-authored over 66 peer-reviewed papers in scientific journals and held a patent. In addition, Dr. Zirvi authored several religious books. He was blessed that our beloved Imam Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V Ayyadullah o Taala Benasrihil Aziz wrote the foreword for his book entitled "Holy Prophet of Islam - Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa."

After his retirement, Dr. Zirvi continued his services for the religion and Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya. He served Jamaat at various capacities both at the local and national levels including Sadr Majlis Ansarullah USA, National Secretary Talim, and Editor of the Ahmadiyya Gazette and Al-Nur. While serving as Sadr Ansarullah, he published a special issue of Al Nahl magazine as a tribute to the life of Professor Dr. Abdus Salam.

Dr. Zirvi served as the first President of the Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists (AAMS) USA from 1995 to 1999, at a time when AAMS-USA was a combined association of both men and women scientists. He laid the foundation work upon which the association continues to build and progress to fulfill its mission of bringing the next Islamic Golden Age of Science.

We the members of the Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists are grieved at his demise and extend our condolences to the bereaving family through this resolution passed by the Amila members of AAMS on this day, April 5, 2023. May Allah forgive his soul and exalt him high in Paradise and may He grant solace to all those he left behind.

Regards of peace,

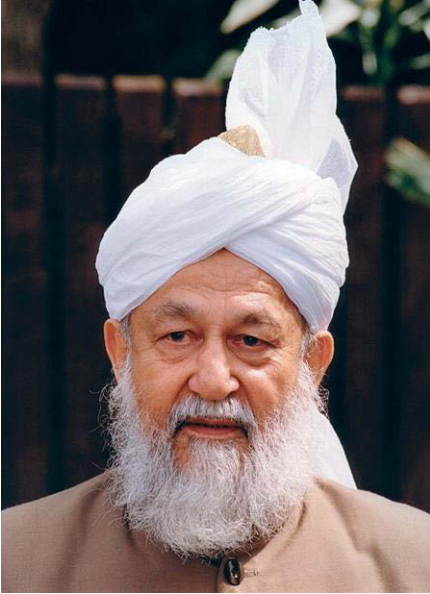
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Vision: 100 Abdus Salams

[Resolution drafted by Drs. Karim Sharif and Abdul Majid Shah and approved by the AAMS-USA Amila]

# A Star of Renaissance of Islam in North America

## Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih IV

May Allah shower His mercy on him  
Saiyed Burhan Ahmad Qaderi, Chicago, IL



### Summary

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (may Allah shower His mercy on him)— a man of God, ascended to the august position of Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) in the line of successorship in the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam in 1982, according to the divine scheme as stated In Qurʻān, Hadith and Bible. He was confronted with the most serious problem when the Pakistani government promulgated the anti-Islamic ordinance law, forbidding the Ahmadis on the public usage of Islamic terminologies and principles in daily life, effectively eliminating his function as a Khalifa. This necessitated his migration to London, England. From there, he operated with great zeal and fervor, for peace and security of, Ahmadis dispersed throughout the world. He was visionary in true sense of the word, instituting many schemes. His successful operation of various schemes catapulted Islam and

Ahmadiyyat into fame and fortune in the entire world especially Western world, not achieved before. Perhaps the greatest of all his schemes is the establishment of Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA) transmitting live telecasts-depicting delivery of his Friday sermons, Q & A sessions and other salient features in several languages, exerted profound impact not only on Ahmadis, but forced the Westerners to recognize Islam as a religion of peace, and cooperation rather than violence and coercion. He established himself as a versatile scholar and a gifted orator with lectures and books ranging from theology through politics to science. With just one sentence, “**Swords can win territories but not hearts, forces can bend heads but not minds;**” he demolished the myth of forcible conversion by sword and allayed the fears of so called draconian Shari’ah law portrayed in the West. These efforts endeared him to West and regained the pristine image of Islam tarnished by vested entities. The Waqf-Nau scheme for imparting spiritual and secular instructions to children has prepared them to grow as a trusted responsible member of the society, excelling in avocation of their choice. His particularly soft corner for distressed and down trodden, led him to form Buyutul Hamd fund and extended it to the grand scheme of establishing ‘Humanity First’ organization which has been rendering yeoman services all over the world. His Mubahala Challenge (Prayer Duel) was a death knell to Zia-ul-Haq (President of Pakistan) and other Muslim divines opposed to Ahmadiyya doctrine. This is an eye-opening graphic demonstration of divine power vouchsafed on an Ahmadiyya

Khalifa and by the same token an eloquent testimony to the truth of Promised Messiah (on whom be the peace) He was probably the only religious leader with the rare combination of spiritual, secular and scientific knowledge, which he used it brilliantly to bridge the gap between differences in various classes of peoples resulting in reconciliation and peaceful coexistence. His unshakeable belief in the unity of God, combined with worldwide leadership and missionary zeal had resulted in West seeing the beautiful face of Islam tarnished by opponents and extremist Muslims. The Muslim world owe him a deep sense of gratitude for this turn-around in attitude towards Islam and Muslims in Europe and America. He inherited a world in a confused disarray and left it with certain degree of order and decency to emulate.

### Introduction

It is in the mind of every Ahmadi, young or old, poor or rich, illiterate or literate to get a glimpse of his beloved Aqa-the spiritual leader. They are just dreams, for large majority of Ahmadis dispersed all over the world. So, imagine my surprise when this humble self a non-entity, hailing from the obscure village of Ramkapur, Orissa, India with no running water and of course no light, shaking hands with the man vouchsafed with divine power-Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad-the 4th Khalifa in a broad daylight on the First Friday of the First Month of 1985 in the First Mosque, built by the First son of Promised Messiah (peace be on him) in London in 1924.

Having a meeting with a caliph is

one thing, but to write about his overall contribution even covering for a specific period is another matter, especially for a person with limited ability, like me. However, if you ever love somebody, who cares for you, prays for you day night, expression of gratitude in some form or other is probably one of the best tributes to that person you can give.

The author has the honor of meeting great spiritual leader Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV at Bait-ul-Fazl Mosque London in January 1985.



Thus, this monograph is a modest attempt to present in brief, the life and teachings of Mirza Tahir Ahmad-the Fourth Caliph of Ahmadiyya dispensation, opening with a gist of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. In general, it begins with a preliminary discussion on the emergence of Islam as a world religion in the sixth century by Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) pre-ordained in the divine scheme of Allah Almighty for the spiritual and temporal guidance of mankind. It was the dawn of civilization, which had hitherto had a confused understanding of the existence and purpose life. Thus, during the period of Muhammad's ministry, Islam recorded astounding growth and it continued after his death, and thereafter, in the times of Khulafā-e-Rashdeen (Righteous Successors). This was followed by periods of stagnation and uncertainty to its precipitous decline in 20th century. After a brief discussion on the factors contributing to the pathetic situation, it presents the remarkable resurgence of Islam through the

tireless efforts of Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad-the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) commissioned by Allah, to restore Islam to its pristine glory, grandeur and majesty, with practical demonstration of all pervasive presence of a living God long considered obsolete. The article then traces on the need and functions of Khilafat, particularly the justification for khilafat in the Ahmadiyya dispensation. Then the article continues with the main subject – the contributions of the 4th Khalifa – focusing on his phenomenal successes in delivering Ahmadis from the clutches of tyrannical regime ruled by ruffians, the sterling successes of his various schemes and powerful impact in the Western world, which forced them to recognize Ahmadiyyat as a champion of world peace and security in the strife torn world.

## Emergence of Islam

Towards the end of the 6th century, the world was enshrouded in darkness, corruption was rampant, forces of evil reigning the world, there appeared in the scene a shining star from the eastern firmament— Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). The star par excellence radiated a light which illuminated the entire globe and altered the dangerous course that mankind was pursuing—from darkness to light.

The dawn of civilization which began with few stuttering words, reached its zenith with the majestic words uttered by Arch Angel Gabriel to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him):

إِقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ۖ خَلَقَ  
الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ۖ اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ ۖ  
الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ۖ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ  
يَعْلَمُ ۖ

Proclaim thou in the name of thy

Lord Who created, Created man from a clot of blood. Proclaim! And thy Lord is most Bounteous; Who taught by the pen, Taught man what he knew not. (96[Al-'Alaq]: 2-6)

With the majestic words, began the ascent of civilization in 610 AD course, which until then had been in a tortuous course. With a clear unambiguous bold declaration “Innī Alaikum Jamya” that he is the Messenger for the Allah Almighty as explicitly stated in Holy Qur'an:

Say, “O mankind, truly I am a messenger to you all from Allah...” (7:59), Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) marched forward in his mission. Revelations kept on coming, intermittently over a period of 23 years containing a complete code covering virtually every aspect of life with the revelation of the decisive verse: This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favor upon you and have chosen for you Islam as religion (5:4), that the message complete revealed 82 days before his sad demise. The revealed words were preserved in its entirety in the sacred book – The Holy Qur'an. This final book brought by the final prophet is a veritable source of knowledge, containing the complete code of life, catapulted the people to fame and fortune, in particular the Muslims who followed it in entirety.

## The Ahmadiyya dispensation

وَالسَّمَاءِ وَالطَّارِقِ ۖ

We cite as witness the heaven and the morning star. (86[At-Tariq]: 2) [Translation by Chaudhri Zafrulla

Khan]

The teachings and requirements for a Muslim, indeed the whole spectrum of life are primarily derived from Holy Qur‘ān followed by Sunnah and Hadith (sayings and conduct of Holy Prophet). When the teachings ceased to be a program of life to be consciously pursued, then indolence, sterility and decay set in. The result was that towards the middle of 20th century, Islam was at its lowest ebb than any other time in history. In fact, there was nothing left of Islam-only its name as lamented by poets like, Maulana Altaf Hali and Allama Muhammad Iqbal who gave vent to his feelings in soul searching limericks, e.g., a couplet in Urdu:

وضع میں تم ہو نصاریٰ تو تمہارے میں تم ہنود  
یہ مسلمان ہیں جنہیں دیکھ کے شرمائیں یہود  
(محمد اقبال)

Waz' mein tum ho Nasara tou  
Tamaddun mein tum Honood  
Ye Musalman hain Jinhain dekh kei  
Sharmain Yahood,

mirrors the state of Muslims and echo's the thoughts of concerned thinkers like Hazan Nizāmi and Abul Kalam Azad who went as far as to say, 'Without Caliphate, existence of Islam is not possible.' (Mubasher Ahmad, Approaching West, Islam Int. Natl., Pub. 2008, p. 47). It was at this time Allah's mercy descended on Muslims in particular and the entire mankind in general through the appearance of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) as promised in classic verses of The Holy Qur‘ān:

وَأَخْرَجْنَا مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ

And He will raise him among others of them who have not yet joined them (62[Al-Jumu'ah]:4) and supported by the verse (86[At-Tariq]: 2):

وَالسَّمَاءِ وَالطَّارِقِ

“By the heaven and the Morning Star.”

The appearance of Morning Star in the twilight period of Islam has been connected to the advent of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) in verse quoted above has been logically explained by-Malik Ghulam Farid: The reference in the verse may be to the Holy Prophet's Deputy whose advent like the morning star was to herald the dawn of the triumph and spread of Islam, after the night of spiritual darkness, which had come over Islam, will have passed. That the Holy prophet and so also his Deputy having assured with divine protection would lead an Islamic resurgence to glory and majesty (86:5). Thus, with divine support and armed with the knowledge of Qur‘ān, Hadith and Sunnah and revelations, the Promised Messiah confronted the opponents with cogent proofs, miracles, and evidences from their scriptures, engaging in debates, and prayer duels, completely silenced the vociferous critics and archenemies of Islam. In general, he turned the tide of virulent attacks hurled against the Holy Prophet of Islam, on them. The new spiritual dimension had lifted the Muslims from the valley of darkness to the elevated roofs lit with heavenly light.

The Holy Prophet indicated in the verse: And by the Elevated Roof (52:6). Muslims who were victimized are now the victors. No longer subject of derision and ridicule. His unimpeachable evidence of a living God through acceptances of his prayers and miracles running literally in thousands left no doubt about a living God, commanded with majestic words:

أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ ۚ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ ۗ شَهِدْنَا

“Am I not your Lord? They say, Yea, we do bear witness.” (7[Al-A'raf]: 173). They can directly approach Allah without intermediary, for all of their problems as embodied in the classic verse: And when my servants ask thee about Me, say, I am near. I

answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So, they should hearken Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way (2:187)” turned times of tribulations to times of triumph. As a matter of fact, trivial tasks, such as, from tying shoe lace to vying a place in paradise can be accomplished as promised in the verse: And Heaven will be brought near to the righteous, no longer remote (50:32). Gone are the days of despair and despondency. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) energized the Muslims with exhortations to scale even greater heights in the realm of spirituality with revelations from Allah:

إني انزلت معك الجنة

I have sent down paradise with you. (Badr, Vol. 6, No. 33, August 15, 1907, p. 4 and Al-Hakam, Vol. 11, No. 29, August 17, 1907, p. 5) [Tadhkirah, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, August 13, 1907, p. 992, Islam International Publications, UK]. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) had prevailed following the majestic Qur‘ānic verse:

كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَأَعْلَبَنَّ أَنَا وَرُسُلِي ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

Allah has decreed: “Most surely, I will prevail, I and My Messenger.” Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty (58[Al-Mujādilah]:22).

## Khilafat In Islam and in Ahmadiyyat

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا ۗ يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا ۗ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ

“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 they will worship Me, and they will not associate anything to Me. Then whoso disbelieves after that, they will be rebellious.” (24[An-Nur]: 56)

A study of the history of prophets reveal that they are not just commissioned to convey the message to conduct the business and achieve nearness to God, and disappear. No! They have to ensure; the mission of Allah has to continue through the successors after they breathed last. Much more has been said and written on Khalifa and khilafat, or successor-ship. We do not intend to go in to detailed discussion on this; other than what is stated in the above Qur’anic verse. Simply speaking, the function of the Khalifa is perpetuating the mission of the prophet-and to be a shield for protection. However, for our purpose, we will restrict our analysis and inferences to just one Hadith-the Hadith narrated by Ḥaḍrat Huzaifa raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu which has direct bearing on Khilafat-e-Rashida and its relevance to Ahmadiyya Khilafat, mentioned below:

“Prophet-hood shall remain among you as long as Allah shall will. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilafat on the precepts of prophet-hood for as long as He shall will and then bring about its end. A tyrannical monarchy will then follow and will remain as long as Allah shall will and then come to an end. There will follow thereafter monarchical despotism to last as long as Allah shall will and then come to an end upon His decree. Then there will emerge Khilafat on precept of Prophethood, the

Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said no more.” (Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal, Vol. 4, p. 273)

From this, it follows the type of Khilafat is the Khilafat-Minhaj, i.e., in the pattern of prophet-hood which is akin to Khilafat-e-Rashida which lasted only 30 years. Then followed 1300 years of regime of one kind or another as stated in Hadith. During that period, several claimants to Khilafat appeared, but they all failed because they could not display the signs required to authenticate the claims. It was obvious, that they did not have divine support. Latent in this hadith is the indication of the appearance of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) whose followers will follow on the footsteps of followers The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him), that is on the path of Minhaj-e-Nubuwwat or the precept of prophet-hood. A further support is provided from the fact that the followers of The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) are the only sect out of 73 sects who operate exactly the same way as the followers of The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) of Islam thus qualifying as a Najee sect. i.e., achieved salvation. Incidentally, the Hadith quoted above answers both:

who would be the recipients of this kind of khilafat and the time frame when he will appear. It is asserted that this kind of Khilafat refers to Khulafa-e-Ahmadiyya. This assertion has been put beyond shadow of doubt, through various articles. Suffice is to say that Khilafat would continue.

وَالسَّمَاءِ ذَاتِ الْبُرُوجِ

“By the heaven having mansions of star.” (85[Al-Buruj]: 2)

## Khilafat in Ahmadiyya

“I am a personified power of God; and after me there shall come other persons who will be a manifestation of a second power of God.”

So said, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), the Khatam-ul-Khulafā, in 1905 and repeated in 2020 by the 5th Khalifa, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah support him with His mighty help) during his Friday sermon of May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and in the concluding address of Ahmadiyya Convention held in UK (Aug.1, 2004)

That a Khalifa would follow after the sad demise of a prophet in a smooth process has been discussed at length. However, the initiation and perpetuation of Khilafat in Ahmadiyya Muslim community was far from smooth. It was achieved, by a divinely inspired process that calls for an explanation.

For this, first we invoke the verse above. An interpretation reveals the mansions refers to twelve Mujaddids (85[Al-Buruj]: 2) who would revive Islam when it was engulfed in darkness after first three centuries of glory. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) was the star par-excellence or the Mujaddid of the 14th century and the successors who would follow are the stars. The following discussion is centered around justification of khilafat in Ahmadiyya dispensation.

The fact that the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) was a prophet, alone qualifies that successors will follow after his demise, in accordance with established practice set by Allah, dictated by the verse:

وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّةِ اللَّهِ تَبْدِيلًا

And thou shalt not find any change in the law of Allah. (48[Al-Fath]: 24)

Accordingly, a vicegerent will definitely appear who 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 as stated in The Holy Qur'an (24[An-Nur]: 56). The Allah, the Almighty in His infinite wisdom being aware about the impending trials and tribulations, strengthened the hands of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) with masterful revelation stated in the top of this section, further elaborated below:

“So, therefore, my dear friends, when this has always been the way the will of Allah works, showing two manifestations of His power, so that he demolishes two false joys of the opponents, it is impossible that now He should proceed to alter this long-established Divine practice. You should not grieve over this that I have told you, nor should you let be heartbroken, for you are destined to see the second manifestation of God's power as well. And the coming of that manifestation would be better for you, for it would be everlasting, of which chain shall not break until the Day of Qiyamah (Doomsday). And the second manifestation cannot come except after I am gone. But when I go away, Allah shall send the second manifestation for you, and that shall stay with you always.” (Al-Waṣīyyat, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, Qadian, English Translation, Islam International Publications, UK 2004, p. 8)

What the above entails that Ahmadiyya Khilafat will begin and continue till the doomsday according to the 2nd manifestation of power of Allah revealed to The

Promised Messiah (peace be on him). Thus, one who remains steadfast till the end, witnesses this miracle of God.

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) the Khatam-ul-Khulafā, the great stalwart of Islam and the champion of peace passed away in Lahore in May 26, 1908. His corpse was brought to his birthplace in Qadian by train with the certification from a British physician that the death occurred due to natural causes-not cholera. As expected, the Jamā'at while reeling with the shocking tragedy, drowned in deep sorrow, had to contend with verbal and physical abuses, violent demonstrations staged right in front of his house. The members took it in stride and displayed remarkable restraint, following the exhortation of their master:

“Pray for them even after hearing their abuse,” and proceeded to attend the task requiring urgent action.

At that ominous period in Islamic history, the members of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya numbering 1200 gathered in the house of Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan elected Hadrat Maulana Hakim Noor-ud-din an eminent divine and the foremost devoted disciple to be the First Successor of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) with the title of Khalifatul-Masih I (Allah be pleased with him). In this capacity he was destined to deliver the same pivotal role which Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him) did 1300 years ago, averting crisis after crisis after the sad demise of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). And he did. In fact, the Khalifatul-Masih faced an even greater threat in that the very institution of Khilafat was in danger. Spearheading this kind of attack was Khawaja Kamal Uddin supported by Muhammad Ali. In addition, some other people with vested interest wanted to restrict the duties to

ceremonial functions only, with real power concentrated in Anjuman Ahmadiyya as a governing body. The Khalifatul-Masih countered this view with powerful sermons, exhortations drawn from Qur'an, Hadith and sayings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). Bai'at (pledge of allegiance) is tantamount to selling oneself and that the members have to obey his instructions. Furthermore, in his very first speech he made it clear that he is taking the position, bound by Quranic injunction uttering the following Quranic words:

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ

And let there be among you a body of men who should invite to goodness, and enjoin equity and forbid evil. (3[Aal-e-Imran]: 105) [Al-Hakam, 6 June 1908, pp. 7-8, Tarikh Ahmadiyyat, Vol. 3, p. 189, Hayat-e-Nur by Abdul Qadir (Ex-Sodagar Mull, p. 332, Nizarat Nashro-Isha'at Qadian, Printwell Focal Point, Amritsar, India)]. He continued with the telling statement:

Remember all beauty emanate due to unity, other issues do not figure in the picture. Thus, he quelled the hysteria and placed the Jamā'at in firm footing, which then progressed spiritually, intellectually and financially without fear in complete peace and harmony, according to the verse:

وَلِيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلِيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا

(24[An-Nur]:56)

The author dealt a little longer on the First Khalifa as it pertains to the very the institution of Khilafat and will close this section with a powerful exhortation from Khalifatul-Masih I:

“That obedience to Allah leads to be an honored

person” (Friday Sermon, May 17, 1901).

It was prophesized in Bible the Messiah will descend to his son and grandson, and also in Hadith due to Abdullah bin ‘Umar, that the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) will marry and will have a large progeny. Accordingly, his son and two grandsons became 2nd, 3rd and 4th Khalifa respectively. The reader will find contributions of 2nd and 3rd Khalifa from some publications of the Jamā‘at. The contributions of the 4th Khalifa are set forth below.

## Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad

قَالَ كَلَّا إِنَّ مَعِيَ رَبِّي سَيَهْدِينِ

[Moses] said, “No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me.”

Said Moses: Never! My Lord is with me. He will direct me aright. (26[Ash-Shu‘ara]:63)

“Swords can win territories but not hearts, forces can bend heads but not minds” (Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (may Allah shower His mercy on him) (Murder in the Name of Allah- Mirza Tahir Ahmad-English- Dr. Barakat Ahmad. Islam International Publications. Tilford. UK)

“Martyrdom is an exalted stage. Millions have died aspiring for it and millions will.” (Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (may Allah shower His mercy on him), Friday Sermon August 12, 1983)

### Early life

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad the illustrious son of illustrious father Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) was born on December 18, 1928 in the anonymous tiny town of Punjab, Qadian, India. His mother Hadrat Syeda Maryam Begum, a saintly lady of noble descent was the daughter of Hadrat Dr. Abdul Sattar Shah (Allah be pleased with him), an eminent member of the Syed family. Little did

she know that one day her son will occupy the highest office in the religious world. All she did, was to raise him along the lines set by the most pious woman with the same name:

Maryam, mother of the Prophet Jesus Christ (peace be on him) and following the footsteps of her mother and mother-in-law. Apparently, her method of rearing played a pivotal role in her son, achieving the distinct position.

After early education in Qadian, Mirza Tahir Ahmad enrolled in Government College, Lahore, and after graduating from Jami‘a Ahmadiyya with distinction, obtained his honors degree in Arabic from Punjab University, Lahore. From 1955 to 1957, he studied at the school of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, England. He married Sayyida Asifa Begum, the anchor and prime support of his life on 5th December 1957. She was the daughter of Amatul Salam and Sahibzada Mirza Rashid Ahmad. They were blessed with four daughters.

After completion of studies, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad committed himself to the service of Islam and Ahmadiyyat stationed in Rabwah, Pakistan, serving in several eminent positions notably as the Nazim Waqf-e-Jadid, Wakil-ut-Tabshir, for a long period of time while attending to other religious and administrative duties. Perhaps, his best contribution, before he became Khalifa, was his masterful exposition in the defense of Ahmadiyya beliefs as an advisor to Ḥaḍrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah shower His mercy on him)-the 3rd Khalifa (may Allah shower His mercy on him), Head of the delegation to Pakistani Parliament in 1974. His connection to North America began in the year when he sent a copy of a Tablighi letter of Ḥaḍrat Muslih

Mau‘ūd addressed to all missionaries serving abroad, long time ago, with a brief paragraph of his own. Few sentences from that paragraph are reproduced below as an indication of a dedicated Dā‘ī llallāh in the horizon of Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

“May Allah make you the manifestation of the Light of God from head to foot, and may he make you the minaret of Light for those residents of your motherland who are groping in the darkness of materialism. May your soul appear before your creator in such a state that you may be pleased with Him and He may be pleased with you. Amen, O, the most Merciful of those who show mercy (Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Wakilut Tabshir Tahrik Jadid, Letter to Missionaries in USA 70’s

(Mishkāt Qadian 1983)”

### Ascension of Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad to Khilafat

After the sad demise of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy on him) during the night of January 8 and 9, 1982, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad was elected to the high post of Khalifa in the Ahmadiyya Jamā‘at with the title of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih IV on January 10, 1982.

### Achievement in Pakistan- 1982-4

He addressed the multitude in Urdu, with characteristic humility charged with emotion reflecting the innermost feelings of a human called upon to discharge the duties of a superhuman entity, of ensuring security, peace and progress of Ahmadi Muslims, numbering in millions, in particular and Muslims numbering in billions in the world in general:

میری ذات کی کوئی اہمیت نہیں۔۔۔

My being is practically nonexistent, beyond expression.

Only Allah knows the state of my heart, but Allah has appointed me to this high position of Khilafat and He will guide me.” (Khutbat-e-Tahir).

To write on his enormous contribution in several areas is an extremely difficult undertaking. It is like compressing an over-flowing river into a tiny rivulet. At best what we have done, is to present certain sketches of events surrounding his various activities, hoping the reader will get more than just a glimpse of his illustrious career.

Our approach is to briefly describe his contribution while he was in Pakistan till April 1984. Then we will cover the period after he landed in London in 1984

The Ahmadiyya movement has been progressing at a steady pace since the inception, in spite of fierce opposition and violent reaction. As a matter of fact, the pace of conversion progressively increased with every Khalifa at the helm. During the short period of less than two years, his entire effort was directed to elevate spiritual physical, intellectual and financial standards of Ahmadis.

An excerpt from his early addresses which generated vigor and enthusiasm in the Jamā'at is quoted below: I shall convey good news to you that there shall be no danger to Jamā'at Ahmadiyya in future In Sha Allah. Jamā'at has attained maturity in the eyes of God. No adversarial eye, adversarial heart, or adversarial effort shall be able to harm even an iota of the Jamā'at. God willing, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya shall continue to grow with the same grace as assured by the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and that it will continue to prosper for at least a thousand years. So, pray, sing songs of His praise and renew your pledge again (Al-Fazl, 28 June 1982)

However, make no mistake, his heart is in preaching as reflected in communication to missionaries mentioned earlier while he was not yet the Khalifa. To this end, he

embarked on an ambitious program of travelling all over the globe for the twin purpose of invigorating the Ahmadis and to disseminate the teachings of Islam, and to establish rapport with people of West. This has been summarized in an article in Mishkat-Qadian in its Dec/Jan/Feb issue of 1983

We present here only highlights from the article. In general, it started with a whirlwind tour of Europe covering nine countries in July 1982, which included the inauguration of a mosque in Pedro Abad, Spain. It is significant that it planted a seed of the rebirth of Islam in after a lapse of several centuries. The Muslims ruled with justice for a long period of 700 years in Spain. The Christians communities were protected by Koranic law, but were left to practice their law in vogue in their scriptures. The beleaguered Jewish community was freed from Christian persecution and prospered (Encyclopedia Britannica-Spain). Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV addressed several press conferences, and was welcomed by several mayors, in the process of providing satisfactory answers to various questions reflecting the beauty of Islamic teachings. It was then followed with tour of East covering four countries-namely, Singapore, Australia, Fiji island and Sri Lanka. He laid the foundation stone of a mosque in Sydney, Australia. One of his significant achievements was the establishment of Majlis Shura in every country which he inaugurated, besides directing the attention to Tarbiyat and Tabligh. Other notable achievements are, instructions for congregational prayer, scheme for Buyutul Hamd, i.e., building houses for less fortunate class of people, embarking on a scheme to translate the Holy Qur'ān. Most importantly he instructed in a letter to all Ahmadis to pray that enemies of Islam be ashamed and ridiculed and that the Islam and Muslims prevail on others.

Is it not an irony that a Khalifa who is not honored in his own country and his members are classified as non-Muslims, invoking prayers for the up-lifting of Muslims who day and night hurl abuses on him and his people. Obviously, it follows from the prayer? “Lord forgives them, they do not know what they are doing.”

وہ پھول سر چڑھا جو چمن سے نکل گیا  
عزت اسے ملی جو وطن سے نکل گیا

(امیر مینائی)

That flower rose high which kicked out of the garden,

Honor bestowed to one who was thrown out of the country.

(Poet: Ameer Minaee)

## Achievements in West: 1984 – 2003

### The Khalifa has landed

The KLM plane carrying the August personality – Mirza Tahir Ahmad (may Allah support him with His mighty help) the Khalifatul-Masih IV from Karachi Airport via Schiphol Airport-Amsterdam, landed in Heathrow Airport, London at 11:30 A.M., April 30, 1984, Greenwich meantime.

With declaration of Ahmadis as non-Muslims in year 1974 by the Bhutto government, began the most turbulent period in the history of Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. It was exacerbated by the promulgation of the infamous Anti-Islamic Ordinance, instituted on 26th April 1984, by the military regime of General Zia-ul Haq, which not only usurped the basic and fundamental human rights of the Ahmadi Muslims, but also restricted the 'Islamic' activities and prevented the use of Islamic terminologies to the extent that they cannot say even Salam in public! Any violation of the draconian law carried heavy penalties, anywhere from

languishing in jail for extended periods to sentencing to death. It was obvious; the Zia regime was bent upon annihilation of Ahmadiyyat.

Under the circumstances, it was practically impossible for Khalifatul-Masih to carry out his duties as a Khalifa. It therefore did not leave him with any choice, but to migrate out of Pakistan. Accordingly, he left Pakistan on the night of April 30, reaching London Airport in late morning as indicated above, with a small band of dedicated Ahmadi with Imam Aṭāul Mujeeb Rashed as the leader, greeting the Khalifatul-Masih with abundance of love and affection rarely granted to any leader. This was a miraculous escape from the clutches of a tyrant, which is a story in itself to be watched in U tube or obtained from other sources. Suffice is to say that an invisible hand engineered the whole process—an eloquent testimony of truth of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

The Khalifatul-Masih wasted no time to address the myriads of problems confronting the Jamā'at. The full documentation of the voluminous work, that resulted from his dedicated efforts, virtually on any sphere of life is next to impossible. What we have done is to present salient features of his undertakings and schemes under different categories with references for further details, including his six visits to USA in the years 1987, 89, 91, 94, 97, and 98.

## Friday Sermons

“There is a deep nexus between Jamā'at Ahmadiyya and Friday (Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, may Allah shower His mercy on him) of great significance is the Friday Prayer in Islam. We intend to dwell it longer on this than on his other activities and undertakings. The Friday sermons delivered by Khulafā-e-Ahmadiyya Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah support him

with His mighty help) running in hundreds are the gem to be possessed. They are the elixir for the spiritual and intellectual growth. Unfortunate is the person who does not partake from it, taking it as of marginal importance. The Friday sermons were transmitted through Jamā'at organs, newsletters etc. and recorded in cassettes. They were recorded in various cassettes and delivered to each household.

Out of hundreds of Friday sermons delivered by the fourth Khalifa, we have chosen to speak only six, in this section for its powerful impact and its relevance to current events. Other sermons, will be discussed later-relevant to topics as we continue.

The First Friday of the First Month of 1985 (January 4), is a momentous occasion for the author when he was granted an audience with the only person in the world who has divine contact—Ḥaḍrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad Khalifatul-Masih IV, Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ala Bi-Naṣrihil-'Aziz. The author was in reverential awe and was speechless in the presence of the august personality till he was disarmed with the benevolent glance of spiritual father. The conversation centered with request for prayers and then veered to activities of Jamā'at in Detroit. He was particularly happy to hear that we have already purchased the land of 6.3 acres for building a mosque in the vicinity of City of Detroit—one out of five mosques to be built in large metropolitan areas in United States. For the writer, the crucial moment arrived when Khalifatul-Masih saw Nasim Mehdi standing with a camera in his hand. Khalifatul-Masih stood up took hold of my hand and the photograph for life time was taken. Then Khalifatul-Masih walked in brisk steps to the prayer hall of the venerable London Fazl Mosque to deliver the Friday Sermon. The sermon dealt with a praise for our brothers in Pakistan for their remarkable degree of

patience and sacrifice s under the tyrannical regime of Zia. It was probably one of the greatest sermons describing faith enhancing occurrences and dreams. He said it is not the up-lifting of their character, but are witness to heavenly signs showered on them. The signs were so powerful and eye opening that one marvels on the blessings of Allah on devotees of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) who bear the trials and tribulations with fortitude without bitterness. I would just say a little bit on one of many signs:

“Then I will believe in God.” This is what one criminal said to an Ahmadi prisoner put in jail for violating tyrannical laws. Believe, he did, and to the level that his night long prayer for the release of his Ahmadi preacher/friend was accepted in astonished rapidity. He told his friend in the early morning that he would be released. And Lord beholds, he was freed in the late morning in the same day! It is a classic case of die-hard criminals turned to believers of Allah in the company of Ahmadi prisoners, fit to be recorded history books of Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

I will continue with the Friday sermon – the sermon possibly of far-reaching significance to Islam, delivered in Fazal Mosque, London on Friday January 31, 1992, from which the quote above is taken. The significance stems from the fact it traces the cause of the decline of Islam to its phenomenal rise to citadel of glory and grandeur, drawing from Qur'ān, Hadith, Sunnah, and commentary of various luminaries of Islam. The quote: The significance of Friday and Friday Sermons,' sets the tone of the topic. After the customary beginning, Khalifatul-Masih recited two verses then other verses in course of his

sermon. In general, three main points emerge from the Khutba:

Truth of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) in the light of Qur'anic verses from Surah As-Saff (verse 10) and Surah Al-Fath (verse 29) elaborating on the phrases the significant point is interpretation of verses:

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ

(61[As-Saff]: 10), and

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَكُفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا

(48[Al-Fath]: 29)

respectively leading to the fact that with Allah's support, true faith will prevail with exposition of truth of Islam, just as was achieved at the time of The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) in spite of stiff opposition. All commentators unanimously agree on this prophecy that it applies to both the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and Mahdi. Incidentally, this point is further elaborated by the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) in *Ā'ina-e-Kamālāt-e-Islam*, pp. 216-17. That there is deep connection of Jamā'at with Friday is explained by examining the verses from Surah Jum'ah

لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ

indicating the "Buruz" or Deputy of the Holy Prophet (would be successful in bringing together the followers of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) in the latter days (meaning the current period) with the followers of the first period of Islamic dispensation termed as members of قرون اولیٰ (Quroon-e Uoola), in terms of spirituality under the tutelage of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and support of Allah – what in

Islamic terminology is the first renaissance of Islam, Qudrat-e-Sania occurring in 20th century. In other words, the work which was started by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) will find its fruition and completion in the times of his deputy. In essence, the attainment of combination of two glorious periods in Islam in one.

The significance of Friday and the Friday prayers with respect to Islam and Ahmadiyyat has been forcefully presented in the sermon. Khalifatul-Masih, indicated that this is THAT JUM'AH, WHEREIN THERE IS THE PROPHECY THAT HUMAN BEING WILL BE GATHERED UNDER THE BANNER OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD, PEACE AND BLESSINGS OF ALLAH BE ON HIM. He then followed it with startling statement that 'Jum'ah' is another name of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and Mahdi as indicated by Imam Mulla Ali Qari and other inferences. Furthermore, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said all the bounties that have been collected is this faith-the Islam and included in its bounty is the Friday. With definitive statement, that the time has come for that Jum'ah which has been earmarked by Allah for heralding the appearance of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). Having established the sanctity of Jum'ah, the Khalifatul-Masih commanded in strongest terms, to not only come to Mosque by themselves, but to bring their children to the mosque. Realizing that this

might pose some difficulties, he suggested to come to Jum'ah at least once out of four in a month. It is mandatory for Muslims to attend Friday prayers and warned of the dire consequences, particularly, if not deliberately missing Friday prayers at the mosque. Referring to the Hadith that missing Friday Prayer (in Mosque) darkens heart means that our faith is weakening. He elaborated it further saying that non observance of Friday prayers is of two kinds: one due to sheer laziness. The other completely disregarding it or thinking of it as of marginal importance. His analysis would convince members that missing Friday prayers is a grave mistake and one should never take it lightly and concluded with central message: "Our entire progress is tied to Jum'ah." (Friday Sermon, London, January 31, 1992).

One of the earliest Friday sermons, connected to USA, was the Martyrdom of Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad in Canton, Michigan, USA, a suburb of Detroit delivered with great pathos in Rabwah on August 12, 1983. He eulogized on the supreme sacrifice paid by doctor in the cause of Ahmadiyyat and Islam. Quoting the Qur'anic verse, he assured the Ahmadis to get consolation by stating:

Martyrdom is an exalted stage. Millions have died aspiring for it and millions will." Incidentally, the perpetrators of the crime were asphyxiated to death while trying to burn down the mosque, drawing remarks that justice has been served. Incidentally in a fitting tribute to the

memory of Dr Muzaffar Ahmad, the Khalifatul-Masih named the mosque: Al-Muzaffar, which is located at 8218 Wyoming Ave., Detroit, Michigan. Another unfortunate casualty resulting from the tragedy was the cancellation by authorities of Oakland university where the convention was supposed to be held. An alternate site could not be arranged—ultimately the convention was carried in a park as per the suggestion of Khalifatul-Masih. (Friday Sermon, August 12, 1983). An American friend of mine, on my request wrote a critical letter to Free Press, Detroit chastising the Oakland University on their cowardly act and praising the peaceful non-violent nature of Ahmadis.

The 3rd sermon dealt with the book, Satanic Verses by Salman Rushdie filled with inflammatory remarks and abusive words against the Holy Personality of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) of Islam, Khalifatul-Masih was deeply hurt and incensed and gave vent to his feelings in the sermon. He justified the outrage of Muslims but decried vandalism, stopped short of endorsing the Fatwa of death penalty by Khomeini citing reasons drawn from Hadith. Incidentally, Khalifatul-Masih believed in the integrity of Khomeini, though he questioned his approach in dealing with America which resulted in advantage of Western interests to the detrimental of Iranian interests. He was particularly angry of the fact that Mian Tufail Ahmad of Jamā'at Islami forgave Rushdie, citing Rushdie committed a grave crime not worthy of exoneration. He commended those publishing houses, which declined to publish it,

and asked Ahmadis to send letters of thanks to them. Incidentally, he asked English speaking Ahmadis to write articles countering the allegations appearing in media while depicting the beauties of Islam (Friday sermon-Ahmadiyya Gazette-March 1987). It may not be out of place to mention that, that the writer did write a letter to Detroit News clarifying the position of Islam on, apostasy, jihad, treatment of women, conversion to Islam, the need for an Imam etc. On my request, an American friend wrote a letter to Free Press Detroit, indicating Ahmadis are model citizens in 80's.

Next, I will summarize two Friday sermons on prayers dealing with pardon and forgiveness and conditions for acceptance of prayer delivered in London respectively on December 6, 1996 and in April 25, 1997. The first sermon stem from a vision that there is a need to explain again and again the teachings of Promised, particularly the concept of pardon in the child rearing process, invoking the verses, 13-14 of Surah At-Taghabun. He then expounded on the meaning and intent of the Arabic words, عفو (forgiveness) and *Tasfahoo* (pardon) so as to operate when and how and for whom, to apply them for the desired outcome. The second sermon invoking verses 26-27 of Surah Ash-Shura clarifies that for the redemption from the sin, there must be conscious effort to act and lead a righteous life. From this one must not conclude that Allah does not have the ability to forgive sin to whomsoever he pleases. The basic message was, "We cannot rectify anybody without creating an atmosphere of forgiveness (عفو) in our homes."

### Books

وَإِذَا الصُّحُفُ نُشِرَتْ

And when books are spread abroad. (81[At-Takwir]: 11)

The phenomenal success of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), in his mission was in large part due to more than eighty books he wrote earning him the title of Sultan-ul-Qalam. The Khulafā-e-Ahmadiyya, the great stalwarts of Islam, naturally followed the same course and were not left behind in the prolific use of pen. The result was that starting from First Khalifa who was the foremost disciple and devotee of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) through the Second Khalifa to the third and fourth Khulafā respectively his eldest son and his two grandsons, left indelible mark in scholarly representation of Islamic and Ahmadiyya doctrine through books and lectures which received accolades from friends and foe. Incidentally, the literary contributions of the present Khalifa—the great grandson is no less in its impact in the secular and religious arena which may have been covered by other writers. However, we will just summarize the works of the fourth Khalifa focusing on books out of dozens which has the greatest impact on modern minds.

### The Holy Qur'ān with Urdu translation and explanatory notes

دل میں یہی ہے ہر دم تیرا صحیفہ چوموں  
قرآن کے گرد گھوموں کعبہ مرا یہی ہے

It is constantly in my heart to kiss Thy Scriptures—

To go around the Qur'ān—this surely is my Ka'ba (One of the rituals during pilgrimage to the Ka'ba is to go around it seven times.)

[Durr-e-Sameen (Urdu) by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, peace be on him, the founder of Ahmadiyya movement in Islam, couplet from "Shan-e-Islam," p. 79, English translation by Waheed Ahmad (unpublished)]

We will begin with his superb translation of the Holy Qur‘ān revealed in Arabic to Urdu. What sets it apart this from other translations, is its unique feature of translating Arabic words into Urdu for people, raised in a technological world requiring deep knowledge on the comprehension of Arabic words. Khalifatul-Masih’s command with both Urdu and Arabic combined with detailed knowledge of technology encompassing science and modern methods of communication enabled him to translate the verses of Qur‘ān in delectable Urdu, conveying the intended meaning of Arabic words intelligible to all. For example, the verse 195 of Chapter 3, has been translated to pinpoint, by stating, O Allah, give us those which you had promised through your messengers, rather than, whatever you had placed in the hands of in previous. I am afraid, failed to convey the idea, probably best explained in Urdu. Nevertheless, you got the idea, I hope. Such translations abound in the full text. It is a tribute to the learned translator, that he has captured the essence of the verses and communicated in Urdu without compromising the profound fundamental teachings of Islam.

### Murder in the Name of Allah- English Translation of the Urdu Book, “Mazhab kei Naam Pe Khoon”

“No religion with a universal message... under one flag can even momentarily entertain the idea of employing force to spread its message. Swords can win territories, but not hearts. Force can bend heads, but not minds.”

The author has taken great pains to show that the belief that much bloodshed has been caused in the name of religion rather than anything else is essentially wrong. What he says that priests, politicians, ruling class have hijacked the teachings in their

scripture to cater to their objectives. Sometimes they have introduced element in their holy scriptures which espouses their cause. For example, that a merciful God will reveal that it is kings’ duty to drop molten lead in to the year of untouchable should he listen to the slokas of Vedas! Even if there are no direct interpolations, some Qur‘ānic verses, have been interpreted to the extreme limit to the point that that conversion in Islam was largely due to power of sword. Whose sword? One man against the whole world. The sad part is that it is supported by top leaders of Islam. This book intends to clarify and offers steps to bring reconciliation-though the write (of this monograph)disagrees with title. Literal translation would have been better.

### Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge and Truth

The book covers a wide range of topics, particularly the discoveries in the scientific world and its relation to man through religious perspectives. The writer will only focus of immediate concern to Muslims.

Present day Muslims are confronted with clashes of two kinds of civilizations: The first deals with class between Science and Religion and the second between the Judeo-Christian West and the Muslim world. It is summed to some degree in the following sentences of the author:

“It is extremely difficult for believers, if not impossible, to draw a clear line between the facts and fantasies of their beliefs. Most often they are raised as children in the cradle of faith and, before they ever become capable of judging the truth or falsehood of their beliefs, they already become an integral part of their system. The few who awoken from their mental

state of lethargy and oblivion do so at the cost of their religion but seldom admit this fact publicly. They keep wearing the same garb under the same title so that despite the loss of faith their religion continues to survive merely as a symbol of identity. This, unfortunately, is the fate of all religions which deny rationality any instrumental role in judging the validity of their beliefs.”

The author presents convincing arguments that religion and science are not poles apart. They are compatible if you discount the biblical teachings of blind belief to the exclusion of scientific analysis. As a matter of fact, it leads to the truth. Take for example the predictable course of celestial bodies has been linked to the truth of the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) of this age. Secondly, the Qur‘ānic teachings do not fan the flames of dissension, but dampens it, as the Qur‘ān refers to Judeo-Christians as the people of the book and the fact that no nations have been deprived of a messenger. Just few sentences to elicit interest for further study.

### Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA)

میں تیری تبلیغ کو دنیا کے کناروں تک پہنچاؤں گا

(Revelation of the Promised Messiah, may peace be on him, Al-Hakam 27 March, 16 April 1898, Vol. 2, Nos. 5-6. P. 13). The above quote reflecting the promise of Allah Almighty to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) for propagation to corners of earth was literally and figuratively fulfilled, when for the first time the Friday sermon was telecast by satellite to the audience dispersed all over the world on January 31, 1992. Thus like all other revelations, this was bound to



happen, comes from an indication of the address of Ḥaḍrat Muslih Mau'ud's (may Allah be pleased with him) in 1936, wherein he expressed the invention and use of loud speakers as the sign of truth of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). He continued that a day will come when the Friday Sermons delivered in Qadian would be relayed to the entire world (The Ahmadiyya Gazette, Feb. 2007, p. 37).

The telecast in 1992 was the initial step in the grand scheme of Fourth Khalifa to launch a satellite station exclusively devoted to disseminating the teachings of Islam and Ahmadiyyat in several languages to the world. It continued with weekly transmissions broadcasting Friday Sermons and later on January 7, 1994 was rebranded to Muslim Television Ahmadiyya-MTA 1 Al-Awland which started broad casting, becoming the first TV Channel to broadcast Islamic programs globally. Since April 1, 1996, it began its 24-Hour service watched by millions of people in five continents. Every Friday Ḥaḍrat Khalifat ul-Masih delivers an inspiring sermon that is watched all over the globe with great fervor. There is no leader in the world whose sermons are seen with such yearning & regularity by his faithful followers. It is worthy of note that Friday sermon is translated simultaneously into six languages. In 1999 MTA started its digital transmissions. The administrative structure of MTA consists of fourteen departments that are manned by 150 dedicated volunteers. The weekly MTA telecasting schedule can be viewed on the following internet site: [www.mta.tv](http://www.mta.tv)

## Urdu Class

“Learn Urdu. It is storehouse of spiritual knowledge” (Irshad Malhi-Missionary)

After Arabic and Persian, Urdu

possesses more spiritual knowledge. It evolved during Muslim rule in India, replacing Persian as a court language. Its origin is traced to Arabic, Persian and Sanskrit with smattering of English words. It quickly established itself as a premier language capable of expressing ideas in delectable prose and lucid poetry producing litanies by the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), the Khulafā-e Ahmadiyya and persons of lesser distinctions. Khalifatul-Masih was concerned the children of Indian and Pakistani descent are being indoctrinated with western culture being exposed to them every day. Now, it is well known fact that the language –the vehicle of communications exerts principal affect in implanting western values, on the folks hailing from Indian sub-continent, particularly on children. This could be the reason that Khalifatul-Masih started Urdu Class to familiarize Urdu to the children and others. The warmth the children found in their spiritual father is something to see and appreciate.

## Waqf-e-Nau Scheme

Hazrat Maryam (may peace be on her) supplicated to Allah:

رَبِّ إِنِّي نَدَرْتُ لَكَ مَا فِي بَطْنِي مُحَرَّرًا  
فَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي ۖ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

“My Lord, I have vowed to thee what is in my womb to be dedicated to Thy service. So do Thou accept it of me; verily, Thou alone art All-Hearing, All-Knowing.” (3[Aal-e-‘Imran]:36)

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him) opened the Friday Sermon of April 3, 1997 with a recitation of the verse:

إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ - وَرَأَيْتَ النَّاسَ  
يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا

“When the help of Allah comes and the victory. And thou seest men entering the religion of Allah in

troops.” (110[An-Nasr]: 2-3)

In this sermon, Khalifatul-Masih instituted the grand scheme with justifications from the Holy Qur‘ān, Hadith and sayings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) indicated in the verse quoted above.

The aims and purpose, is best summarized by Dr. Shanaz Butt in her foreword on the book, “Sermons on Waqf-e-Nau,” by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, AMI publications, Silver Spring, MD 20905, published by Lajna Ima‘illah, USA An excerpt of that is presented below:

Every year at the time of International Bai‘at, thousands of people enter the religion of Allah in large groups. Conversion to Isla-Ahmadiyyat is only the first step; it must be followed with the important task of training and mentoring. Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih IV in his extraordinary wisdom and foresight, envisioned this enormous task when he launched the Waqf-e-Nau Scheme 17 years ago on April 3, 1987.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih requested parents to follow the traditions of Prophets and offer their most prized possession-their yet to be born children in the way of Allah. Devoted parents all over the world said “Labbaik” (yes) to the voice of their Imam and offered their children as, ‘Waqifeen-e-Nau. This blessed Scheme continues today as more parents offer their beautiful gifts to Allah. The waqf-e-Nau Children are the devotees and leaders of the future who will train and lead the growing number of Ahmadi Muslims in the world.”

The book, “Sermons on Waqf-e-Nau” presents English translation of five Friday sermons delivered in Urdu, covers the instruction for rearing a Wāqifin-e-Nau child in a manner that he fulfills the ultimate objective for which he was born. The

author in a very eloquent way explained the significance of love in obeying orders out of love or has to do hook or crook forced by circumstances, in his very first sermon, incorporating verses from Qur'an and sayings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

Hafiz Samiullah Chaudhry has summarized a report on activities in the latest issue of Ahmadiyya Gazette 2019 which can be seen from the attachment. Briefly there were 603 and 432 boys and girls respectively in Wāqifīn Nau in USA. 55 Wāqifīn-e-Nau are members of the blessed scheme of Waṣiyyat. The data on the performance of the children in schools was not available, but all indications point to their excellence in secular education. I have personal knowledge of academic distinction of one son of my nephew and one son of my niece. One scored 95% in High School Examination and the other received two medals-a gold and a bronze respectively in Computer and Mathematics competition for middle school students from all over India! What can be a greater sign than the wisdom and farsightedness of the fourth Khalifa (may Allah shower His mercy on him).

### Building of Mosque and Mission Houses

As long as you populate mosque, you will flourish until then and when you desert mosque, then Allah will desert you. Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad-Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) Friday sermon, May 8, 2015).

The Mosque occupies a central position in Islam and Ahmadiyyat. All Ahmadis gravitate to mosque. No wonder the Khalifatul-Masih took keen interest in building mosques all over the world. Thus, In the year 1982, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV launched a scheme of building five mosques and mission houses in America and to raise 2.5 million

dollars and 6000 Canadian dollars, probably for same purpose. Accordingly, the Jamā'at proceeded to build mosques throughout the United States and Canada.

The first building acquired in 1922 through the efforts of Mufti M. Sadiq and money from India was converted to mosque-the Sadiq Mosque located in Wabash Avenue is in the heart of city of Chicago. The American Fazl Mosque was purchased in 1950 followed by the Fazle-e-'Umar Mosque built in 1963 in Dayton, Ohio. The Baitul Hameed Mosque in Los Angeles and the Baitur Rahman Mosque in Silver Spring was built in 1989 and 1994 respectively. The latter mosque was inaugurated by Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih IV on October 14, 1994 at a cost of over 4 million dollars.

The writer will talk little more on four mosques where he was lucky enough to have direct contact for lengthy periods and of course for its significance in the context of this article, beginning with the Mosque in Detroit.

It was exciting time for Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Detroit when it was announced that Khalifatul-Masih will grace our community. Khalifatul-Masih arrived Thursday October 15th, led the Friday Prayer on October 16th. The ground breaking ceremony and laying of the foundation for the Detroit Mosque in the city of Troy was performed by Khalifatul-Masih on Saturday, October 17, 1987. The then President-Mr. Nasir Mahmood Malik and the entire Amila including the writer along with his wife and daughter (best Nasirat) had the distinction of laying the foundation stone. بَارِكْ اللهُ لَكُمْ Barakallahu Lakum. During that trip, Khalifatul-Masih visited the old mosque where the sign of truth of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) due to deaths of perpetrators of heinous crime (described elsewhere in this article) and named it as Al-Muzaffar, On Friday evening, Khalifatul-Masih

conducted the Mulāqāt with members of the Ahmadiyya community, seated in the chair which the writer had purchased.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV reached Chicago on June 17, 1997 in connection with the construction of a mosque there. The site for the Chicago Mosque was in Glen Ellyn-a suburb in the outskirts of downtown Chicago. After examining the blue prints, Khalifatul-Masih suggested changes which the architect incorporated in the final design and received the approval to go ahead with the construction of the mosque. In addition to Mr. Falahuddin, the President and other members, there were dignitaries who were given a twelve-page souvenir (The Ahmadiyya Gazette, Aug. 1997, p. 24).

The mosque in New Delhi, India was built in July 17, 1988 under the direction of Khalifatul-Masih. The foundation stone was laid by Sahibzada Mirza Wasim Ahmad, Nazar 'Ala, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Qadian. It is located in an upscale neighborhood next to Batra Hospital. The author had the occasion to stay there with family for couple of days.

The fourth Mosque built around 1901, probably with involvement of Sahabi late Syed Abdur Rahim, the companion who established Jamā'at Ahmadiyya along with his uncle late Syed Hafizuddin Ahmad, is located in village Kusambi (Sungra), Cuttack, Orissa, India. As many as 12 companions of Orissa populated that mosque. It got added luster when the eminent divine Maulana Ghulam Rasool Rajeki offered prayers in that mosque when he visited Orissa on an official matter. The writer used to walk 3 miles to attend Friday prayers in that mosque.

### Boston Mission House- Ahmadabad

The highlight for the dedication ceremony held on June 16, 1997 was the presence of Khalifatul-Masih.

The construction of the house was completed in 6/3/1997. News of that and the ceremony were published in local newspapers.

At 4:45 PM Khalifatul-Masih arrived at Ahmadabad Mission house to the throng of 200 people lined up on the driveway. After Zuhr-Asr prayers, Khalifatul-Masih granted Mulāqāt. During that time Senator Keating paid a short visit. The Selectman Norman Kratz of city of Sharon, gave the welcome address and read out the proclamation in his honor with the declaration that the day is the Ahmadiyya Muslim Day. Two other proclamations sent by Mayor of cities of Fitchburg and Leominster were also presented to Khalifatul-Masih. Khalifatul-Masih than gave an hour-long address focusing on unity of God and remedying the evils from the society which was well received by about 60 non-Ahmadi guests and of course the Ahmadi yearning to hear words coming out of the mouth of their beloved spiritual father (Ahmadiyya Gazette, August 1996, p. 25).

Other significant matters in this area are mentioned below:

Buyutul Hamd Fund increased to 10 million rupees in 1983

Two new European centers in England and Germany were established in 1984

Establishment for Qadian Fund for expansion of houses in Qadian, Delhi and Kanpur India in 1986

### Annual conventions

Khalifatul-Masih presided annual conventions in 1991 in Ypsilanti Michigan, June 28, 1996 at Washington D. C. Khalifatul-Masih gave special directives for the Jalsa of 1997, emphasizing that prayers are not to be neglected and make the Jalsa a model for other meetings. The presence of 4 new converts made Khalifatul-Masih especially happy.

## Majlis Ilm-o-Irfan (Q & A sessions)

The Majlis Ilm-o-Irfan ranks high in the list of all the forums on clarifying and educating on a variety of topics. The Q&A has done much in erasing wrong assertions ascribed to Islam and Ahmadiyyat. A Lot of misconceptions surrounding the beliefs of Ahmadiyyat were removed. His talks on Ahmadiyya doctrine, and tenets were based on The Holy Qur'an and Hadith satisfying the Muslims that it is not a new religion, just that it explains matter in the light of recent discoveries in Science and Technology, e.g., the explanation of drowning of Pharaoh in Red Sea is due to the timing of ebb and tide rather the partition of water-a scientific and geological impossibility. Such explanations, combined with peaceful teachings paved the path of reconciliation with Muslims, Christians, Jews, Hindus etc. The West finally learned the true conception of Islam. It is practically impossible to document those discourses here. However, I do take the liberty of presenting two questions, for which I summed up enough courage to ask, partly because of he was confronted with the question and partly because of the perception of so-called intellectuals who are not particularly religious.

Q-1. How to approach a Westerner on religious matter, when it is perceived that some religious people are not smart and thus, they are not prepared to listen?

A. You should not immediately broach the religious topics. First try to get them interested in activities common to both, e.g., participating in sports, engaging in professional tasks and be sincere, then talk on religious matter.

Q-2. Will there be prophets after the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)?

A Yes, but then he has to

substantiate the claim with manifest proofs.

## Mubahala

قَالَ كَلَّا إِنَّ مَعِيَ رَبِّي سَيَهْدِينِ

[Moses] said, "No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me. (26[Ash-Shu'ara']: 63)

وَجَاءَ رَبُّكَ وَالْمَلَكُ صَفًّا صَفًّا

And thy Lord comes, attended by the angles, rank of rank. (89[Al-Fajr]: 23)

It was prophesized that during the times of Ahmadiyya Khilafat, a pharaoh would have ignominious ending at the hands of the leader (Khalifa) leading the time along the pattern witnessed at the time of Prophet Moses (peace be on him). This is exactly happened when the tyrant Zia received a horrible death due to plane crash without leaving a trace of any part of his body. That something of this type would occur was brought to the attention of Ahmadi by Ḥadrat Muslih Mau'ūd during a dars on Sūrah Al-Fajr. That an Ahmadiyya leader would deliver his people, similar to what happened at Prophet Moses's time, referring to verses quoted above. Arabic words: coming in ... can be understood as an idiom indicating imminent and destructive punishment (Malik Ghulam Farid): The Muslih Mau'ud's (may Allah be pleased with him) talk could be connected to a dream of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) that his followers were screaming for being entrapped, but were assured with above Qur'anic words (Mishkat sept/oct. 1888 p 5,6). Incidentally the revelation:

يَأْتِي عَلَيْكَ زَمَنٌ كَمِثْلِ زَمَنِ مُوسَى

indicate a period in his Jamā'at reminiscent to the period of Prophet Musa (peace be on him). (Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, Tadhkirah p. 605). Incidentally, the eminent scholar, Malik Ghulam Farid explained the verse (89:23) clear

## The Invitation

terms in by saying: The verse coming of the Lord... in verse (89:23) is a Qur'anic idiom for imminent and destructive Divine punishment. Thus, it all boils down to a perfect analogy to the period of Moses.

We now lead to a discussion leading to a Mubahala challenge.

It is a paradox that the people who profess to follow the teachings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) do exactly the opposite of what they profess. Take for example the short verse." For you your religion and for me religion."(109:7). It literally sets the principle of reconciliation and accommodation between different creeds and beliefs. Yet the Pakistani Mullah's and their entourage would have none of it. With characteristic impudence of the verse, they won't let Ahmadis live in peace, made their lives miserable, hurling with incessant and baseless allegations, engaging press and radio, television etc. The sad part is that these dastardly acts are conducted under the very nose of the authorities. No wonder when they brought atrocities they were put to jail and to even harsher sentence leading to death. A graphic description of the torture meted to an Ahmadi which would bring tears to your eyes is attached.

Thus, under divine command, the Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih IV issued the challenge of Mubahala (Prayer Duel). The Mubahala is a term of the Holy Qur'an which means that when the claimant of the God is rejected outright and no further room is left for meaningful dialogue and argumentation, then both the parties those who believe in him and those who reject him-should invoke the curse of Allah on the willful liars.

Accordingly, a pamphlet was prepared describing the significant two parts of the challenge and the Quranic prayer stated in page 4 of the pamphlet is presented below:

We can divide our invitation to Mubahala into two parts, hereafter referred to as:

**Part A:** The rejection of the claims of the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement and declaring him to be an imposter, a conscious liar, a knave, a dissembler and one who attributed words to Allah which Allah never spoken to him.

**Part B:** Accusations against Jamā'at Ahmadiyya and attributing to it such beliefs, actions and designs which Jamā'at Ahmadiyya has nothing to do with.

By the authority vested in me as the Imam and Head of word-wide Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, I hereby invite all those who hold either of the beliefs set out in Parts A or B above to a Mubahala in accordance to the teachings of the Holy Quran:

".....Come, let us call our sons and your sons, and our women and your women, and our people and your people; then let us pray fervently and invoke the curse of Allah on those who lies. " (Aal-e-'Imran: 62)

Details of Part A and B are described from pages 5 through 14 of the pamphlets.

Thus, since June 10, 1988, the Mubahala challenge were being delivered by mail or by hand to Mullahs, Pakistanis and other opponents all over the world. A part of the challenge was conditional for some, but it was not for Zia, whether he accepts or not, the dire fate awaited him. It is due to sheer Grace of Allah that this humble self along with two others (Bashir Rohela and Wasim Mian) were able to deliver the Mubahala Challenge to Pakistanis gathered for a technical convention held in Oakland University in August 13, 1988. To reach the people already inside the hall, the writer had to overcome attempts by security guards to stop him. The sacrament-death knell for Zia had to be delivered.

Imagine our happiness when 4 days later-the dictator Zia along with his entourage and the US Ambassador vanished in thin air resulting from an air crash of the plane. It was followed with deaths of other opponents. One in particular-the vehement opponent ridiculing the Mubahala was Muhammad Mahmood Ahmed Hameerpuri who died along with his son and mother-in-law in a car accident in England. And on the top of it, his grieving widow who was injured in the previous accident was again seriously injured from the fall of roof on her while commiserating the death of their religious leader. Is it not an amazing sign of awesome power of Allah vouchsafed in the Khalifatul-Masih in 20th century? It is a proof for people who ponder.

As expected, there was a thorough investigation on this incident. The two-year investigation by the FBI into the mysterious plane crash that killed Pakistani Gen. Muhammad Zia ul Haq, the US Ambassador to Pakistan and other senior officials, by the US Justice department could not pin point the cause of plane crash, either due to malfunction or due sabotage. (Steve Coll, Washington Post, June, 1991/ Ahmadiyya Gazette-May-June-July 1991-p. 21).

Unfortunately, some people do not learn a lesson. The deaths of Mullah's in 1988 and in subsequent years due to Mubahala, they again continued with their invectives against the Ahmadis, which forced Khalifatul-Masih to issue the challenge again (Ahmadiyya Gazette. February 1997).

جو خدا کا ہے اسے لکارنا اچھا نہیں  
ہاتھ شیروں پہ نہ ڈالے روئے زار و نزار

English translation:

It is not sensible to dare him who is a man of God—

Don't lay your hand on lions, O frail and feeble fox!

[Durr-e-Sameen (Urdu) by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, peace be on him, the founder of Ahmadiyya movement in Islam, couplet from "Shan-e-Islam," p. 92, English translation by Waheed Ahmad (unpublished)]

## Humanity First

In 1992 the Supreme Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hadrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad based in United Kingdom initiated the relief activities to help the victims of the war-torn Bosnian crisis. These disaster relief activities continued until a formal charitable organization was registered in the UK in 1995. Since its inception, Humanity First has been established in 52 countries and presently serving in 62 countries across the globe. Major Disaster Relief activities have been carried out during Asian [Kobe earthquake](#) in Japan, [Kosovo War, 1999 Izmit earthquake](#) in Turkey till 2004. The relief work continues thereafter under the guidance Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih V aba, Humanity First was registered in USA in 2004 and since its inception has served in every major disaster

within US and has served millions in need across the globe.

The illustrious career of Hadrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih came to an end when he left this mortal world to his final destination on April 19, 2003 in London England. We have presented a microcosm of a trail blazing life of Hadrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad-the fourth Khalifa in the Ahmadiyya Muslim community spanning over two decades dedicated in delivering the Ahmadi smarting from the draconian laws imposed on them and erasing the negative image of Islam. He was uniquely successful in both fronts. Armed with knowledge the basic tenets of Islam as embodied in Quran, Hadith and Sunna, he thwarted all virulent attacks and allegations with unimpeachable evidence that was hurled by opponents of Ahmadiyyat and Islam. When that failed, then following his prayers, Allah' wrath descended on perpetrators of worst crime against the defenseless innocent Ahmadi, preaching the pristine truth of Islam-the Mullahs and their ring leader Zia, resulting in their ghastly deaths. It was a powerful sign of divine power vouchsafed on the Fourth Khalifa of

Ahmadiyya Dispensation. The West now recognizes that Ahmadiyyat is the true and correct representation of Islam and the Ahmadi Khalifa are accorded respect and dignity in Europe and in North America not extended to any other Muslim leader in the world. Mission accomplished.

May Allah enable us all to attain the high standards set for us by Khalifatul-Masih IV-may Allah shower His mercy on him-Ameen.

I conclude this discourse with the Quranic verse:

وَأَخِرُ دَعْوَاهُمْ أَنِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ  
الْعَالَمِينَ

"All praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds" (10[Yunus]: 11).

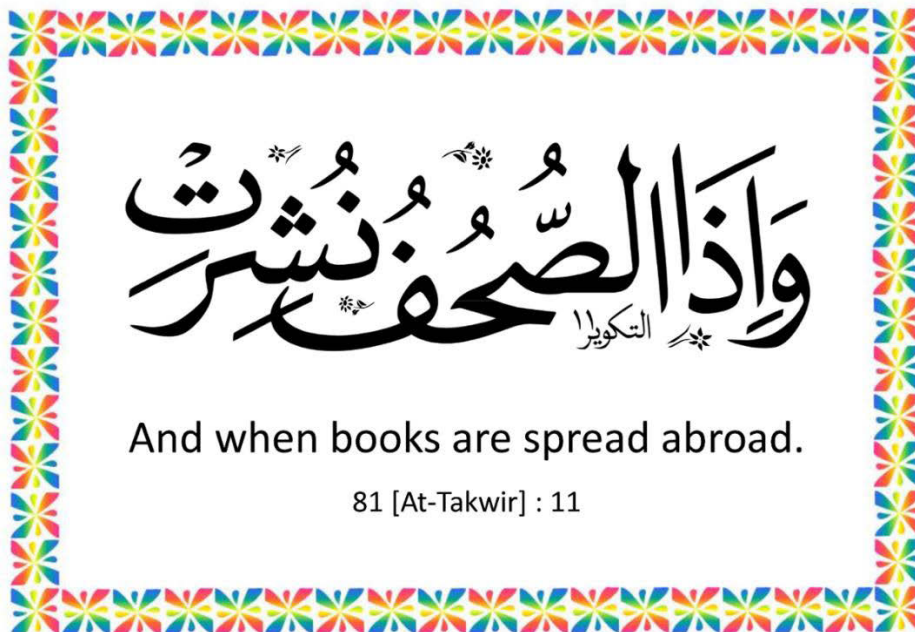
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غیر ہیں چاروں طرف ان میں مجھے رسوا نہ کر

English Translation:

O ray of light, do not show my faults like this—

Do not disgrace me as unknown are around me in four directions.

(Kalam-e-Mahmud, Hadrat Muslih Mau'ud, may Allah be pleased with him)

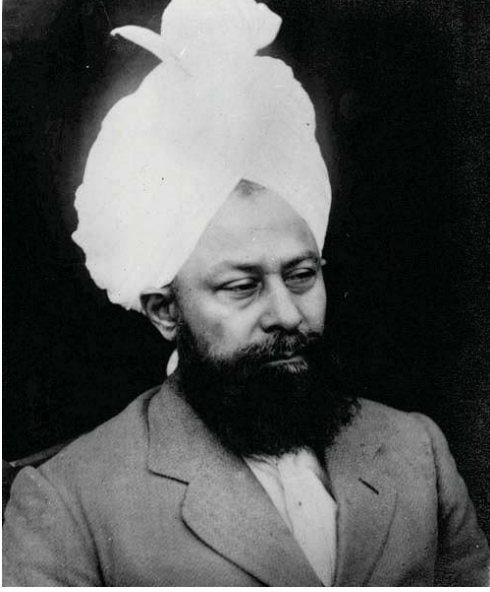


# My reminiscences of four Ahmadiyya Khulafā

May Allah shower His mercy on them  
Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Columbus, Ohio

I am blessed to witness and pledged allegiances to Khilafat II, Khilafat III, Khalifat IV and Khilafat V. Al-Hamdu-Lillah. I shall describe some reminiscences of these Khulafa.

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him)



When I (author) was born in 1944, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II was on the throne of Khilafat. My father, Mian Muhammad Yahya, may Allah place him in the highest echelons of paradise, was serving Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Lahore at that time. When Khalifatul-Masih

arrived in Lahore for a short period after Indo-Pak partition and lived at Ratan Bagh, adjacent to Mayo Hospital, Lahore, my father was assigned security duty of the Khalifa. My father told me that when I was just a year old, he took me to National Ijtima at Qadian, India. I always accompanied him to annual conventions at Rabwah, Pakistan. I used to meet Khalifatul-Masih II with my father during annual conventions. I remember listening Khalifatul-Masih II's famous and popular speech "*Nobat Khanay*." It was a very long speech and continued till 'Ishā in open and cold month of December 1953. I accompanied my father to Rabwah when this blessed soul departed from this world on 8 November 1965. There was a long queue of devotees for viewing the departed soul. People were literally crying. I was assigned a duty just outside Qit'a-e-Khas, Bahishtī Maqbarah. We offered his Namaz-e-Janāza behind next Imam Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III. There must be more than 50,000 people who came from all parts of the world to depart their spiritual leader. Long bamboo sticks were tied to the cot carrying the body of Khalifa. I just touched one of the bamboo sticks. He was buried at about Maghrib time.

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy on him)



Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih III

(may Allah shower His mercy on him) was elected as third Khalifa in the year 1965. Khalifatul-Masih wanted to inculcate the habit of understanding the Holy Qur'ān in the youth of Jamā'at. He announced a scheme for Khuddam to buy "*Tafsir-e-Sagheer*," translated by Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) with signature of Khalifatul-Masih III at half price i.e.; about Rs. 10. I still have that book with signature of Imam of the age.

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy on him) visited Lahore, Pakistan and delivered first Friday Sermon at Dar-uz-Dhikr Mosque. The mosque was under construction. Khalifatul-Masih said: Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, Lahore considers that the mosque shall cater their needs for many years. I say that this mosque shall not cater their needs in near future. It shall not be enough for Ahmadis of Lahore on its completion. Lahore Jamā'at shall need much bigger mosques in near future."

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy on him) visited Lahore, Pakistan from 8 October 1969 to 15 October 1969. He stayed at Jamā'at residence "Palm-View" 5 Davis Road, Lahore. There was adequate arrangement for offering daily prayers behind Khalifatul-Masih in the adjoining big and beautiful grassy plot. Large number of chairs were there for guests and Ahmadi devotees. (Tarikh Ahmadiyyat Vol. 25, p. 141) Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Lahore was assigned security duty. I had the honor to be in the security team. I was assigned the duty during nights. Khalifatul-Masih delivered Friday Sermon at Dar-uz-Dhikr Mosque on 10 October 1969. He left for Rabwah on 15 October at about noon time. Ahmadi from Lahore Jamā'at and surrounding areas were lined in two rows across the pavement of the residence. Khalifatul-Masih gave audience and handshake to all present. During those days, I had hurt my back severely by lifting a heavy weight at Lahore Railway Station. I was in pain while waiting my turn of handshake. When Khalifatul-Masih stopped near me, I was blessed a warm handshake from the Khalifa. Khalifatul-Masih asked me about my education. I requested Khalifatul-Masih to prescribe some medicine for my back pain. Khalifatul-Masih said: Use homeopathic medicine "Cimicifuga 30."

I earned a scholarship to do Ph.D. in England in 1974 but could not proceed because of stiff opposition from some officers of Jamā'at-e-Islami working in my institute. I was forced to disembark from the plane by the orders of the then Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto. My ticket and passport were seized and was asked to refute Ahmadiyyat for the permission to proceed. I spurned the offer saying that I could sacrifice my life for Ahmadiyyat rather than compromise my faith for temporal progress. I was determined to leave class-I officer job. Downcast, but not heartbroken, I approached Khalifatul-Masih III in Rabwah for prayers. Khalifatul-Masih was sitting on a chair. He asked me to sit very close to him near his feet. I was sure that Khalifatul-Masih shall solve my problems. I narrated the whole story with tears in my eyes. Khalifatul-Masih knew my grandfather Mian Muhammad Musa, a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and my father Mian Muhammad Yahya of Nila Gumbad, Lahore. Khalifatul-Masih consoled me and then said:

How is Nila Gumbad, Lahore [The Promised Messiah sat under a tree in front of the shop of Mian Muhammad Musa (Allah be pleased with him)]?

I replied, "Huzoor it is okay."

Then Khalifatul-Masih said, "It is not right." A dedicated Ahmadi sent me his dream. He says that he saw that large number of Ahmadi are coming out from a Nila Gumbad Mosque (mosque under Nila Gumbad, which belong to non-Ahmadi). So, I tell you that God is

changing the circumstances. The time is not far away.

The man of God said: "Do not leave the job. Stop worrying. You shall get your Ph.D. for which Allāh, the Almighty shall provide help."

Lord behold-indeed it happened. I was sent to Tandem Accelerator Laboratory, Uppsala, Sweden. I did my Ph.D. and got promotions. God bestowed me all that I wished.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy on him) visited Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, many times and used to stay at Bait-ul-Fazl, sector F-8; a property of the Jamā'at. It is big property and is managed by Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, Islamabad, Pakistan. My institute where I worked for thirty-seven years is also in the outskirts of Islamabad. During the visits of Khalifatul-Masih, I got opportunity to offer my services for any duty. I happened to live very close to Bait-ul-Fazl. It gave me ample opportunities to offer prayers behind Imam of the time.

Now I describe about the visit of Khalifatul-Masih III in 1980-81. The present Amir of Canada, Malik Lal Khan was our Qaid Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya and Sheikh Abdul Wahab was Amir Jamā'at Islamabad. Khalifatul-Masih used to come out during night and talk with Khuddam on duty. It was incredible that Khalifa of the time is enquiring about the Khuddam on duty. One day, soon after the Fajr prayer, someone requested Khalifatul-Masih to recommend him for certain post to an Ahmadi officer. Khalifatul-Masih declined saying: "Such recommendation is *Shirk* in my opinion." The duty personnel used to get left over food and water almost daily. Our seniors used to distribute that food and water judiciously. Khalifatul-Masih died in 1982 while I was on duty. I started crying profusely. The love Khalifatul-Masih created in us was beyond description. I also went to Rabwah to offer his Janāza prayer.

Foreign delegates to annual conventions at Rabwah used to listen speeches in Urdu with patience without comprehending the meaning. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy on him) directed Hazrat Mirza Tahir who was Director Fazl-e-'Umar Foundation at that time to start the simultaneous interpretation work immediately so that foreign guests are not deprived from the proceedings of the convention. Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad deputed the work to Ahmadi engineers of Islamabad. Engr. Malik Lal Khan, Engr. Munir Ahmad Farrukh (who served Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Islamabad as Amir from 1999 to 2013), Engr. Ayub Ahmad Zaheer and Engr. Mahmood Mujeeb Asghar (presently stationed in Sweden with his family) designed a system for simultaneous interpretation. The workshop was housed in a garage of Ahmadiyya Mission House, G-6, Islamabad. I also used to go there to assist the work. The system for two hundred people was tested at annual

convention Rabwah in 1980. At Rabwah we were stationed at the corridor of Aqsa Mosque. A tent was wrapped around the pillars. There was about two feet open space from ceiling and during night it was very difficult to sleep due to cold. We used to sleep there with warm clothes and shoes on. During the day temperature rises even in December and made our life comfortable. I remember that Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad visited our

abode and categorically instructed us to offer prayers in congregation. God shall help you accomplish the task easily. The system was successfully installed at the convention for two hundred and twenty delegates (Men and Ladies) in English and Indonesian languages. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III appreciated the efforts of Ahmadi engineers and helpers in one of his addresses in the convention.

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah shower His mercy on him)



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV at Annual Convention in Rabwah, Pakistan in 1983. (Photo by Mahmud Ahmad Nagi)

Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad was Sadr Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya from 1966 to 1969. During this I was studying at Govt. College, Lahore for my M.Sc. degree in physics (1966-7). Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Lahore arranged one week training class in 1968. Boarding and lodging were arranged at Dar-uz-Dhikr Mosque. I was Zaeem Halqa Qila Gujar Sing, Lahore at that time. Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad presided over the concluding session and distributed prizes to the contestants. I remember he asked a Khadam to explain a couplet from the Promised Messiah (peace be on him):

پہلے سمجھے تھے کہ موسیٰ کا عصا ہے فرقاں  
پھر جو سوچا تو ہر اک لفظ مسیحا نکلا  
ہے قصور اپنا ہی اندھوں کا وگرنہ وہ نور  
ایسا چمکا ہے کہ صد تیر بیضا نکلا

### A rare photograph with Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Sadr Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya.



(From R to L, on chairs): Sh Rehmat Ali, Dr. Nasrullah Ch, Mian Khalil Ahmad, Ch Mahmood Ahmad Bhullar, Sh Sajjad Haider, Malik Tahir Ahmad, Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Mujeeb-ur-Rahman Dard, Muhammad Mahmood Iqbal, Malik Noor Elahi, Saleem Ahmad, Capt. Dr. Sharif Ahmad, Muhammad Siddique Shakir, (Standing first row): Abd-ur-Rashid Bangui, Syed Tabassum Hussain Shah, Maqsood Ahmad Nagi, Muhammad Younas Javed, Mahmood Ahmad, Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Dr Abdul Shakoor, Abdul Ghaffar, Sh Ijaz Ahmad, Mubarak Ahmad, Muhammad Umar Qureshi, Abdus Salam, Muhammad Masood Iqbal, Abdul Latif Bangui, Abd-ur-Rashid, Ch Saeed Ahmad, (Standing last row): Faiz Ahmad Zafar, Abdus Sami, Ch Ata Muhammad, Iqbal Ahmad Malik, Laiq Muhammad Khan, Abdus Sattar Tahir, Sh Abdul Hadi, Sh Muhammad Irshad, Saleem Ahmad, Mirza Zafar Iqbal, (Sitting front row): Abdul Shakoor, Mirza Naseer Ahmad, Ch Sultan Ali, Naseer-ud-Din Butt, Pervaiz Ahmad Minhas



Hazrat Mirza Tahir was elected Khalifatul-Masih IV on 10 June 1982 by Khilafat Electoral Committee. He came to Islamabad for his first visit as Khalifah on 11 April 1984 for about two weeks. He delivered two Friday Sermons and held Majlis-i-Irfan [a question/answer session] at Bait-uz-Dhikr Mosque, Islamabad on 17 April 1984.

There was a Bai'at ceremony (pledge of allegiance) before the Majlis-i-Irfan. Lot of newly converts were present. I happened to be very close to Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV with my elder 9-year-old son Mobusher Mahmud. When the Bai'at (pledge of allegiance) started, I was fortunate to have my hand touching Khalifatul-Masih during the oath of allegiance. My son Mobusher came forward and hurriedly put his hand on the blessed hand of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV. During the Bai'at, I felt extraordinary feelings. I felt an electric current of blessings flowing from Khalifatul-Masih IV into my body. I was shivering with tears flowing profusely from my eyes. I am unable to describe the condition. After the ceremony, Khalifatul-Masih asked who is this boy? I replied: My son, Mobusher. Khalifatul-Masih hugged him and prayed for him. I am living with my son in Columbus, Ohio since 2012. He is a cardio vascular specialist. God always listen to Imam of the time.

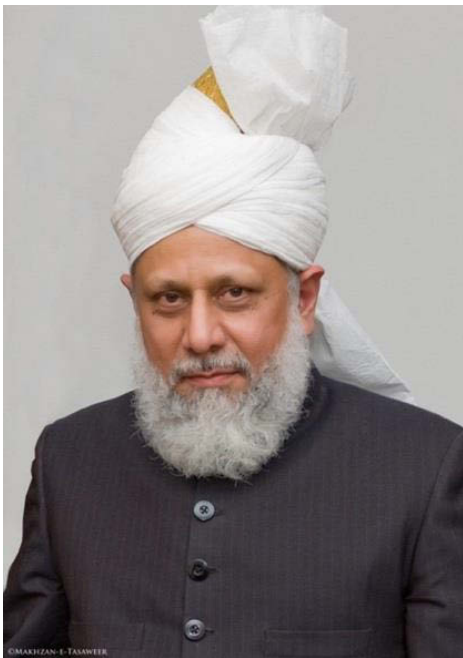
I went to London in 1990 with the simultaneous interpretation team headed by Engr. Munir Ahmad Farrukh by Egypt Air. That was the cheapest flight and two-way journey Karachi-London-Karachi was just Rs. 15000. There was an overnight stay at Cairo which

enabled us to see Egyptian Pyramids and museums. The annual convention used to be held at Islamabad in Surrey, UK.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV granted us audience two times one before and one after the convention. Khalifatul-Masih hugged and handshake every member of the team. I took some pictures. I had computerized Chandajats System of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, Islamabad, Pakistan in those days. We were the first to do so in Pakistan. During the second meeting with Khalifatul-Masih, I explained him the Chandajats System developed. Khalifatul-Masih appreciated our efforts and gifted us rupees one lac for future R & D. There was an official photograph taken which Khalifatul-Masih sent to Islamabad, Pakistan with his signature. Khalifatul-Masih also discussed projects for rural development in Africa.

We were given a room near the site of the convention. The room was fitted with two triple bunk beds. Another two bedding on the floor and a small wash room. Another bigger room was earmarked near Tasnif department. We set-up a workshop there for the installation of interpretation system. It took almost two weeks to assemble electronic gadgets etc. At the site of the convention, there were wooden boxes which could accommodate one chair only for scholars to translate the speeches of Khalifatul-Masih simultaneously into about ten international languages. I was permitted to take photographs of Khalifatul-Masih IV during all three days of the annual UK convention.

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper)



My first interaction with Sahibzada Mirza Masroor Ahmad was in 1999 when he visited Jamā'at Ahmadiyya

Islamabad, Pakistan as Nazar A'la and head of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya.

The Amir Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Islamabad Engr. Munir Ahmad Farrukh convened an extra-ordinary Aamila meeting on 11 November 1999. Sahibzada Mirza Masroor Ahmad chaired the meeting. Amir Jamā'at introduced all members of the Aamila to him. I was introduced as Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Secretary Finance and head computerization of Chandajats. Hazrat Sahibzada Masroor Ahmad asked me many questions in one go about Tajnīd of the Jamā'at, number of Moosies, budgets of obligatory Chandajats, Waṣiyyat, Tahrīk Jadīd and Waqf-e-Jadīd. I replied all questions one by one. Sahibzada Mirza Masroor Ahmad said, "You seem to know all the figures." I replied, "Secretary Finance should know all financial budgets and related figures." Sahibzada Mirza Masroor Ahmad instructed all secretaries to ask from Nazarat 'Ulea rules and regulations about their departments and act upon them.

Another similar meeting with Nazar A'la was held on 13 August 2000. Regarding finance department he said, "It is essential that all obligatory Chanda donors should

declare their income honestly. Jamā'at Islamabad has potential to beat Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, Rawalpindi, Pakistan. In Tahrir Jadid, try 100% participation of all members.

Sahibzada Mirza Masroor Ahmad visited Islamabad again on 10 October 2000 to lay foundation stone of phase-I of Bait-uz-Dhikr, Islamabad. There was a function and it was my honor to be there with Nazar A'la Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. He also came on 14 October 2001 and inaugurated Bait-uz-Zikr Mosque with prayers.

Sahibzada Mirza Masroor Ahmad became fifth caliph of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community on 22 April 2003. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V visited the US for his second visit in June-July 2012. My wife and I had moved to the US in February 2012 and started living with our son Dr. Mobusher Mahmud Nagi. We requested for a family Mulāqāt which was approved. We were asked to come to Bait-ur-Rahman, Maryland one week ahead of Annual Convention for the Mulāqāt. We decided to go for a day and come again for the annual convention. We travelled for almost twelve hours from Atlanta, GA and reached Bait-ur-Rahman, Maryland for the scheduled

Mulāqāt. Our Mulāqāt with Khalifatul-Masih was cancelled without informing us. We travelled back to Atlanta. During the journey back home, we were very sad and did not converse with each other. Our Mulāqāt was rescheduled one day prior to the convention. We arrived again at Bait-ur-Rahman Maryland. My wife and myself with family of my son were given opportunity to meet our beloved Imam this time. That was wonderful and ever-remembering Mulāqāt. We forgot our travelling woe. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V recognized me immediately. Before I could utter a word, Khalifatul-Masih narrated himself our meetings at Islamabad, Pakistan. I told Khalifatul-Masih that after the debacle of 10 May 2010 at Dar-uz-Dhikr, Lahore in which I was at the mosque and was escaped unhurt. My son asked me to move to the US for good. So, we came here in February 2012. I told Khalifatul-Masih that I feel a burden on my son. Khalifatul-Masih said, "Your son is a cardiologist and specialist doctors earn enough to support their parents easily. So, you need not worry." The Mulāqāt lasted for about 25-30 minutes. Khalifatul-Masih was gracious and kind to allow a photograph with all our family, asset of my life.

## Notes on chapters and verses of the Holy Qur'ān by Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih IV<sup>rh</sup>

— Surah Sad to Al-Mu'min —

English Translation by Missionary Shahid Ahmad of Ghana

(Continued from April 2023 issue)

### 38. Sad: Introduction

This is a Meccan Surah, and including *Basmallah* it consists of seventy-nine verses.

This noble Surah as well starts with one of the abbreviated letters *Sad*. One of the explanations of it presented by the commentators is that *Sad* signifies *Sadiq-ul-Qaul*, i.e., that Allah Whose statements will definitely be fulfilled. And the Qur'ān, which consists of great exhortations, stands to witness that this Qur'ān is being rejected just because of opposition caused by false sense of honor.

This very Surah presents the vision of Ḥaḍrat David<sup>as</sup> which exhibits greed of human nature that if man is granted sovereignty over ninety-nine per cent his next target is hundred per cent; and they do not spare even a single per cent for the weak and poor. The wars waged by major powers mentioned in the previous Surah were waged with the end to usurp all rights of sovereignty from the poor countries; and they wish to rule the entire world without anybody's share in it. In other words, it is a claim to Divinity. Then with reference to Ḥaḍrat David<sup>as</sup> mankind has been admonished that mutual disagreements should be settled with justice, and not with aggression and coercion.

The very Surah states with regard to Ḥaḍrat Solomon<sup>as</sup> that he loved horses greatly. Misinterpreting this incident some commentators state that once he was patting his horses and was stroking their legs, in the meantime he missed the prayer time. At this he avenged the horses for this negligence of his and ordered for all of them to be killed. But this very ridiculous commentary is absolutely refuted by the verse in which Ḥaḍrat Solomon<sup>as</sup> says to bring them back to him. This shows that the Prophets greatly love the mounts granted to them for striving in the cause of Allah the Almighty, and desire to see them time and again. With regard to the horses prepared for jihad for his people the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> also said that their foreheads have been blessed until the day of Resurrection. In this very Surah Ḥaḍrat Job<sup>as</sup> has been presented as a great exemplary forbearing Prophet; and those facts have been furnished here which

are found in the form of strange stories in the Bible.

## Notes: Sad

### Verses 32-34

إِذْ عُرِضَ عَلَيْهِ بِالْعَيْشِيِّ الصُّفِينُ الْجِيَادُ ﴿٣٢﴾ فَقَالَ إِنِّي  
أَحْبَبْتُ حُبَّ الْخَيْرِ عَنْ ذِكْرِ رَبِّي ۖ حَتَّى تَوَارَتْ بِالْحِجَابِ  
﴿٣٣﴾ رُدُّوهَا عَلَيَّ ۖ فَطَفِقَ مَسْحًا بِالسُّوقِ وَالْأَعْنَاقِ ﴿٣٤﴾

Most of the commentators interpret it that Prophet Solomon<sup>as</sup> loved the team of his horses so much that once he was busy in watching them and missed his prayer. Thus, in this fury he severed the legs and heads of all of them. This is a very ridiculous explanation, and it is a defamation of the Holy Qur'an to attribute such a thing to it. If he had missed the prayer then observance of the prayer should have been mentioned first. Furthermore, to watch the horses was of his own volition; what was the fault of the horses that they should be beheaded. The truth is that as this army was kept for jihad in the way of Allah the Almighty, in admiration for them he stroked their legs and necks. As an admirer of horses does the same these days.

### Verse 35

وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا سُلَيْمَانَ وَأَلْقَيْنَا عَلَى كُرْسِيِّهِ جَسَدًا ثُمَّ أَنَابَ ﴿٣٥﴾

This verse denotes that his heir possessed neither spiritual nor statesmanship capabilities. Therefore, he was like a useless body. *وَأَلْقَيْنَا عَلَى كُرْسِيِّهِ* signifies his installment in the throne. Some of the commentators have been very unfair with regards to this verse as well, and declared Prophet Solomon<sup>as</sup> as if an immoral person. According to their statement a beautiful lady, who was not his wife, sat on his throne, and he intended evil with her. Later it occurred to him that it was a trial for him from God. Thus, this is a similar kind of story which the commentators have fabricated about Prophet Joseph<sup>as</sup>.

### Verse 36

قَالَ رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَهَبْ لِي مُلْكًا لَا يَنْبَغِي لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ بَعْدِي ۗ إِنَّكَ  
أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ ﴿٣٦﴾

This noble verse concludes all the previous verses. When he learnt that his son possessed neither spirituality nor abilities for temporal rule, he himself prayed against him and entreated to Allah the Almighty that none should be granted such a huge kingdom after him. Thus, history testifies that after Prophet Solomon<sup>as</sup> that kingdom went through continuous decline.

### Verses 42-45

وَأَذْكُرُّ عَبْدَنَا أَيُّوبَ ۖ إِذْ نَادَى رَبَّهُ أَنِّي مَسَّيَ الشَّيْطَانُ مِنْ بَنِي  
وَعَدَابٍ ﴿٤٢﴾ أَرْكُضْ بِرِجْلِكَ ۗ هَذَا مُغْتَسَلٌ بَارِدٌ

وَسَّرَابٍ ﴿٤٣﴾ وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ أَهْلَهُ وَمِثْلَهُمْ مَعَهُمْ رَحْمَةً مِنَّا وَذِكْرًا  
لِّأُولَى الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَوَحَدُّ بِيَدِكَ ضِعْفًا فَاصْرَبْ بِهِ وَلَا تَحْتَسِبْ  
إِنَّا وَجَدْنَاهُ صَابِرًا ۖ نِعْمَ الْعَبْدُ ۗ إِنَّهُ أَوَّابٌ ﴿٤٥﴾

The affliction Prophet Job<sup>as</sup> had been caused by Satan was extremely tormenting. According to the Bible he suffered from a terrible skin disease, as a result thereof his family members, too, in disgust, abandoned him on a mound of filth. The Holy Qur'an does not make mention of any such thing.

According to the Holy Qur'an Allah the Almighty commanded Prophet Job<sup>as</sup> to urge his mount with a handful of twigs and directed him not to break his vow. With reference to this a weird story is related that it is a reference to his wife and not to his mare. He had vowed to strike his wife with a twig a hundred times, therefore Allah the Almighty directed him to strike her with a broom, which may be having a hundred stalks, and thus the vow would also be kept. But this is just a hypothetical story. The wife of Prophet Job<sup>as</sup> is not mentioned among the wives of the Prophets that betrayed their husbands. Thus, he was commanded to use *ضِعْفًا* (twig) to urge his mount which would deliver him to the water he was to be cured by.

After Prophet Job<sup>as</sup> was cured by the command of Allah, he was granted not only his family members to look after him, but he was also granted a devoted party of believers.

### Verse 53

وَعِنْدَهُمْ فُصْرَتٌ طَّرْفِ أَرْبَابٍ ﴿٥٣﴾

"And with them will be *chaste* women with their eyes downcast." This, too, is a metaphor which refers to their humility and chasteness.

### Verses 83-84

قَالَ فَبِعِزَّتِكَ لَأُغَوِّيَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٨٣﴾ إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمْ  
الْمُخْلِصِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾

When Allah the Almighty rejected the Satan, he, in his arrogance, sought respite from Allah the Almighty that the ones He preferred over him, if he is respited, will snatch them away from Him through all means of deception. And instead of Him (Allah) they would worship him (Satan); except those servants of His who have devoted themselves for Him. He (Satan) will not be able to overpower them.

## 39. Az-Zumar: Introduction

This is a Meccan Surah, and including *Basmallah* it consists of seventy-six verses.

The chosen servants of Allah who refused to worship the Satan and bowed down in worship before Allah the Almighty alone are mentioned towards the end of the preceding Surah. And from the very beginning this Surah states that O Messenger! You should worship none else but Allah being sincere to him in obedience. Surely, Allah the Almighty accepts only sincere obedience.

Next, an argument of the polytheists has been refuted. The explanation furnished by them in support of idol worship is that these artificial gods are a means to bring them closer to Allah. Allah says, not at all; but only he will serve as a means whose obedience is as sincere as that of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, and which is free of even an iota of polytheism.

Next, the reality that human life was started from a single being has been presented again. At the time when man started developing as a fetus into the womb of mother it was concealed in three stages of darkness. The first stage of darkness is the darkness of the belly of mother which envelops the womb. The second stage of darkness is that of womb wherein fetus is nourished. And the third stage of darkness is that of placenta which envelops the fetus in mother's womb.

Next, the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> was allowed to proclaim that he was commanded to devote his worship sincerely for Allah. Then Allah directs him to say that it is Allah alone he will continue to worship in sincerest obedience. They may worship whomsoever they may please. And tell them that it will be a bargain of huge loss if they do so; because they will be a means of misguiding themselves as well as their future generations as a result of this crookedness.

Thereafter a question was raised that can anybody be better than the one whose bosom Allah has opened for His remembrance; in other words, he who has been granted openness of bosom. The answer to this question is not mentioned apparently, but is implied in the question. That is, none can be better than him. Thus, very unfortunate are those who are negligent of the remembrance of their Lord.

It is announced in verse 24 that Allah informs you of the best discourse that is that Allah has revealed to you an oft-recited book some of whose verses are *Mutashabihat* and they come in pairs. But there are some other very similar verses which explain them and guide the truth seeker to understand the *Mutashabihat* verses. This is the same subject which has been related in *Yufassiru ba'zuhu ba'zan* (some of its verses explain the others). At another place Allah says, that none of the verses remain *Mutashabih* for *Rasikhun fil ilm* (those who are firmly grounded in knowledge).

This Surah contains the noble verse which was revealed to the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) as well and he had it engraved on a stone and got it fixed in a ring. That is, اَلَيْسَ اللهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ (Is not Allah sufficient for His servant?). In this very connection Ahmadis wear such rings in their fingers for blessings and a good omen.

Verse 43 of this Surah reveals a great secret that sleep is also a kind of death wherein the soul or conscience goes deep down time and again. Allah the Almighty has constituted a system that exactly on time it bounces against the layer of brain and is aroused once again. The scientists have made some research on it and reveal that such a thing happens again and again with a sleeping person. And that exact time can be measured with an atomic watch; and no discrepancy whatsoever will be found in that period of time. When Allah the Almighty does not send the soul back after its going deep down this is termed as death or demise.

Since, returning to Allah Almighty and separating for good from this world is mentioned at this point, therefore those who are afraid of accountability have been given the glad tidings that Allah the Almighty has the power to forgive all kinds of sins; because He is the Gracious, the Merciful. Therefore, bow before Allah and submit yourself before Him alone before you are afflicted with the punishment and you die prior to your repentance; and in regret man may say, if only he had not dared to commit sins in respect of Allah the Almighty before His eyes.

This Surah is named Az-Zumar, and towards the end in two verses Zumar (group) has been divided into two. One group consists of those who will be driven in troops to Hell, whereas the other is of those who will be conducted to Paradise in groups.

### Notes: Az-Zumar

#### Verse7

خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْهَا رُؤُوسَهَا وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ  
الْأَنْعَامِ ثَمَنِيَةَ أَرْوَاجٍ يَخْلُقَكُمْ فِي بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ خَلْقًا مِّنْ بَعْدِ

خَلْقِي فِي ظُلْمَتٍ ثَلَاثٍ. ذَلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ  
فَأَنَّى تُصْرَفُونَ ﴿٧﴾

Though the word أَنْزَلَ contains the meaning of

descent, but in the current context it has been used in the sense of creating these extraordinarily beneficial things and not in the sense of descending something physically from the heavens. The entire world stands witness that the cattle do not fall like rain from the heavens; still the word *Nuzūl* is used for them because they are extremely beneficial for mankind. The same word *Nuzūl* has been used for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ<sup>as</sup>. The most importantly, the word *Nuzūl* has been used for the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> as well. As (the Qur‘ān ) states قَدْ أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ رَسُولًا. رَسُولًا إِلَيْكُمْ ذِكْرًا (Surah At-Talaq: 11-12) (Allah has indeed sent down to you a Reminder—a Messenger). All the scholars admit that the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> did not descend physically from the heavens. They also need to revise their beliefs with regards to the descent of Jesus Christ<sup>as</sup>.

## Verse 68

وَمَا قَدَرُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ \* وَالْأَرْضُ جَمِيعًا قَبْضَتُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ  
وَالسَّمَوَاتُ مَطْوِيَّاتٌ بِيَمِينِهِ . سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى عَمَّا  
يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

The way the Judgment Day has been depicted in the current verse is that (1) the whole earth will be *but* His handful on the Day of Resurrection, (2) and the heavens will be rolled up in His right hand. The right hand signifies the hand of omnipotence, and not the physical right hand. And as for the rolling up, this has been proven absolutely right from the current scientific theories. That is, the heavens and earth will be admitted in a mortal Black Hole in such a way as if they have been rolled up. Numerous other verses elaborate in further detail the similitude of rolling up.

## 40. Al-Mu‘min: Introduction

This is a Meccan Surah, and including *Basmallah* it consists of eighty-six verses.

This Surah starts with the abbreviated letters of *Ha Meem*, and the following six Surahs as well start with these very abbreviated letters. It means, including this Surah there are in total seven Surahs that start with *Ha Meem*. Allah knows better if there is any, or what, connection between these Surahs and the seven verses of Surah Al-Fātiḥa.

The children of Adam were exhorted in the preceding Surah that one should not be despaired of the mercy of Allah. In fact, hopelessness is a characteristic of Iblees. And whosoever will trust the mercy of Allah with all sincerity and repent truly for his sins Allah Almighty has the power to forgive all sins.

Similarly, the preceding Surah talks about angels’ being *Haffeen*, i.e., they are surrounding the environment of the Throne. But in addition to that the current Surah says that your forgiveness is dependent on the supplications of the angels as well, who are holding up the Throne of Allah. Allah the Almighty is not something material who is seated on a throne which is held up by the angels. Allah exists everywhere and He is holding up everything in the universe. Therefore, Allah’s transcendent attributes are mentioned at this point. And ‘*Arsh* (Throne) signifies the pure heart of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> where Allah’s throne rests. And in order to strengthen his heart the angels surround him all around; and also supplicate for the sinful men of God as well, and also pray for their generations. Thus, the writer is sure that it stands for the supplications that arise from the throne of the heart of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> which he made for the righteous men and their generations to come until the Day of Judgment. In this very Surah in relation to Pharaoh when he intended to kill Ḥaḍrat Moses<sup>as</sup> the mention of a prince is found who had believed in him but hid his faith. But when a plan to kill Moses<sup>as</sup> was hatched before him he could not help to give expression to his faith; and warned his people in majestic terms that they should spare Moses<sup>as</sup> if he was a liar, as liars perish on their own. But if he was truthful then some of that which he threatened them with would surely befall them.

At this point there is an everlasting exhortation for the people that they should leave the matter of those who claim to be Prophets to Allah the Almighty. If they be liars then Allah himself will destroy them. But if they are truthful and you refused to believe in them then some of that which they threaten you with will surely befall you. As these verses also have a connection to the claimants of Prophethood after the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> that is why their history shows that exactly the same occurred to them. All the imposters were destroyed and no trace of theirs is found in history.

In this very connection is mentioned the claim of people with regard to Ḥaḍrat Joseph<sup>as</sup> that no Prophet will come after him. If it were true then how the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> would be raised after Ḥaḍrat Joseph<sup>as</sup>? Thus, these are the claims of only those people who have no knowledge of the decree of Allah. Every other thing can cease but the way to the munificence of Allah can never cease. In relation to the fact that Allah Almighty destroys the liars it has also been warned that He definitely helps the truthful. Therefore, you may exert all your force, but you can never frustrate and destroy the truthful Prophets of Allah the Almighty.

Verse number 66 exhorts once again to be sincere to Allah, as there does not exist any other god but the living God worthy of worship. Thus, call unto Allah alone being sincere to Him in obedience.

Verse 12

قَالُوا رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا اِنتَتَيْنِ وَاٰحْيَيْتَنَا اِنتَتَيْنِ فَاَعْرَفْنَا بِدُنُوْبِنَا فَهَلْ اِلَىٰ خُرُوْجٍ مِّنْ سَبِيْلِ ﴿١٢﴾

Apparently, a person dies only once; whereas his resurrection twice is understandable: a life in this world and the other in the hereafter. The word اِنتَتَيْنِ the first death signifies complete non-existence; that is to say, You brought us earlier from non-existence into existence.

Verse 29

وَقَالَ رَجُلٌ مُّؤْمِنٌ \* مِّنْ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَكْتُمُ اِيْمَانَهُ اَتَقْتُلُوْنَ رَجُلًا اَنْ يَقُوْلَ رَبِّيَ اللّٰهُ وَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ . وَاِنْ يَكُ كَاذِبًا فَعَلَيْهِ كَذِبُهُ ؕ وَاِنْ يَكُ صَادِقًا يُصِْبْكُمْ بَعْضُ الَّذِي يَعِدُكُمْ . اِنَّ اللّٰهَ لَا يَهْدِي مَنْ هُوَ مُسْرِفٌ كَذّٰبٌ ﴿٢٩﴾

The believing male, mentioned in the current verse, was kindred of Pharaoh and was one of the chiefs. He, too, like Ḥaḍrat Asiyah had believed in Prophet Moses<sup>as</sup>, but kept his faith hidden.

This verse reveals that when Pharaoh and his chiefs were deciding about the slaying of Prophet Moses<sup>as</sup>, he disclosed his hidden belief; and explained to them to desist from this action of theirs. The argument he presented was that if he was a liar on him only would befall the sin of his lie. He Himself would see to it against Whom he has fabricated a lie. But if he happened to be truthful then some of the calamities, he threatens you with would surely befall you; so much so that you would be destroyed. This is a perpetual distinction of the true Prophets, and also an admonition for the people to whom Prophets are sent.

Verse 52

اِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَاَلَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا فِي الْحَيٰوةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ يَقُوْمُ الْاَشْهَادُ ﴿٥٢﴾

Allah the Almighty declares His sure support for His Messengers. اِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَالَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا فِي الْحَيٰوةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ يَقُوْمُ الْاَشْهَادُ signifies the Judgment Day, i.e., day of verdict, when numerous irrefutable witnesses will testify against the criminals.

Verse 56

فَاَصْبِرْ اِنَّ وَعْدَ اللّٰهِ حَقٌّ وَّاَسْتَغْفِرْ لِذُنُوْبِكْ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ بِالْعَشِيِّ وَاَلْبَكْرِ ﴿٥٦﴾

The *zanb* attributed to the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> signifies forgetfulness, and not a sin.

Verse 79

وَلَقَدْ اَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِّنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْهُمْ مَّنْ قَصَصْنَا عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ لَّمْ نَقْصُصْ عَلَيْكَ . وَاَمَّا كَانَ لِرَسُوْلٍ اَنْ يَّآتِيْ بِآيَةٍ اِلَّا يَأْتِيَنَّ اللّٰهَ ؕ فَاِذَا جَاءَ اَمْرُ اللّٰهِ فُضِيَ بِالْحَقِّ وَخَسِرَ هُنَالِكَ الْمُبْطِلُوْنَ ﴿٧٩﴾

The first worth-mentioning point in this verse is that out of many only a few Prophets have been mentioned by the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>. But this is not the full number of the Prophets. As an example, out of all categories of Prophets, only a few have been presented. And as a collective example of all of them the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> is mentioned. Including the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, the Holy Qur'an makes mention of a total of twenty-five Prophets; as was mentioned in the prophecy of Revelation. (Revelation 4:10-11)

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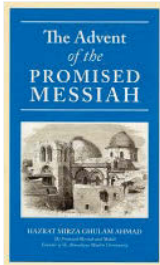
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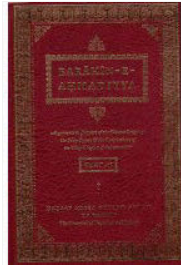
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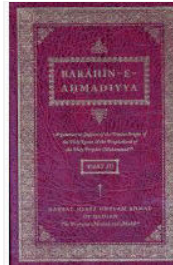
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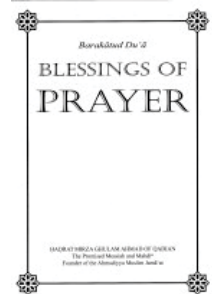
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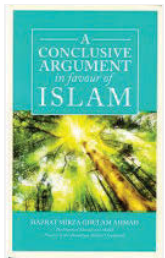
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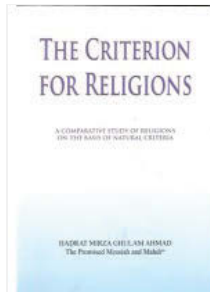
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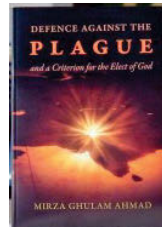
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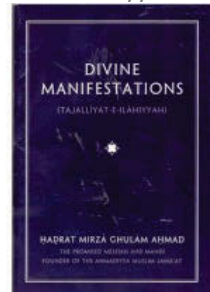
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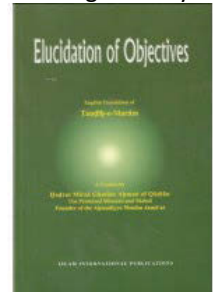
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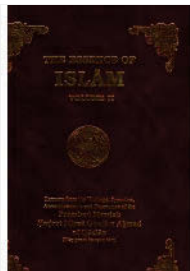
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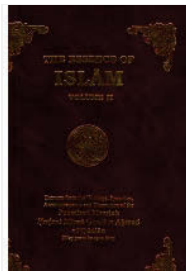
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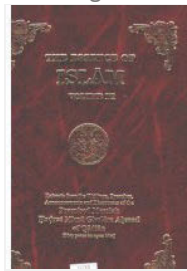
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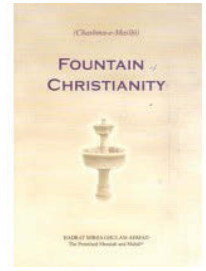
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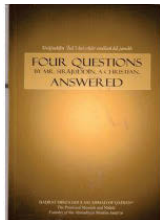
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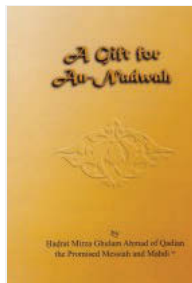
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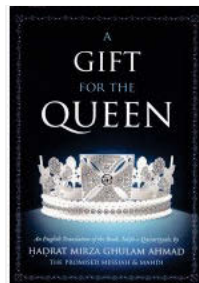
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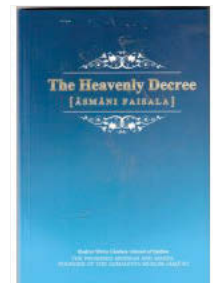
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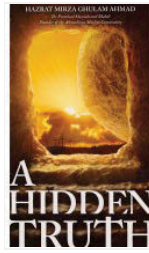
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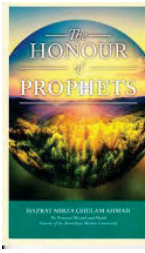
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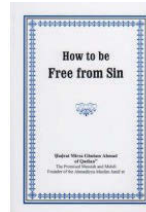
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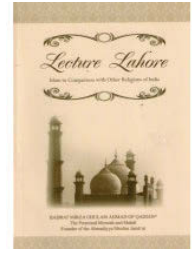
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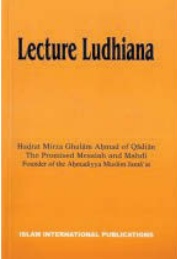
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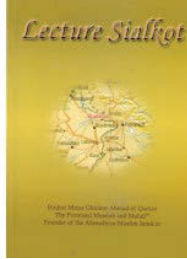
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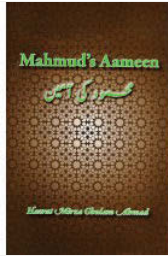
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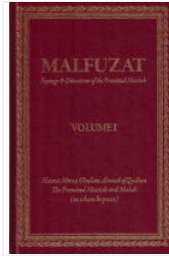
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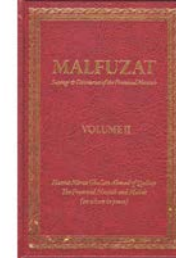
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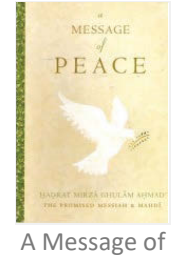
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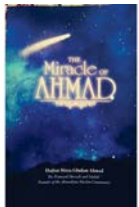
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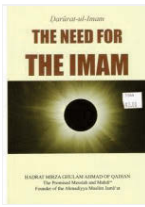
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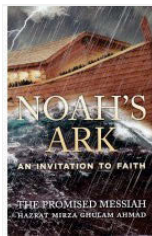
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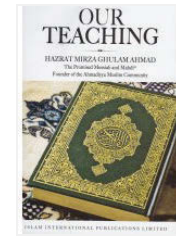
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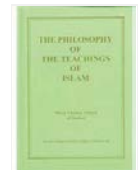
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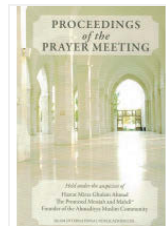
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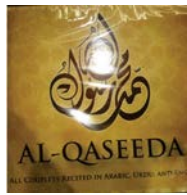
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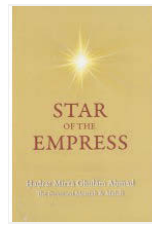
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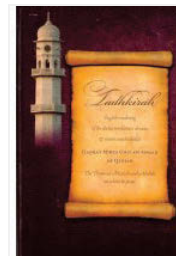
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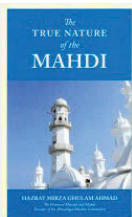
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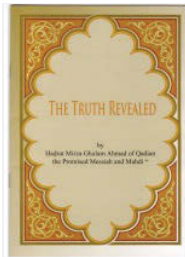
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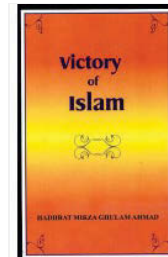
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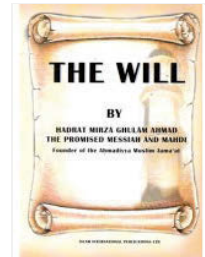
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